



The

Criterion

Serving the Church in Central and Southern Indiana Since 1960



Diagnosis Critical

New book sees growing threats to Catholic health care, page 13.

Read our Family Health Supplement, pages 13-17.

CriterionOnline.com

June 12, 2009

Vol. XLIX, No. 35 75¢

'Precious in the eyes of God—and ours'

Three men consecrated for priestly service to the Church



Photo by Mary Ann Wywand

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and concelebrating priests kneel in prayer for the litany of the saints with the assembly as Deacons Jeremy Gries, from left, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall lay prostrate on the marble during the ordination Mass on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Julian Peters, administrator pro-tem of Cathedral Parish and the master of ceremonies, and seminarian Martin Rodriguez kneel to the right of the archbishop.

By Sean Gallagher

Deacons Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall sat next to their parents at the start of the June 6 Mass during which they were ordained priests.

After the Gospel was proclaimed, Deacon Christopher Wadelton, who

will be ordained to the priesthood on June 27, asked those

who were to be ordained priests to come forward.

Their names were called. They stood, declared themselves present and stepped forward.

After he was ritually assured by archdiocesan vocations director Father Eric Johnson of their worthiness

to be ordained, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein said, "... we choose these, our brothers, for the order of the priesthood."

The nearly 1,000 people that filled SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis for the ordination liturgy responded with applause.

The three deacons then sat down, no longer next to their parents, but in front of them.

They were set apart. They were being consecrated for the priestly service of the faithful.

'Intercessors of divine mystery'

In his homily that followed, Archbishop Buechlein told the ordinands that they were to become "intercessors of divine mystery."

"You will be intercessors in prayer

See **ORDINATION**, page 2



Deacons Peter Marshall, from left, John Hollowell and Jeremy Gries stand before Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein during the rite of ordination on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Father Marshall will serve as associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. Father Hollowell will minister at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis and provide sacramental assistance at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg. Father Gries is the new associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

Mickey Lentz named new chancellor for archdiocese

By John Shaughnessy

When Annette "Mickey" Lentz was asked to be chancellor of the archdiocese by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, she



Annette "Mickey" Lentz

responded in the way that she always has in 48 years of serving the Church.

She said yes, believing she was answering God's call to make a difference.

"There's this over-used phrase of servant-leader, but that's what I am," Lentz said. "Serving

the Church is my call, my vocation. As long as God will let me, I'm here for that call."

As chancellor, Lentz assumes the third highest position in the archdiocese, following Archbishop Buechlein and

vicar general Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel. She succeeds Suzanne Yakimchick, who retired last year.

At 67, Lentz will also continue to serve as the interim executive director of the Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation for the archdiocese until her replacement is scheduled to be hired in the spring of 2010.

Her appointment on June 4 as chancellor reflects the archbishop's great faith in Lentz, who has excelled in leading several of the archdiocese's major initiatives in recent years.

During her 12 years of leadership as the executive director of Catholic education, 25 of the 71 Catholic schools in the archdiocese have earned recognition as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education—a distinction that no other diocese in the country can match.

In 2008, she led the effort to bring the

National Catholic Educational Association Convention to Indianapolis—the first time it was held in the city in the association's 105-year history.

She was also the co-chair—with Msgr. Schaedel—of the archdiocese's 175th anniversary celebration at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on May 3.

"Mickey is a tremendously capable leader with a wealth of experience, excellent interpersonal skills, and a great passion for serving the people of the archdiocese with integrity and compassion," the archbishop said in announcing her appointment.

As chancellor, Lentz will oversee the canonical and archival records of the archdiocese, according to the archbishop.

"Other duties include collaborating with the deans of the 11 archdiocesan deaneries, and oversight of youth, young adult and campus ministry,

See **LENTZ**, page 12

ORDINATION

continued from page 1

and in blessing, intercessors of the Word of God, intercessors of the sacred, intercessors of love and mercy," he said.

After the liturgy, Father Jeremy Gries spoke about being set apart to become such an intercessor.

"We've been consecrated, but on behalf of the people," he said. "We're there for the people, to serve the people, to pray for the people and to intercede for them, to be mediators for them."

At the end of his homily, the archbishop spoke of his affection for the men who sat before him and of his hopes for their ministry.

"Brothers, you are precious in the eyes of God—and ours," he said. "Love God, love your people and your ministry will be awesome."

"That was probably the most emotional part [of the liturgy] for me," said Father John Hollowell after the Mass. "It felt like it was my father speaking to me."

After the homily, the three men laid prostrate on the cathedral floor as the litany of the saints was prayed by all the people.

"It was always moving for me as a seminarian and now, as a new priest, to know how many people pray regularly for us, for our ministry and for the strength of God [for us]," said Father Peter Marshall. "And so just to kind of have that physical representation of that was

very moving."

Seeing his son, John, lying on the floor in front of him was powerful for Joseph Hollowell, the president of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

"It was just a reminder that he's giving his life up to follow Christ in as big a way and as sincere a way and as thorough a way as you can," he said.

'Another world opening up for them'

The setting apart of the three men continued during the liturgy until the newly ordained priests took their places around the altar to consecrate, with the archbishop, the bread and wine that would become the body and blood of Christ.

For Diane Hollowell, seeing her son step into the sanctuary was like seeing him "leave the family," where he has 10 brothers and sisters, and "become his own man."

But it wasn't a sad moment for her. "Before, when they were younger, I always thought I would dread this day when they would leave," she said. "But now you see it as another whole world opening up for them. And I get to watch and be a part of it. I'm so blessed."

Kathy Gries, the mother of Father Gries, echoed those sentiments. "He doesn't belong to just our family now," she said. "He belongs to the whole Church family."

Father Gries, who, like Father Hollowell, grew up in Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, said standing at the altar during the eucharistic prayer was a powerful moment.

"Looking up and seeing John and Peter, whom I've gone to class with, there with the archbishop for the first time where we get to use the grace of the sacrament that we've received, was overwhelming."

But just as Father Gries had said that he and his classmates were consecrated for service, so after the eucharistic prayer, they went back to the congregation to bring them Jesus in holy Communion.

As he gave Communion to many people that he knew, Father Hollowell realized how they had shaped his life.

"I was sort of looking through the host to their faces and seeing all these people that have been a

Photo by Father Shaun Whittington



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein celebrates the eucharistic liturgy on June 6 with concelebrating priests and newly ordained Fathers Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall, standing behind the archbishop and to the right of Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general.

part of my life," he said.

Joy in serving Jesus

Although Rev. Thyron and Carol Marshall, Father Marshall's parents, are not Catholic, they appreciated the commitment that their son has made to being a minister of Christ.

"He's serving Jesus," Carol said. "That's such a joy to us. It was a very joyful day."

"I'm so thankful to Jesus that he is going to be serving him," said Thyron, who is a retired minister of the Bethel Bible Church near Peoria, Ill. "It makes us really proud."

For Father Joseph Moriarty, the ordination was also a chance for renewal for himself and his brother priests, where they could "realize for themselves what they had promised and hopefully have a renewed spirit to continue to live that out in their own priesthood."

In his homily, Archbishop Buechlein told the three men that, in serving Jesus, they would show the faithful "how the mystery of our Christian life can make life-giving poetry out of the otherwise hum-drum prose of everyday life."

For Robert Gries, all of this centered on one thing—his son, Father Jeremy Gries, doing God's will.

"That's all I ask of him," Gries said. "He's in God's hands. God took the best I had."

For his part, Father Gries looks forward to leading those whom he will serve to Christ's service.

"I just hope that as I've been consecrated, I hope to bring others to Christ, to consecrate them to the Lord's service."

(For more photos from the June 6 ordination, log on to www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

Photo by Mary Ann Wyand



Family members and friends of Deacons Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall fill SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on June 6 for the rite of ordination liturgy.

Photo by Sean Gallagher



Newly ordained Father Peter Marshall blesses 7-week-old Katie Bauer of Plainfield, Ill., after giving her mother, Kari, holy Communion during the ordination Mass on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Kari Bauer was a friend of Father Jeremy Gries at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyand

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, standing at right, prays for Deacon Peter Marshall, kneeling in front, as Father Eric Johnson, vocations director, center, prays for Deacon John Hollowell and Benedictine Father Anthony Vinson of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, back, prays for Deacon Jeremy Gries during the ordination liturgy on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

The Criterion

Phone Numbers:

Main office:317-236-1570
 Advertising317-236-1572
 Toll free:1-800-382-9836, ext. 1570
 Circulation:317-236-1425
 Toll free:1-800-382-9836, ext. 1425

Price: \$22.00 per year, 75 cents per copy

Postmaster:

Send address changes to *The Criterion*, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206

Web site: www.CriterionOnline.com

E-mail: criterion@archindy.org

Published weekly except the last week of December and the first week of January. Mailing address: 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717. Periodical postage paid at Indianapolis, IN. Copyright © 2009 Criterion Press Inc. ISSN 0574-4350.

Staff:

Editor: Mike Krokos
 Assistant Editor: John Shaughnessy
 Senior Reporter: Mary Ann Wyand
 Reporter: Sean Gallagher
 Online Editor: Brandon A. Evans
 Business Manager: Ron Massey
 Administrative Assistant: Dana Danberry
 Senior Account Executive: Barbara Brinkman
 Senior Account Executive: Kelly Green
 Graphics Specialist: Jerry Boucher



The Criterion (ISSN 0574-4350) is published weekly except the last week of December and the first week of January.

1400 N. Meridian St.
 P.O. Box 1717
 Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717
 317-236-1570
 800-382-9836 ext. 1570
criterion@archindy.org

Periodical postage paid at Indianapolis, IN.
 Copyright © 2009 Criterion Press Inc.

POSTMASTER:
 Send address changes to:
 Criterion Press Inc.
 1400 N. Meridian St.
 Box 1717
 Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717

The Criterion

6/12/09

Moving?

We'll be there waiting if you give us two weeks' advance notice!

Name _____
 New Address _____
 City _____
 State/Zip _____
 New Parish _____
 Effective Date _____

Note: If you are receiving duplicate copies please send both labels.

The Criterion • P.O. Box 1717 • Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717

School choice tax credit is part of governor's budget package

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Nine-year-old Mia Poindexter, a fourth-grade student at Holy Angels School in Indianapolis, got the chance of a lifetime—the opportunity to receive a Catholic education.

Lack of financial resources, the typical roadblock for most parents in choosing their children's education, was removed. The financial void was filled by a private scholarship granting organization called the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust in Indianapolis.

Mia's story of opportunity, featured in the organization's publication called "Families with a Choice, Children with a Future: School Choice in Indiana," is only one of countless others. The success stories are inspirational, yet the CHOICE program only serves children in Central Indiana and there are many more Hoosier families in need of this opportunity.

Children statewide are going to have that same opportunity if Gov. Mitch Daniels has his way. Daniels included an expansion of school choice options for lower-income families through a scholarship tax credit as part of his budget package. Now it is up to lawmakers to approve it. They returned to the statehouse on June 11 for a special session to pass a

new state budget.

During the last several months, the Indiana Catholic Conference and Catholics across the state urged lawmakers to adopt the scholarship tax credit. The scholarship tax credit passed the Senate twice this spring, but the proposal died when the House and Senate could not agree on other controversial aspects of the state's budget bill.

During the special session, lawmakers will be working from the governor's budget plan, which contains the scholarship tax credit. If passed, it would provide a 50 percent state tax credit for charitable contributions to qualified scholarship programs.

Lower-income children in kindergarten through 12th grade could qualify for scholarships to help attend the public or private school of their choice. The contributions could be made by individuals or corporations.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, who testified in support of the scholarship tax credit earlier this year and who has seen the benefits to families and communities, said, "The CHOICE Charitable Trust Scholarships have been 'heaven sent' for so many families who wanted the best education for their

children. Without these scholarships, it is simply not possible."

James McNeany, principal of All Saints School in Logansport, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, said, "Since we are not in Marion County, our kids are not eligible for the

CHOICE program. Currently, there are no trusts like it in our area.

"The creation of the scholarship tax credit is important for us to fulfill our mission of being a Catholic school," McNeany said. "Contrary to common belief, Catholic schools are not just for the wealthy. A faith-based education is a gift that Christ wants us to share with all children regardless of their family's ability to afford tuition. We do not turn families away because of financial need, but because of that it puts a tremendous financial burden on our shoulders.

"We are a small school with a little over 100 students. This year, we anticipate our scholarship fund to be nearly \$30,000, which comes from fundraisers and the parish," McNeany said. "The scholarship tax credit would facilitate a foundation similar to the CHOICE Trust to be set up for our county, and would encourage private donors and corporations to contribute to the fund by allowing them a tax credit."

Mary Pat Sharpe, principal of St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis, said, "Education is one of the most important gifts you can give your child. As a parent, I want to choose which school is the best fit for my child. It is my right and duty.

"CHOICE Charitable Trust provided about \$55,600 this year in tuition assistance. Our need was over \$75,000," Sharpe said. "This upcoming year will be even tougher as many families who do not qualify for CHOICE have lost jobs and found themselves struggling financially. Therefore, there is another group of families needing assistance."

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, said, "The ICC and the Indiana Catholic Action Network have played and will play a vital role in getting this scholarship tax credit passed. So I encourage everyone to keep contacting your state legislator and ask them to support the scholarship tax credit."

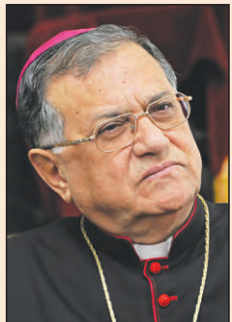
The new fiscal year begins on July 1, the date the new budget is supposed to go into effect, so lawmakers only have a few weeks to pass the new state budget.

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



Jerusalem prayer service spotlights call for peace in Holy Land

JERUSALEM (CNS)—Christians must first and foremost be a people of prayer, said Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal in his homily during a June 7 ecumenical prayer service for the World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel.



Patriarch Fouad Twal

"We Christians are called before all else to be people of prayer," he said. "We are called to seek God and to seek prayer."

He recalled the message of peace that Pope Benedict XVI gave during his pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May, saying his "prophetic message of justice and loving kindness" and "walking humbly with God" should be used as a guide. The importance of prayer was one of the important lessons of the pope's visit, the patriarch said.

"The pope reminded us that prayer is hope in action," Patriarch Twal said.

Quoting Pope Benedict, the patriarch said "love of God and love of neighbors are one for Jesus and for those who seek to follow him. Prayer opens the world to God. We are convinced that God listens and that he can act ... in our history.

"In order to fulfill our roles as peacemakers, we need the courage to imagine a different future, the courage to

change the mentality and speech," Patriarch Twal added.

A smaller-than-expected group of 60 international Church leaders came to pray at the service planned by the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem at the Basilica of St. Stephen. The event was supposed to be the anchor of the week in the Holy Land.

Some said it may have been the hot weather which kept worshippers away, while others suggested that the event was not widely publicized. For the patriarch, it was a sign that local Christians have lost faith in the power of prayer.

"It is a pity there are not more locals here," he said following the one-hour service, which concluded with a joint blessing by all the Heads of Churches. "We like the international presence, but really more local people need to believe in peace and the power of prayer."

People of all faiths must bring a spiritual dimension into the search for peace, he said, so events are not left to military might or those who exercise physical power.

Peace also depends on God's mercy, he said.

The prayer was in "good spirit," said Salwa Duaibis, 49, an Anglican from Ramallah who accompanied her

73-year-old mother and was among the handful of Palestinians who participated in the service.

"I hope God hears our prayers," she said.


The small group of worshippers included "very sincere people, but that doesn't affect politics," Duaibis said. "The prayer has to take a step forward. The challenge is how to translate prayer to action."

In its fourth year, the week for peace was to include activities in 40 countries focusing on the unsettled situation between Israelis and Palestinians. Events were scheduled in the United States, Kenya, South Africa, the Philippines, Germany, Brazil, Scotland, Australia and elsewhere.

The World Council of Churches, which sponsored the weeklong international observance, said in a press release that prayer was the first action of the week.

In Bethlehem, the week began with an event near Rachel's Tomb sponsored by the Arab Education Institute, a Pax Christi International affiliated group. International prayers sent to the institute Web site were read aloud and the event concluded with a silent vigil. †

ATTORNEYS AT LAW




Mercer Belanger
Representing The Archdiocese since 1975

Mercer Belanger, providing legal services in the areas of Real Estate, Corporate Litigation, Adoption, Estate Planning and Wills & Trusts.


For more information, call 317.636.3551 or visit www.indylegal.com.

Congratulations.



We are happy to congratulate Saint Meinrad graduates Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell, Peter Marshall and Chris Wadeldon on their ordination to the priesthood.

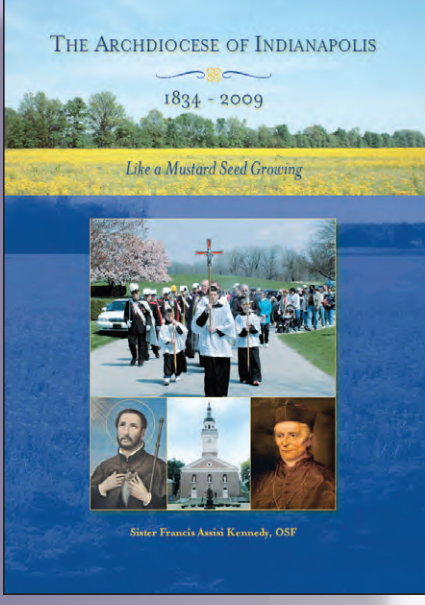
Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB, and the students, faculty, monks and staff of Saint Meinrad School of Theology



Saint Meinrad

Saint Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577, www.saintmeinrad.edu

History book recounts 175 years of Catholicism in the archdiocese



Get a copy of the Archdiocese's History book
Call today!
317-236-1570



Rev. Msgr. Raymond T. Bosler, Founding Editor, 1915 - 1994

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Publisher Greg A. Otolski, Associate Publisher
Mike Krokos, Editor John F. Fink, Editor Emeritus

Editorial



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks in the Grand Hall of Cairo University in Egypt on June 4. Obama told the world's Muslims that violent extremists had exploited tensions between Muslims and the West.



Pope Benedict XVI says Mass in Manger Square outside the Basilica of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on May 13. The Basilica of the Nativity marks the place where Jesus was born.

President and pope visit the Middle East

President Barack Obama gave his most important foreign policy speech to date on June 4 when he spoke to a Muslim audience at Cairo University in Egypt.

It was a speech that the Muslim world listened to carefully. By the time this editorial appears in print, the speech will have been studied and analyzed in many parts of the world.

We hope that the speech achieved its purpose: to convince the Muslim world that the United States wants to join in a partnership to seek, in Obama's words, "a world where extremists no longer threaten our people and American troops have come home; a world where Israelis and Palestinians are each secure in a state of their own, and nuclear energy is used for peaceful purposes, a world where governments serve their citizens and the rights of all God's children are respected."

While reading the speech, there were times when we thought we were reading one of the speeches that Pope Benedict XVI gave during his visit to Jordan and Israel last month. Both the president and the pope appealed for peace, interreligious dialogue and freedom of religion.

Which of the two men urged a negotiated peace settlement that will allow both Israelis and Palestinians to "live in peace in a homeland of their own, within secure and internationally recognized borders"?

It was Pope Benedict during his meeting with Israeli President Shimon Peres, although Obama has frequently said the same thing, and it's the position of both the U.S. government and that of the Holy See.

Or which man said, "Six million Jews were killed [in the Holocaust]. Denying that fact is baseless. It is ignorant, and it is hateful"?

This time it was Obama. Pope Benedict's words, at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, were that the sufferings of the Jews must "never be denied, belittled or forgotten."

On his arrival in Israel, the pope said, "Sadly, anti-Semitism continues to rear its ugly head in many parts of the world. This is totally unacceptable."

The president said in his speech, "Around the world the Jewish people were persecuted for centuries."

One more: Which man said of interreligious dialogue that they have advanced an "alliance of civilizations between the West and the Muslim world, confounding the predictions of those who consider violence and conflict inevitable"?

It sounds like the president, but it was actually said by the pope during his trip to Jordan.

Both during his trip and at other times, Pope Benedict has defended the freedom of Christian minorities in the Middle East to practice their religion. He warned against the "ideological manipulation of religion" that can act as a catalyst for tensions and violence in contemporary societies.

But it was Obama who said, "Tolerance is essential for religion to thrive. But it's being challenged in many different ways. Among some Muslims, there's a disturbing tendency to measure one's own faith by the rejection of somebody else's faith. The richness of religious diversity must be upheld, whether it is for Maronites in Lebanon or the Copts in Egypt."

Both the pope and the president are appealing to moderate Muslims—the overwhelming majority—to condemn the actions of the extremists.

The pope, during his trip, spoke of the "fundamental contradiction of resorting to violence or exclusion in the name of God."

The president, in his talk, said that the United States will "relentlessly confront violent extremists who pose a grave threat to our society because we reject the same thing that people of all faiths reject, the killing of innocent men, women and children."

Either one might have said, "The enduring faith of over a billion people is so much bigger than the narrow hatred of a few. Islam is not part of the problem in combating violent extremism; it is an important part of promoting peace."

This time it was the president. The pope said that his visit to the Holy Land was a "pilgrimage of peace."

The president ended his speech, "The people of the world can live together in peace. We know that is God's vision. Now that must be our work here on Earth."

—John F. Fink

Making a Difference/Tony Magliano

Life lessons for the Class of 2009: 'Put God in the center ...'

I can hardly believe it: My oldest son just graduated from high school!



It seems like yesterday that my wife and I were changing Joe's diapers. I know it's a cliché, but time sure does fly.

And these are not just my thoughts. Countless moms, dads and guardians are expressing similar

sentiments all around the world.

So what words of wisdom can we give to our new graduates?

While I'm sure you have gems of your own, allow me to share with you a few of the thoughts I gave to my newly graduated son.

"Congratulations! You should be proud of yourself. You have worked hard; you hung in there, even when things were difficult. That shows real character. Because when it's tough, it's easy to quit. It's always easier to walk away from problems, rather than work to resolve them. But the easy way is rarely the best way. Hard work and determination are essential ingredients to successful outcomes.

"This lesson is foundational because, while life is filled with many joys, it also is filled with many difficulties—especially if you continue to nurture a sensitivity to the sufferings of others both locally and globally.

"However, feeling empathy for others who are hurting is not enough. It's just the beginning, not the end. Hard, determined work must follow. If life on this planet is to have meaning, it must be put at the service of others—with a very special emphasis on the unborn, poor, hungry and those affected by war.

"But much in our culture does not encourage such care and selflessness toward our fellow human beings. Our consumer-oriented society continuously urges us to buy

things we simply do not need at the terrible price of ignoring the hunger and poverty of billions of fellow human beings.

"So be alert. Don't let the tempting, self-centered part of our culture grab hold of you. Don't let it numb you toward the sufferings of so many. Rather, set your sights on selfless service.

"The great humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer said, 'I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.'

"Finally, on my bookcase, you know I have a little plaque that reads: 'Put God in the center—and everything will come together.' This is the single most important piece of advice that I can give.

"For a nation, a Church, a marriage, a family, a single human life will never experience true wisdom, unity, peace and joy unless God is at the center.

"And the essence of the one true God is love. 'Love' is a verb; it is action-oriented. It works for the good of others. And by actively loving others, we prove and experience our love for God—and thus allow him to dwell at our center.

"Be determined to make a difference! Make sure that the world is a better place because of the love that you put into action.

"The late, great archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Emmanuel Celestin Suhard, once said, 'The world will belong to those who love it!'

"Graduation should not bring an end to education. Rather, it should encourage a lifelong adventure of learning, especially learning how to love more deeply.

"A life filled with love is each person's final exam. Please God, may we all graduate with flying colors!"

(Tony Magliano writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Fathers by the Numbers

Father's Day has been celebrated nationally since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it a permanent observance.

64.3 million fathers in the U.S.

5.6 million single fathers

140,000 stay-at-home dads

71% children younger than six ate dinner with their father every night.

6 average times children ages 3-5 were read to by their fathers in the past week

Numbers are gleaned from 2006 and 2008 census data. Source: U.S. Census Bureau

©2009 CNS

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



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Precepts meant to guarantee minimum required to practice faith

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: “The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of the love of God and neighbor” (#2041).

That is a packed paragraph.

We need to ponder the intent of the precepts, namely that they are meant to guarantee the minimum required to practice our faith as Catholics.

This should give us pause to ask ourselves: Do I embrace the faith? Is my faith Catholic? How strong is my Catholic faith? Do I want to at least do what needs to be done minimally to support my faith?

The catechism says the precepts guarantee the very *necessary* minimum. Does my life of faith accept the Church’s statement that there is, in fact, a *necessary* minimum of practices?

This assertion by the authorities of the Church is a pastoral recognition that in a world that wants to trust only what it can see, hear, taste or touch, i.e. concrete material reality, precepts are needed.

Faith is a supernatural gift that enables us to believe in the unseen and the mystery of God’s providential love. The pastoral authorities recognize that the gift of faith can become so weak that we lose it.

Therefore, a certain pastoral realism is the foundation of the precepts (or commandments) of the Church.

Who are the “pastoral authorities” who establish the precepts of the Church as the minimum required to practice the Catholic faith? Quoting the Second Vatican Council’s *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, the CCC responds this way: “The Roman Pontiff and the bishops are ‘authentic teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to the people entrusted to them, the faith to be believed and put into practice’ (*Lumen Gentium*, 25). The *ordinary* and universal *Magisterium* of the Pope and the bishops in communion with him teach the faithful the truth to believe, the charity to practice, the beatitude to hope for” (#2034).

The catechism says the precepts of the Church are decreed by the pastoral authorities to guarantee to the faithful the necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer. Our relationship to God the Father through the intercession of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, like any relationship, requires communication.

We relate to God in prayer. And there is a minimal practice of prayer that is essential to foster the habit of prayer. Without the minimum, one is not likely to do much praying to God.

Friendship is a good analogy. If friends do not communicate, the friendship wanes and eventually fades away.

The precepts of the Church decree a

minimal practice in the spirit of prayer. The spirit of prayer also suggests the spirit in which we should receive and practice the precepts of the Church decreed by pastoral authorities.

The precepts of the Church also decree the minimum practices that support our moral efforts. Without fundamental faith and without a minimal practice of the habit of prayer, we are not likely to lead a positive moral life.

If our faith in God is not central in life, it is not likely that we will have a sense of sin, nor are we likely to be allowing our conscience to influence us. Growth in love of God and neighbor require an intentional embrace of the way of life that nourishes that love.

If we don’t do what is the necessary minimum as a person of faith, we are not likely going to be successful in our efforts to love our neighbor. This is especially obvious if we recall that Jesus redefined who our neighbors are, i.e. everyone.

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reminds us that, “There is no doubt that love has to be the essential foundation of the moral life. But just as essential in this earthly realm are rules and

laws that show how love may be applied in real life. In heaven, love alone will suffice. In this world, we need moral guidance from the Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the Precepts of the Church, and other rules to see how love works” (p. 318).

The adult catechism goes on to state: “In our permissive culture, love is sometimes so romanticized that it is separated from sacrifice. Because of this, tough moral choices cannot be faced. The absence of sacrificial love dooms the possibility of an authentic moral life” (p. 318).

Divine and moral laws and Church precepts are a source of liberation and of achieving our deepest human longings. †

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

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

Archbishop Buechlein’s intention for vocations for June

Women Religious: that their love of God and the religious charism may be widely appreciated and encouraged.

La intención de los mandamientos de la Iglesia es garantizar el mínimo indispensable para practicar la fe

El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* nos enseña: “Los mandamientos de la Iglesia se sitúan en la línea de una vida moral referida a la vida litúrgica y que se alimenta de ella. El carácter obligatorio de estas leyes positivas promulgadas por la autoridad eclesial tiene por fin garantizar a los fieles el mínimo indispensable en el espíritu de oración y en el esfuerzo moral, en el crecimiento del amor de Dios y del prójimo” (#2041). Este párrafo es denso.

Debemos ponderar la intención de los mandamientos, es decir, que su finalidad es garantizar el mínimo indispensable para practicar nuestra fe como católicos.

Esto nos debe conllevar a detenernos y preguntarnos: ¿Acaso me entrego a la fe? ¿Mi fe es católica? ¿Qué tan fuerte es mi fe católica? ¿Deseo hacer al menos lo mínimo indispensable para respaldar mi fe?

El catecismo indica que los mandamientos garantizan el mínimo *indispensable*. ¿Acaso mi vida de fe acepta el postulado de la Iglesia de que, en efecto, existe un mínimo *indispensable* de prácticas?

Estas aseveraciones realizadas por las autoridades eclesiales representan el reconocimiento pastoral de que en un mundo que desea confiar sólo en lo que puede ver, escuchar, degustar o tocar, es decir, en realidades concretas, es necesario contar con los mandamientos.

La fe es un don sobrenatural que nos permite creer en lo que no hemos visto y en el misterio del amor providencial de Dios. Las autoridades pastorales reconocen que el don de la fe puede debilitarse al punto de perderlo. Por lo tanto, la base de los preceptos (o mandamientos) de la Iglesia

descansa sobre un cierto realismo pastoral.

¿Quiénes conforman las “autoridades pastorales” que establecen los mandamientos de la Iglesia como el mínimo necesario para practicar la fe católica? El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* responde a esta interrogante citando un pasaje de la *Constitución Dogmática de la Iglesia del Concilio Vaticano II*: “El Romano Pontífice y los obispos como ‘maestros auténticos por estar dotados de la autoridad de Cristo ... predicando al pueblo que tienen confiado la fe que hay que creer y que hay que llevar a la práctica’ (*Lumen Gentium*, 25). El *magisterio ordinario* y universal del Papa y de los obispos en comunión con él enseña a los fieles la verdad que han de creer, la caridad que han de practicar, la bienaventuranza que han de esperar” (#2034).

El catecismo dice que los mandamientos de la Iglesia son promulgados por las autoridades pastorales para garantizar al fiel lo mínimo indispensable en el espíritu de la oración. Al igual que sucede con cualquier relación, nuestra relación con Dios el Padre, a través de la intercesión de Jesucristo mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo, requiere comunicación.

Nos relacionamos con Dios en la oración. Y existe una práctica de la oración mínima esencial para fomentar el hábito de la oración. Sin ese mínimo, es probable que no recemos mucho a Dios.

La amistad resulta una buena analogía. Si los amigos no se comunican, la amistad languidece y eventualmente desaparece.

Los mandamientos de la Iglesia estipulan una práctica mínima en el espíritu de la oración. El espíritu de la oración también sugiere el espíritu en el cual debemos recibir

y practicar los mandamientos de la Iglesia promulgados por las autoridades pastorales.

Asimismo, los mandamientos de la Iglesia decretan las prácticas mínimas para respaldar nuestros esfuerzos morales. Sin los fundamentos de la fe y sin la práctica mínima del hábito de la oración, es probable que no llevemos una vida moral positiva.

Si nuestra fe en Dios no constituye el eje central de nuestras vidas, probablemente no tendremos la noción del pecado ni estaremos permitiendo que nuestra conciencia nos guíe. Para poder desarrollar el amor a Dios y al prójimo es necesario que nos entreguemos a la forma de vida que nutre ese amor.

Si no hacemos lo mínimo indispensable como personas de fe, probablemente nuestros esfuerzos por amar al prójimo no rendirán frutos. Esto resulta especialmente obvio si recordamos que Jesús redefinió el concepto del prójimo, es decir, todo el mundo.

El *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para Adultos* nos recuerda que: “No hay duda de que el amor debe ser el pilar fundamental de la vida moral. No obstante, las normas y las leyes que muestran cómo puede aplicarse el amor en la vida real, son igualmente esenciales en este reino mundano. En el cielo, con el amor basta. En este mundo necesitamos la orientación

moral de los Mandamientos, el Sermón de la Montaña, los mandamientos de la Iglesia y otras normas, para ver cómo obra el amor” (p. 318).

El catecismo para adultos prosigue: “En nuestra cultura permisiva en ocasiones se idealiza tanto al amor que se le separa del sacrificio. Debido a esto no es posible hacerle frente a las decisiones morales difíciles. La ausencia del amor sacrificatorio condena la posibilidad de una vida moral auténtica” (p. 318).

Las leyes morales y divinas, así como los mandamientos de la Iglesia, constituyen una fuente de liberación y nos permiten alcanzar nuestros anhelos humanos más profundos. †

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

Lista de oración del Arzobispo
Buechlein
Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis
1400 N. Meridian St.
P.O. Box 1410
Indianapolis, IN 46202-1410

Traducido por: Daniela Guanipa,
Language Training Center, Indianapolis.

La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio

Mujeres Religiosas: Que su amor por Dios y carisma religioso sean apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Events Calendar

June 12-13

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. 26th annual **"Italian Street Festival,"** Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-11 p.m., Italian foods, music, rides, religious procession, Masses. Information: 317-636-4478.

June 12-14

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. **"International Festival,"** Fri.-Sat. 5 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 5 p.m.-10 p.m., food, games, rides. Information: 317-291-7014, ext. 27.

St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. **"Summer Festival,"** food, trash-to-treasures sale, games, Thurs. 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Information: 317-636-4828.

June 13

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

St. Joseph Church, 1875 S. County Road 700 W.,

North Vernon. **Corpus Christi Sunday, Mass and procession,** 6 p.m. Information: 812-346-4783.

St. Ambrose Parish and Our Lady of Providence Parish, 325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour. **"St. Ambrose Kermesse,"** food festival, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Information: 812-522-5304.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 2322 N. 13½ St., Terre Haute. **Parish auction,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 812-466-1231.

June 14

Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Right to Life of Indianapolis, **"Sunday Night Run,"** 5-8 p.m. Information: 317-582-1526 or sundaynightrun@gmail.com.

St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **"Gospel Fest,"** 4 p.m. Information: 317-632-9349.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Corpus Christi Sunday, Latin Mass and indoor procession,** 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holliday Drive E., Indianapolis. **Corpus Christi Sunday, Vespers and procession,** 4 p.m. Information: 317-259-4373.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1723 "I" St., Bedford. **Corpus Christi procession, Mass,** 10:30 a.m., procession following Mass. Information: 812-275-6539 or parish@svsbedford.org.

St. Anne Church, 4570 County Road 150 East, North Vernon. **Corpus Christi Sunday, Mass and procession,** 10:30 a.m. Information: 812-346-4783.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 4613 S. Old Michigan Road, Holton. **Corpus Christi Sunday, Vespers, procession and pitch-in dinner,** 6 p.m. Information: 812-689-4244.

St. Paul Parish, 814 Jefferson St., Tell City. **Parish picnic,** City Hall Park, 700 Main St., across from church, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., games, food. Information: 812-547-7994.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology, Archabbey Church, 200 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad. **Louisville Mandolin Orchestra concert,** 3 p.m. Information: 800-682-0988 or www.saintmeinrad.edu.

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

June 15

House of Joseph, 523 Fabyan, Indianapolis. **Catholic Charities Indianapolis, monthly caregiver support group meeting,** 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-236-1536.

George's Neighborhood Grill, 6953 Lake Plaza, Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap, summer series, "Tough Topics for a Tough Life,"** happy hour, 7 p.m., talk, 8 p.m. Information: 317-625-7744.

June 17

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman.

Healing service, confession, eucharistic procession, praise and worship, laying on of hands, 6 p.m. Information: 812-623-8007.

Calvary Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Mass,** 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439.

June 18

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Mausoleum Chapel, 9001 N. Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass,** 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or www.catholiccemeteries.cc †

Franciscan Father Michael Perry is elected vicar general of order

Franciscan Father Michael Perry, a native of Indianapolis and provincial minister of the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis, was elected vicar general of the worldwide Order of Friars Minor during the 187th general chapter meeting on June 5 in Assisi, Italy.



Fr. Michael Perry, O.F.M.

He was elected on the first ballot with 103 out of 152 votes cast by delegates.

The international gathering also marked the 800th anniversary of the beginning of the Franciscan Order in 1209.

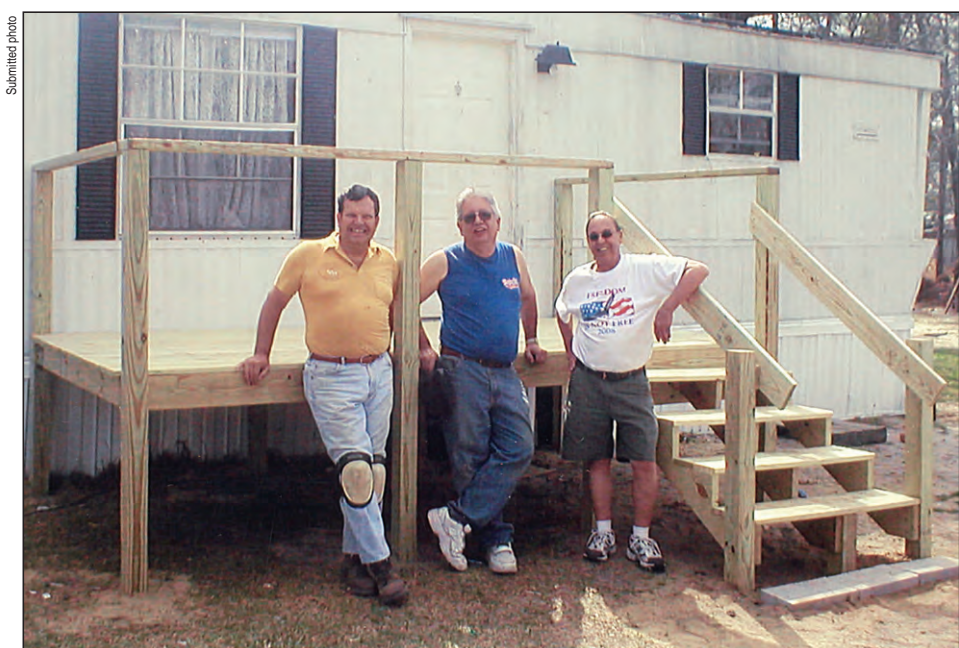
Father Michael was born in 1954 in Indianapolis. He entered the order in 1977, professed his solemn vows in 1981 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1982.

He ministered for 10 years in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a pastor, educator and director of development projects.

In 2002, he earned a doctorate in religious anthropology from the Centre of West African Studies at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

He also has served the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Franciscans International and Catholic Relief Services.

"I feel like I did when I was elected provincial," he said. "... While it is easy for me to invite others to step out into the deep, God and the brothers today are now calling me to do the same in a new way." †



I-70 Catholics

Patrick Kent, from left, Ed Burt and March Schmalz, members of Annunciation Parish in Brazil, stand in front of a deck and entryway they rebuilt in front of a mobile home in Swainsboro, Ga., during a March 20 to April 1 mission trip sponsored by I-70 Catholics. Kent founded the organization with Catholic friends who live along the east-west interstate in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois as well as others from Wisconsin. For the past three years, they have taken annual mission trips to the poverty-stricken Swainsboro area, where they work under the direction of Glenmary Home Missionary Father John Brown. For more information about I-70 Catholics, send an e-mail to pkent@wildblue.net.

Holy Spirit Parish to host reception for three priests

Holy Spirit parishioners in Indianapolis will honor three priests on June 20 for their dedicated service to the East Deanery parish located at 7243 E. 10th St.

Father Joseph Riedman, the pastor since 1993, and Father John Maung, who has been in residence there since 1998, will retire from active ministry on July 1.

Parishioners will also honor Father Oscar Anguiano from the Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Mexico, who has ministered at Holy Spirit Parish and other parishes in Indianapolis since 2006. He will return to Guadalajara on July 1.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9:30 p.m.

Father Riedman served at Holy Spirit

Parish for 16 years. He was ordained in 1956, and previously served as the pastor of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield and Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood. He also ministered at Holy Angels Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, all in Indianapolis.

Father Maung previously ministered at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, St. Gabriel Parish in Connersville and St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville.

Father Uzoma Uwakwe, the associate pastor, recently reported for duty as a chaplain with the U.S. Army. He began his ministry at the parish in 2007.

For more information, call the parish at 317-353-9404. †

KILLYBEGS
Irish Shop

Bridal Registry

Baptisms

Jewelry

Home Accessories

... and many unique gifts for Dad

Father's Day is June 21st

Hours: Monday-Friday: 10-6, Saturday: 10-5
Nora Plaza 1300 East 86th Street, Indianapolis
(located between College Ave. & Westfield Blvd.)

317-846-9449

TRI-COUNTY
ASPHALT

Paving Indiana Since 1948

CALL FOR YOUR FREE ESTIMATES

- ASPHALT DRIVEWAYS
- SEALCOATING

*Discounts for **Senior Citizens** and **non-profit organizations***

CALL: 317-849-9901

317-356-1334

317-862-2967

LICENSED & BONDED BY THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

do you
know

Do you know that 11.8% of all families in central Indiana, per the U.S. Census Bureau, live below the poverty level?

That figure is even higher for families with children under 18 years of age. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves them all year round by providing food, clothing, furniture, appliances, bedding, other household necessities and other emergency help.

Our Society has no paid employees. We are all volunteers. We need your support to continue Christ's work.

Make checks payable to:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
3001 E. 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Or donate online at
www.svdindy.org



Senior citizens often must say goodbye to family home

By Daniel S. Mulhall

According to statistics posted on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site, in 2004—the latest data available—there were 1.5 million people, most over the age of 85, living in the country's 16,100 nursing homes.

Across the country, 8 percent of the men and 16 percent of the women over the age of 85 are residents of nursing homes.

For most senior citizens, the decision to enter a nursing home or assisted-living retirement home means giving up their independence, learning to share space with strangers and forgoing things they hold dear.

But the frailty of their age and failing health often leave many of the elderly with little choice.

Emily Kolb, 91, loved being independent and living in her home of 40 years. An extraordinary minister of holy Communion for her parish, Kolb enjoyed taking the Eucharist to elderly Catholics who live in several nursing homes in Louisville, Ky.

When she decided that it was time to give up her own home, she and her daughter visited some of the men and women that Kolb had befriended in nursing homes and retirement centers to ask their opinions.

Then she waited six months for a room with a view of the pond and ducks at her favorite retirement home.

"I made the choice to give up my home and move here because I didn't want to live with my children and I didn't want to wait until I could no longer take care of myself," Kolb explained. "I didn't want to wait until my kids had to end up putting me somewhere.

"It's wrenching to leave ... my home of over 40 years," she said. "I had to let go of so many things that wouldn't fit in my studio apartment. I keep thinking that I can go downstairs for something I need, and then realize that there is no longer a downstairs. You take for granted so much of what you have in your house."

Kolb's priority for her new retirement residence was a pleasant and convenient location where her children could easily visit her.

"I visited a lot of [retirement] homes," she explained. This "location appealed to me, as did the price, but I also felt welcomed. Good meals, pleasant employees [and] smiling faces mean a lot to me."

When Kolb gave up her car, she also gave up the ability to go places whenever she wants to shop, visit with friends and relatives or attend Mass at her parish church.

"They [the staff at her new residence] provide transportation weekly to many places, and the city of Louisville provides good public transit services," she said. "But the bus won't take us to church, and the home

doesn't provide regular Catholic religious services. I get to Mass when my children take me. I really miss going to Mass.

"I came here with the intention of staying until I die," Kolb said. "I don't need special help yet, but they have it when I do. You have to make yourself participate in what is offered. You can't stay in your room and expect to enjoy life. I made up my mind that I was going to like it here before I came. You have to realize that you are no longer in your own home. You may not like what others do, but you just have to grin and bear it. You don't want to offend anybody. I mostly ask, 'Lord, what can I do this day to make a difference for someone else?'"

Kolb enjoys playing bridge and saying the rosary with new friends at her retirement home.

"We may not be able to go to Mass," she said, "but when we pray together I feel like the Blessed Mother Mary is in the room with us."

Norman and Sally O'Grady, both in their mid-80s, are not ready to give up their longtime family home.

"I made the decision to keep Sally at home after a few nursing home rehab stays for therapy," he said. "This gave me the opportunity to observe the care in each

place. I thought that I could take much better care of her in our own home. At home, she can spend more time with family [members] and friends when they visit."

He feels that he can keep his wife at home "because she isn't much trouble [and] doesn't need a lot of special care," and he can physically move her.

"If Sally was uncooperative or needed more care, I couldn't do it," he said. "I will have to reconsider my decision if any of that changes. I know what home she will go to if I can no longer care for her myself, and I've communicated that to my children."

To keep his wife at home, O'Grady added on to their house to make it more accessible. He hired caregivers to come to their house four days a week, and also gets a lot of help from their grown children.

When he becomes too frail to care for her, he plans to increase the hours of the hired assistants. Without their help, he could not care for his wife at home.

(Daniel S. Mulhall is the former assistant secretary for catechesis and inculturation for the U.S. bishops. He speaks, writes and consults on issues concerning catechesis, parish life, pastoral planning and inculturation from his home in Laurel, Md.) †



First Communicants Amelia Bitant, left, and Carina Sowinski chat with Frances Grace, a resident of Mitchell Manor nursing home in West Allis, Wis., on May 22, 2003. The second-graders from St. Mary School in Hales Corners, Wis., visited the nursing home while wearing their first Communion outfits, and played a game of "Bible Jingo" with residents.

Discussion Point

Elderly experience many changes

This Week's Question

What did you miss most when you gave up a cherished home?

"I miss the big garden and the lovely ravine, which allowed for a super, peaceful atmosphere. One living-room wall was 40 feet of glass overlooking a ravine. But we're happy in a condo on a small golf course, where others do the work." (Carol Skruch, Northville, Mich.)

"Leaving family behind [in Ohio] was the most difficult. But we had a great desire to see the sun, had previous knowledge of the area and friends were already here when a house became available. E-mail plays a large part in keeping [in touch] as we send a weekly family letter." (Tom Walter, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.)

"I don't miss anything except my neighbors and some plants my husband had given me. I like the freedom of

being out from under the responsibility of a house. It's like being on vacation all the time." (Marge Laraway, Fairlawn, Ohio)

"Our pool, for sure, and a beautiful view of the Catalina Mountains from the back patio. Now we have a community pool that's not open often enough or long enough. But one good thing is that I can run the vacuum for the whole house from one plug." (Nora Mrazik, Tucson, Ariz.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: If you did not have to work, how would you spend your days?

To respond for possible publication, send an e-mail to cgreene@catholicnews.com or write to *Faith Alive!* at 3211 Fourth St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017-1100. †



CNS file photo/Greg Francis, Catholic Courier

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Basic Catholicism: The pope is not infallible

(Eighteenth in a series of columns)

Many people are confused by what the Catholic Church teaches about infallibility.



For example, to the surprise of many, it does not hold that the pope is personally infallible. Many people think that the Catholic Church does teach that, and it has been a stumbling block for ecumenism,

but the actual teaching is more nuanced.

“Infallibility” is a double-negative word meaning “the inability to err.” It’s not the same as “being correct” because one could be correct without being unable to be incorrect. Infallibility for humans is possible only with divine assistance.

The Catholic Church believes that Jesus promised that divine assistance to Peter and the other Apostles when he said, “Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church . . . I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever

you bind on Earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on Earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Mt 16:18-19).

The infallibility of the pope was debated during the First Vatican Council in 1870. Some of the bishops, led by Archbishop Henry Edward Manning of England, thought that the pope was personally infallible, that he could not err. Others at that time, led by Lord Acton and John Henry Newman (who was made a cardinal nine years later), thought that the pope could make decisions binding on the whole Church only when he acted in agreement with the other bishops.

After lengthy discussion, the debate focused on the infallibility of the pope’s doctrinal decisions rather than on the infallibility of the pope himself.

Finally, the council decreed that the pope teaches infallibly under three conditions: when he exercises his office as pastor of all Christians (known as *ex cathedra* or “from the chair” of St. Peter), when he teaches on matters of faith or morals, and when he indicates that the doctrine must be held by the universal Church.

This is a subtle distinction between the infallibility of the pope himself and the

infallibility of what he teaches, but it was considered an important distinction. Plus, not everything the pope teaches is infallible, but only what he teaches under those three conditions. For example, when Pope Benedict XVI wrote his best-selling book *Jesus of Nazareth*, he made it clear that people were free to disagree with his analyses and conclusions.

The Second Vatican Council, in 1964, elaborated on the doctrine of infallibility. It stated that infallibility resides not only in the pope, but also in the body of bishops “when that body exercises supreme teaching authority with the successor of Peter.”

The bishops’ infallible teaching authority has been exercised in 21 councils through the centuries, most recently during the Second Vatican Council. Doctrines concerning faith and morals defined by councils, after they have been promulgated by the pope, are considered to be infallible. That is how most doctrines have been defined.

Popes rarely speak *ex cathedra*. However, Catholics are expected to submit their wills and minds to the pope’s teaching authority whether or not he is speaking infallibly. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Staying young doesn’t involve plastic surgery

A Hemingway scholar once asked me why I liked to read Hemingway’s work. I thought about it and said, “Because it makes me feel young.”



He nodded, knowing exactly what I meant.

Feeling young is easy for those under 30 or so, but feeling young (again) becomes harder as we age. The promise and

optimism of youth tend to fade or be eclipsed by the events of life, which is why our Christian faith is so important.

Christianity is a forward-looking religion. There is always a goal, a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, so to speak. When we believe in the existence of a loving God, we naturally want to be with him/her forever, even after the corporal death we know is inevitable. It is that love that keeps us young.

Little children are automatically tuned to this optimism and hope. Their charm lies in their innocent belief that they can trust others, and that every day brings new wonders. It is our job not to disabuse them of those beliefs. It continues to be our job throughout life with everyone and everything we encounter. And, sometimes, that ain’t easy.

Television, magazines and other popular media often tout the wonders of plastic surgery to retain youth. Herbal remedies, diets, exercise regimens, vitamin supplements and all manner of paths to youthful vitality are offered to us at every turn. Being young is practically imperative in American culture, while aging is often considered a disease.

June is a time when we are refreshed by nature into rediscovering youthful joy. Flowers and sunshine, warm weather and summer fun restore our faithful purpose. But if we just look around, we may find such inspiration all the time.

Recently, I saw part of an “Oprah” program about the friendships of animals: an elephant and a dog, a hippo and a cat, two female elephants looking for all the world like girlfriends anywhere.

It lifted my spirits because it was non-sentimental proof that love triumphs, no matter where, when or with whom. True love gives life, physically and spiritually.

Animals are often instructive, but they’re not the only ones. Besides babies and little kids, we also have the example of devoted family and friends, and even “the kindness of strangers.” The Good Samaritan comes to mind.

We have other manifestations of love and goodness which keep us ever young.

Some come from outside ourselves, like the animal story on “Oprah,” while some are born in us.

For instance, we’re given imagination that allows us to dream and compassion which gives us empathy to understand what others are feeling.

We have sympathy and kindness so that we can support others lovingly. We have talents such as creativity or intelligence or patience so that we may delight and serve others while fulfilling ourselves. We have aesthetic sense to appreciate the creations of God and (human).

My contention is that youth is not a function of age at all, but of faith that good will triumph and that love is possible always. We don’t need to be unrealistic Pollyannas to believe it either, even when our prevailing culture sometimes denies its likelihood.

So bring on “Yesterday” sung by the Beatles, dramatic sunsets, eccentric relatives, new puppies, or baby’s first steps. Bring on the grief we know will end in joy when we meet the beloved again one day. Bring on life because, when we’re young, we can handle it.

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

Consider This/Stephen Kent

Marketing discovers a new wrinkle for your looks

Fill in the cracks, smooth the surface, cover the pores and it will be good for another few years.



The Internet, television and newspapers are filled with a constant parade of advertisements for such activities. Stands to reason that in a recession people would want to disguise the wear and tear to keep the furniture

for a few more years.

But these ads are not for preserving furniture, they purport to preserve people.

The ads are for wrinkle cream, skin treatment and hair dye, all under the umbrella of “anti-aging products” when in reality the only anti-aging available is, well, death.

Once again, science or technology is misused in a vain attempt to overcome nature.

Vain is more than in the attempt.

Cardinal Justin F. Rigali of Philadelphia, who chairs the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, once compared this to

worshipping a modern-day false idol.

“They are putting their faith in an exaggerated view of the wonders of science, and in their own ingenuity to overcome disease and aging,” Cardinal Rigali said.

What makes people think they need to retard aging?

This resistance to aging, an altogether natural process, seems peculiar to the Western culture. Other cultures respect and revere their elders, and do not attempt to avoid becoming one.

An advertisement recently seen in a print headline, “Look younger tomorrow,” reflects the movie *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, which is about a man born elderly who became younger as time progressed.

But that is the movies.

There is a market in this. Those selling are out to make money. Just as appealing to fear can change behavior, so can preying on vanity.

Marketing is all about creating a need—or a perceived need—and filling it. In this case, a need not to become old. This is distinct from legitimate means to preserve

health and care for the body.

Heart surgeons are utilizing “caterpillar robots” to crawl through small spaces into the heart, writes John Hammergren in *Skin in the Game*.

But that is not the end of it.

Hammergren, the chief executive of pharmaceutical giant McKesson, writes, “Eventually, molecule-size robots may be able to repair individual cells and even strands of DNA with the result that people will be able to live 200 years without showing any signs of aging.”

That two-century lifespan should decrease the market for surface treatments now peddled by the anti-aging industry.

One of the few perks of old age is not having to worry about what people think about you or your looks.

Besides, anybody who perseveres without wrinkles through this time in history just isn’t trying.

(Stephen Kent, retired editor of diocesan newspapers in Omaha and Seattle, can be contacted at Considersk@comcast.net.) †

Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

Earthly ambition, divine perspective: How to stay on track

I do not understand Kate Gosselin.

I cannot comprehend how marital strains



and rumored infidelity convinced the reality star and mother of eight that it’s a good time to launch a media campaign, one that results in the yellow, capitalized headline, “We might split up.”

How could thinking out loud about divorce (to

People magazine, no less)

possibly reduce her odds of it?

Kate’s statement is one of several media blitzes that has left me scratching my head.

I don’t understand, for example, how badmouthing the Sarah Palin camp could help Levi Johnston realize what he insists is his most urgent goal: greater access to his baby boy. (And, he later admitted, he’s also fishing for modeling gigs.)

These ill-advised campaigns reek of ambition—the blind, ravenous kind that Shakespeare wrote about.

As a teenager, I was fascinated by Macbeth’s demise. “I have no spur to prick the sides of my intent,” he professed, “but only vaulting ambition, which o’erleaps itself, and falls on th’ other . . .”

It is a physical description of oversized aspirations. Macbeth’s ambition shoots so high it cannot be contained; it falls well beyond its limits, beyond safety and sanity.

That Shakespearean tale intrigued me because I felt ambition welling within and wondered how to manage it. My love of writing has always come with a desire to be read. In fifth grade, I wrote to my favorite author asking, “Do kids ever get published?” I yearned to reach a wide audience.

We all harbor ambitions and secretly question their scope and our chutzpah. Are we sorely deluded to dream of the corner office? Are we way off base to imagine the major leagues?

The very word “ambition” sounds suspicious—and for good reason, when you consider its origin. It comes from the Latin word *ambitio*, which is, literally, the act of soliciting votes.

That’s fitting in our vote-for-me culture, begging, “Ooh, ooh, pick me! Make me the apprentice, the next top model, the top chef, the most popular blog!”

This reality TV-to-YouTube era breeds “vaulting ambition,” the Susan Boyle effect, to be catapulted from obscurity to idolatry. Which leads me to wonder: What does it mean to be an ambitious Catholic? How does that guide us? Does it restrict us or alter our approach? Should it?

I asked Father Peter Williams, the vocations director for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

“If you have musical gifts and you’re on ‘American Idol,’ yeah, you better try to win,” he said. “Go for it! As Christians, we’re not supposed to be timid but, at the same time, allow yourself to be checked when it’s not healthy and not glorifying God.”

That last clause is the litmus test: Does my ambition glorify God? How does it affect my relationship with God and my loved ones? Does it invite people into my life or push them away? Does it create peace or frenzy? Would Grandma be proud? Am I proud of myself?

We are called to multiply our talents, not to bury them. The key is to keep the fruits of those talents in proper perspective. This month’s Old Testament readings underscore that idea, highlighting our submission to God’s infinite power. We witness Job’s wake-up call.

“Hearken to this, O Job! Stand and consider the wondrous works of God! Do you know how God . . . makes the light shine forth from his clouds?” (Job 37:14-15).

Me neither.

And so, we can pursue our earthly ambitions with a divine perspective, with humility and confidence, doing our small part to advance the greater good.

(Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. E-mail her at Christina@ReadChristina.com.) †

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 14, 2009

- Exodus 24:3-8
- Hebrews 9:11-15
- Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The Book of Exodus is the source of this feast day's first reading, the story of an event that occurred as the Hebrew people were making their way across the Sinai Peninsula in flight from Egypt and slavery.

To modern ears, the story may sound gruesome, giving the details as it does of the ritual sacrifice of a young bull. It is necessary to recall that these instructions were given long ago, and that they passed out of Jewish religious ceremonies long ago.

However, the meaning of these ancient sacrifices still has a message. The ceremony, in this case, required that the blood would be sprinkled on the people.

The idea was that life in a special way resides in the blood of a creature. It is not impossible to understand how this notion originally arose among the people. The ancients had a very limited knowledge of physiology, but they knew that if the blood stopped flowing then the creature died and if enough blood escaped from the body due to injury then death followed.

Offering the bull to God made the bull holy. Its blood therefore was holy, and that meant the blood somehow was touched by God's own life. By sprinkling this blood on the people, they in turn were touched by God in a special way.

Beyond these circumstances, the lesson is that from the earliest stages of revelation God provided for the people to touch eternal life and strength through processes and materials they could understand and access.

The Epistle to the Hebrews is one of the New Testament's most eloquent sources for knowledge about the person and the mission of the Lord.

This feast's selection is no exception. As this epistle does so often, this

particular reading stresses that Jesus is the perfect victim of sacrifice as well as the great high priest. The sacrifice of bulls is no longer necessary. In its place is the sublime offering of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus the Lord.

The three Synoptic Gospels report the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist by giving the actual words used by Jesus—"This is my body" and "This is my blood."

In this feast day's case, the reading is from Mark's Gospel. Before the mention of the meal itself, the Gospel says that Jesus sent two disciples into the city. He told them that they will see a man carrying a water jar, and they should follow this man. The man will go to a house, whose owner the disciples should encounter then ask for a room in which the Lord and the disciples could gather to eat the Passover meal.

It is an interesting passage. It reveals that the Last Supper, and all that happened at the Last Supper, were utterly within the Providence of God. It was no ordinary meal. God planned that it would provide the means for salvation, for uniting the people with Jesus.

Reflection

Biblical scholars long have looked at Christ's words at the Last Supper—"This is my body" and "This is my blood."

They often view it from a denominational perspective. In other words, many Protestant scholars see them as symbolic. Catholic scholars see them as literal.

However, strictly from the standpoint of the language, the words are brief, direct and clear. Look at them without any predispositions. Read them as they appear. The message is straightforward and unambiguous. The bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus.

This holy body and blood actually become part of the person who consumes them. It is a staggering thought. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes part of us, individually. He is with us. His life, eternal now in the Resurrection, is part of us.

This was the cherished belief of the first Christians and of the saints. †



Daily Readings

Monday, June 15
 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
 Psalm 98:1-4
 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 16
 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
 Psalm 146:2, 5-9a
 Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 17
 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 Psalm 112:1-4, 9
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 18
 2 Corinthians 11:1-11
 Psalm 111:1-4, 7-8
 Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 19
 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
 (Response) Isaiah 12:2-6
 Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
 John 19:31-37

Saturday, June 20
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
 Psalm 34:8-13
 Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 21
 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
 Time
 Job 38:1, 8-11
 Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31
 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
 Mark 4:35-41

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Several Hebrew names for Jesus translate to mean 'God is savior'

Q We usually refer to Our Lord as Jesus Christ. But I've read some spiritual books that call him Christ Jesus or other forms of Jesus.



As a convert, I'd like to know why these different names are used. (Texas)

A First, let's look at the two names you mention. The name "Jesus" is one of several similar Hebrew names—"Joshua," "Yeshua," etc.—all of which loosely mean "Yahweh [God] is savior."

Luke's Gospel tells us this is the name given to the Savior at the Annunciation to Mary. It is also the name told to Joseph: "You are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21).

The name "Christ" is the English (and Latin and Greek) equivalent of the Hebrew word "Messiah," the anointed, the expected one who would be anointed as king and Lord to save his people.

This name held a key position in the earliest teachings of the Church. In the Acts of the Apostles, the message that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, seems to have been the core proclamation of the Apostles themselves (Acts 3:20, Acts 8:5, Acts 9:22 and elsewhere).

The title was also a favorite of St. Paul. Our word "christening" is still occasionally used for baptism since anointing with oil is part of the ceremony.

We find all combinations of those names in the New Testament. "Jesus" is there, of course, though Our Lord is seldom referred to by that name. "Jesus Christ" occurs several times, though the English often renders the second word as an adjective, "Jesus the Christ."

Those names are reversed a couple of times, as in "now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:1).

By far, the most frequent name for Our Lord, however, which appears dozens of times, especially in the letters written by or attributed to St. Paul, is simply the name "Christ." This title as a proper name for Jesus became common very soon after the Resurrection.

Several other titles in the New Testament (Lord, Son of God, Son of Man and others) fill in the Christian understanding of Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah. All of these are still proper designations for Our Lord.

Q Someone in our parish wants to know why we cannot kneel before receiving Communion.

I told her that the proper way, in the United States at least, is to bow. She said that she wants to see something "in writing."

Is there somewhere that information is in print? (Ohio)

A On Nov. 14, 2001, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved adaptations of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* for the United States. Adaptations are explicitly provided for in the *GIRM* itself.

The following alteration deals with the distribution of Communion: "The norm for reception of holy Communion in the United States is standing. Communicants should not be denied holy Communion because they kneel. Rather, such instances should be addressed pastorally by providing the faithful with proper catechesis on the reasons for this norm.

"When receiving holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM*, #160).

The American adaptations are integrated into the text of the general instruction, available from the U.S. bishops' publications office by calling 800-235-8722 or logging on to their Web site at www.usccb.org/publishing.org.

(Catholic Q&A: Answers to the Most Common Questions About Catholicism is a 530-page collection of columns by Father John Dietzen and published by Crossroad Publishing Company in New York. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612 or by e-mail at jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

My Journey to God

Trail Signs

God is without ears,
 and yet He hears the cry
 of the lowly and persecuted.

God is without eyes,
 and yet He sees the tiny swirls
 and whorls in a newborn's footprint.

God does not smell,
 and yet He created the sweet
 fragrance of a meadow of wildflowers.

God does not have arms,
 and yet he envelopes us with
 the tender whisper of a caress.

God does not have feet,
 and yet He moves us
 to follow Him into the fog.

The trail signs He leaves are
 unmistakable—
 A phone call from a friend,

(Sandra Hartlieb is a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis. This poem was inspired by her experience as a Providence Associate candidate with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. She made her commitment as a lay associate with the Sisters of Providence in March 2009. Providence Sister Marilyn Herber was her spiritual companion for this lay affiliate process. A butterfly rests on a flower in Medvode, Slovenia, on June 2.)



A good cry with a sister,
 A card from a daughter,
 A kiss from a beloved,
 A prayer with a companion.

By Sandra Hartlieb

Joy in serving Jesus

Three men dedicate their lives to Christ as priests



Photo by Father Shawn Whittington

Concelebrating priests and seminarians who assisted at the ordination applaud newly ordained Fathers Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall, not shown, as they enter the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral after the ordination Mass on June 6.



Photo by Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein poses for a photograph with newly ordained Fathers John Hollowell, from left, Peter Marshall and Jeremy Gries in the Cathedral Rectory after the June 6 ordination Mass.



Photo by Father Shawn Whittington

Father Michael O'Mara, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, hugs newly ordained Father Marshall during the rite of ordination on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Father O'Mara was his mentor when Father Marshall joined the full communion of the Catholic Church at age 30 then studied for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.



Photo by Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein ritually gives a chalice and paten, symbols of the priesthood, to newly ordained Father John Hollowell during the ordination liturgy on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Seminarian Martin Rodriguez, center, assists the archbishop.

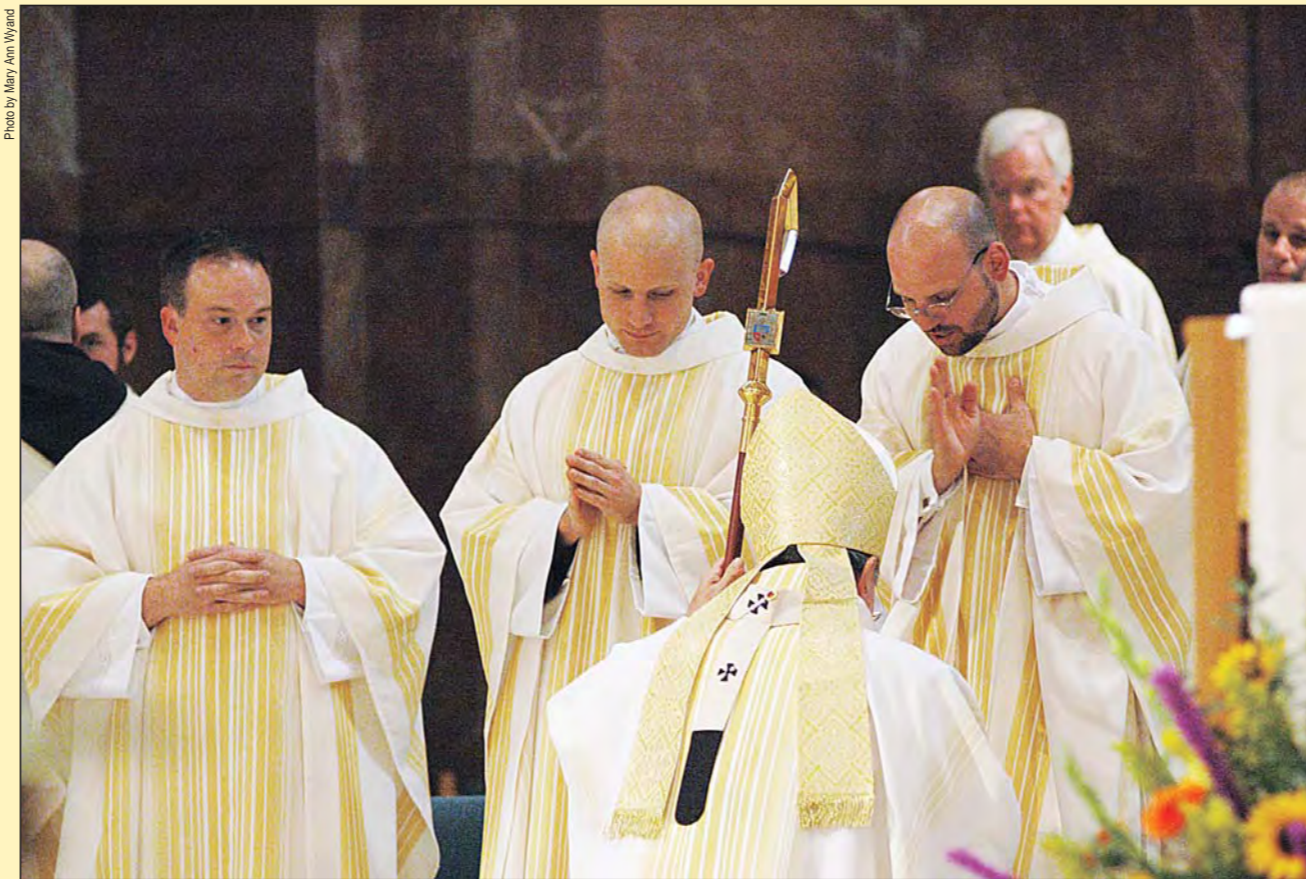


Photo by Mary Ann Wyard

Newly ordained Father Jeremy Gries, right, blesses Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein as Fathers Peter Marshall, left, and John Hollowell watch at the conclusion of the rite of ordination liturgy on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.



Photo by Sean Gallagher

In a gesture symbolic of his promise of obedience, Deacon Peter Marshall kneels and places his hands in Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein's hands during the June 6 ordination Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Deacons Jeremy Gries and John Hollowell also were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Buechlein. Seminarian Martin Rodriguez, center, assists the archbishop.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyard

Deacon John Hollowell processes into SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral on June 6 with his parents, Diane and Joseph Hollowell of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, for the rite of ordination liturgy. Diane Hollowell carries the vestments that will be presented to her son during the ordination Mass.

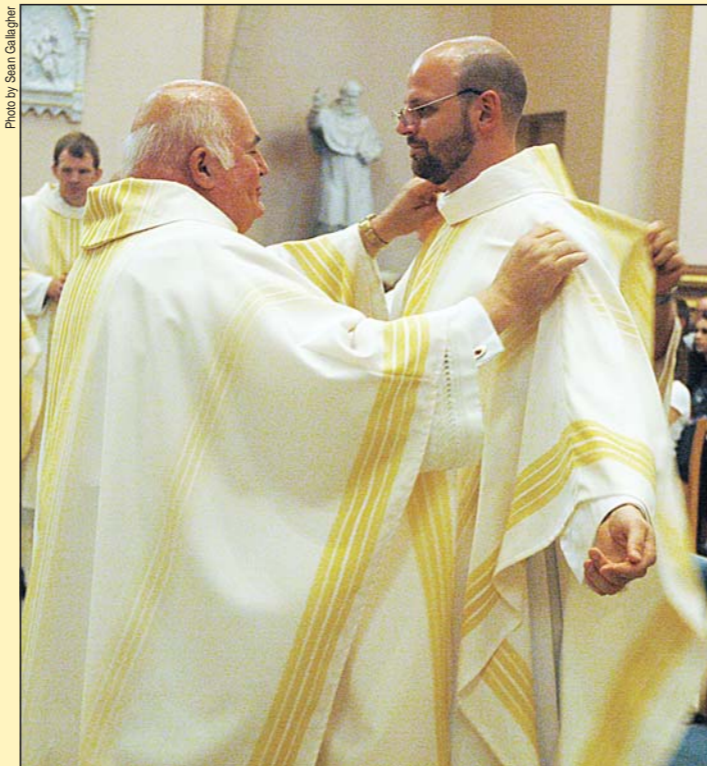


Photo by Sean Gallagher

Father Gerald Kirkhoff, left, helps vest ordinand Jeremy Gries on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Father Kirkhoff is the pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis and the archdiocesan vicar of advocacy for priests.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyard

Newly ordained Father Jeremy Gries gives Holy Communion to a woman during the ordination Mass on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.



Photo by Mary Ann Wyard

Rosalie Hawthorne, the pastoral associate at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, proclaims the second reading during the ordination Mass on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Hawthorne formerly served as the longtime director of religious education at the South Deanery parish where newly ordained Fathers Jeremy Gries and John Hollowell grew up.

Lebanon's opposition setback seen as a boost for diplomatic relations

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Lebanon's Western-backed ruling majority remains in power as a result of the country's hotly contested June 7 parliamentary elections, a setback for the Christian opposition backed by Hezbollah.

Christian opposition leader Michel Aoun, a Maronite Catholic who forged alliances through his Free Patriotic Movement with Hezbollah in 2006, had hoped to claim the majority in the Lebanese parliament.

Hezbollah, which is supported by Iran and Syria, is considered a terrorist group by the United States.

Lebanon's politically divided Christians were considered the determining factor in the election. Fifty-eight percent voted for the ruling coalition and 42 percent for Aoun's bloc, according to Lebanon's *An Nahar* newspaper.

Under Lebanon's governing system, half of the parliament's 128 seats are allocated for Christians, and the presidency is reserved for a Maronite Catholic. Christians represent about 40 percent of Lebanon's population of

approximately 4 million.

The March 14 ruling coalition, comprised of Sunnis, Druze and Christians, was victorious in four of Lebanon's five major cities, including Beirut and Tripoli.

Of Lebanon's 128 parliamentary seats, the ruling coalition now holds 71 seats, a gain of one since the 2005 elections. The opposition now has 57 seats, a loss of one. Hezbollah has maintained its 11 seats.

The outcome "is favorable to what the U.S. wants and most likely will lessen tensions with Israel," said Habib Malik, associate professor of history at Lebanese American University and the author of *Between Damascus and Jerusalem: Lebanon and Middle East Peace*.

"Although Aoun has increased seats in parliament, where he lost, he now has great difficulty in speaking on behalf of Christians," Malik said.

Aoun's showing can be viewed as a boost to dialogue among Lebanon's politically fragmented Christians, according to another

historian who served as superior general of the Maronite Lebanese Order.

"I'm glad that Aoun is still a leader," said Father Paul Naaman, vice president of Holy Spirit University in Kaslik, Lebanon, pointing out that Aoun "is one of the best and most powerful Christian leaders, asking for all Christian rights."

But with this election, Father Naaman said, relations with the Iranian and Syrian axis have been cut.

"Now I think Aoun can't pretend he's the only Christian leader like before. Now he's equal with other Christian leaders," Father Naaman said.

Father Naaman said dialogue among Lebanon's Christian leaders is now "more interesting" and he considers the country's political landscape "a real democracy."

"Now we can work on gathering Christian leaders together. We can ask them to put together a strategic plan for the Christians in the Middle East," he said.

Father Naaman noted that for the first time



A Lebanese nun casts her ballot at a polling station in Zahle on June 7. Lebanon's pro-Western coalition declared victory on June 8 as news reports said the faction had successfully fended off a serious challenge by the Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its allies to grab a majority in parliament.

in 30 years, Christians turned out at polling places in significant numbers, about 55 to 60 percent. In many districts, voters had to wait in line for hours before casting ballots. †

LENTZ

continued from page 1

multicultural ministry, human resources and lay ministry," the archbishop noted.

The Catholic Youth Organization will also be under her guidance.

That emphasis on people appeals to Lentz, who first established her relationship-building approach to education as a young teacher leading a classroom of 54 students at St. Patrick School in Indianapolis in the 1960s.

"I can see so many positive things coming out of this," said Lentz, who was the principal of St. Mark School in Indianapolis from 1977 to 1989. "To really reach out and be connected to the clergy is one of my goals. And the young adult, youth and campus

ministries are initiatives that we have just started and I want to see through."

It's a full plate of duties, especially when combined with her continuing leadership responsibilities for the Office of Catholic Education and Faith Formation.

When a new school year begins in August, she will delegate more of her educational duties to members of her administrative team. By January of 2010, the plan is to begin a search for a new executive director—a search that is designed to hire the new leader during the spring of 2010.

"It will be a challenge for a while," Lentz noted about her double duty. "But I have a great staff. We've been together for a while, and I let them do their jobs. It works. I rely on them. If I didn't have that confidence in them, this would be a

different scenario."

When she previously thought about this point in her life, Lentz often imagined a different scenario for herself. One constant dream has been to retire so she could own and operate a clothing boutique. Now, she talks about tailoring her life so she can reach a seamless 50 years of service to the Church and the archdiocese.

In many ways, Lentz's change of heart shows how the Church has become an even more significant part of her life since 1995 when her husband of 31 years, Jim, died. Her strong bonds with her two children and four grandchildren continue as great blessings in her life. At the same time, deep connections have also grown while serving the archdiocese in a leadership role.

"The Church has become my family, too," she says. "It always has been, but it's become heightened because of the increased time I can give to ministry. It's back to service for me. You're supposed to try to respect the wishes of the bishop, and I'm trying to do that in my own way."

She just never expected that her path would lead to becoming chancellor of the archdiocese. It's another interesting part of the journey for the longtime Catholic educator who once earned a license to drive school buses so she could make a special connection with her students and the regular bus drivers.

"Being chancellor is a very prestigious position as it ranks in the archdiocese," she says. "It's nothing I ever planned to become. I'm very humbled by it." †

Roncalli student wins right to attend public school summer session

Criterion staff report

A Roncalli High School student is attending summer school at a public high school thanks to a recent decision ratified by the Indiana State Board of Education.

The male Roncalli student, who needs to make up a first semester English class, was twice denied the opportunity to take summer school classes in the Franklin County School Corporation, said Ron Costello, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

"The reason given by the high school was that they did not have to accept private school students," Costello said.

With the support of Roncalli High School officials and the archdiocesan attorney, the parents petitioned the State of Indiana to allow their child to attend summer school in the public school corporation.

After a hearing in early June where a hearing officer sided with the Roncalli student and his right to attend public summer school, members of the Franklin County School Corporation board of trustees appealed to the Indiana State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education unanimously agreed to uphold the hearing officer's decision allowing the Roncalli student to attend summer school in the Franklin County School Corporation.

"These [public schools] are tax-funded programs," Costello said, "and kids don't lose their rights because they go to private schools."

"Parents [who send their children to private school] have the right to use other public services that their tax dollars support," Costello added.

The Roncalli student was scheduled to begin summer school in the Franklin County School Corporation on June 8. †

MARRIAGE SUPPLEMENT

Marriage ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a part of our Marriage Supplement
July 17, 2009, issue of *The Criterion*

If you are planning your wedding between July 1, 2009 and February 1, 2010, we invite you to submit the information for an announcement on the form below.

Pictures

You may send us a picture of the couple. Please do not cut the photograph. The picture must be wallet-size and will be used as space permits. We cannot guarantee the reproduction quality of the photos. Please put the couple's names on the back of the photo. Photos will be returned if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

E-mailed photos

Photos should be saved in jpg format, be a minimum 200 dpi resolution and at least 3 inches or 600 pixels wide. Color photos are preferred. Please send your photo as an attachment to the e-mail.

Deadline

All announcements and photos must be received by 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009. (No announcements or photos will be accepted after this date.)

Use this form to furnish information

Clip and mail to: BRIDES, *The Criterion*, ATTN: Mary Ann Klein, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206
Deadline with photos: Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Please print or type:

Name of Bride (first, middle, last) Daytime Phone

Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Name of Bride's Parents (first, last)

City State

Name of Bridegroom (first, middle, last)

Name of Bridegroom's Parents (first, last)

City State

Wedding Date Church City State

Photo Enclosed No Picture Signature of person furnishing information Relationship Daytime Phone

Heating and Air Conditioning



www.callthiele.com
SERVICE & REPLACEMENT SPECIALISTS

John & Kara Traub

Owners
Our staff has over 100 years of Catholic education

Furnaces as low as \$999.00*



50,000 BTU UPFLOW
*Flue liner, Taxes, Permits, Misc. Material Not Included



317-639-1111

"INDY'S OLDEST HEATING & COOLING COMPANY" SINCE 1883

SERVICE CALL \$59.95

SAVE \$30.00

Expires 7/12/09
Coupons must be presented at time of purchase. Cannot be combined with any other offer!
639-1111

Inside

FAMILY HEALTH SUPPLEMENT



Detroit pastors share message of faith, hope in light of auto crisis, page 14.



Volunteers promote international adoptions of Down syndrome babies, page 15.

2020

Cutting U.S. poverty rate in half by 2020 is seen as vital for country, page 16.



Fight secular trends, base ministry on love, health care leaders urged, page 17.

Diagnosis critical?

New book sees growing threats to Catholic health care, conscience

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Catholic health care faces cultural, legal, economic and political challenges that may lead to the end of its distinctively Catholic mission in the not-too-distant future, a Catholic law professor writes in a new book.



Leonard J. Nelson III

“Issues related to women’s reproductive rights may provide the most difficult challenges to the ongoing struggles by the sponsors of [Catholic] hospitals in terms of preserving their Catholic identity,” says Leonard J. Nelson III in *Diagnosis Critical: The Urgent Threats Confronting Catholic Healthcare*, to be published in June by *Our Sunday Visitor*.

Nelson, a professor at the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and an affiliated scholar with the Birmingham School of Public Health at the University of Alabama, sees the future of Catholic health care in free clinics, specialized centers focusing on natural family planning and other Church-approved reproductive medicine, and hospice care for the dying.

“They may need to move out of the hospital setting” to aspects of medical care that are “not subject to extensive government oversight,” Nelson told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview on May 28.

But the president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association sees no coming retreat from Catholic health care as we know it today, calling Nelson’s book “really a very old thesis that reappears every five to 10 years.”

“We have no reason to think we will or should close,” said Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity, in an e-mail to CNS. “We will keep conscience protection, and we will continue to be a major presence in the health care of this nation.”

Sister Carol also said that “people who have not been in Catholic health care and have no knowledge of what it has meant in the lives of so many are too willing to give it up.

“It is a treasure, and the care of the sick is a sign of the kingdom,” she added, “and we intend to be here being that sign.”

Nelson, a member of St. Paul

Cathedral Parish in Birmingham, sees a sort of Catch-22 in efforts to defend the Catholic identity of hospitals from moves to dilute conscience protections in those institutions.

“Catholic institutions could bolster their claim to statutory, if not constitutional protection, from [laws that require them to act in violation of Catholic teaching] by becoming more pervasively Catholic,” he writes. “And if Catholic institutions are generally perceived to be serious about their Catholic identity, it may be easier to argue for legislative exemption from such laws.

“On the other hand, emphasizing the distinctive mission of Catholic hospitals may strengthen claims that public funding should be denied because of the sectarian nature of these hospitals,” Nelson adds.

In the CNS interview, he cited a variety of reasons for what he sees as the current dire state of Catholic health care. Among them are a lack of vocations leading to a switch in leadership of Catholic hospitals from women religious to laypeople, some of whom are not Catholics; the societal trend toward viewing abortion as a “right” that should not be affected by the beliefs of others; and the economic stresses that force Catholic hospitals into “all sorts of joint ventures and mergers” to maintain financial viability.

But the greatest threat might come from the concerted effort by groups that promote or provide abortions to “mainstream abortion” by making it part of every health plan and available at every hospital, Nelson said.

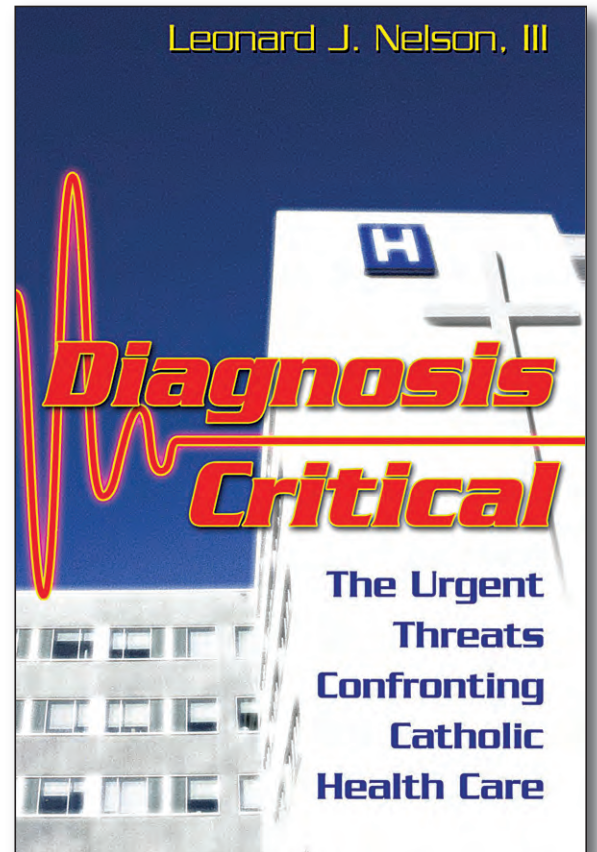
“It’s going to be constant,” he said. “I don’t believe FOCA [the Freedom of Choice Act] will pass. It will be more incremental, more subtle, but we will end up in the same place.”

FOCA, which would wipe out many existing state laws and impede states’ ability to regulate abortion, has not yet been introduced in the current Congress. President Barack Obama has stated that it is not a high legislative priority for him.

In the near future, “insurance plans will all have to cover abortion and the full range of reproductive services, so Catholics will be paying for it that way,” Nelson said.

He also believes it is likely that health reform under Obama will treat abortion as a

Leonard J. Nelson, III



right and make it more readily available and government-funded.

Nelson blamed some Catholic politicians for advancing the view that it is OK to be Catholic and to support keeping abortion legal, and said some bishops have not been sufficiently willing to denounce that view.

“‘Pro-choice’ Catholic politicians threaten the continued existence of Catholic health care because they provide political cover and legitimacy to efforts to impose mandates on Catholic health care institutions to provide services in violation of the ERDs,” Nelson writes.

The “ERDs” are the “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services,” which guide Catholic health care facilities in addressing a wide range of ethical questions.

Nelson said he has been writing *Diagnosis Critical* for four or five years, but has been interested in Catholic health care since he worked for a law firm 30 years ago that provided legal services to a Catholic hospital system.

The 229-page book contains an additional 112 pages of footnotes. Some parts of the book were published earlier as law review articles, and “I sourced the book like a law review article,” Nelson said with a laugh. †

Need an Archdiocese name or address?

DIRECTORY AND YEARBOOK 2009



Get a copy of the Archdiocese Directory. Call today! 317-236-1570

Lawrence Family Care and Pediatrics

8501 E. 56th Street, Suite 120 • Indianapolis, IN 46216

You can now enjoy your family time better knowing we are here to serve you.



Telephone (317) 621-2360

Daniel W. Stock, M.D. • Tammy Polit, D.O. • William Heisel, M.D.

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Valerie A. Pai, M.D. (Viegas) (Roncalli '89)

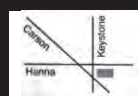
Community Physicians of Indiana

Visit Your Hometown Pharmacy

Where filling your prescriptions is our only business.



Locally Owned & Managed



4076 S. Keystone Ave. • 1 block South of Hanna on Keystone

No Up Front Charge on Medicare Diabetic Supplies

Select Generic Drug 90 Day Supply \$10.00

10% OFF All Non-Prescription Items Every Wed.

Offers good at Keystone Ave. Location

Detroit pastors share message of faith, hope in light of auto crisis

By Marylynn G. Hewitt

Catholic News Service

DETROIT (CNS)—General Motors Corp.'s bankruptcy filing on June 1 is one more dramatic and harsh reality to Detroit-area residents still reeling from plant closings, downsizing, job losses and house foreclosures.

With the headquarters for the "Big 3"—General Motors, Chrysler LLC and Ford Motor Co.—all within the Archdiocese of Detroit, the impact of the auto crisis has been personal on a number of levels.

"Just what GM represents, not just to us, but to the country," said Father Thomas Slowinski, the pastor of St. Andrew Parish in the suburb of Rochester. "This giant has fallen, and when it gets up it will be a lot smaller."

Father Slowinski's parish is just miles from the Chrysler headquarters and a number of auto plants. He and other parish priests across the archdiocese addressed the current situation during the June 6-7 weekend as they gathered for the celebration of the feast of the Holy Trinity.

"This is a tough situation. I think both the Gospel and the feast of the Holy Trinity speak well to the situation," Father Slowinski said.

"You look at the Gospel story the Church gives us, and it is the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel. It doesn't end on a great moment like the graduations we go to at this time of year with the pomp and circumstance," he explained. "The disciples worshipped, but they doubted."

Faith, he said, "doesn't obliterate our doubt. ... We don't reject the world, we transform it. And we do that by being transformed, and we do that in the context of our relationships."

Father Christopher Maus, the pastor of St. Daniel Parish in suburban Clarkston, said, "We've been struggling with this for a

year, even through the bankruptcy just happened. We've been dealing with foreclosures, trying to balance budgets, trying to balance the [parish] budget and people trying to balance their own budgets.

"Everyone is affected," Father Maus said. "I talked to a dentist, who said with no dental insurance people are postponing their dental visits. The local small businesses are down. I talked to a doctor, who said instead of people coming in they are calling for advice on the phone when they would ordinarily come in, but they can't afford the office call."

Many members of his parish "are more managerial and, with the downsizing, they have lost positions. A lot of them worked downtown at GM headquarters, Father Maus told *The Michigan Catholic*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"A lot of my people are Chrysler people. I think the Chrysler pain we've gone through, and now we are waiting for the GM pain," he said. "I have more people coming in for counseling than normal. Different issues with economic and financial [problems] are a strain on family life."

He noted that St. Daniel Parish is a "tithing parish," but "we've had to change the way we look at things and the way we budget for the people with more being used now locally for helping people pay their electric bill and things."

When factories close up, "it will bring more pain. We've had our share," he added.

The outreach ministry at St. Mark Parish in Warren, with the GM Tech Center and plants nearby, has expanded. But now applicants are not screened. Instead, food and some clothing is offered to anyone who comes to the parish seeking assistance.

Some good news is that the parish received federal stimulus money for the food pantry so supplies are currently up, according to Father Robert Ruedisueli,

the pastor. Plus, "the people have just continued to be so generous," he said of those making their own donations.

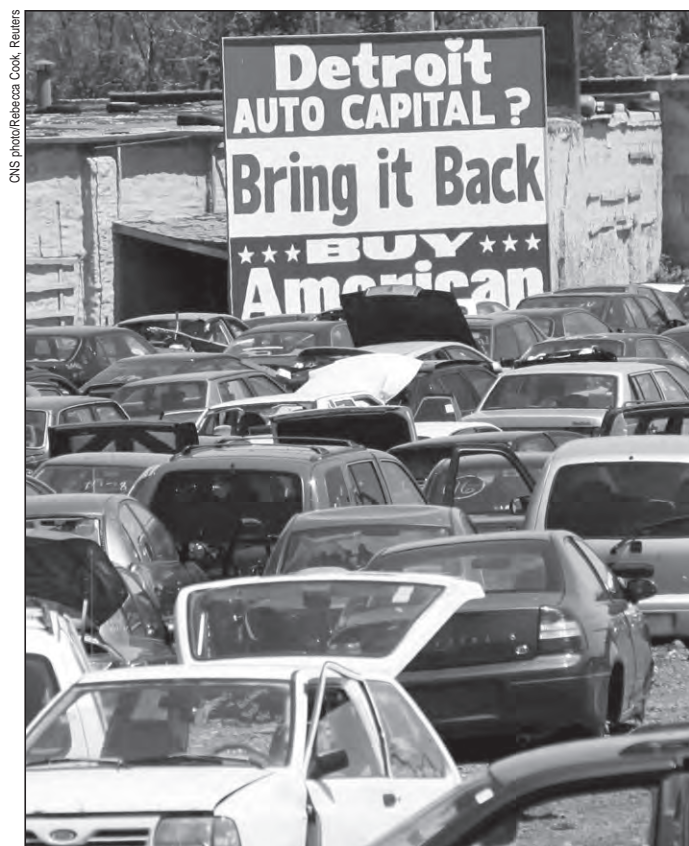
Parishioners at St. Mark also have been networking for job leads as best they can, although Father Ruedisueli said he knew of at least one parishioner ready to leave the state to find employment. Staff members also were looking into bringing someone in to lead a support group for those having a difficult time.

St. Daniel Parish started such an effort six months ago by beginning a jobs ministry. It now offers a Web site where people can network online to find job opportunities and receive spiritual direction while they deal with their new circumstances.

St. Andrew Parish has had a job-networking program since 2007. The ministry continues to grow, and Father Slowinski said the parish is in the process of developing a program to help other parishes offer it as well.

In the midst of these tough times, Father Maus said he has been impressed by the "resilience of the people. They try to bounce back, and see the greater need and pitch in when they see a need. It's their faith and perseverance."

Some people who have been unemployed or underemployed have offered



A large "Buy American" sign, in support of Detroit's auto industry, is seen in the back of an auto scrap yard in Detroit on May 18. Parish priests across the Archdiocese of Detroit will be sharing a variety of messages of faith and hope with their parishioners during their homilies on June 13 and 14 in light of the recent auto crisis.

their skills at the parish as well, he said. Father Slowinski said the auto crisis "forces a lot of people to reorder their lives. I feel sorry for the retirees. If you are still working, you can compensate. If you are retired, especially for a while, what are you supposed to do? And yet I can understand the situation."

(Contributing to this story was Kristin Lukowski.) †



Community
Physicians of Indiana



**PLUM CREEK
FAMILY MEDICINE**
1303 N. Arlington Ave., Suite 5
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 355-2800

Plum Creek Family Medicine

Wishes your family a
healthy summer!

Two Physicians now accepting new patients

Brown's Flooring

The Floor Experts

8517 Westfield Blvd.
(just north of Broad Ripple)
(317) 253-1942

OWNED & OPERATED BY BOB WORKMAN
Knowledgeable Sales Staff, Quality Installations, Affordable Pricing

- CARPET
- LAMINATE
- HARDWOOD
- BINDING
- VINYL
- CUSTOM AREA RUGS

Mention this Ad and receive 5% off of your New Flooring Purchase!







East Side Prescription Shop

- ✓ Supplies for Home Care, Hospital and Sickroom
- ✓ Senior Citizen Discounts
- ✓ Everyday Low Prices
- ✓ Prescription Delivery

317-359-8278

Open 7 Days A Week

5317 E. 16th St. • Indianapolis

(Near Community Hospital East)

IQuest PC Tuneup Service \$49.95

Get your computer running like it used to

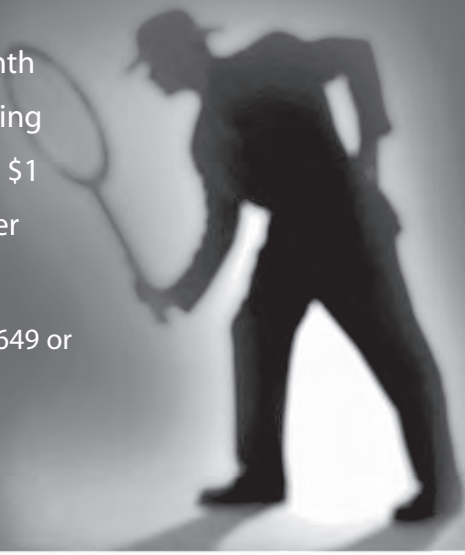
High-speed DSL for \$24.95 per month


Free SPAM tagging and Virus scanning

Accelerated dial-up service for only \$1

Web hosting for as low as \$14.95 per month

For more information call 1-800-844-8649 or log on to www.iquest.net.





Volunteers promote international adoptions of Down syndrome babies

By Paul Sanchez

Catholic News Service

WESTERLY, R.I. (CNS)—A Maryland-based organization is working against the trend of aborting Down syndrome babies by placing those children from around the globe with loving families in the United States.

Reece's Rainbow assists couples in adopting Down syndrome children from other countries. Founded in June 2006, Reece's Rainbow has already found families for more than 175 children with Down syndrome from 32 countries around the world, including Armenia, Haiti, Mexico, Ghana, Russia, Liberia, Vietnam and Korea.

An entirely volunteer organization, Reece's Rainbow prides itself on the fact that 100 percent of every dollar donated goes to the child, family or fund designated by the donor.

For decades, doctors have recommended an amniocentesis test for pregnant women who are 35 and older because their age dictates a greater risk for chromosomal defects. Because the test carries a slight chance of miscarriage, it has not been routinely offered to younger women, who end up giving birth to the majority of Down syndrome babies.

But a 2007 recommendation from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists encouraged doctors to offer a new screening procedure to all pregnant women, regardless of age. A sonogram and two blood tests in the first trimester now can detect the extra 21st chromosome that causes Down syndrome.

An estimated 90 percent of all prenatal detections of Down syndrome are said to end in abortion.

Reece's Rainbow is not an adoption agency, but a nonprofit, volunteer organization that serves as a connecting point for

Down syndrome children and potential adoptive families. It focuses on saving the lives of children who might otherwise face life, or death, in mental institutions abroad.

The organization also works to help birth families who choose to keep their children, and helps them begin their own Down syndrome associations that fight for the rights and inclusion of special-needs children in their own countries.

Reece's Rainbow was founded by Andrea Roberts, the mother of a Down syndrome child named Reece who has changed her life.

"Yes, my son is the catalyst for Reece's Rainbow. But I lean on my belief that God has a specific purpose for everyone, and this is his calling for me through Reece," Roberts said. "Not everyone gets such an obvious call. I spent many years drifting through life with no idea where I was headed. I love to help others, and my love for Reece fuels my passion to defend and protect other [children] like him."

Shelley Bedford and her husband have adopted two boys from two different countries through Reece's Rainbow.

Their son, Xander, adopted from Ukraine in August 2007, has Down syndrome and bilateral clubbed feet. He has had major foot reconstruction surgery and is learning to walk at age 5.

Their other son, Grifyn, also 5, was adopted from Serbia in April 2008. Grifyn was the first child with Down syndrome to ever be adopted in Serbia. Bedford now volunteers with Reece's Rainbow to assist other families who are adopting from Serbia.

The Bedfords live in Alabama, where Shelley's husband is in the U.S. Army.

"The most rewarding part is seeing the families meeting their new children," Bedford said. "It is amazing to watch the journeys that families go through and how

God pulls it all together. It is an honor to be a small part of helping unite children with their forever families."

Bedford said people were surprised when she and her husband announced that they were adopting a Down syndrome child.

"No one understood why and they really didn't understand what to expect," she said. "Now they see our children and they realize that they are just normal kids, with personalities, likes and dislikes [just] like everyone else. Our boys are loved and accepted by all of our family and friends."

Roberts said she opposes abortion, as do many people active with Reece's Rainbow.

However, Reece's Rainbow does not take a stand on abortion or prenatal testing because its primary focus is to assist with adoptions, and foster understanding and acceptance through example.

"I am sure that there are many members of our group who may have varying viewpoints, but Reece's Rainbow does not have a stated position on abortion," Roberts said.

"Our group is open to anyone with a love for children and people with Down syndrome. Discussions about such controversial things are discouraged because we want to keep the focus on the life-saving efforts of the ministry," she said.

Maureen Mulready, a Catholic from Liverpool, England, who has lived in the



Reece Roberts, 7, who has Down syndrome, poses with his father, Rich Roberts, and grandfather, Dick Roberts, in an undated photo. Reece's mother, Andrea Roberts, started a Maryland-based organization called Reece's Rainbow, which assists couples in adopting children with Down syndrome from other countries.

United States for nearly 20 years, said she thinks Reece's Rainbow represents the ultimate pro-life expression, and applauded the rescuing of Down syndrome babies from lives in institutions where they would likely be mistreated.

"If society does not show compassion for its most vulnerable members, then it is doomed for worse things," Mulready said.

"In my opinion, the fact that Reece's Rainbow is helping to secure all of these adoptions of Down syndrome kids conveys to others that these children deserve the right to live just like other children," she said. "They are spreading a pro-life message of compassion and acceptance."

(For more information on Reece's Rainbow, log on to www.reecesrainbow.org.) †

Robin Run Village & Garden Homes...



John Bean - 8 Year Resident



Sue Cardwell - 9 Year Resident



Joel Duffield - 3 Year Resident

"We wouldn't live anywhere else!"

We love Robin Run Village for its active retirement lifestyle – and so much more. Here's why...

- As Robin Run Village residents, we have access to common areas, fitness programs and social events which are not available in other condominium programs.
- From exterior work to kitchen appliances, we don't have to fix anything – inside or out. And our fees are even less than we used to spend.
- With transportation provided to social and cultural events we don't have to drive.
- We enjoy fine dining in a classy, upscale atmosphere where trained professional chefs prepare our meals.
- In the renovated dining room the food is great and the social events are even better.
- And having priority access to the Health Care Center right here on campus provides security and peace of mind.

Robin Run Village has it all. It's a great retirement lifestyle where everything is designed for your comfort and security. And we think you'll love it here, too, just like we do.

Visit Robin Run Village Garden Homes today and see for yourself.




ROBIN RUN VILLAGE
— INDIANAPOLIS —
BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

ROBIN RUN VILLAGE

A Life Care Continuing Care Retirement Community

5354 West 62nd Street
Indianapolis, IN 46268

(317) 293-5500

www.robinrun.com

Cutting U.S. poverty rate in half by 2020 seen as vital for country

By Julie Carroll

Catholic News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—Father Larry Snyder admits it's a daunting challenge: starting work on cutting the U.S. poverty rate in half by 2020 at a time when thousands of Americans are drowning in debt and organizations that serve the poor are straining to meet their clients' needs.



Fr. Larry Snyder

Not only is Catholic Charities USA, which Father Snyder heads, committed to the goal, but he and the organization are convinced that it's vital for the country.

In late April, Catholic Charities hosted the first of 10 summits to be held at sites across the nation in 2009 and 2010 to give social service providers, health care providers, educational leaders and others an opportunity to discuss the needs of the poor in their communities.

Catholic Charities plans to use the information to craft anti-poverty legislation that it will propose to Congress next year.

"Our plan is simple," Father Snyder told more than 100 people gathered at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul.

"Earlier in our history," he said, "Msgr. [John] O'Grady joined with the Roosevelt administration in crafting the New Deal and the largest anti-poverty program in our nation's history: Social Security. It is time for the New Deal of our time."

Msgr. O'Grady headed the national Catholic Charities operation for more than 40 years.

The organization is one of the largest networks of social service providers in the nation. It serves nearly 8 million people annually through more than 1,700 local agencies and institutions nationwide.

Catholic Charities USA launched an anti-poverty campaign in 2006 after publishing a policy paper titled "Poverty in America: A Threat to the Common Good," which called for the creation of more livable-wage jobs and a greater investment in social policies that support the poor.

In 2007, according to the most current data available, more than 37 million Americans were living below the official federal poverty level, which was \$22,050 for a family of four. Some have predicted that by the end of this year that number will climb to more than 50 million.

Catholic Charities and other organizations that serve the poor also have been scarred by the troubled economy.

In a 2009 survey conducted by Catholic Charities USA, the organization's agencies around the country reported an increase in demand for nutrition, housing and direct-assistance services coupled with a decrease in donations.

"The statistics coming back to us are disturbing," Father Snyder said at the St. Paul summit.

Eighty-two percent of the 50 agencies that responded to the survey reported an increase in requests for food services in 2008, he said. Eighty-six percent experienced an increase in requests for rent or mortgage assistance, and 90 percent reported an increase in requests for financial assistance.

"The demographics of people seeking help have also changed, and are now including people who consider themselves middle class as well as senior citizens," Father Snyder added.

Anecdotes from the front lines are even more revealing.

Father Ragan Schriver, executive director of Catholic Charities of East Tennessee in the Knoxville Diocese, reported to Catholic Charities USA: "Through October, November and December, all family shelter beds were full. We had to ask our United Way to allow us to spend some of their money on lower-end hotel rooms to put families who were homeless into a place until something opened up."

Laura Opelt, executive director of Catholic Charities of Rochester, N.Y., said, "We are seeing more working poor who have never accessed services before and are not eligible for traditional programs. They are in need of food and emergency

assistance."

At the same time that demand for services is increasing, Catholic Charities agencies are experiencing a sharp decline in philanthropic giving and government funding, according to the survey.

As a result, 20 percent of agencies reported making reductions in programs that provide basic needs. Sixteen percent made reductions in housing assistance programs. Of the agencies reporting program reductions, 56 percent cut staff and 44 percent made service delivery cuts.

In 2006, Father Snyder said, "we never imagined that we would be facing in 2008 and 2009 a housing crisis, a financial crisis, a nation in crisis."

"But this crisis presents us with the opportunity to change a nation," he said, adding that the aim should not be "to look around for signs of hope," but to be determined "to be signs of hope."

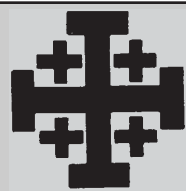
In an interview with *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Father Snyder said Catholic Charities will propose "landmark legislation ... that we hope to call the 'Corporal Works of Mercy Legislation.'"

The legislation will focus on five "pillars" outlined in "Poverty in America"—hunger, health care, economic security, housing, and education and workforce development.

To eradicate poverty, Father Snyder said, nonprofit organizations and the government must work together.

"In Catholic social teaching, we would define the role of government as providing for the common good," Father Snyder said. "A lot of people on Capitol Hill would not agree with that. They would say government's business is to maintain the security of our borders, and maintain law and order."

"Those are important things," he said, "but they're pieces of the common good. We would say the other pieces are if there are people who are not able to live independently, then somehow the government has a responsibility to be a part of the solution." †



Pilgrimage trips conducted by GOLDEN FRONTIER

Sponsored by Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage, a Catholic Non-Profit Organization

Featured Trip

BARCELONA TOUR AND MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE with Fr. Alan Hunter, Taylorville, Ill. Twelve day trip including eight day/seven night Mediterranean cruise. Three days in Barcelona, Spain with visits of Gaudi's Holy Family Cathedral, and sights of Barcelona. Then by cruise ship, the *Splendida* of *MSC Cruises* to the mid Mediterranean, including, Spain; Tunisia, Northern Africa; Malta; Sicily, Rome and Marseilles, France. Fully escorted, r/t air from Chicago.

November 6 to 17, 2009

Priced from \$2,518



2009 & 2010 Trips

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Cruise
- 8 days in August, 2009 from \$2,025 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sicily/Rome - 12 days in November, 2009 \$2,665 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> France - 11 days in October, 2009 \$2,458 | <input type="checkbox"/> Barcelona & Med Cruise
- 12 days in November, 2009 from \$2,518 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florence, Rome & Assisi
- 11 days in November, 2009 \$2,588 | <input type="checkbox"/> Three-Star Rome & Assisi
- 9 days in Nov. 2009 & Mar. 2010 \$2,138 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt & Nile River Cruise
- 9 days in November, 2009 \$2,688 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Islands Cruise
- 8 days in January, 2010 from \$2,569 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Lands
- 10 days in Nov., 2009 & Mar., 2010 \$2,988 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexico City/Guadalupe Shrine
- 8 days in February, 2010 \$1,740 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greece - 9 days in November, 2009 \$2,198 | <input type="checkbox"/> Germany & Austria
- 10 days in May, 2010 \$2,392 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sorrento/So Italy & Amalfi Coast
- 9 days in November, 2009 \$2,038 | <input type="checkbox"/> Oberammergau Passion Play & Germany
- 10 days in May, 2010 from \$2,988 |

Overseas trips include round trip air from St. Louis or Chicago; other airports may be available, please inquire.

PLEASE SEND FULL DETAILS ABOUT THE TRIP(S) I HAVE MARKED ABOVE

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (optional) (____) _____

Call Toll Free 1-888-284-6725 or mail to:

GOLDEN FRONTIER TOURS
 4100 N. Illinois St. • Swansea, Illinois 62226
 www.goldenfrontier.org

IND

Huser HomeCare

Trusted and Compassionate Care

- Dedicated to meeting your non-medical homecare needs
- Licensed and insured
- Elder or special needs care (e.g., Alzheimer's, Autism)
- In your home, nursing home, or assisted living center
- Temporary or long-term; for a few hours or up to 24/7
- Personal care assistance with bathing, toileting, hygiene, dressing, medication reminders, feeding and transfers
- Companion care and safety monitoring
- Housekeeping, laundry, shopping and meal prep
- Respite care (including periodic or vacation coverage)
- Transportation & errands
- Medicaid Waiver and CHOICE provider

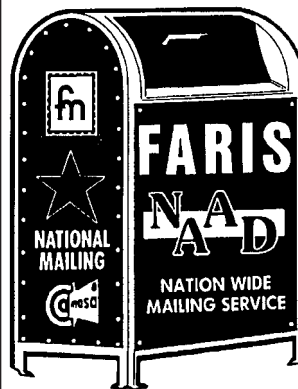
Call us for a free in-home consultation:

Kathy and Terry Huser
 (317) 255-5700 or 332-8261
 www.HuserHomeCare.com



FARIS MAILING INCORPORATED

Introducing Our Giant Mail Box To Handle The Growing Needs Of Your Business



- Inkjet Addressing
- Automatic inserting
- Laser Imaging
- List maintenance
- Premium fulfillment
- Mailing consultants
- Digital Variable Printing
- Wide Format Printing
- Electronic Imaging

Analysis of mailing requirements

317-246-3315

5517 W. Minnesota St., Indianapolis

Fight secular trends, base ministry on love, health care leaders urged

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—A Franciscan physician and ethicist warned Catholic health care leaders on June 7 not to let their ministry become an entirely secular operation that sees patients as customers and leaves out the vital component of love.

Brother Daniel P. Sulmasy recounted his experiences with an unfeeling bureaucracy one evening at his own hospital, St. Vincent's in New York. He contrasted it with the approach of a nurse at a local secular hospital whose care of patients mirrors more closely the love that saints, heroes and founders of Catholic health care brought to their work.

"Perhaps we can ask ourselves why Mother Teresa went to Calcutta," he said. "I think we all know that it wasn't for the outcomes."

Brother Daniel spoke on the opening day of the annual assembly of the Catholic Health Association, which brought almost 800 leaders in Catholic health care to New Orleans on June 7-9. A medical doctor who also holds a doctorate in philosophy, he is to become a professor of medicine and medical ethics in the divinity and medical schools of the University of Chicago on July 1.

He titled his keynote talk to the CHA assembly "Gospel-Centered Health Care Is a Radical Approach in Today's Secular World."

"We are frequently guilty, I think, of turning the Catholicity of our hospitals into a series of moral codes," Brother Daniel said. "We seem to 'fit in' better in a secular society when we talk about morality. More conservative institutions will boast of a code which lists the things they will not do. More liberal institutions will boast of a code of social justice. The most Catholic institutions among us will boast of both.

"But none of these codes can serve as replacements for the ever-new and



'We must return to a conception of the whole health care project as an enterprise based squarely upon love. If we do not, whatever else we might be doing, we will not be doing Catholic health care.'

—Franciscan Brother Daniel P. Sulmasy

ever-renewing encounter with the person who is love," he added. "That encounter must be the foundation of our health care systems and our institutions."

Brother Daniel said the message about love in the 13th chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians—"Love is patient, love is kind..."—has been "turned into a bit of wedding kitsch," but offers today's society words that are "radical, dangerous and countercultural."

"What Paul is saying, if you can hear it, is that you may have crucifixes in every patient's room; you may not have a single employee who would ever even think of performing an abortion; you may have excellent services for the poor and the undocumented; but if you do not have love, you are nothing," Brother Daniel said. "You are zero. Zippo. Nada."

He acknowledged that some might find his words "vague, pious, abstract and irrelevant to the work we must undertake—which is not only assuring the survival of Catholic health care, but providing for its flourishing in the 21st century."

"But if what I have been saying is irrelevant at best, or a distracting fairy tale at worst, then the Gospel itself is either irrelevant or a fairy tale," he said. "And we might as well all go home, dissolve this organization and merge with the

American Hospital Association."

Brother Daniel said the current tough economic times are "exactly the time in which we must return to fundamentals."

"We must return to a conception of the whole health care project as an enterprise based squarely upon love," he added. "If we do not, whatever else we might be doing, we will not be doing Catholic health care."

The opening day of the CHA assembly also featured a talk by Nancy G. Brinker, who founded Susan G. Komen for the Cure after she promised her sister, who died of breast cancer at age 36, that she would do everything she could to find a cure for the disease.

"That promise between two sisters became the passion of my life," she said. "And it turned out that the promise I made to Suzy was not my gift to her—it was her gift to me."

Brinker, who also served as ambassador to Hungary and U.S. chief of protocol under President George W. Bush, said the organization she founded is now "the largest private funder of breast cancer research in the world," and the five-year survival rate for patients whose cancer has not spread from the breast has increased from 74 percent to 98 percent.

"We have overcome the culture of shame and the culture of fear" that once

surrounded breast cancer, she said. "But we must not allow them to be replaced by a culture of complacency."

Much remains to be done to improve survival rates for racial and ethnic minority women in the U.S. and for women around the world.

Brinker said Susan G. Komen for the Cure has begun working in Ghana. "But to reach even more people across the continent, we need the help of the Catholic charities, Catholic hospitals, Catholic religious orders and Catholic missionary groups who know the hearts and souls of these communities," she said.

Brinker, who is Jewish, said one of the greatest thrills of her life was welcoming Pope Benedict XVI on his U.S. visit when she was serving as chief of protocol. After her talk, she showed what she called "home movies" of her encounters with the pope.

"I felt so close to the Holy Father—so inspired by his goodness, his message of love, and his teaching that human life is sacred and that 'each of us is willed, each of us is loved and each of us is necessary,'" she said in her talk. "That same belief in the dignity and necessity of human life is what inspires my efforts to save lives through Susan G. Komen for the Cure." †

Home Health Depot

HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Visit our NEW website - www.hhdepot.com

LIFT CHAIRS
Indy's Largest Selection!
Visit one of our showrooms today!

As low as **\$397***
Free Delivery & Setup



MODEL: Golden Tech Capri

Includes:
FREE DELIVERY & SET-UP
& Battery Backup
*Based upon insurance coverage of lift mechanism of \$330.71. See associate for details.

STAIR LIFTS
Cheaper Than Moving!
FREE Site Inspection & Estimate

As low as **\$3,195**
Includes Installation



Safely move from floor to floor and stay in the home you love!

Includes:
■ Harmar Pinnacle Stair Lift
■ Professional Installation (\$200 savings)

BATH SAFETY
Toilet Safety Frame



MODEL: 30300-1

As low as **\$49.99**

Tub Transfer Benches



MODEL: 98071

As low as **\$69.99**

WHEELCHAIRS
Transport Chair



MODEL: LTTB19FR

As low as **\$179**

Standard Wheelchair



MODEL: Tracer EX2

As low as **\$199**

ROLLATORS



MODEL: 66551R

As low as **\$129**

Includes:
■ Seat
■ Basket
■ Hand Brakes



Central Indiana's source for virtually every product you need to safely stay in the home you love.

90 Days Same As Cash or Low Payments Available

NO ONE BEATS OUR PRICES

SAVE OVER \$1,000 With our Scooter / Lift Package



Scooters As low as **\$999**

Scooters

Scooter & Lift PACKAGE PRICE **\$1995**

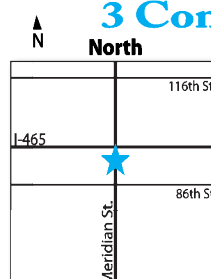
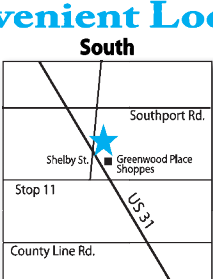



Vehicle Lifts As low as **\$1199**

Vehicle Lifts

- Package Includes:**
- Invacare Lynx 3 Wheel Scooter (325 lbs. capacity)
 - Pride Silver Boom Vehicle Lift
 - Professional Installation - (\$200 Additional Savings!)

3 Convenient Locations!

North	South	Northwest
 <p>116th St. I-465 Meridian St. 86th St.</p> <p>9407 N. Meridian Indianapolis (317) 333-6033</p>	 <p>Southport Rd. Shelby St. Greenwood Place Shoppes Stop 11 US 31 County Line Rd.</p> <p>7781 South US 31 Indianapolis (317) 882-9532</p>	 <p>I-595 71st Street Georgetown Rd. Gulion Rd.</p> <p>7040 N. Gulion Rd. Indianapolis (317) 347-6400</p>

Rest in peace

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

ANTHONY, Elizabeth Mary (Yager), 57, St. Mary, Rushville, June 1. Wife of Philip Anthony. Mother of Barbara and Stephen Anthony. Daughter of Henry Yager. Sister of Ann Koors, Janet Litmer, Don, Jerry, Jim and Paul Yager.

BATIC, Emil A., 85, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 27. Husband of Ruth Alberta Batic. Father of Mark and Michael Batic. Grandfather of five.

BENNETT, Christina Diana, 48, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, May 17. Wife of Trent Bennett. Mother of Blake and Kyle Bennett. Daughter of

L.H. and Dianne (Oros) Bailey. Sister of Kim Fisher and Michael Bailey. Granddaughter of Aurella Oros.

CASSIDY, Ronald, 77, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, May 16. Husband of Linda Cassidy. Father of Gina Jackson, Pamela Scholl, Christopher, David and Edward Cassidy.

CORYA, Helen M., 92, St. Mary, Greensburg, May 29. Mother of Barbara Alexander, Margaret Corya, Theresa Hatton, Marihelen Hubbard and Rosemary Oakley. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of one.

DUCKETT, Elsie, 72, St. Mary, Richmond, May 20. Wife of John Duckett. Mother of Marissa Jackson and Malissa Matchette. Sister of Carol Davis and Gene Feaster. Grandmother of two.

DUGAN, Robert L., 81, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, May 23. Husband of Sylvia (Seeger) Dugan. Father of Joan Barber, Karen Brodfuehrer, Bill, Mark and Howard Dugan. Brother of Cecile Wentz. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of four.

ENGLERT, Dorothy Frances, 82, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, May 26. Mother of Melodie Dovel, Nancy Schilling, Agnes Zimmerman, Joseph, Ralph and Tom Nickels, and Dennis and Robert Englert. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 22.

FERGUSON, Mary Catherine, 80, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 21. Mother of Lin Waiz, Kim Schorr and Donald Ferguson. Sister of Pat Cottrell and Rita Scanlan. Grandmother of six.

HINDERLITER, N. Irene (McDonald), 80, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, May 25. Wife of Samuel Hinderliter. Mother of Beth Charlton, Kathleen Grecco, Davis, Dennis, Gerald, Gregory, Michael and Richard Hinderliter. Sister of Mary Lou Kegley, Jackie Keller, Louis McDonald, Margie Settle and Charles McDonald. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 19.

KENNEDY, Kelly Ann (Shirley), 41, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, June 2. Mother of Natassha and Cody Kennedy. Daughter of Nancy Hernandez and Kent Shirley. Stepdaughter of Linda Shirley. Sister of Laura Arthur, Suzie and Chris Paultley. Aunt of several.

MURTAUGH, Thomas J., 71, St. John the Baptist, Dover, May 26. Husband of Linda (Dawson) Murtaugh. Father of

Barbara Lawhorn, Susan Woolums and Chris Murtaugh. Brother of John Murtaugh. Grandfather of nine.

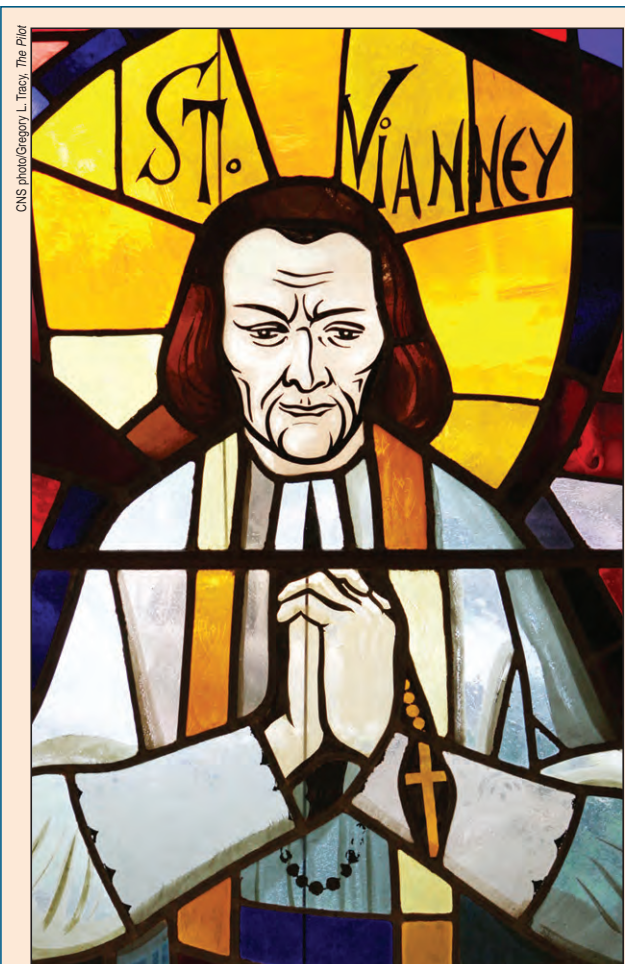
NASH, Bernard, M.D., 81, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 24. Father of Mary Fondrissi, Shelley Klein, Kitty Laduke, David and Tim Nash. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of seven.

NEIDIFFER, Martha Jane, 87, St. Mary, New Albany, May 28. Wife of Irvin E. Neidiffer. Mother of Cindy Bazzi, Sally Hunt, Julie Matthews, Tim and Tom Neidiffer. Sister of Ruth Deitsch, Betty Hutcheson, Mary Loftus, Rita Neafus, Dorothy Patton and Lucille Riall. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of two.

OEHLMAN, Emma (Knecht), 89, St. John the Baptist, Dover, May 16. Mother of Dorine Canada, Alene Schuman, Clifford, Kenneth, Larry and Walter Oehlman.

SARTIN, Claude Paul, 84, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, June 2. Husband of Audrey Sartin. Father of Paula King and Tom Sartin. Brother of Nancy Crosby, Alice Schriever and Larry Sartin. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of two.

SHRADER, Jan, 66, St. Mary, New Albany, May 27. Sister of Sue Munich. Aunt of several. †



Patron saint of priests

St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, is depicted in a stained-glass window at the Regina Cleri Residence for retired priests in Boston. Pope Benedict has declared that the Year for Priests should begin on June 19, 2009, the 150th anniversary of the saint's death.

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2009 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Festival Information

Thursday, June 25 • 5:00 pm-Closing
50's Theme Night
Dinner: Roast Beef by Fr. Carlton

Friday, June 26 • 5:00 pm-Closing
Colts Theme Night
Dinner: Iaria's Italian Night

Saturday, June 27 • 4:00 pm-Closing
Hawaiian Theme Night
Dinner: Fried Chicken

One Grand Prize
\$3,000 Cash

One First Prize
\$1,000 Cash

Two Second Prizes
\$500 Cash

Four Third Prizes
\$250 Cash

Live Entertainment Nightly & **Food Court**
Games, Rides, Children's Games
Fun For All Ages Under the BIG TENTS!!! — Come Join the Fun!

5353 McFarland Road
Indianapolis
(317) 786-4371
(Adjacent to Roncalli High School)
Lic. # 8772514

5 minutes north of Madison

SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST

religious shop

5954 N SR 62, China, IN 47250

1-812-273-8405

FEENEY-HORNAK

M O R T U A R I E S

“Families put their trust in our experience.”

Mike Feeney

Mike Hornak

www.dignitymemorial.com

Keystone Chapel
2126 E. 71st Street, Indpls.
317-257-4271

Shadeland Chapel
1307 N. Shadeland Avenue, Indpls.
317-353-6101

Catholic Radio

— Great Catholic Programs 24 Hours a Day —

• Daily Mass - 8:00 am & noon	• Rosary - 6:30 am
• Son Rise Show - 7:00 am	• Catholic Connection - 9:00 am
• The Doctor Is In - 1:00 pm	• Open Line - 3:00 pm
• Al Kreista - 5:00 pm	• Catholic Answers - 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Now Three Ways to Listen

1. From east of Terre Haute to Indianapolis and south of Lafayette to Martinsville listen on your radio at 89.1 FM.
2. In Indy or within about 10 miles of the city you can listen on a **Small Miracle Radio**, even inside your home, even in weak signal areas. Call 317-870-8400 ext. 21 for details.
3. If you live anywhere in the Archdiocese (or the world) listen at www.CatholicRadioIndy.org on your computer.

89.1

Catholic Radio

INTER MIRIFICA, INC.

www.CatholicRadioIndy.org

Serra Club vocations essay

Priests, deacons and religious help others discern vocations

(Editor's note: Following is the first in a series featuring the winners of the 2009 Indianapolis Serra Club Vocations Essay Contest.)

By Rebecca Anglen
Special to The Criterion

A vocation to me means a call in our life to a holy living.

Whether one is called to be a nun or called to be a priest, brother or deacon, if you hear that calling, you must live it to the fullest.

But people cannot always hear this divine call by themselves. They need the help of religious leaders around them.

Priests play a huge role in spiritual growth for the youths

around the Church.

Every homily or Gospel reading has the ability to reach out and touch a child or teenager, and open their eyes eternally to God's call to religious living.

Priests and deacons nurture the seed of the Word in every young adult's heart. Encouragement and nourishment may urge any youngster to become a priest, brother, deacon or nun.

Even if your vocation is to live in a faithful marriage and to raise your kids to know Jesus, a priest, deacon or nun may help. Religious leaders will always be there for help, advice and support.

Helping you recognize your vocation is what they do best. Advice-giving on how to fulfill a vocation is their specialty. They've been through this too, so support is the very best they can offer.

A life of prayer can help immensely in recognizing your call. Religious brothers and sisters can really help in this area of the faith. Picking out specific prayers and reciting them

by your side is the least they can do to help.

The next step would be to go to them and write a prayer, pertaining to you, to help you hear God's call. The rest is up to you, your prayer life and God relaying his message.

Even if a person does not ask for help, a priest or another religious leader will be there willing to help. In Catholic grade schools, religious elders surround the young children with loving guidance and care.

In every parish or Church environment, a priest will be ready to help. Religious leaders show immense amounts of love, guidance and help in hearing God's call in your life.

(Rebecca Anglen and her parents, Jeffrey and Diane Anglen, are members of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. She completed the seventh grade at St. Luke School in Indianapolis last spring and is the seventh-grade division winner in the 2009 Indianapolis Serra Club Vocations Essay Contest.) †

Priests and deacons nurture the seed of the Word in every young adult's heart. Encouragement and nourishment may urge any youngster to become a priest, deacon or nun.



Rebecca Anglen

Classified Directory

For information about rates for classified advertising, call (317) 236-1572.

Home Improvement

Queisser Construction
All types of Masonry & Concrete
Tuckpointing & Chimney repairs
Licensed • Bonded • Insured
(317) 442-7877
FREE ESTIMATES
Senior Citizens Discount

D & S ROOFING
24-hour service!
Rubber, torch downs, hot tar roofs,
re-roof and tearoffs.
• Any large or small repairs
• Wind or hail damage repairs
Call Dale for free estimates!
317-357-4341
Licensed • Bonded • Insured
33 years experience • References available

STEGEMOLLER PAINTING
Interior & Exterior painting -
Wallpaper Removal,
Drywall Repairs
30 Years Experience
Call **317-450-3234**

Patronize Our Advertisers!

Home Improvement

ROWE PAVING Co.
• Residential Driveways
• Commercial Parking Lots
• Asphalt and Concrete
Call **852-0102** or **898-3373**

BCS Construction
(Parishioner of Little Flower)
Brick Mason Specialist • Chimneys Cleaned
Roofing-Fencing • All Types Construction
40 years experience
Family owned & operated
Ed and Bob Warren
317-357-4099 or **317-501-4830**

College Planning

Cash for College!
Indianapolis, IN
A FREE report reveals the
"9 New Ways To Beat The High
Cost of College!"
Call toll-free
1-888-721-2244
24 Hrs./day for a FREE
recorded message, to get a
copy of this FREE Report
colleges hope you'll never see!

Call Dana
236-1575
For your
Classified Needs
ddanberry@archindy.org

Home Improvement

BRINKMAN Residential Services, Inc.
Chuck Brinkman
Specializing in Custom Woodworking
and Home Repairs
317-250-6950

Upholstery

FROST UPHOLSTERY & FABRICS INC.
4024 E. MICHIGAN ST.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46201
317-353-1217
317-353-0890 Fax
FREE ESTIMATES

For Sale

EASTSIDE: 27 N. KITLEY,
2bdm; 1 car garage, full basement. Totally updated; contract possible. Call: **317-884-0112**

Vacation Rentals

BEACHFRONT CONDO, Maderia Beach, FL., 2BR/2BA, pool & 25ft balcony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Meet Indpls. owner. See photos, maps. Call Scooter at **317-257-2431**.

INDIAN ROCKS Beach, FL. Private 2BR/2BA condo facing beach, on Intercoastal, gorgeous pool, secure bldg., covered parking. \$750 wk/ \$2800 month. **317-258-9370**.

NAPLES, FL. 2bdm/2ba condo, fully furnished, quiet gated community, 600ft lazy river pool plus tennis, bocce & much more. Perfect place to spend winter. Call Indy owner at: **317-695-6142**

HILTON HEAD 2br/2ba, Villa \$875 per week. Call **828-926-9887**.

MARCOS/NAPLES CONDO; 2bdm/2ba, 1st floor end unit. \$900 per month or less. June-Dec. Call: **317-897-3140** or **317-340-3234**

OCEAN VIEW CONDO, 2BR/2BA, Ormond Beach/Daytona, Weekly or Monthly. Great rates. Call Mike at: **317-788-1056**

GULF SHORES LUXURIOUS BEACHFRONT CONDOS
Fully Furnished. Indoor/Outdoor Pools.
1, 2, 3 & 4 BR. Owner Direct saves you \$\$. Call Chris **1-800-713-6435**
cashley945@earthlink.net or www.babeachproperties.com

Financial Services

FOR YOUR FAMILY, YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR FUTURE.

Expert guidance and innovative solutions to help you reach your financial goals.

Personal needs analysis
Business needs analysis • Estate analysis
Retirement solutions
Employee & executive benefits
Long-term care insurance

Michael McGinley
Financial Representative
500 East 96th Street, Suite 125
Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 818-2644
1-866-818-2644 toll free
www.mikemcginley.com

Northwestern Mutual FINANCIAL NETWORK®

05-2553 ©2008 Northwestern Mutual. Northwestern Mutual Financial Network is a marketing name for the sales and distribution arm of The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, WI (NWL), and its subsidiaries and affiliates, Insurance Agent of NW (Life Insurance, annuities and disability income insurance), Northwestern Long-Term Care Insurance Co., Milwaukee, WI (Long-term care insurance), a subsidiary of NW., 8016-194

Jewelry

PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH ROSES

Rosaries and Jewelry
created from your roses to keep as a precious memory

Rosemary
502 249 0466
502 348 6206
preciousmemorieswithroses.com

For Sale

1st time buyers \$8,000 tax credit. Brick, 3bdm/1ba all new home. Able to see the University of Indianapolis from backyard. \$92,500 will contract. Call: **317-788-1056**

For Sale

Land
SECLUSION! 15.5 acres + shelter & pond - all organic and blessed in SE Indiana. Ready for building. \$250 K. Call: **812-934-4871** for details.

For Sale

Queen PillowTop Mattress set, Still sealed in plastic bag from the mattress factory. Can Deliver. \$150 (SACRIFICE) **317-223-9301**.

KING PillowTop- A Mattress set, UNUSED (new) in sealed wrapped bag. \$250. **317-223-9301**.

Full Size Mattress and 1 box set, in the Plastic bag NEVER opened. Brand NEW \$125. **317-223-9301**.

Real Estate

Living and Working in your Community

Steve J. Sergi
Broker/Owner
317-507-5883
www.TheSergiGroup.com

RE/MAX Realty Mart

Let us do the selling ... so you can enjoy the new season.

Criterion

Sell nearly anything with a Criterion classified ad
Call or e-mail Dana 236-1575 or ddanberry@archindy.org

Consultation

JOHN A. SCOTT
Certified Etiquette Consultant

ETIQUETTE & LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE of Indiana

PO BOX 29245
Indianapolis, IN 46229
ph 317.679.3750
eliindiana@sbcglobal.net
www.eli-indiana.com

Positions Available

DIRECTOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Precious Blood Church in Trotwood, Ohio is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Children's Faith Formation. This full time position is responsible for the Parish School of Religion, the sacramental preparation programs for Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and serves as a resource for the youth ministry program and the parish elementary school in the areas of catechetical instruction, catechist formation and spiritual development. This person is part of the Pastoral Staff that works collaboratively to unite all the ministries with a welcoming spirit where diversity is an asset.

Candidate should possess a Master's Degree in Theology, Religious Studies or a related field as well as some teaching experience.

This position will be open beginning August 1st. Competitive compensation and benefits will be provided commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested person should e-mail a résumé and cover letter by June 15th to:

Father William O'Donnell
4961 Salem Avenue
Trotwood, Ohio, 45426
E-mail: fr.odonnell@preciousbloodchurch.org



Lift me up

A human life is miraculous. It's a simple, ordinary fact that's easy to miss if you're not paying attention. From the new mother holding her baby for the first time to the nurse who comes back at the end of his shift to sit beside a bed and pray, we see wonders all around us, every day. We lift up and celebrate the precious beauty of everyday life. And it does make us different.

Learn more at StFrancisHospitals.org



St. Francis
Hospital & Health Centers
Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc.

100
THOMSON REUTERS
TOP HOSPITALS
NATIONAL
2008