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Indianapolis Colts linebacker Rocky Boiman stands amidst confetti after the Colts beat the New England Patriots, 38-34, to win the AFC Championship game on Jan. 21 in Indianapolis, and advance to the Super Bowl.

## Faith helps football players on and off the field

By Sean Gallagher

After beating the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI in February, the Indianapolis Colts stormed to another strong start, winning their first seven games of the 2007-08 season.

Even with a faith-filled head coach like Tony Dungy, it might have been easy for players on the team to think they are invincible.

But the players know better. And consecutive losses to the New England Patriots and the San Diego Chargers helped bring that reality into perspective.

Though the Colts are one of the youngest teams in the NFL, the players learned long ago that, no matter how far they go in fulfilling their gridiron dreams, that journey can end suddenly with one

bone-jarring tackle that results in a career-ending injury or a series of small injuries that just keep adding up.

This season, the Colts have arguably had more than their fair share of serious injuries.

Future Hall-of-Fame wide receiver Marvin Harrison has missed several games with a knee injury. Defensive starters Anthony McFarland and Rob Morris' season came to a quick end due to knee injuries. Concussions have kept tight end Dallas Clark and linebacker Freddy Keiaho off the field. And All-Pro defensive end Dwight Freeney's season ended because of a serious foot injury.

When one player goes down, it gives another player the chance to step up, get more playing time and show he belongs on the field. But an injury can present an opportunity for the sidelined player as well,

helping him step back and re-examine what is most important in his life.

Former Colts teammates Rocky Boiman and Keith O'Neil have experienced the effects of injuries this season, and both have relied on their Catholic faith to keep them grounded through the many twists and turns of a professional football career.

### Striving for excellence

Last season was Boiman's first year with the Colts after spending four years with the Tennessee Titans. He played mainly on special teams and had limited playing time on defense as a backup linebacker.

But due to several injuries to defensive players this season, Boiman has

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## U.S. bishops overwhelmingly approve politics document, bulletin insert

BALTIMORE (CNS)—In what several bishops called “a watershed moment” for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the full body of bishops overwhelmingly approved a document intended to help Catholic voters form their consciences on a variety of issues before the 2008 elections.

“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility From the Catholic Bishops of the United States” was approved by a 221-4 vote on Nov. 14, the last public day of the Nov. 12-15 USCCB fall general assembly in Baltimore.

The bishops also endorsed a shorter document, designed as a parish bulletin insert, by a 221-1 vote.

Prepared by a task force made up of the chairmen of seven USCCB committees, the document underwent more than a dozen drafts and was still heavily amended during the meeting and immediately before the Nov. 14 vote.

The longer document rejects politics based on “powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype,” and calls instead for “a different kind of political engagement.”

That engagement must be “shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good and the protection of the weak and vulnerable,” it says.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, N.Y., introduced the documents on Nov. 12, saying that he spoke not only as chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Policy, but as “the leader of an unprecedented, extensive and some would say endless consultation” among seven USCCB committees.

“This document is a summary of Catholic teaching; it is not a voter guide,” Bishop DiMarzio said shortly before the Nov. 14 vote. “It calls us as bishops to help form consciences for political life, not tell people how to vote.”

But he also said “Faithful Citizenship” clearly distinguishes between “intrinsic

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## Share your experiences as a member of the local Church

### Responses for planning process needed by Dec. 10

Criterion staff report

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is continuing to gather information to be used in its next strategic planning process.

Archdiocesan officials thank parishioners who have already taken the time to share their insights.

The next step is to get more feedback from the people that make up the Church in central and southern Indiana.

With that in mind, we are looking for people of faith to respond to this question:

- What things should the leadership of the archdiocese consider in its next planning process based on your experience as a Catholic in this archdiocese?

Please take a few minutes to answer this question. We will summarize the responses, and report them in a future issue of *The Criterion*.

An online version of the questionnaire is also available at [www.archindy.org/blessings](http://www.archindy.org/blessings). Please log on to the Web site to complete the process.

Please submit your answers by Dec. 10. Thank you for taking the time to be part of this important process.

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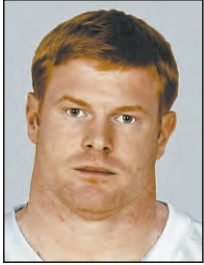
Regina Gerstbauer sits on the lap of her mother, Cindy, during the Feb. 26 Mass in honor of St. Theodora Guérin at St. Louis Church in Batesville. Regina's sister, Rachel, sits to the right of her mother. All are members of St. Louis Parish.

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been a starter in several games.

Although injuries make his profession a tenuous one, Boiman said they aren't part of his mindset.



Rocky Boiman

"I never try to focus on them because you get negative thoughts in your mind," he said. "But whatever happens, I just try to play the hardest I can and the fullest I can. And whatever happens, happens."

"Football or not, I know I'm going to be fine in life. I know I'd have another calling in life."

Being confident when your career can end at a moment's notice. Striving for excellence despite the risks. Boiman became a champion because of these principles instilled at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati.

"You just always got the feeling that there was a standard that was set before you got there," he said. "And you had to live up to that standard of excellence and of being a good person."

The bar continued to be set high when he enrolled at the University of Notre Dame in the fall of 1998.

"You always strive to be the best person and everything you can be," Boiman said. "I think that's something that Notre Dame always preached, in the classroom and outside the classroom. I think it was definitely something that helped shape who I am."

After winning the Super Bowl with the Colts, Boiman became a free agent. With such success, he could have gone to another team for a bigger contract and offers of increased playing time.

But a driving factor that led him to re-sign with the Colts was the team's proximity to his family in Cincinnati.

"I'm very close with my mom and my dad and my little sister," Boiman said. "Having them close and being able to shoot home when you have a couple of days off, or to have them come down for a game, is an extra bonus."



Indianapolis Colts linebacker Rocky Boiman fights off a block by New England Patriots wide receiver Donte' Stallworth during the teams' Nov. 4 game at the RCA Dome. Boiman, a Catholic who played football at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati and the University of Notre Dame, said his Catholic education instilled in him the drive to excel as a way of showing gratitude for the blessings of his athletic talents.

Wherever he has played, Boiman has always strived for excellence. But he sees this inner drive more as a duty than as a way to gain personal accolades.

"I definitely feel very fortunate for the things that I've been blessed with," Boiman said. "And, therefore, I feel obligated to go out and give my all, and excel as much as I can."

"To those who have been given much, much is expected. I try to live up to that."

## Faith, family and football

Even if you've been given much, success doesn't always come easily or stay around for long.

Just ask Keith O'Neil.

O'Neil was on top of the football world last February as a reserve linebacker for the world champion Colts. Like Boiman, he also played on special teams.

But a series of lingering injuries contributed to his being cut from the team on Aug. 26—his 27th birthday—during the team's training camp this summer.

As difficult as this was for O'Neil, it's been a part of his life from the very beginning—literally.

O'Neil's father was cut from the New England Patriots by then assistant coach Bill Parcells on the day that Keith was born in 1980.

Keith grew up with a love of football, played at Northern Arizona University, and survived the final cut and earned a roster spot with the Dallas Cowboys on—you guessed it—his birthday in 2003.

The head coach of Dallas at the time? Bill Parcells.

O'Neil eventually made his way to the Colts and was getting ready to start his third year with the team when he was cut on his birthday this year.

Such coincidences might have led O'Neil to think that God was playing a cruel, lifelong joke on him.

But he doesn't view it that way.

"I kind of liked it," O'Neil said. "It's something between my father and God and my birthday, and being born in August and always being in football around the day I was born."

"I kind of embraced that, knowing that my father got cut on the day I was born. Maybe I was supposed to play in the NFL because of that."

O'Neil's family ties go beyond football and extend to his faith.

"I grew up in a Catholic family that went to Mass every Sunday and had prayer at night," he said. "It was a very close-knit family who turned to God and to Jesus in times of need."

O'Neil turned to Jesus last summer as he experienced the second sports-related hernia of his career, an injury that can require a long amount of recovery time.

Just days before being cut, he spoke with *The Criterion* about his injury and how his faith helped him cope with it.

"With this past injury, it was frustrating, and I did lean on God and on my wife, who is a Christian," O'Neil said. "And we just prayed that whatever happens, that it will be for the best."

"If I do get back on the field, hopefully I can perform to the best of my ability. But if I can't, we just believe that it's in God's hands and we'll make the most of it."

O'Neil hasn't been back on the field yet. But he hopes to play in the NFL again and has received calls from some interested teams.

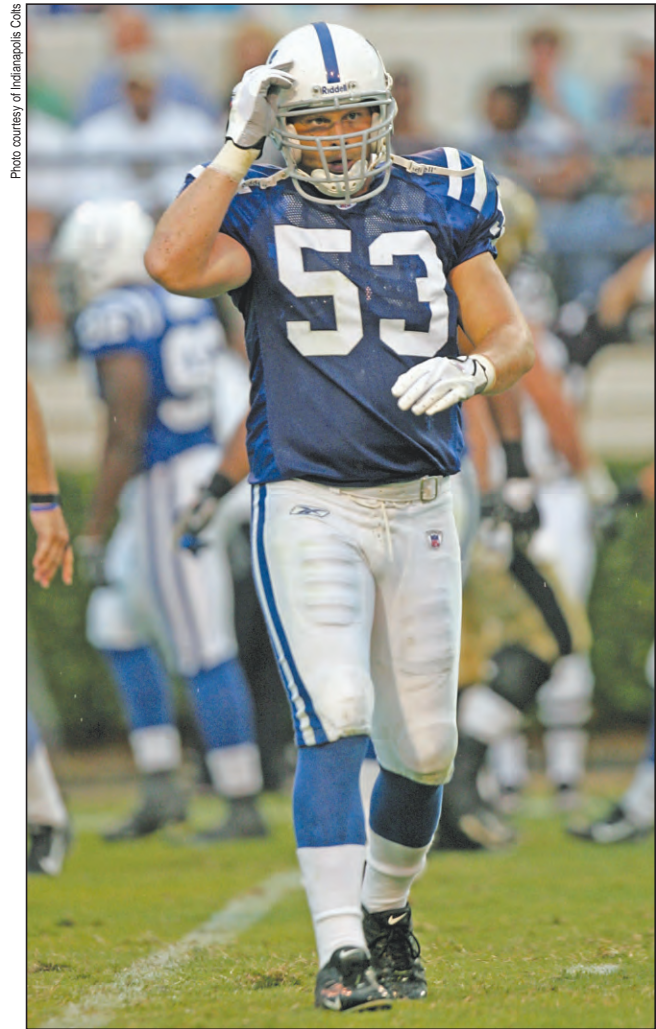
"I probably needed a season or half a season off," he said. "And God knew that. I probably wasn't ready to play in this season."

"My faith definitely does help carry me through these tough times because it is a very tough time right now."

## Growing closer to Christ

Father Peter Gallagher, volunteer chaplain of the Colts and chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, said coping with injuries is an opportunity for football players to grow closer to Christ.

"I would try to get them to associate whatever they're experiencing with the suffering of Christ," he said. "That's the whole of the message."



Former Indianapolis Colts linebacker Keith O'Neil walks on the playing field in this undated photo. After being a member of the Colts for two years, O'Neil was cut from the team on Aug. 26. He said his Catholic faith helps him cope with injuries and the tenuous nature of his profession.

"If we can't associate even those difficult things in our lives with Christ's experience of those same things, then we're really not fully trusting in his message and in his presence in our lives."

When asked about this perspective, O'Neil was quick to say that his own sufferings pale in comparison to Christ's sufferings. But he noted that his faith in Christ is the bedrock of who he is.

"That's what made me what I am," he said. "I'm not going to say it made [me] successful."

"But it helped me do the right thing and take the right path in life." †

## Readers are invited to share favorite Christmas memories

Favorite Christmas memories are worth telling again and again.

*The Criterion* invites you to submit a brief story about a special holiday memory for possible inclusion in the annual Christmas Supplement, which will be published in the Dec. 21 issue.

Your Christmas story may be written about a humorous or serious topic related to your faith, family or friends.

Submissions should include the writer's name, address, parish and telephone number, and be mailed to *The Criterion*, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or sent by e-mail to [criterion@archindy.org](mailto:criterion@archindy.org) by the Dec. 6 deadline. †

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# Speakers: Be witnesses each day and help build a culture of life

By Mary Ann Wyand

NEW ALBANY—Abortion is a human rights issue, Father Peter West emphasized, not just a woman's issue.

After praying the rosary outside an abortion clinic in Louisville at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 10, Father West and Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo spoke at the "I Love Life" conference at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

Father West, a Priests for Life staff member from the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., and Sister Diane, the director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, inspired about 100 conference participants from southern Indiana and Kentucky with their advice about ways to battle the culture of death in contemporary society.

The conference was sponsored by St. Joseph Parish in Sellersburg and held at the New Albany parish.

"It's always a very sad thing when you're there in front of [an abortion] mill," Father West said. "You never know who you're going to turn away or how many people maybe just saw the crowd and decided not to come that day. We have to keep up our efforts on behalf of life, and one of the most important things I think we can do is pray in front of the [abortion] mills."

He said Msgr. Philip Reilly, who founded the Helpers of God's Precious Infants in New York, described praying outside an abortion clinic as like "being at the foot of the cross with Jesus—as Mary and St. John the Apostle and Mary Magdalene were."

Pro-life supporters can help protect "the tremendous value of every human life," Father West said, by praying, knowing the telephone number of their

local Crisis Pregnancy Center, promoting adoption and voting for pro-life candidates.

"To build a culture of life, one of the most important things that we need to do is to pray," he said. "Pray each and every day for an end to abortion. Pray for the women who are tempted to have an abortion. Pray for the fathers. ... Pray for the doctors [to] ... use their God-given skills, not to take life but to serve life."

Father West said he found his vocation to the priesthood through the pro-life movement.

"Every one of us has not only the right, but [also] the duty to speak up for life," he said, "and to use whatever strengths and skills we have to serve life."

Priests for Life was founded by Father Frank Pavone to reach out to clergy, he said, and encourage them to preach the truth about abortion and work for the defense of life in other ways.

"Abortion denies human rights to a whole class of human beings," Father West said, "based on their size, stage of development and where they live—inside the womb."

He said the U.S. bishops' document on "Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics" identifies the right to life as the premier social justice issue.

Political responsibility must be based on moral principles, he said, and pro-life work must involve educational efforts.

Emphasizing that there is an appropriate time and place to show people pictures of aborted babies, Father West said, "I don't think people really fully understand the horror of abortion unless they see the pictures."

Apathy is the greatest obstacle to pro-life ministry, he said. "We need to pray for ourselves that we will overcome the fear of speaking out in public about what we know is right, that we will overcome our own apathy, and that we will work diligently to create a new culture of life in which each and every human being will be welcomed, protected, nurtured and loved from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death."

Sister Diane served as a pro-life sidewalk counselor with Msgr. Reilly in New York. She promoted the Helpers ministry and started offering Project Rachel, a post-abortion reconciliation program, after beginning her ministry in the archdiocese in 2000.

"Abortion is just one of [Satan's] many tools against humanity," she said. "The right to life of people who are incurably or terminally ill, handicapped, poor and weak are also at risk in the

culture of death that is prevalent in contemporary society.

"More than 50 million unborn children have been destroyed legally through surgical abortions since 1973 in this country," she said. "In the state of Indiana, 54,506 abortions were recorded in 2000 through 2004. In 2004, Marion County had 3,559 abortions, Clark County had 22, Floyd County had 14, Harrison County had six [and] New Albany had 42."

Each abortion claims more than one victim, Sister Diane said. "For every child destroyed by abortion, there are two parents—and countless friends and relatives—who must endure the devastating consequences of this choice. What appeared to be a solution to a problem becomes for many the worst nightmare of their lives. I am not exaggerating when I say that millions of post-abortive parents bear spiritual, emotional and psychological scars from abortion."

Women and men who suffer in the aftermath of abortion are "survivors of the culture of death," she said. "They deserve our compassionate outreach as they struggle to forgive themselves and allow God to heal them."

Society's hostile mentality against life thrives in abortion facilities, she said, as well as in laboratories and fertility clinics.

"Embryonic stem-cell research destroys the unborn, has produced no benefits or cures in treating diseases and yet continues to be promoted over adult stem-cell research that has a proven success rate," Sister Diane said. "... Half a million embryos remain suspended in a frozen state in fertility clinics around the country. This has been going on for 30 years. They will never be implanted in their mother's womb and will never see



Sr. Diane Carollo, S.G.L.

the light of day."

The culture of death teaches people that they can be selective about life, she said. "The sick, elderly and dying are other easy targets. Assisted suicide and euthanasia are on the rise."

Contemporary society is obsessed with death, Sister Diane said, and many people see no value in redemptive suffering.

"Jesus and the teachings of the Church provide the antidote to the culture of death," she said. "... Through Christ and his Church, we learn how to live well and how to die well in the state of grace."

In a society that is spiritually bankrupt, she said, Christians can take heart from the words of St. Paul for inspiration and advice on how to live in the midst of the culture of death with hope and courage.

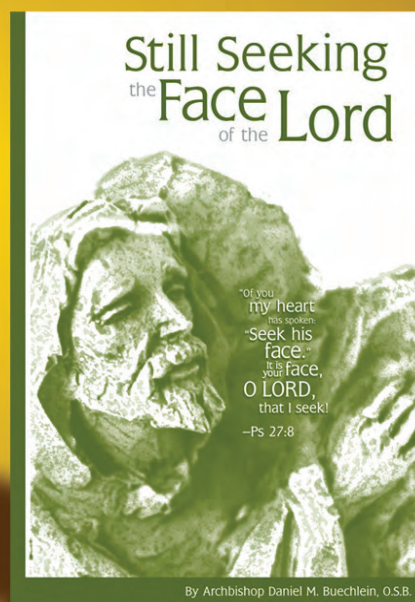
"We can identify with St. Paul, the Apostle and missionary, in that we too are missionaries called to witness to the dignity and sanctity of human life," Sister Diane said. "... It is our calling, by virtue of our baptism, to reintroduce the liberating message of the Gospel to the people of our time." †



Fr. Peter West

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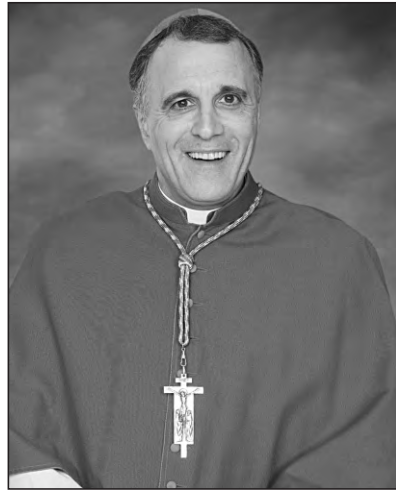
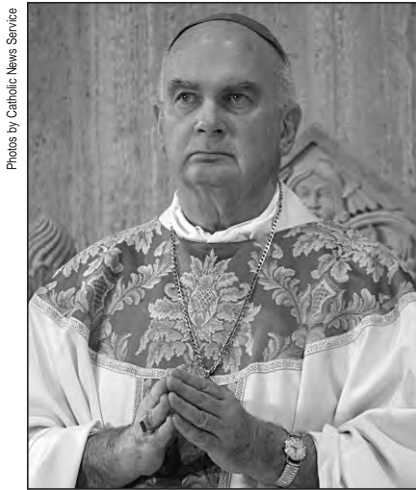


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Cardinal-designate John P. Foley, left, and Cardinal-designate Daniel N. DiNardo, both Americans, are among the 23 cardinals that Pope Benedict XVI will install on Nov. 24.

## Our new cardinals

Two Americans are among the 23 new cardinals that Pope Benedict XVI will install at a special consistory this Saturday, Nov. 24.

For one, Cardinal-designate John P. Foley, it appears to be a personal honor for his long service to the Church. The 71-year-old archbishop from Philadelphia had been president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications for 23 years.

Many Americans probably know him best as the narrator for the pope's televised Midnight Mass at Christmas or the one whom American TV networks like to consult whenever there is breaking news.

Those in the Catholic press know him as the former editor of *The Catholic Standard and Times* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and for seldom missing the annual conventions of the Catholic Press Association. He was elected president of the association months before his appointment to the Vatican position. Journalists know him for his wit and as a great storyteller in private moments as well as for his intelligence.

The president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, though, has never been headed by a cardinal—although Archbishop Andre Deskur, Archbishop Foley's predecessor, was named a cardinal after his retirement for health reasons.

When Pope Benedict appointed Archbishop Foley as grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem earlier this year, it seemed likely that he would be named a cardinal since that pontifical order has usually been headed by a cardinal.

The other new American cardinal is Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston. In this case, the designation appears to be less of a personal honor than recognition of the changing Catholic demographics in the United States. Today, Galveston-Houston is the fifth largest archdiocese, behind Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Boston, all of whom have a cardinal heading them.

The growth of Catholics in what was once called the Protestant Bible Belt is evident in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Catholics are 3.4 times greater in number today than in 1980, increasing from 437,170 people then to 1,495,030 today. And that's despite the fact that three new dioceses were erected from the

archdiocese since then.

Galveston-Houston isn't the only place in the South where Catholics are growing at an amazing speed. The Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Dallas are both six times larger than they were in 1980. The Archdiocese of Miami is larger than it was in 1980 despite the fact that four new dioceses were cut out of its territory. The Catholic population has also grown in Alabama, North and South Carolina, and throughout the Southwest.

While the rates of religious practice have fallen considerably among Catholics in New England, other places in the East and, to a certain extent, here in the Midwest, the Church in the South and Southwest has become more vibrant. Surely the pope's designation of Archbishop DiNardo as a cardinal reflects that.

Some people have expressed surprise that Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington and Archbishop Edwin O'Brien of Baltimore were not given the red hat. However, both were only recently appointed to those Sees. Equally important, both Sees already have cardinals even if they are now retired—Cardinal William Keeler in Baltimore and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick in Washington.

Our two new cardinals bring the number of American cardinals to 17. Of those, 13 are below the age of 80 and thus eligible to elect a new pope if Pope Benedict were to die soon. Our 13 voting cardinals are second only to Italy's 21.

There are now 202 cardinals, but 81 of them are over the age of 80 and ineligible to participate in a conclave, including five of the 23 new cardinals. The current breakdown of the 121 voting cardinals shows 60 from Europe, 20 from North America, 17 from South America, 13 from Asia, nine from Africa and two from Oceania.

Ten of the 18 under-80 new cardinals are from Europe, three are from North America (Archbishop Francisco Lopez Ortega of Monterrey, Mexico, is the other one), two from South America, two from Africa, and one from Asia.

Seven of the new cardinals, including Archbishop Foley, are heads of various offices in the Vatican.

We congratulate our new cardinals.

—John F. Fink

## Be Our Guest/Patti Lamb

# Give glory to God each day, and make every day one of Thanksgiving

*Perspective and gratitude.* I think those are two of the best words to describe what this past month has given me.



I wanted to share this perspective with others in the hope that it might make you reconsider your own abundant blessings.

A week after the birth of my second child, I developed rare post-delivery complications and suddenly found myself riding in the back of an ambulance at 2 a.m., teeth chattering from fear, lights flashing, racing to the hospital.

And suddenly everything was out of my control. Everything became dependent on someone else, from the empathetic paramedic who tried to calm me down on the way to the hospital by distracting me with Beatles music trivia to the compassionate surgeon who was called to work in the middle of the night.

It is terrifying when everything is out of your control, when suddenly everything is dependent on someone else. When you await test results with clenched hands and there is nothing you can do to "fix it." You realize that when you are sick, you have to rely solely on others.

And all the while, you should have been relying solely on God. I found myself talking to God a lot more during my time of sickness than I had in the past few months. When things are beyond your control, you are reminded that you must cling to God and not to your fear.

After the hospital stay, I was weak and ordered by the doctor to get plenty of rest. That's a tall order with a new infant and a toddler who enjoys playing hide-and-seek with necessary household items like the car keys, baby wipes and remote control. So things continued to be out of my control.

That's when family and friends and neighbors stepped up to help me and my husband and our children. They've done just everything—from taking night duty with a newborn baby to making meals to helping with laundry. And the support goes way beyond that.

It seems that when illness or tragedy strikes, people are motivated to be their best selves. They rise to the occasion and their Christ-light shines. Neighbors come over to check on you—and they even do diaper runs! Family members cook, clean and baby-sit.

They also offer their prayers for you, and those prayers really do help. When I felt helpless and guilty for having to accept so much help, one of my sisters gently reminded me, "God is giving me and others an opportunity to help, to be good stewards

of our gifts. Your time will come to help someone else, but right now this is our chance to help."

I'm embarrassed to say it, but illness and suffering were what it took for me to gain some perspective. I only wish there didn't have to be such dramatic events to prompt me to count my blessings.

So now I have a new attitude when the car breaks down or I overcook dinner or my 3-year-old son draws on the new computer monitor with a Sharpie marker. I've learned to categorize these instances according to what they really are—*minor inconveniences*. Now I try to say to myself, "Hey, I'm here, and life is good. So very good."

Just days after I had what I considered to be a health crisis, the St. Susanna Parish family lost a dear young friend after his struggle with a malignant brain tumor.

Joseph Mulholland III, 10, passed away after fighting a heartbreaking health battle. And I realized my health scare was just that—a scare—a brief health setback.

I can't even imagine how young Joseph had such strength in the face of his illness. I wish God's peace for his family, and invite you to add them to your prayers. Seeing someone you love decline and suffer is beyond difficult. It makes me think of the sorrow that Mary must have felt watching Jesus on the cross.

To make matters even more difficult for Joseph's family, the medical bills mounted as his cancer treatments were considered "experimental" and were therefore denied by insurance.

St. Susanna Parish and the Plainfield community rallied to organize a benefit to put a considerable dent in the increasing medical bills, but the family still has much to pay. I can only imagine how frustrating this must be after the loss of a child—to keep receiving bills would only be stressful and bring back memories of the hope that came with each treatment.

This Thanksgiving, I've learned to be thankful beyond any amount of gratitude I've ever known. Each day is a gift. Each breath is a gift. I'll never be able to thank God for all his abundant blessings that I might have otherwise taken for granted.

I hope you find yourself overwhelmed with God's abundant blessings this Thanksgiving season. There is just so much to be thankful for. So let's try to give glory to God with each new day. Let us make every day one of thanksgiving.

(Patti Lamb is a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield. Contributions can be made to the Joseph Mulholland Medical Account through St. Susanna Catholic Church, 1210 E. Main St., Plainfield, IN 46168.) †

## Letters to the Editor

### Kind words about Hispanic community are appreciated by Criterion reader

Thank you for the kind words that John Valenti wrote about the Hispanic community in his column on Oct. 19.

I was born and raised in Mexico City. I moved to the U.S. after I met my husband, an American, eight years ago.

I have worked as an interpreter for Hispanic families for the last four years, and it is heartbreaking to learn the story of their lives.

It is also amazing and refreshing to see how strong they are. They get this strength from God and the Virgin of Guadalupe as most of us do.

Sadly, it is not very often that I read something positive about my culture. I really appreciate his words. The article put a smile on my face and in my heart. Thank you!

**Amaranta Kemple  
Rushville**

## Letters Policy

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The editors reserve the right to select and edit the letters based on space limitations, pastoral sensitivity and content.

Letters must be signed, but, for serious reasons, names may be withheld.

Send letters to "Letters to the Editor," *The Criterion*, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717.

Readers with access to e-mail may send letters to [critterion@archindy.org](mailto:critterion@archindy.org).

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



# SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

## BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

### Thank you, students, for your prayers and support

I received a packet of letters from sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders at St. Mary School in Aurora.

Their religion classes sent thank-yous and congratulations on the occasion of my 20th anniversary as bishop and 15th as archbishop.

I thought I would print some of these letters as a way to show my thanks for their good wishes and prayers as an observance of Thanksgiving Day.

As you readers know, I get a kick out of letters from grade school students. Perhaps the most delightful in this group was the following:

*Dear Archbishop Daniel, Hi! I am 12 years old, and I love sports. My favorite sports are soccer, basketball, tennis, softball and volleyball. I have six cats and a dog. My dog's name is Max. You probably don't want to read my cats' names. I have a 19-year-old sister. She is nice most of the time. I have been playing soccer for nine years, basketball for seven years, tennis, softball, and volleyball for one year.*

*Queeney is my house cat. My mom thinks she is an angel. I love my animals so much. Thank you for being the archbishop.*

*We are praying for you and hope that God will bless you in everything you do. Come visit us at St. Mary's sometime. Sincerely, Danelle*

Dear Danelle, I hope to visit your

school sometime, maybe next spring. I appreciate your prayers and good wishes and those of your classmates.

*Dear Archbishop ... Congratulations on being our Archbishop for 15 years. You have done a great job of finding priests in our shortage. We have been praying for you in class. We hope that you can stay healthy, and can continue your work here. Sincerely, Sean*

Dear Sean, thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I am happy that you recognize our shortage of priests. And I appreciate your prayers for vocations in your school. Maybe you could become a priest.

*Dear Archbishop Daniel, I found out in church that you have been our archbishop for 15 years. We appreciate your devotion and service to the Church. A lot of people pray for you. You have a hard job to do. I'll keep praying for you, too. We always pray for good vocations at St. Mary's. In school, our teachers tell us to think about becoming priests, brothers and sisters. Thank you for answering God's call. God be with you. Sincerely, Adam*

Dear Adam, God be with you, too. I am happy to hear your teachers invite you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. You mention that my job is hard. I appreciate that, but I want to tell you that being a priest or a bishop is also a great blessing. I am happy God called me to do what I do. When God calls, he gives

us the grace, the help, to do what he wills. There is a lot of peace in that.

*Dear Archbishop ... When you were growing up did you ever think about being a priest? Did you go to a Catholic school? Sincerely, May*

Dear May, in fact it was at St. Joseph School in Jasper, Ind., that I first thought of becoming a priest. All along the way I had good support from my family and from my teachers and priests.

*Dear Archbishop, I wrote this letter to congratulate you and to say I thought it was cool that you were a Benedictine monk from St. Meinrad. We all appreciate your devotion and dedication along with other stuff you did for the Church. Well, I have to go ... Sincerely, Morgan*

Dear Morgan, being a Benedictine monk from Saint Meinrad has been an important part of my vocational journey. Thank you for recognizing that it was "cool."

*Dear Archbishop ... When exactly did you feel like you were being called to be a priest? I would like to tell you that our school is alive and working. Every day we pray in religion class. I also would like to thank you for your actions and service in*

*the Archdiocese. I will pray for you as you are entering your 16th year as Archbishop of Indianapolis. God bless you. Sincerely, Luke*

Dear Luke, I first thought about being a priest at your age. Then as I was going through spiritual formation in the seminary, I became more and more certain. I had the help of priests and seminarian friends to say yes to God. I am so glad that I did.

It is encouraging to hear you say your school is alive and that you pray in religion class. I believe it! Thanks for your prayers and those of your classmates. They mean a lot. I pray for you, too. †

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 November

**Catholic high schools:** that they may be a continued source for promoting the Catholic values of service and giving of one's life as a gift for others, especially as priests or religious.

## Gracias a los estudiantes por sus oraciones y su apoyo

Recibí un paquete de cartas de estudiantes del séptimo y octavo grado en el colegio St. Mary en Aurora.

Sus clases de religión enviaron notas de agradecimiento y felicitaciones en ocasión de mi vigésimo aniversario como obispo y décimo primero como arzobispo.

Se me ocurrió publicar algunas de estas cartas como forma de demostrar mi gratitud por sus buenos deseos y oraciones en señal de celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias.

Como saben ustedes, mis lectores, me fascinan las cartas de los jóvenes estudiantes de la escuela. Quizás la más encantadora de este grupo fue la siguiente:

*Estimado Arzobispo Daniel: ¡Hola! Tengo 12 años y me encanta el deporte. Mis deportes favoritos son fútbol, baloncesto, tenis, sóftbol y voleibol. Tengo seis gatos y un perro. Mi perro se llama Max. Probablemente no le interese leer los nombres de mis gatos. Tengo una hermana de 19 años. Ella es buena la mayoría del tiempo. He jugado fútbol por nueve años, baloncesto durante siete años, tenis, sóftbol y voleibol por un año.*

*Queeney es la gata de la casa. Mi mamá piensa que es un ángel. Me encantan los animales. Gracias por ser el arzobispo.*

*Rezamos por usted y esperamos que Dios lo bendiga en todo lo que haga. Venga a visitarnos a St. Mary's en algún momento. Atentamente, Danelle*

Querida Danelle: Espero poder visitar tu escuela en algún momento, tal vez en la primavera que viene. Agradezco tus

oraciones y tus buenos deseos, así como los de tus compañeros de clase.

*Querido Arzobispo ... Felicitaciones por ser nuestro Arzobispo durante 15 años. Usted ha hecho una excelente labor de encontrar sacerdotes en medio de la escasez. En la clase hemos estado rezando por usted. Esperamos que se mantenga sano y que continúe con su trabajo aquí. Atentamente, Sean*

Querido Sean: Gracias por tus amables palabras y tus buenos deseos. Me alegra que reconozcas la escasez de sacerdotes que tenemos. Y agradezco tus oraciones por las vocaciones en el colegio. Quizás tú te conviertas en sacerdote.

*Querido Arzobispo Daniel: En la iglesia me enteré de que usted ha sido nuestro arzobispo durante 15 años. Le agradecemos su devoción y el servicio a la Iglesia. Muchas personas rezan por usted. Usted tiene una tarea muy ardua. Yo también continuaré rezando por usted. En St. Mary's siempre rezamos por las buenas vocaciones. En la escuela, nuestros maestros nos dicen que pensemos en convertirnos en sacerdotes, hermanos y hermanas. Gracias por responder al llamado de Dios. Que Dios esté con usted. Atentamente, Adam*

Querido Adam: Que Dios esté contigo también. Me alegra escuchar que nuestros maestros los invitan a considerar la vocación al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada. Mencionas que mi tarea es ardua. Te lo agradezco, pero quiero decirte que ser sacerdote u obispo es también una gran bendición. Estoy feliz de que Dios me haya llamado a hacer lo que hago. Cuando Dios llama, Él nos da

la gracia para ayudarnos a cumplir su voluntad. Existe mucha paz en eso.

*Querido Arzobispo ... Cuando usted estaba creciendo ¿alguna vez pensó en ser sacerdote? ¿Fue a una escuela católica? Atentamente, May*

Querida May: De hecho fue en el colegio St. Joseph en Jasper, Indiana, donde pensé por primera vez en convertirme en sacerdote. A lo largo de todo el camino recibí mucho apoyo de mi familia, mis maestros y sacerdotes.

*Querido Arzobispo: Le escribí esta carta para felicitarlo y para decirle que pienso que es estupendo que fuera un monje benedictino en St. Meinrad. Todos le agradecemos su devoción y dedicación, junto con las demás cosas que ha hecho por la Iglesia. Bueno, ya me despido... Atentamente, Morgan.*

Querido Morgan: Ser un monje benedictino en St. Meinrad fue una parte importante de mi travesía vocacional. Gracias por reconocer que es "estupendo."

*Querido Arzobispo ... ¿Exactamente cuándo sintió que había sido llamado a ser sacerdote? Quisiera decirle que nuestra escuela está viva y funcionando. Todos los días rezamos en la clase de religión. También quisiera agradecerle por sus acciones y servicio en la Arquidiócesis. Voy a rezar por usted mientras comienza su décimo sexto año*

*como Arzobispo de Indianápolis. Que Dios lo bendiga. Atentamente, Luke.*

Querido Luke: La primera vez que pensé en ser sacerdote fue cuando tenía tu edad. Luego, mientras recibía formación espiritual en el seminario, me sentí cada vez más seguro. Tuve la ayuda de amigos sacerdotes y seminaristas para decirle sí a Dios. Estoy muy contento de haberlo hecho.

Resulta alentador escuchar que tu escuela está viva y que rezan en la clase de religión. ¡Lo creo! Gracias por tus oraciones y las de tus compañeros de clase. Significan mucho para mí. Yo también rezo por ustedes. †

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

Lista de oración del Arzobispo  
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Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis  
1400 N. Meridian St.  
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#### La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en noviembre

**Las escuelas secundarias católicas:** que ellas sean una fuente continua para promover los valores católicos de servir y dedicar su vida como regalo a los demás, especialmente en el cargo de sacerdotes o religiosos.

# Events Calendar

## November 25

Christ the King School, 5858 Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis. **Dinner and program benefiting school endowment, I.U. football coach Bill Lynch, speaker, 5 p.m.,** reservations required. Information and reservations: 317-255-3666.

St. Christopher Parish, 5301 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. **Euchre party, 1 p.m., \$3 per person.**

MKVS and Divine Mercy Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. **Confession, 1 p.m., followed by holy hour, Mass, 2 p.m.,** groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

## November 27

St. Athanasius the Great

Byzantine Church, St. Mary Hall, 1117 Blaine Ave., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, prayer meeting, 7:15 p.m.** Information: 317-592-1992, [www.inholyspirit.org](http://www.inholyspirit.org) or [ccrci@inholyspirit.org](mailto:ccrci@inholyspirit.org).

## November 30

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Central Indiana, Mass, praise, worship, healing prayers, 7 p.m.** Information: 317-592-1992.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Bede Theatre, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **National Players touring company, "Twelfth Night," 7 p.m., no charge.** Information: 812-357-6501 or e-mail [news@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:news@saintmeinrad.edu).

## December 1

St. Francis Hospital, cafeteria, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **"Breakfast with Santa," 8:30-10 a.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children 2 and older.** Information: 317-782-4422.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Shop Inn-spired Christmas open house, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Information: 317-788-7581.

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Bede Theatre, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **National Players touring company, "The Call of the Wild," 7 p.m., no charge.** Information: 812-357-6501 or e-mail [news@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:news@saintmeinrad.edu).

## December 2

St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis. **Holiday**

**healing Mass and social for men and women affected by divorce, 4-6 p.m.** Information: 317-236-1586 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1586, or e-mail [mhess@archindy.org](mailto:mhess@archindy.org).

## December 3

St. Francis Hospital, 1201 Hadley Road, Mooresville. **"Look Good, Feel Better," free workshop for women with cancer, noon-2 p.m.** Information: 317-782-6704.

## December 4

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange, Lumen Dei and Catholic Professional Business Club, holiday dinner, Mass, 5:30 p.m., Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, presider and speaker, \$26 per person.** Information: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

St. Simon the Apostle Church, 8155 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis. **Matthew Kelly, "A Call to Joy," 7:30 p.m.** Information: 317-826-6000.

## December 5

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. **Solo Singles, Catholic singles 50 and over, single, widowed or divorced, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m.** Information: 317-897-1128.

## December 6

St. Francis Education Center, 5935 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 100, Indianapolis. **Support group for oral, head and neck cancer patients, 7-8:30 p.m.** Information: 317-782-6704.

## December 7

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei meeting, Mass, 6:30 a.m.,** Information: 317-919-5316 or e-mail [LumenDei@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LumenDei@sbcglobal.net).

St. Francis Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **Couple to Couple League, Natural Family Planning (NFP)**

class, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-865-9276.

St. Francis Hospital, Swisher Conference Center, 1201 Hadley Road, Mooresville. **Seminar for cancer patients and their families, Dr. Stephen Eberwine, noon-2 p.m., lunch included.** Registration: 317-257-1505 or [www.StFrancisHospitals.org/cancer](http://www.StFrancisHospitals.org/cancer).

## December 8

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, 3360 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Placement test, 9 a.m.-noon, registration, 8:30 a.m.** Information: 317-924-4333, ext. 122. †

## Benedictine sister rolls out 450 dozen Springerlies holiday German cookies

Criterion staff report

Benedictine Sister Theresine Will has been making Springerlies since she was a child growing up in Evansville, Ind.

Hundreds of thousands of cookies later, she still enjoys the mixing, rolling and baking of these German Christmas delicacies each holiday season for Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

The oldest of 12 children, Sister Theresine entered Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in 1948.

"My mom made many delicious cookies for Christmas," she said, "but her Springerlies were always a special treat."



Photo by Sr. Mary Luke Jones, O.S.B.

Benedictine Sister Theresine Will is baking 450 dozen Springerlies cookies for sale during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Proceeds benefit the Benedictine sisters' ministries.

Springerlies have the distinctive taste of anise, a licorice-like flavor that is both sweet and spicy. It was a favorite spice of ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans.

The cookies are soft for the first few weeks and become harder each day. If refrigerated after a day or two, they will stay softer for a longer period, but some cookie lovers prefer to eat them hard.

For the past 20 years, Sister Theresine has baked 450 dozen cookies annually.

Following many years in the classroom, Sister Theresine worked for Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein for 14 years before her retirement from active ministry in the archdiocese. Currently, she resides at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, where she is a founding member, and stays active throughout the year.

Sister Theresine's Springerlies recipe is posted on [www.criteriononline.com](http://www.criteriononline.com). Her cookies are also for sale at the monastery's Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove.

The Inn's gift shop, Shop Inn-spired, will host a Christmas open house on Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Along with Springerlies, which are a favorite and sell quickly, shoppers also can buy homemade peanut brittle made by Benedictine Sister Mary Carol Messmer; religious articles and books; handcrafted jewelry made of freshwater pearls, semi-precious stones, sterling silver and turquoise; other handcrafted gifts; and thousands of Christmas items.

Springerlies and other homemade food items ideal for holiday parties or as gifts can also be ordered through the Inn's bakery by calling 317-788-7581. All fees support the ministries of the sisters. †

## VIPs



Walter and Margaret Unverzagt, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15.

The couple was married on Nov. 15, 1947, at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis.

They celebrated their anniversary during a party on Nov. 11 with family members.

They have three children: Jody Diekhoff, Mary Ann Sharp and Diane Stadtmiller. They have 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. †



## Diaconate ordination

Five seminarians who are studying at Saint Meinrad School of Theology received the order of deacon from Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein on Oct. 27 at the Archabbey Church in St. Meinrad. The newly ordained deacons are, from left, Benedictine Brother Jeremiah Grosse from St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown, N.J.; archdiocesan seminarian Aaron Jenkins of St. Mary Parish in Rushville; Matthew Lowry from the Diocese of Phoenix, Ariz.; archdiocesan seminarian Joseph Newton of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood; and James Van Nguyen from the Diocese of Tulsa, Okla. A Catholic deacon can preach, baptize, witness marriages, offer Communion to the sick and aged, and perform other ministerial duties. These men are transitional deacons and are preparing for ordination to the priesthood.

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# MESSIAH

# Father Rick Nagel forming team to run Mini-Marathon for vocations

By Sean Gallagher

Tens of thousands of people will run through the streets of Indianapolis next May during the 32nd annual running of the One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon.



Fr. Rick Nagel

Father Rick Nagel hopes he and lots of young adults will be spreading the good news of vocations in the midst of the sea of participants during the May 3 event. He is encouraging young adults to sign up to participate in the race, commonly known as the "Mini," as a way to encourage vocational discernment and to elicit prayers for vocations. Team members can also sign up to run or walk the 5-kilometer race.

As associate vocations director for the archdiocese, Father Nagel helps direct vocational promotions in central and southern Indiana. He said he had been thinking about big events that attract a lot of people and enthusiasm as a way to get the word out about vocations to as many people as possible.

"The Mini came to mind and I thought, 'Let's run for vocations,'" Father Nagel said. "So I started asking people if they'd be willing and they said, 'Yeah, I'd love to.'"

Aaron Neblett, a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, loves to run and will be participating in the Mini as part of "Team Vocations."

"What a great opportunity to benefit both your body and your soul as well, and the souls of others, in the cause of vocations and getting that message out,"

Neblett said. "If nothing else, it might make somebody curious [about vocations]."

Father Nagel is primarily encouraging young adults to participate in the race with him, but runners of all ages are welcome.

He said it is important to sign up as soon as possible because registration for the Mini fills up quickly. The race is limited to 35,000 participants, and more than 26,000 people are already registered as of *The Criterion's* press deadline.

Each member of the team will receive a special T-shirt to wear during the race. On one side will be the message, "Vocation ... Everyone has one. What's yours?" The other side of the shirt will list vocations such as the priesthood, marriage and religious life.

With the thousands of people who may see the shirts, Father Nagel thinks the runners supporting vocations could have a big impact.

"Everybody is called to something special in life," he said. "To have that as a kind of billboard running down the street undoubtedly would get a lot of attention and people would begin to think, 'I wonder what my vocation is?'"



Thousands of runners take part in the 2007 One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon on May 5 in downtown Indianapolis. Father Rick Nagel, associate vocations director for the archdiocese, is forming a team to run the Mini-Marathon next May for vocations.

Father Nagel is encouraging young people who sign up for the vocations team to ask for prayer pledges. Those who sponsor runners or walkers might, for example, agree to pray a rosary for vocations for each mile the team member completes in the race.

He is also inviting individuals who sign up to pray for vocations while they train in the weeks and months leading up to the Mini.

Although a novice runner, Father Nagel is going to be a part of the team.

"I'm going to do my best to prepare,"

he said. "I've never run very much before. But I'm jazzed about it."

*(For more information about the One America 500 Festival Mini-Marathon or to register for it, log on to [www.500festival.com/marathon](http://www.500festival.com/marathon) or call 317-927-3378. For more information on being part of Father Nagel's vocations team, call 317-236-1490 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1490, or e-mail him at [rnagel@archindy.org](mailto:rnagel@archindy.org). You can also visit [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com) and go to the "Run for Vocations" listing.) †*

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# Archbishop Wuerl hopes pope's visit energizes people's faith

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl said he hopes Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the nation's capital next spring will deepen the faith of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington and give them new energy.

"Personally, I'm thrilled that he will be here and be with all of us," he said.

"There is so much renewal going on, among our young people, in the whole Church," he said. "His visit will be a reaffirmation of that. But also I'd like to think it's going to be a way of just re-energizing us."

He said he believes the emphasis of the pope's trip will be "on the renewal of the faith life of the Church."

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, announced the pontiff's April 15-20 visit to Washington and New York—billed as an "Apostolic Visit to the United States of America and to the Seat of the United Nations"—at the Nov. 12 opening session of the U.S. bishops' national meeting in Baltimore.

Pope Benedict's main public event in Washington will be a Mass on April 17 at the Washington Nationals' new baseball stadium.

Shortly after the nuncio spoke, Archbishop Wuerl told the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese, that the visit "will be an opportunity for all of us in the Church in Washington to show the Holy Father our affection, to show him our profound loyalty, but also to demonstrate to him how alive the Church in Washington is, how profoundly faith-filled the Church is."

He said he and other Church officials have been laying the groundwork for the visit since August, but he did not know for

sure if it would happen until the nuncio officially announced the planned papal itinerary.

The pope is to arrive in Washington on April 15 and meet with President George W. Bush at the White House the following day, which also happens to be the pope's 81st birthday. That afternoon he will address the U.S. bishops—probably at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Wuerl said.

After the stadium Mass on April 17, the pope is to meet with heads of Catholic colleges and universities and diocesan education leaders at The Catholic University of America, followed by a meeting with leaders of non-Christian faiths at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

During a midday press conference on Nov. 12, Archbishop Wuerl said that, in visiting the nation's capital, "the Holy Father is attempting to speak to the Church throughout the United States."

He said that when it was first announced last summer that the pope was considering a U.N. visit next spring "it seemed appropriate to invite him to Washington."

The fact that the pope would make Washington his first stop "says to me that he sees this as a center representing the entire Church in the United States," he said.

Besides being the home of Catholic University and the national shrine, Washington is the location of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' headquarters.

He added that the pope's plan to address representatives of Catholic higher education highlights the importance of faith formation and Catholic education in



Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl answers questions from the media on the first day of the U.S. bishops' fall meeting in Baltimore on Nov. 12. In remarks to the bishops earlier in the day, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, confirmed the dates of Pope Benedict XVI's trip to the U.S. and announced the pope's itinerary will include stops in Washington and New York.

the life of the Church.

The archbishop said preparing for the papal visit "will be a lot of work, but it'll be joyful work because we'll be welcoming the head of the Church. We'll be welcoming the successor to Peter, and he will come here to say to all of us, 'Be strong in your faith. ... Be a light of the Gospel to this country.'"

Asked how ticket distribution would be handled for the stadium Mass, Archbishop Wuerl said he did not know yet.

"I suspect there will be more people who want to see and be with the pope than

there are places at the stadium. ... We have to take into account that there will be people coming from all over the country," he said. "They will not see this as a Washington event. They will see it as a national event."

"I think that we have to make sure that people—especially our young people—get a chance to see him," he added. "That's going to take some planning on our part, but I think the principle we want to work from is [that] we want to make sure the coming generation of Catholic young people get a chance to see him." †

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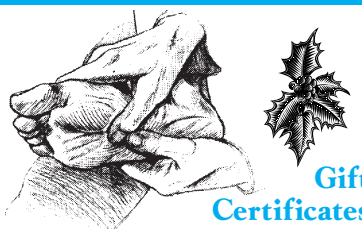
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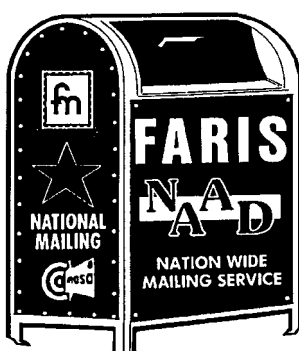
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evils like abortion and racism that can never be supported and the related, but different, moral obligation to serve 'the least of these,' seek justice and pursue peace."

In deciding how to vote, "there may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons," the longer document says. "Voting in this way would be permissible only for truly grave moral interests, not to advance narrow interests, or partisan preferences or to ignore a fundamental moral evil."

The bishops admit that "Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and too few candidates fully share the Church's comprehensive commitment to the dignity of the human person."

"As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group," the document says. "When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths."

It is part of a series of documents that have been issued before every presidential

**Outgoing Saint Meinrad School of Theology president-rector addresses bishops, page 16.**

election for more than 30 years. But the 2007 version underwent

a wider consultation at the committee level and is the first to come before the full body of bishops.

In past years, the documents were approved by the Administrative Committee, made up of the executive officers of the USCCB, elected committee

chairmen and elected regional representatives.

The panel that drafted this document was made up of the chairmen of seven USCCB committees—domestic policy, international policy, pro-life activities, communications, doctrine, education and migration.

The joint committee accepted 26 pages of amendments to the document at the start of the fall meeting and rejected 10 other pages of proposed amendments, Bishop DiMarzio said.

The goal of the joint committee was to create a document that "anyone could read without having to consult a dictionary or a book on moral theology," he added.

The document does not address a topic raised during the 2004 presidential campaign—giving Communion to Catholic politicians who support keeping abortion legal. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis already has said he would not give Communion to former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who is, according to recent polls, the leading Republican presidential candidate.

In response to a question during discussion on the document, Bishop DiMarzio said the Communion issue would not be addressed because the conference had dealt with it earlier in two other documents and because "Faithful Citizenship" is "directed at Catholic voters, not Catholic politicians."

At the meeting's closing news conference on Nov. 14, one reporter asked Bishop DiMarzio if he thought Catholics who belong to the Democratic Party—which is on record as supporting legalized abortion—were "listening to the voice of the bishops" on political matters.

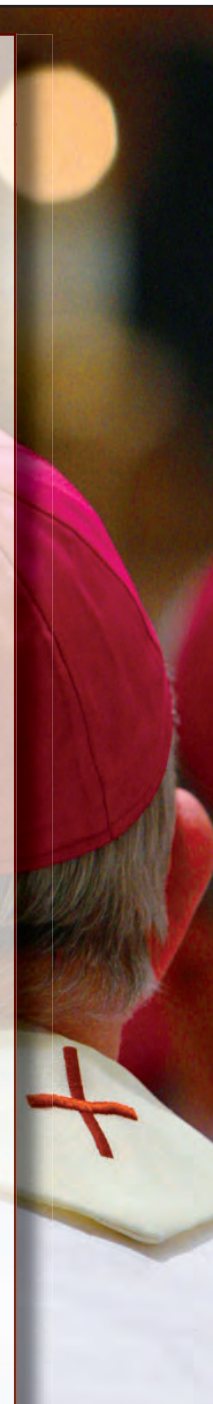
"Catholics who are practicing the faith and coming to the Eucharist each week are listening to our voice and getting our message," he said.

(The full text of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" is available online at [www.usccb.org/bishops/FCStatement.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/bishops/FCStatement.pdf).) †

## MEETING AT A GLANCE

At their fall general meeting in Baltimore, the U.S. bishops ...

- ✓ Received details of Pope Benedict XVI's April 15-20 visit to the United States
- ✓ Authorized a new statement on Iraq that says some U.S. policymakers "seem to fail to recognize sufficiently the reality and failures in Iraq and the imperative for new directions."
- ✓ Elected Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago as their new president and Bishop Gerald E. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., as vice president.
- ✓ Heard a briefing on an ongoing study of the "causes and context" of clerical sexual abuse.
- ✓ Voted to draft a brief policy statement on embryonic stem-cell research and a pastoral document on reproductive technologies.
- ✓ Approved a \$147.7 million budget for 2008 and a 16 percent reduction in the diocesan assessment that funds the USCCB.
- ✓ Issued the 2008 version of their quadrennial "Faithful Citizenship" election statement.
- ✓ Approved legislation specifying when a bishop must get the consent of his diocesan finance council and college of consultors before certain financial transactions or commitments. The legislation needs Vatican approval.
- ✓ Approved three liturgy related documents concerning music, celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word, and revised readings during Lent.
- ✓ OK'd a curriculum framework for catechetical materials for high school students.
- ✓ Approved a document on stewardship and teenagers.
- ✓ Approved guidelines for catechetical instruction on chaste living for children and teens.



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# Bishops approve curriculum framework for high school catechesis

BALTIMORE (CNS)—A detailed framework for catechetical instruction for high school students will be given to publishing companies after being approved on Nov. 14 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In a unanimous 220-0 vote, the bishops accepted the 80-page framework that outlines a core curriculum and electives for a four-year, eight-semester course of instruction.

The introduction to the document spells out that it is "a framework and not a tool for direct instruction." As such, doctrines and topics listed are not necessarily defined or thoroughly developed, it said. Publishing houses are expected to submit their materials before publication for review of their conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, explained Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Catechesis, as he presented the text for approval.

In a brief period of discussion of the framework, Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., questioned whether its design for use by Catholic schools was overlooking the many teens who receive their religious education through parish-based or youth ministry programs.

He said it would be a struggle to cover the material during the 20 hours of a typical parish religious education program per semester, in comparison to the 64 hours of religion classes students would have at a Catholic school in the same semester.

Archbishop Wuerl acknowledged it would be a challenge for publishers to write texts for religious education programs that cover the material thoroughly.

"But most publishers said they are prepared to take it on," he said.

Cardinal-designate Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said some publishers "have become restive about even publishing any text for youth ministry."

The framework divides a core curriculum into six sections and electives into

five sections. Each section cites references in the catechism and other texts to be used as reference.

It says core curriculum courses should address:

- The revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture, including how one comes to know God, and the history and study of Scripture.
- Learning about who Jesus is, through divine revelation, the Incarnation and personal experience, and the challenges of belief.
- The mission of Jesus as Messiah and instrument of redemption, and the moral implications for believers.
- The continuing mission of Jesus in the Church, touching on Church history and structure, ecumenism and its involvement in the world.
- The sacraments, including definitions and in-depth study of each sacrament.
- Life in Jesus, or the discernment of how to live out one's faith.

Electives include sacred Scripture, Church history, discipleship in contemporary society, responding to the call of Jesus, and ecumenical and interreligious issues.

Some sections of the framework are quite detailed about what should be included. For instance, the outline for the elective on Church history lists specifically which topics to cover in each era.

Renaissance studies should include Erasmus and Thomas More, the revival of the studies of classical culture and languages, Christian humanism and a new translation of the Bible, it says. The course should also touch on specific artists, such as Fra Angelico, Giotto, Raphael, Michelangelo, Bramante and Bernini as well as the construction of St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome and the Duomo in Florence, Italy.

The final text of the framework, as amended by the bishops before final approval, is expected to be ready within a few weeks. †



Chicago Cardinal Francis E. George, the bishops' newly elected president, and Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., outgoing president, pray on Nov. 14 during the U.S. bishops' annual fall meeting in Baltimore.

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# 2007 Accountability Report

## To the People of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis:

### Dear Friends in Christ:

As we enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we have much to be grateful for in our archdiocese. Let's remember to turn to God in thanksgiving and prayer for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon us. As good stewards we are called to use what God has given us wisely and to account for how we use these gifts.

Here is our annual archdiocesan accountability report rendering an account of our stewardship of the human, physical and financial resources of the Church in central and southern Indiana. It has been my privilege for the past 15 years to have had the responsibility of leading the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. We are blessed in our archdiocese to have dedicated clergy and religious, hard-working lay leaders and generous parishioners. I believe one of our greatest accomplishments in recent years has been the advancement of stewardship as a way of life. Stewardship is an acknowledgement that everything we have comes from God. It's the basis for authentic Christian living.

### Legacy for Our Mission Campaign

The Legacy for Our Mission Campaign has been an amazing story. This capital-stewardship campaign is in its final phase and we are close to reaching our \$100 million goal. More than 26,000 households have prayerfully brought forth more than \$90 million so far. I am hopeful that we will reach or surpass our goal before the end of the year. Every net dollar of proceeds from the campaign will be used for ministry through capital, endowment, or operating support to parishes, schools, and agencies throughout the archdiocese. (A more detailed account of the campaign can be found inside in the report submitted by Jeffrey D. Stumpf, chief financial officer for the archdiocese.)

One of the most gratifying results of the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign has been the eagerness of people to become more involved in the life of their parish and the archdiocese. Through the campaign, more than 13,000 people have enlisted as volunteers at their parish or in other archdiocesan ministries. This reflects more than one in every eight archdiocesan households. I believe this increase in lay involvement will produce great benefits for our archdiocese in the future.

The success of the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign is a sign that our archdiocese is thriving. It also shows that we understand that although much of our faith life is lived at the parish level we also see ourselves to be family of faith—an archdiocesan-wide family. We are all in this journey together.

### Vocations

We now have 25 seminarians in formation. We have a great group of future pastors. They are bright, committed and very caring and bring with them significant real-life experience. We ordained three men to the priesthood in 2007 and hope to ordain two more in 2008. In 2009, we anticipate ordaining five men to the priesthood.

Our Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary on the Marian College campus in Indianapolis continues to be a source of hope and a sign that a "culture of vocations" is taking root in our archdiocese. We have 11 seminarians for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis residing at the seminary as well as four seminarians for the Diocese of Evansville, two for the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana and one for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

We must continue to pray for vocations and for our seminarians. Ask the Lord to send more workers for the harvest. And please pray for your priests.

### Catholic schools excel

Our archdiocesan schools continue to be recognized for their achievement and commitment to excellence. St. Pius X School in Indianapolis was selected as a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence last month by the U.S. Department of Education. Our schools have earned 22 National Blue Ribbons in the past five years.

Enrollment at our schools continues to increase. We now have more than 23,000 students attending 71 Catholic schools in southern and central Indiana. This makes us the fifth largest school system—public or private—in Indiana.

### Celebrating St. Theodora Guérin

It's been just over a year since our archdiocese and the universal Church celebrated the canonization of St. Theodora Guérin, the founder of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods near Terre Haute in 1840.

We honored the legacy of St. Theodora by celebrating a series of Masses throughout the archdiocese this past year. The concluding Mass in this series was held on St. Theodora's feast day on Oct. 3 at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville. All of these Masses were well attended. Having our own saint, if you will, has strengthened the awareness in our archdiocese of the sacrifices that our ancestors made to give us the beautiful Catholic heritage we enjoy today and all the benefits that come with it.

St. Theodora's ceaseless prayer and faithfulness continue to be a model for all of us as we work to carry out Christ's mission throughout our archdiocese.

### Strategic planning

We are in the process of putting together a new strategic plan for the archdiocese that will provide us a roadmap for identifying and meeting the challenges we face as an archdiocese for the next three to five years. We have been holding meetings with various groups throughout the archdiocese and have asked for your help in preparing this plan through questions that have appeared in *The Criterion*. (Please read the strategic planning question on the front page of this week's *Criterion* and respond.)

### City Future Task Force

Just over a year ago we convened the City Future Task Force. This group, made up of clergy and lay leaders, has spent the past year studying how the archdiocese can best carry out its mission in the downtown Indianapolis area as well as best minister to the growing Hispanic community in the

downtown and near downtown area. Two working groups—the Downtown Parish Life Task Force and the Hispanic Ministry Task Force—are preparing recommendations to be delivered to me in the next two to three months.

### Catholic Charities

Our six archdiocesan Catholic Charities agencies are going through a process to review each of the nearly 35 programs they operate to serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Motivated by a call issued by Pope Benedict XVI in his Encyclical Letter *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love) to ensure that no member of God's family goes without the necessities of life, Catholic Charities is working to see that as a Church we are providing the best and right kind of services. We have learned so far from this review process that Catholic Charities needs to collaborate more closely with parishes in the archdiocese. This review will continue in 2008 and you will be hearing more about how we are working to improve our care of the poor and vulnerable among us.

### Annual Appeal changes

It's been nearly 10 years since we combined the local parish stewardship initiative with the United Catholic Appeal into what we know now as Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal. It's time to look at our annual appeal to see how we can improve it and freshen it up.

I believe the timing is right for this, because during the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign, we integrated the Called to Serve appeal into the first year of every parish's campaign. This means that 2004 was the last year that all parishes in the archdiocese conducted Called to Serve at the same time. Next year, we will be rolling out some enhancements in the appeal to re-emphasize stewardship principles, refresh communications, and illustrate the fact that every parish—and, thus, every parishioner—has a role to play in the ministries of our archdiocese. You will be hearing more about this in 2008.

### Conclusion

It may seem a ways off, but planning has already begun for the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which we will celebrate in 2009. We plan to have a large celebration at the new Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis in the spring of 2009. You'll be hearing much more about this in the coming months.

The months leading up to this anniversary provide an opportunity to reflect on our rich history and all that we have to be thankful for. It's also the perfect time to think about where we are going as an archdiocese as we continue to do God's work.

Thank you for your support and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.*

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.  
Archbishop of Indianapolis

# Summary of Financial Status

This summary of the financial status of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis reflects activities of the chancery of the archdiocese and certain affiliated agencies with direct accountability to the Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis. The information presented has been derived from the audited financial statements and does not

include the activities of parishes, missions and schools of the archdiocese. All significant transactions among entities detailed in this summary have been eliminated. The complete audited financial statements are available for public inspection at [www.archindy.org/financial/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/financial/archdiocese.html).

## Chancery and Certain Entities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Combined Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2007 and 2006

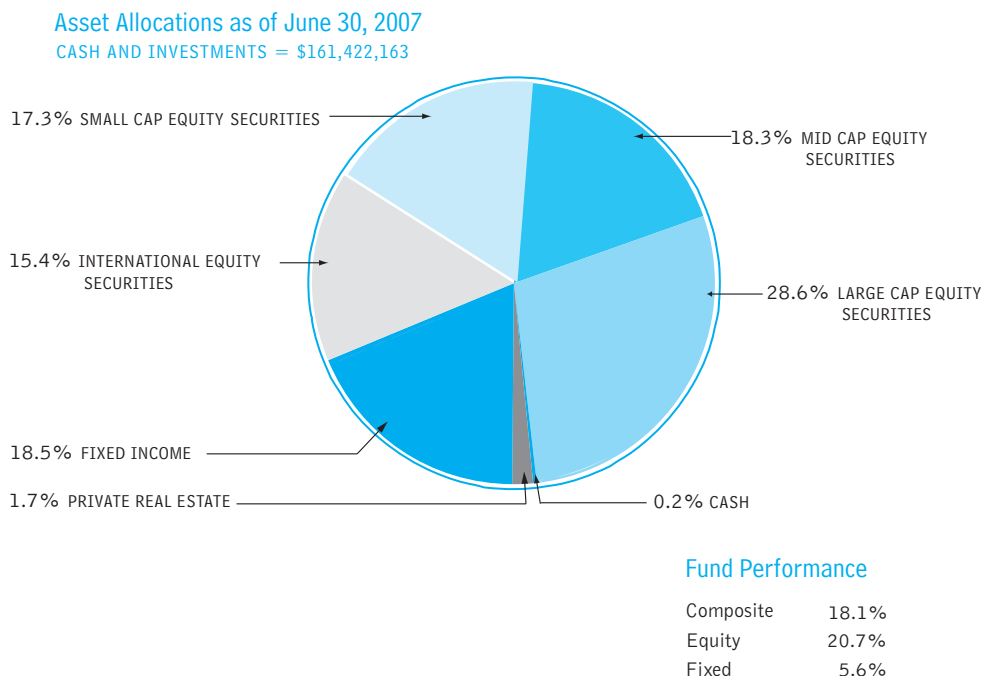
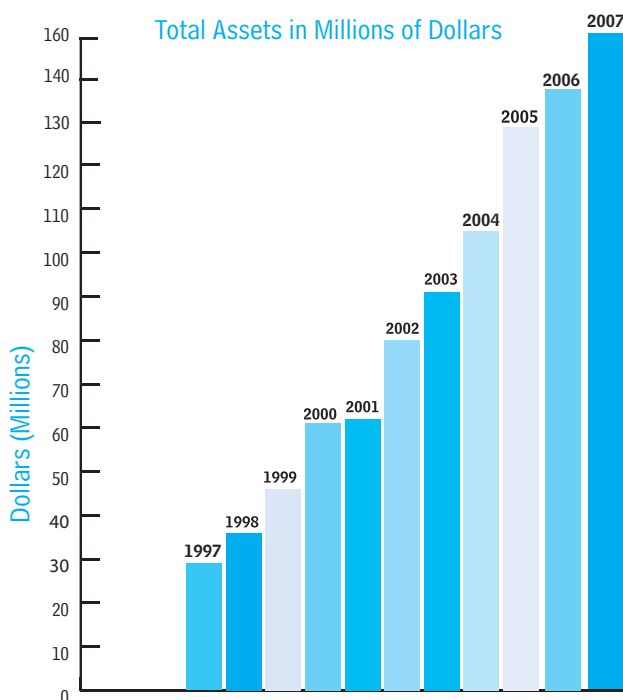
ASSETS	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	\$26,922,029	\$17,951,201
Investments	164,442,887	135,267,341
Receivables:		
Contributions, net	42,333,342	23,890,110
Deposit and loan fund, net	21,398,722	22,418,745
Amounts due from parishes and other archdiocesan entities, net	4,079,590	5,690,158
Accrued interest income	363,886	353,580
Other, net	2,745,341	2,927,844
Total receivables, net	70,920,881	55,280,437
Other assets	1,268,866	1,641,975
Burial spaces and other inventories	2,992,328	3,116,869
Land, buildings and equipment, net	15,102,222	15,640,057
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$281,649,213</b>	<b>\$228,897,880</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$5,594,354	\$7,108,993
Capital campaign due to parishes	24,061,574	10,361,546
Bonds payable	50,993,530	52,041,314
Reserves for self-insurance	2,519,000	1,080,000
Other liabilities	3,484,702	3,166,256
Deposit and loan fund payable	41,059,269	32,632,586
Total liabilities	127,712,429	106,390,695
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	103,698,830	87,043,239
Temporarily restricted	30,727,322	17,251,002
Permanently restricted	19,510,632	18,212,944
Total net assets	153,936,784	122,507,185
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$281,649,213</b>	<b>\$228,897,880</b>

## Chancery and Certain Entities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Combined Statements of Activities for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>		
Assessments	\$8,959,190	\$8,569,300
Service fees	21,516,600	20,771,623
Capital campaigns and contributions	25,002,314	18,045,357
United Catholic Appeal	5,762,963	6,386,426
Sales of goods and services	4,478,507	4,385,691
Program service fees and other	5,593,319	5,720,427
Other public support	3,939,406	4,025,077
Interest income and investment return	27,633,640	11,389,127
<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b>102,885,939</b>	<b>79,293,028</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and wages	14,089,029	14,038,291
Employee benefits and taxes	3,709,141	3,308,741
Health care costs	13,783,734	15,447,839
Retirement plan contributions	4,344,119	3,969,950
Cost of equipment and supplies sold	2,020,638	1,830,737
Administrative and supplies	2,190,604	2,320,477
Property insurance	3,132,579	2,645,590
Depreciation	1,204,443	1,402,500
Repairs and maintenance	854,324	786,461
Occupancy costs	1,222,906	1,198,471
Interest	5,816,168	4,810,177
Bad debts	5,344,281	2,584,988
Professional services	5,918,960	5,009,374
Specific assistance	572,763	621,979
Contributions	4,563,636	4,804,651
Capital campaign funds donated to parishes and others	433,233	1,030,013
Loss on debt extinguishment	0	2,143,566
Other	2,255,782	2,525,931
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>71,456,340</b>	<b>70,479,736</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>31,429,599</b>	<b>8,813,292</b>
<b>NET ASSETS: Beginning of year</b>	<b>122,507,185</b>	<b>113,693,893</b>
<b>NET ASSETS: End of year</b>	<b>\$153,936,784</b>	<b>\$122,507,185</b>

# Catholic Community Foundation, Inc.

The Catholic Community Foundation is a separate, not-for-profit corporation established by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to professionally invest and administer numerous individual endowment funds for the benefit of parishes, schools, agencies, and other institutions affiliated with the archdiocese. As of June 30, 2007, the Catholic Community Foundation comprised 339 separate endowment accounts and 104 charitable gift annuities worth \$161.4 million.





Combined Statement of Activities by Secretariat, Vicariate and other operating groups

	SUPPORT AND REVENUES	EXPENSES	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
Chancery	\$4,975,241	\$2,172,465	\$2,802,776
Clergy and Parish Life Coordinators	3,645,508	4,318,167	(672,659)
Spiritual Life and Worship	1,048,687	1,218,920	(170,233)
Catholic Education and Faith Formation	8,147,320	11,775,411	(3,628,091)
Lay Ministry and Pastoral Services	452,819	345,551	107,268
Catholic Charities and Family Ministries	10,564,071	9,986,972	577,099
Communications	2,056,758	2,137,509	(80,751)
Finance and Administrative Services	4,436,210	3,709,507	726,703
Stewardship and Development	2,216,323	1,872,030	344,293
Vicariate Judicial	404,847	397,343	7,504
Parish Shared Services and Support	27,487,277	28,188,847	(701,570)
Catholic Community Foundation and ADLF	36,277,630	12,671,612	23,606,018
Legacy for Our Mission Capital and Endowment Campaign	18,313,602	9,416,169	8,897,433
Eliminations	(17,140,354)	(16,754,163)	(386,191)
<b>Combined Total June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$102,885,939</b>	<b>\$71,456,340</b>	<b>\$31,429,599</b>

Breakdown of Change in Net Asset Results for the year ended June 30, 2007

(in thousands)

Actual

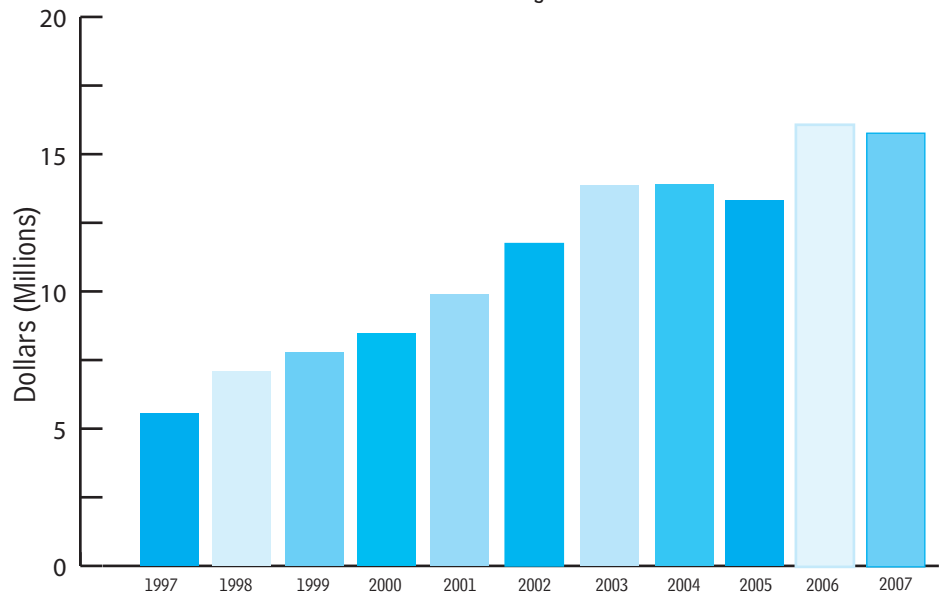
Combined operations	\$ 1,053
Parish Shared Services and Support	(702)
Catholic Community Foundation, ADLF, Investing and Debt Activities	23,606
Legacy for Our Mission Capital and Endowment Campaign	8,897
Other reconciling items and eliminations	(1,424)
<b>Combined Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$31,430</b>

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Values

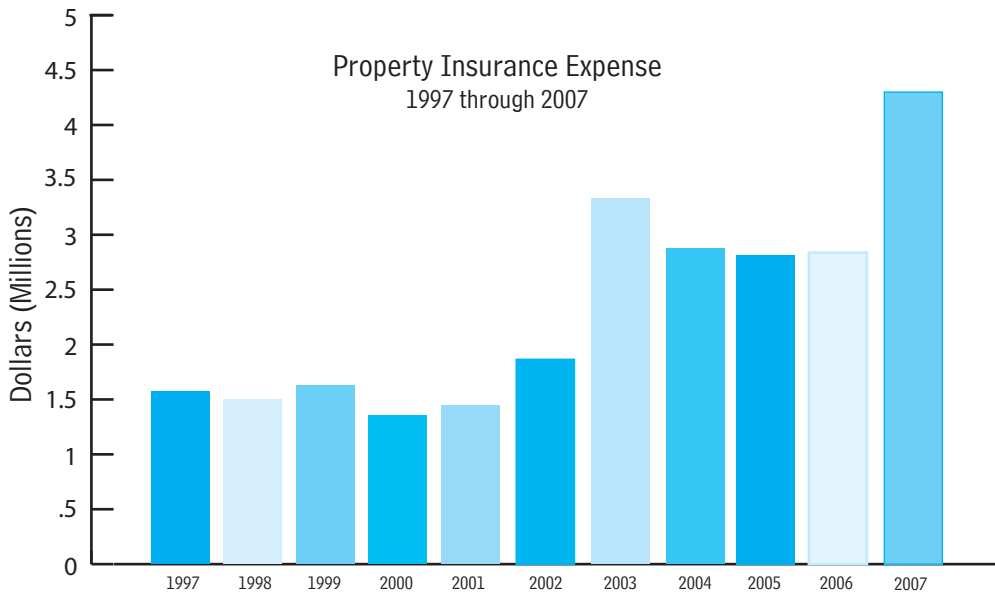
- † Prayer and spiritual growth
- † Lifelong learning and sharing our faith
- † Parish and family, the individual and community
- † Compassion and respect for human life and all creation
- † Justice and consistent moral standards
- † Proactive leadership and shared responsibility
- † Vital presence in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods
- † Stewardship



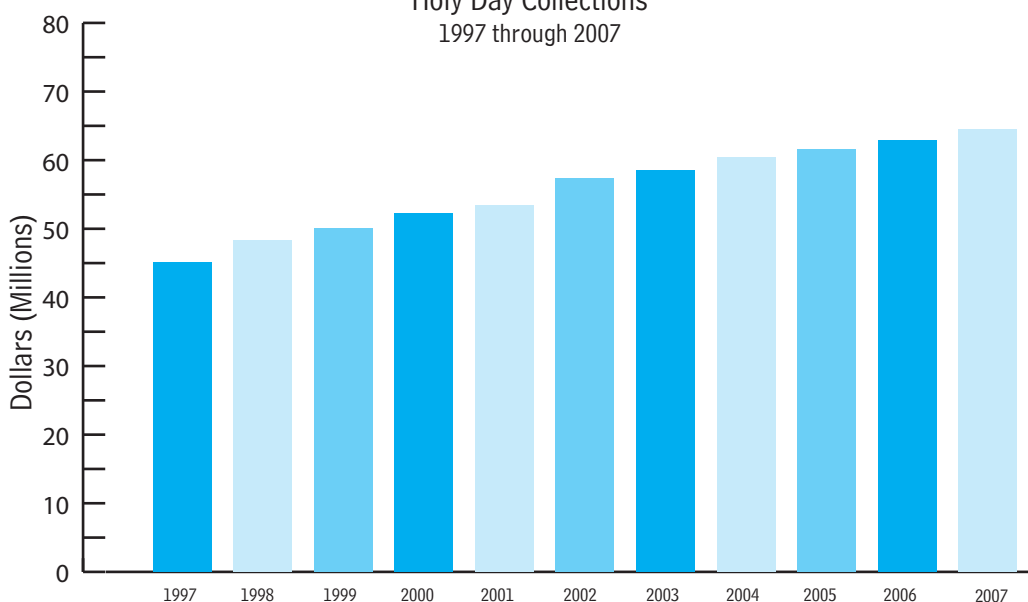
Clergy and Lay Health Care Expenses 1997 through 2007



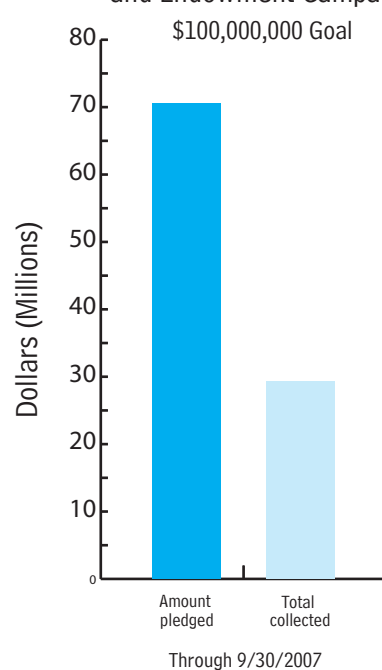
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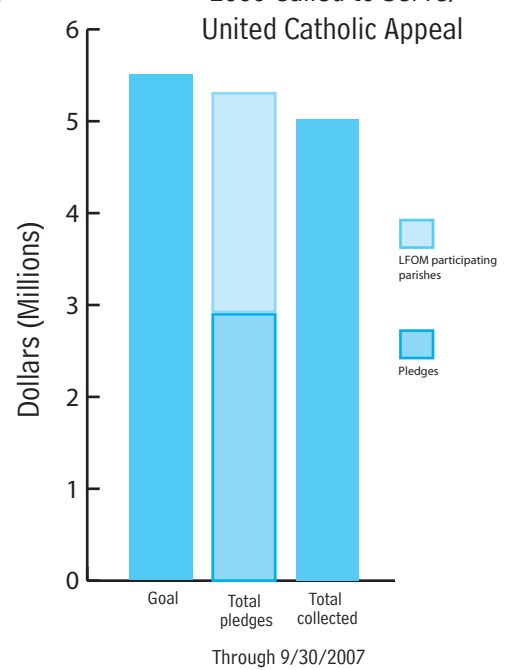
Parish Sunday and Holy Day Collections 1997 through 2007



Legacy for Our Mission Capital and Endowment Campaign



2006 Called to Serve/ United Catholic Appeal





# Chief Financial Officer's Report

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has much to be thankful for. The 2006-07 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2007, was our third consecutive year of break-even financial operations. We also continued to experience growing stewardship, steady investment returns, challenging employee benefit issues and facilities expenses. The people of the archdiocese continue to generously support the ministries of the Church as evidenced through the results of the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign. This report highlights several significant areas of our financial operations.

## Chancery 2006-07 Operating Results

The chancery and agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis completed 2006-07 with a \$1,053,000 surplus versus a budgeted surplus of \$596,000, a positive variance of \$457,000. This represents the third consecutive year with an operating surplus for the archdiocese and a break-even 2007-08 budget seems to indicate that the archdiocese has likely achieved a more stable footing than in previous years.

I must offer two cautions about the positive operating results: first, the surplus is very small relative to the total overall budget—only about 2.7 percent of operational expenses; second, any surpluses must be used to “repay” the deficit spending of past years. In other words, we will still need to continue to hold expenses down; this is not the time to increase budgets, even for human and material resources that agencies have been doing without for a number of years.

## Called to Serve: Parish Stewardship and United Catholic Appeal

Parish stewardship, through Sunday and holy day collections, continued to grow. Total parish Sunday and holy day collections for 2006-2007 throughout the archdiocese grew at a rate of 2.5 percent. This compares with a growth rate of 2.3 percent in parish Sunday and holy day collections for 2005-2006.

The 2006 United Catholic Appeal received pledges of \$5.27 million, including Appeal goal amounts for the parishes participating in the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign. This compares to pledges of \$5.58 million for the 2005 United Catholic Appeal, a decrease of 5.5 percent.

## St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Fund

June 2007 brought the seventh year of allocations of the St. Francis Xavier Home Missions funds. The allocations committee, consisting of 11 members—pastors and parish life coordinators from each deanery—aided by two archdiocesan staff members, made recommendations to Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein for home missions grants based on applications received from 38 parishes and agencies. Approximately \$402,500 was awarded to 29 parishes.

Home missions grants are supported through the generosity of parishes that pledge some or all of the money they raise in excess of their Called to Serve/United Catholic Appeal goal to the St. Francis Xavier Home Missions Fund and through distributions from the Catholic Community Foundation's Archdiocesan Home Missions Endowment Fund, which was established through the Legacy of Hope from Generation to Generation capital and endowment campaign. While we've improved our funding to support needy parishes, parish needs still far outweigh available resources. Grant requests exceeded \$1.2 million during the year. This means that approximately 30 percent of the grant dollars requested was able to be awarded.

## Mother Theodore Catholic Academies

The six center-city Indianapolis grade schools that have joined to form the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies (formerly known as the Catholic Urban School Consortium) strive to provide a high quality education with a strong spiritual base, leading students of all faiths to secondary and post-secondary education. The schools are working hard to continue to raise academic excellence, maximize available resources and increase enrollment. The operating deficit for these schools for the 2006-07 fiscal year was approximately \$2.6 million.

Eventually, this annual operating need is expected to be funded through annual fundraising and larger endowment distributions. In the short term, the proceeds from the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign will be used to meet this need.

The people supporting the Academies' goals and operations are working to raise additional support, increase enrollment, and create expense savings through efficiencies. Significant facility needs are also present at several of the facilities which have and will continue to require capital expenditures. The goal of the Mother Theodore Catholic

Academies continues to be to operate at a break-even mark and will strive to accomplish this goal through additional development efforts.

## Legacy for Our Mission Campaign

In the fall of 2005, Archbishop Buechlein launched the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign. As noted in Archbishop Buechlein's letter in this accountability report, the campaign benefits both local parish needs and archdiocesan ministry needs. The \$100 million goal for the parish phase of the campaign is within reach as the final group of 28 parishes embarks on their campaigns this fall. As of the writing of this report, the campaign has achieved a 42 percent participation rate with pledges received of over \$90 million. The campaign has received strong leadership gifts from an identified audience totaling \$16 million. The strong campaign results have been achieved because parishes and the archdiocese put together compelling cases, had strong leadership, and had quality implementation throughout the local campaigns. As pledge payments are received, they are immediately used to support the ministries within the archdiocese. Through the end of the 2007 fiscal year, the Legacy for Our Mission allocations included:

• Endowments	
- Home Missions	\$1,000,000
- Making a Difference (Financial Aid)	\$750,000
• Priest Retirement	\$1,000,000
• Catholic Charities capital	\$1,488,000
• High School capital projects	\$1,454,000
• Catholic Charities Programming	\$744,000
• Mother Theodore Catholic Academies Programming	\$515,000
• Permanent Diaconate Formation	\$173,000
• St. Mary's Child Center	\$150,000
• SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral capital	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,314,000</b>

## Expenses Related to Sexual Misconduct

In fiscal year 2007, approximately \$114,000 was spent to provide counseling for victims of sexual misconduct perpetrated or alleged to have been perpetrated by priests or lay employees of the archdiocese. Approximately \$87,000 was spent for these purposes in fiscal year 2006. Additionally, approximately \$170,000 was spent for legal fees to defend the archdiocese from sexual misconduct lawsuits in 2007. \$196,000 was spent for legal defense in 2006.

## Insurance Plans and Parish Services

The archdiocese operates several insurance plans, employee benefit plans and other services on behalf of parishes, schools and employees. Two of the most significant plans are the lay employee health insurance plan and the property insurance plan. Both have seen significant changes in recent years.

Starting Jan. 1, 2007, the previous lay employee health insurance plan was fully replaced with a high deductible health plan complete with Health Savings Accounts (HSA). For the first six months of this calendar year, the plan has experienced a \$1,531,000 surplus. I caution that this surplus is only a six month surplus, and that claim experience will increase as employees exceed deductible amounts resulting in additional claim expenses being paid with plan dollars. Small changes in enrollment or claim activity can quickly eliminate this surplus and swing the plan to a loss. Additionally, since this is the first year of our new lay employee health insurance plan, it could take several years for us to accumulate credible data with which to budget and project costs for the plan. In the meantime, we will continue to use an endowment fund established in September of 2007 to help maintain the affordability of our lay employee benefits. Increasing health care costs continue to challenge parish, school and agency budgets. At the same time, they create financial challenges for individual employees.

The property insurance plan experienced a surplus in excess of \$195,000 despite two large losses due to fires at our parishes. This fiscal year marks the fourth consecutive year that the plan has been designed to run at a significant surplus. These results have supported the establishment of a property insurance reserve fund in the Catholic Community Foundation that is now approximately \$4 million. This reserve fund will help to protect parishes, schools and agencies against catastrophic losses and will help to mitigate annual insurance cost increases. The reserve fund has allowed us to increase our self-insurance level for the upcoming 2007-08 fiscal year from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 which will result in smaller premium increases paid by our parishes, schools, and agencies.

## Catholic Community Foundation, Inc.

The Catholic Community Foundation's total assets topped \$163 million at June 30, 2007, an increase of 20.7 percent from the previous year. Investment returns achieved a remarkable rate of 18.1 percent versus our policy benchmark of 17.9 percent. Foundation investments have returned a very respectable 9.9 percent (annualized) since the inception of the current investment structure in January 1995. Parishes, schools and agencies of the archdiocese added 16 new endowments during the year, bringing the total number of endowments held in the

foundation to 339. The endowments distributed more than \$6.4 million this past year to support parish, school and agency ministries, demonstrating the ability of endowments to provide long-term funding for ministries.

## 2006-07 Operating Budget

We enter the 2007-08 fiscal year with a break-even operating budget on approximately \$40 million of total operating expenses. We anticipate the most significant challenges to include:

- Health care and employee benefit costs that are increasing much faster than Sunday collections
- Construction and facilities costs (such as property insurance and heating costs) that continue to increase
- School operating costs (including health care expenses) that are increasing faster than our ability to increase tuition
- Stable but not increasing school enrollment across the archdiocese
- Growing parish stewardship to meet operating needs and eliminating parish operating deficits.

On the other hand, we have several positive opportunities:

- A trend of positive growth in Sunday and Holy Day collections
- The strong results for the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign
- Strong support for the Called to Serve/United Catholic Appeal
- The formation of the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies to address financial operations of Indianapolis center-city Catholic schools
- Four consecutive years of strong investment returns and growing endowments which help to mitigate rising operating costs
- The introduction of an alternative health care plan to better control escalating costs
- A funded property self-insurance reserve endowment to protect against future potential large losses and mitigate future cost increases.

While the budgeted surplus is certainly small relative to the total operating budget, it is our belief that we are seeing the beginning of a stable operating trend that will help us recoup deficit operational spending from previous years.

## Accountability

Accountability is an important part of our stewardship responsibilities. Each year, the archdiocese subjects itself to the scrutiny of an independent audit. The firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP performed the audit for the last fiscal year. The audited financial statements are available for inspection through the Office of Accounting Services or at [www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html](http://www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html).

Archbishop Buechlein has established and regularly confers with the Archdiocesan Finance Council. The council, whose existence is required by canon law, focuses on financial policies, procedures and activities of the Church in central and southern Indiana. Current members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council are:

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B.	.....	Archbishop, Chairman
Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel	.....	Vicar General, Vice Chairman
Jacqueline Byers	.....	President
Philip B. McKiernan	.....	Vice-President
Mary Horn	.....	Secretary
<b>Members</b>		
Clark Byrum, Daniel L. DeBard, Dale Gettelfinger,		
Kenneth J. Hedlund, David R. Milroy,		
Timothy Robinson, Jerry Williams		
Jeffrey D. Stumpf	.....	Chief Financial Officer, Staff

This past fiscal year marked continuing financial advancement for the parishes, schools and agencies of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as we worked to build a sound financial footing. Stewardship grew, investment returns were strong, and expenses generally fell in line with budget expectations. Now, we look with hope toward the conclusion of the Legacy for Our Mission Campaign. We continue to place great emphasis on improving the financial stability of those parishes experiencing deficit operations. May God lead us toward continued success in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey D. Stumpf, M.B.A., C.P.A., CFA  
Chief Financial Officer

# On holy ground

## St. Patrick Parish celebrates rededication of cemetery chapel

By Michael Moore and Mary Ann Wyand

Special to *The Criterion*

MADISON—St. Patrick Parish's historic and recently restored cemetery chapel was rededicated on All Souls Day with a standing-room-only crowd on hand for the celebration.

Father John Meyer, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison, celebrated Mass in the chapel on Nov. 2 with about 50 parishioners and guests.

Walking in a circle around the chapel, which is ringed by the graves of former priests, Father Meyer blessed each guest, the graves of their ancestors and the chapel.

Parishioners literally stood on the shoulders of the founding fathers of the parish during the Memorial Mass because the bodies of Father Hyppolytus Dupontavice and Father Joseph Pettit are interred beneath the chapel floor.

During the dedication program after the liturgy, Camille Fife, president of the Westerly Group, which coordinated the restoration work, said historical records indicate that in May 1874 the line of mourners stretched all the way to downtown Madison for Father Dupontavice's funeral.

John Stacier, executive director of Historic Madison Inc., praised Geoff and Josie Fox, who donated funds and led the effort to restore the chapel even though they now live in San Jose, Calif.

"I was drawn into the [chapel restoration] project, as many of you have been, through Josie and Geoff's love of this community," Stacier said, "and their interest in preserving this very special part, not only in Madison history, but in our parish history."

"Today we gather to celebrate the amazing rehabilitation of St. Patrick's Cemetery Chapel," he said. "Built in 1874, this small yet well-designed structure is the focal point of this historic cemetery. Created as a resting place for the remains of those who have completed their labors in this life, it remains for the living a symbol of our faith and a touchstone of our shared architectural heritage. It is no accident that venerable places like the chapel exist in our community. Wrought by skilled hands in stone, brick, wood and plaster, the chapel was created to withstand the ravages of time and the tempests of nature."

But over the years, Stacier said, nature did take its toll on the chapel.

"Several years ago, the fate of the chapel seemed uncertain when a miracle occurred," he said. "Josie and Geoff Fox, all the way from California, offered to support the rehabilitation of this marvelous building. Not only that, but they explored its history, ... found the craftspeople to make this [restoration] a reality and photographed the rebirth of this sacred place."

Stacier said it is a rarity to encounter "two such devoted and passionate preservationists."

Madison Mayor Al Huntington also offered his thanks and praise for the restoration work that saved the chapel, which he called "the keystone" of the parish cemetery.

"Cemeteries tell a story," the mayor said. "When you walk through and look at the names, you can imagine the history of some of the lives that are buried here. I also think about the strength of our Catholic community and how strong it has

Photos by Michael Moore



Above, Madison-area Catholics stand outside the recently restored St. Patrick Cemetery chapel during the rededication ceremony and All Souls Day Mass on Nov. 2. The original crucifix, which is being restored in Cleveland, was donated to the parish by Mary Prenatt in the early 1900s.

At right, Father John Meyer, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison, celebrates an All Souls Day Mass on Nov. 2 at the historic St. Patrick Cemetery chapel.



been from our past. Members have played such an important part, not only in the church, but [also] in leadership roles in the community. You can see that by looking at the names on the [cemetery] markers. So it is a very important part of our heritage, ... of our history."

Huntington also presented a city plaque to Geoff and Josie Fox, who are members of St. Christopher Parish in San Jose, in recognition of and appreciation for their significant contribution to preserving part of historic Madison.

Dave Dionne, chairman of the Prince of Peace Catholic Cemeteries Committee, noted that the chapel has been standing for more than 100 years, but desperately needed structural repairs.

Josie Fox said when she was a child in Muncie, Ind., her mother would bring her to Madison to visit her grandparents, John and Josephine Steinberger, at their two-story farmhouse near the cemetery.

"In those early days, I observed close-hand the spirit of this community and the special effort of the parishioners at St. Patrick's Church among the farmers that were here," she said. "At that time, probably one-third of the community

was still farming. That took place, as you know, up here on the hill. ... I will never forget it."

Her family would attend Mass at St. Patrick Church, she said, and her grandmother would sing and play the organ. After Mass, they would visit the graves of relatives at the cemetery.

"I could see the expression in my grandmother's, my mother's and my aunt's faces as they observed the chapel," she said. "It is such a sacred building, and they were concerned that it [would] survive for future generations. I have had the privilege of trying to make that happen."

(Michael Moore is a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison.) †



Madison Mayor Al Huntington, right, presents an appreciation plaque to St. Christopher parishioners Geoff and Josie Fox of San Jose, Calif., who donated funds to restore the historic chapel at St. Patrick Cemetery.

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# Saint Meinrad president-rector shares his experiences with bishops

By Dan Conway

Special to *The Criterion*

BALTIMORE—After serving as president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad for 12 years, Benedictine Father Mark O’Keefe announced in



Fr. Mark O’Keefe

October that he will step down at the end of the current school year.

That made his Nov. 12 report to members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops who send students to Saint Meinrad his “swan song”—one last opportunity to render an account of his stewardship of the southern Indiana seminary’s long tradition of educating priests for the Church.

Father Mark’s remarks centered on the importance of human formation—the most basic and fundamental task in

the preparation of good priests.

Recalling the teaching of Pope John Paul II, he reminded the bishops that, “In good priestly formation, there is just no substitute for a good human formation.

“Human formation is absolutely and irreplaceably foundational for all the rest. Without it—whatever the talents, good will and education of the young priest—his personality will become an obstacle rather than a bridge in his ministry.”

The Program for Priestly Formation approved by the U.S. bishops for all seminaries in the United States requires that seminarians be helped to develop a solid priestly identity and love for the priesthood. The seminary must also offer a serious formation for chaste, celibate living and a good academic formation in line with the Church’s teaching and tradition.

Finally, it must teach the

varied pastoral skills necessary for effective ministry today sustained by a devotion to prayer and a longing for holiness.

But, according to Father Mark, “None of that can happen—there can be no real, lasting, effective academic, spiritual or pastoral formation—except on the foundation of a solid and intentional human formation. All of the other formations end up being superficial, shallow, short-lived—without a real grounding in an integrated, adult maturity.”

Without solid formation in basic human virtues and character, a young priest can have a strong conviction about what it means to be a priest—but be quite unable to collaborate with others in ministry, Father Mark said. Without a mature degree of self-understanding and maturity, a priest’s celibacy formation can easily crumble in the face of the inevitable loneliness, feelings of being unappreciated, and the stress

of daily living.

And, Father Mark asked, “What’s the value of intellectual formation without ordinary, human common sense?”

In fact, he observed that a young priest’s academic formation can leave him unable to negotiate—with a prudence that remains true to the Church’s teaching and tradition—the complexities of real people’s lives, whether in preaching or one-to-one counseling or in moral advising.

Father Mark said, “Without a strong human formation, young priests can leave the seminary with many pastoral skills—but without the interpersonal skills to make them really effective.”

In his report to the bishops, Father Mark outlined his convictions and experience about the seminary’s role in effective human formation for priestly ministry.

An essential ingredient is strong seminary programming

like Saint Meinrad’s new comprehensive celibacy formation program—with components in human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formations, Father Mark said.

Effective human formation also requires a thorough and critical evaluation process—to help students grow in their self-understanding and spiritual maturity, but also to help their bishops fully understand the men who they will ordain for lifelong service to the Church, he said.

But, Father Mark insisted, “Quality programming is no substitute for a seminary formation staff that is present and attentive and proactive. There is no substitute for a student body that is not so large that the formation staff doesn’t really know them.

“There is no substitute for formators who hold their seminarians accountable to expectations—while treating them as the adults that they will have to be, very shortly, as young priests,”

Father Mark said. “There is no substitute for an atmosphere of trust in a seminary between seminarians and formators—because without such trust, the seminarians will not let their guard down, look at themselves and change.”

The challenges of priestly formation—in all its human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral dimensions—is formidable. But during his 12 years as rector, Father Mark said he experienced it as a true labor of love.

As he observed with evident warmth and sincerity, “One of the things that I say frequently to the seminarians at Saint Meinrad is: ‘I love my seminarians.’ And, when I do say ‘I love my seminarians,’ it is sure to invoke some good-natured laughter and maybe even some cheering—because I think they actually believe it.

“And, in fact, they should believe it. Because it’s the truth. And, to the degree that I have been a successful rector over the last 12 years, I am sure that my love for the seminarians is a part of it. The fact is that I admire them; I am inspired by them; and I just really like them.

“But, again, to the degree that I have been successful, it’s also because, while I love them, I am not blind to their human failings, their sinfulness and to the defects in their earlier formation.”

Human weakness, sinfulness and the not-so-subtle influences of our modern culture challenge today’s seminarians—as every past generation has been challenged—to conversion of mind, heart and actions. To grow in understanding, in personal piety, in pastoral skills and in fidelity to the person of Jesus Christ, the ordinary human beings who respond to God’s distinctive call to ordained ministry must be men of courage and of hope, Father Mark said. They must also learn to be great lovers who seek the truth and share it generously with others.

Father Mark said, “It seems to me that the test of any seminary is in its graduates. No doubt, some of the graduates of Saint Meinrad have had their problems. But, as I look at the dioceses around us, I believe that I see our recent graduates to be some of those dioceses’ most effective young priests. And, if my observations are true to fact, then I feel that I can say that we are doing a pretty darn good job.”

Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, a fellow Benedictine and a former rector at Saint Meinrad, thanked Father Mark for his years of service to the seminary community and to the Church.

He expressed his confidence that the tradition of excellence in priestly formation that has been Saint Meinrad’s gift to the Church in the United States for nearly 150 years will be effectively handed on from Father Mark to the next president-rector to be chosen by the seminary’s board of trustees in January. †

Parish envelopes collected December 8 and 9

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## SHARE IN THE CARE

Franciscan Sister Rita Vukovic smiles after Mass on Nov. 4 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. Although Sister Rita is eligible for retirement, she has chosen to continue teaching freshman English classes at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.



## God calls Christians to take prophetic action

By Fr. Robert L. Kinast

Prophets and prophecy are often misunderstood. There are people who still think of prophecy as predicting a future hidden from everyone else, much as fortune-tellers and tarot card readers are supposed to do. Prophecy does have a future orientation, but not in this sense.

“Prophecy” comes from two Greek words meaning “to speak for” or “on behalf of” someone. In a religious context, it is assumed that God has communicated a divine message to the prophet, who in turn informs the people. A prophet is thus inspired by God, but this doesn’t necessarily mean that God speaks directly into the ears of the prophet.

In modern times especially, it is more likely that prophets discern God’s message by analyzing and interpreting contemporary events. Such prophetic discernment is certainly guided by the Holy Spirit, but it usually entails careful reflection, study, prayer and dialogue with others.

Perhaps the best description of prophecy today comes from the Second Vatican Council when it declared that the Church has the responsibility of “reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel” (“Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World,” #4).

The council did this with regard to marriage, culture, politics, economics and warfare as well as the renewal of the liturgy, the role of the laity, the updating of religious life, the ecumenical movement and many other issues.

As the council made clear by word and example, this kind of prophecy is a task for the whole Church.

Whereas in the Bible prophecy is ordinarily ascribed to

### We must speak God’s truth

By Carole Norris Greene

At his funeral Mass in April 2004, Bishop Kenneth Untener, who led the Diocese of Saginaw, Mich., for nearly 24 years, was described as “a true fulfillment of the [Second Vatican] Council’s call for bishops to recognize the signs of the times and respond to the apostolic ideal of the Gospel.”

He sold the bishop’s residence and stayed at rectories of nearly 70 parishes for a few weeks or months at a time, serving with “tireless energy while living out of his office and ... the trunk of his car,” according to an observer.

In an address on “What a Prophet Does and Does Not Do,” Bishop Untener said, “The prophetic role is simply that of speaking God’s [hard] truth. Every disciple of the Lord is called upon to exercise that role.”

He said a prophet is “God’s instrument because he or she just happens to be in the right place at the right time for God’s purpose.”

Wisdom means knowing how to use the truth to achieve good, he said, and it is never enough just to be right.

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an individual, such as Isaiah or Jeremiah, in today’s world prophetic action is more likely to occur through movements and organizations, such as the Catholic Alliance for the Common Good, Pax Christi or NETWORK, the national Catholic social justice lobby organization.

One person may be a prophetic catalyst or initiator, such as Dorothy Day for the Catholic Worker Movement, but prophetic change occurs when many people take joint action.

A prophetic message usually has two aspects. One is a critique of a current situation, for example, the problems associated with illegal immigration or the lack of health insurance for millions of citizens.

Because this analysis is rooted in the Gospel, it recalls the teachings and values which are relevant to the present situation.

In the case of immigration, this includes the dignity of each person and the value of labor as well as respect for just laws.

In the case of health insurance, it is the right to adequate health care and one’s personal responsibility for maintaining good health as well as cost-effectiveness and profitability.

The other aspect of modern prophecy is a projection based on a Gospel analysis of what is likely to happen if necessary changes aren’t made. This is where prophecy’s futuristic dimension comes into play. It is not a secret revelation of what is to come, but a logical anticipation of where the present is heading.

If current wasteful practices motivated by greed and selfishness aren’t corrected by a sense of our stewardship of the Earth’s resources, ecological disaster will follow.

If the crushing debt of poor countries is not alleviated through compassion and a belief in the common good, unnecessary human suffering will continue to a scandalous degree.

Anticipating dire results if conditions like these don’t improve can give prophecy a doom-and-gloom character, but genuine prophecy also holds out a positive vision of life if changes for the better are made.

It sees diverse cultures enriching one another rather than conflicting with one another, new technologies like the Internet accessible to everyone rather than confined to the few, and medical resources available to those most in need of them rather than only to those who are able to afford them.

Whether a critique or a projection, a prophetic message may be delivered by word or action. The word may be fully spelled out as in bishops’ pastoral letters on current problems or it may be a bumper sticker reminder that, “If you want peace, work for justice.”

The action may be symbolic, such as the NAACP burying the “n” word in a coffin, or it may be strategic, such as the annual January pro-life marches followed by visits to legislators.

Prophets are not always welcome because they point out what is wrong with the status quo and call for change. They hold people accountable for their actions, lay out the consequences of harmful decisions and



Many deported migrants, who often have nowhere to go and quickly become homeless, live in the river levee in storm and sewer drains. Angeles del Desierto is a humanitarian-aid group that provides food, water and medical attention to migrants. In the background are high intensity lights set up by the U.S. to illuminate the U.S.-Mexican border, which transects the river.

sometimes pay the price for their efforts.

In the criminal justice system, prophetic voices advocate for fair treatment of prisoners.

In the business world, they value their employees and customers more than increasing profits.

In the arts and entertainment field, they challenge and nurture the human spirit more than achieve commercial success.

There are prophets in family homes who respect and listen to their children while instilling in them values, such as simple living and service that may be counter-cultural.

The question today is not so much what prophecy is, but whether we are ready to take the prophetic action that God expects of us as Christians.

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## Discussion Point

### Positive attitude resolves differences

#### This Week’s Question

What attitudes or approaches are needed to address a troubled situation constructively?

“You need a positive approach and have to focus on the long term, not the short term. You can convey that by trying not to let anger or emotions seep into situations. ... I ran into that in business recently with a man I had worked with for 20 years. He changed the agreement we’d had. [At first, I was upset] but I thought about it and realized, ‘It’s only money.’ So I concentrated on our friendship.” (Ralph Brislin, Akron, Ohio)

“As the director of employee health at work, I often handle difficult situations. We actually bring in both employees [involved in a dispute]. I talk with each and get their perceptions, and then it’s my job to guide them. Usually, the problem is a matter of their perception.

Situations are often resolved just by discussing the problem and helping them see it through the other person’s eyes.” (JoAnn Shea, Riverview, Fla.)

“When my kids were growing up, I’d try to sit them down and have each explain how they played a part in a disagreement. [That process] has even helped them as grown-ups to see how they might have helped cause a difficult situation in their present lives.” (Wanda Blaskowski, Fisher, Minn.)

#### Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: How would you respond if someone asked what God is like?

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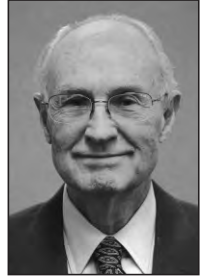


From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Biblical women: David's wife, Michal

(Seventeenth in a series of columns)

Michal, the daughter of King Saul, was smitten with David. When Saul learned of it, he was glad because he thought he could use Michal to kill David, whom he saw as a rival (1 Sm 18:20-27).



Therefore, he offered Michal to David as his wife. The bridal price was the foreskins of 100 Philistines. Saul hoped that, while David was trying to get them, the Philistines would kill him. But David brought back 200 foreskins, counted them out before the king, and claimed Michal in marriage.

That made Saul even more determined to kill David. He sent guards to David's house with orders to kill him in the morning. Michal, knowing what her father had in mind, saved her husband by lowering David down through a window. Then she put an idol, with a net of

goat's hair on its head, in the bed. When the soldiers burst in the next morning, she told them that David was sick (1 Sm 19:11-17).

The messengers reported back to Saul, who ordered them to bring David back, bed and all, so he could kill him. That's when they found that Michal had deceived them. Naturally, Saul was furious with Michal, who said that David had threatened to kill her if she hadn't helped him escape.

David was on the run from Saul for a long time. Saul gave Michal in marriage to a man named Paltiel. After Saul's death, David lived in Hebron, where he had other wives: Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah, Higgith, Abital and Eglah. They all bore him children (1 Sm 25:39-43; 2 Sm 3:2-5).

Eventually, David decided that he also wanted Michal back so he sent Abner to get her for him. David sent messengers to Ishbaal, Saul's son, reminding him that David had paid 200 foreskins for Michal. Therefore, Ishbaal took her away from Paltiel and sent her with Abner back to David. Paltiel followed her, weeping, until Abner sent him back (2 Sm 3:13-16).

After David conquered Jerusalem, he

took more wives and concubines. Michal, although his first wife, was basically just part of the harem (2 Sm 5:13).

Then came the day when David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. It was a joyous occasion and David, clad only in a loincloth, danced with abandon in front of the Ark. Michal, though, looking through a window, saw David's performance and felt contempt for him (2 Sm 6:14-16).

As soon as David entered his home, Michal confronted him: "How the king of Israel has honored himself today," she said, "exposing himself to the view of the slave girls of his followers, as a commoner might do!" (2 Sm 6:20).

David rejected her scorn. "I was dancing before the Lord," he told her. "As the Lord lives, who preferred me to your father and his whole family . . . , not only will I make merry before the Lord, but I will demean myself even more. I will be lowly in your esteem, but in the esteem of the slave girls you spoke of I will be honored" (2 Sm 6:21-22).

From then on, David had nothing to do with Michal. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## New and better reasons for a thankful season

When we are pressed to come up with reasons why we're thankful at the Thanksgiving Day feast, we tend to produce clichés.



Most of us are thankful for friends and family, loving children and spouses and, if we're lucky, good health and the means to live decently.

But, if we really consider the

possibilities for gratitude, we realize there are lots more than those. They come from our individual experiences, but still may be common to many of us. It seems to me that this holiday is a time to identify the more unique gifts which God has given, and to return thanks for them, too.

For one thing, as a woman I'm eternally grateful that I was born into a Christian-based society in a developed country like the U.S. The more I learn about living in certain other regions or religious settings of the world, the more I empathize with women who have no control over their own bodies or lives because of backward customs or harshly interpreted religion.

I'm also grateful I was born into a life

filled with interesting experiences because of its time and place. I enjoyed a good public school education and an appreciation for the virtues I learned living in small town and rural America. History was reality for me because of the Great Depression and World War II.

As a person, I'm thankful for the gift of curiosity and the tools needed to satisfy it. Reading constantly amuses and informs me, often on subjects I knew little or nothing about before. It can even help me to make a difference in the world and be useful to others after reading explanations of people's problems or ways to serve their needs.

I'm also grateful that God gave me the urge to travel, a husband who's willing to go anywhere, and children who live in cities and countries we would never have visited otherwise.

One of my favorite gifts from God is a sense of humor. Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately, I find most things amusing, if not hilarious. There's a natural optimism inherent in this attitude which annoys some people, but I'm glad to have it. Humor goes a long way to smooth life's journey and make it joyous.

The thing I'm most grateful for, though, is faith. Somehow, I've always believed in

God, a God who loves me and knows my heart and cares for me. I've never doubted God's goodness nor blamed God for the sorrows I've experienced. And I sincerely appreciate the dignity God has given us in the possession of free will.

Besides that, I'm grateful that I can see God's hand in the people, places and events I encounter. Almost daily, when people extend smiles, kindness, courtesy and patience, I'm reminded that we're all made in God's image. And sometimes I'm reminded of the dangers of misused free will when people are selfish, cruel or indifferent to others' needs.

Every evening when I draw the curtains for the night, I look out at every season of the year thankful for God's good creation. Nature is not only beautiful, but also it illustrates the genius and order of God's plan. Trees and flowers, wind and rain and sunshine all speak to us of the divine joy we share in their presence.

When you get right down to it, how can we not be thankful? And, thankful not only on Thanksgiving, but every day.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

## Luke 10:23-37: Loving neighbors as thyself

Thanksgiving weekend reminds us to count our blessings.



At the Thanksgiving table in our family, we take turns expressing gratitude for something or someone special.

Listening to everyone, I also think of those who are not able to spend time with loved ones as well as those who are having community meals in shelters or church halls and those who will not eat at all.

In the weeks before Thanksgiving, mail usually brings a number of pleas from local and out-of-town organizations for donations to help make the holiday meaningful to men, women and children who are hungry and/or homeless. I can only imagine how stressful it must be to not know where the next meal will come from or where to sleep safely.

I had a glimpse of such scenarios this summer when I was given a tour by Emmeline Sparks at Horizon House ([www.horizonhouse.cc](http://www.horizonhouse.cc)) near downtown

Indianapolis.

Sparks is a friend of my grandson and began working there as a special events coordinator after graduating from Purdue University in May. She works via Americorps' VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

The first thing I noticed during her tour is that she referred to the homeless as "neighbors." I had never considered this before. Perhaps, in most cases, they're not physically living next door, but their presence is seen and felt in many areas of most large cities as well as in small towns. They are our neighbors, and we are theirs.

Years ago, in my Illinois hometown's downtown area, my mother and I noticed a dirty, disheveled man who was lying unconscious on a sidewalk. It was Mom who quickly went forth to try to help him. Onlookers nearby told us that he had a seizure and an ambulance was on the way. Someone called him "a bum." I figured he was homeless. I'm much more knowledgeable about such things now than I was then.

A few months ago, I learned from a local newspaper that there are free

pamphlets available that explain the right approaches to take when encountering a panhandler. With the help of other agencies and organizations, the pamphlets exist thanks to Indianapolis Downtown Inc. ([www.indydt.com](http://www.indydt.com) or 317-237-2222).

They list several places providing food assistance, including the Cathedral Kitchen at 1350 N. Pennsylvania St., which is just east of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. They also name some emergency shelters and outreach places.

Sparks points out the importance of helping needy neighbors all year, not just during the holidays, especially since there is no government mandate that addresses the need to end homelessness.

"It is the community who is held accountable for the socially displaced," Sparks said. "Improving the quality of life for those who share your sidewalks will in turn make the community as a whole flourish." †

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The Bottom Line/Antoinette Bosco

## What is spiritual theology for Catholics?

For years, I have spoken with many Catholics who tell me they are "spiritual, but not religious." When I ask for specifics on what they mean, I get answers implying that adhering to religion means to "follow the rules."



While I have never regarded my faith as commandments to follow—I follow the

person of the Lord Jesus Christ—explaining my spirituality can be a tongue-twister, one that invites the question, "Does that mean you're religious or spiritual?"

With that acknowledgment, I can honestly say I saw a new offering on the subject from Orbis Books to be good news.

My colleague, Michael Leach, is editing a series of new books called *Catholic Spirituality for Adults*. These are being written by some of the best Catholic authors today, he said. These writers have been asked to explore the spiritual dimensions of their own faith, sharing what they are learning to see along their journey.

"The series is all about seeing ... the good of God that is in front of our eyes, within us and all around us," Leach said.

The first book of the series is *Reconciliation* by Father Robert Morneau. He says simply, honestly, "Spirituality is about relationship. God has entered into a covenant with us and invites us into a life of friendship."

Meditating on this, we know honestly that friendship is a two-way street. When we're on that street in partnership with God, we become his agents, working with him to restore grace in this world; then we can say we are both spiritual and religious.

Servants of Mary Sister Joyce Rupp is another of the authors in this series who writes on prayer. Part of her ministry is to give "spiritual direction" to faith seekers.

She tells of a woman who considered "spiritual transformation" far beyond her reach. "I encouraged her to review the choices she made each day and to note how they were changing her into a Christlike person," Sister Joyce wrote. "In doing so, she would see her journey of transformation. With this guidance, she then recognized the growth in her life as a dedicated minister, a faithful spouse, a loving mother, a daily meditator and a person strongly committed to global justice issues. She was truly being changed into love, day by day."

What better definition for "spirituality" than that? It underscores the meaning of spirituality as expressed by Leach. Each book of his new series, he said, "reflects Christ's active and loving presence in the world," and that the works are a "celebration of our membership in the mystical body of Christ, helping us to understand our spiritual unity with the entire family of God, and encouraging us to express Christ's mission of love, peace and reconciliation in our daily lives."

To be a part of this celebration means we must understand that we have a relationship with all the people of this world and a responsibility to the world itself.

Another contributor to the series, Father Richard McBrien, pointed out, "Spiritual practices can never be at odds with the genuine welfare of the planet and of each person who inhabits it."

To get to this point of caring requires "a fundamental change of consciousness—how we see our fellow human beings," wrote Father Albert Nolan in his book *Jesus Today*. He begins a chapter titled, "One With Other Human Beings" with this opening sentence: "Loving God and loving one's neighbor are obviously central to Jesus' spirituality."

If we need an underscored definition of what it means to be spiritual, here it is!

(Antoinette Bosco is a columnist for Catholic News Service.) †

Feast of Christ the King/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007

- 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- Colossians 1:12-20
- Luke 23:35-43

The Second Book of Samuel is the source of this feast's first reading.



The reading recalls the reign of King David in Israel, which was from 1004 to 971 B.C.

In this weekend's reading, David becomes the king of Israel. When reading about David, or his predecessor, Saul, or Solomon or any of the kings, it is important to

note that the kings were much more than governmental authorities or political figures in the eyes of the ancient Hebrews. The task of every king was to strengthen the union between God and the people.

Also important is the fact that while heredity eventually played a role in kingly succession, the kings were seen as God's gifts to the people. Through them, God led the people to peace and prosperity.

A passage from the Epistle to the Colossians is the Church's choice for its second reading.

This epistle was written to the Christians of Colossae, a moderately important city of the Roman Empire.

Boldly, the epistle asserts that Jesus is the absolute center of creation. Eloquent and profound, this reading acclaims Jesus as the "image of the invisible God." He is God, the Creator. In Jesus, all human beings and certainly all Christians come together and, more wondrously, bond with God. Therefore, through Jesus, all people have reason to hope for eternal salvation.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the Gospel reading.

It is a passage from Luke's powerful Passion Narrative that recounts the trial and execution of Jesus.

The Gospel recalls the inscription placed above the head of Jesus on the cross. It read "The King of the Jews" in Hebrew, Greek and Latin.

The Romans wanted no one to wonder

why this unfortunate man was being subjected to the horrifying death of crucifixion. The three languages were used to make clear to any and all that the crucified had presumed to challenge the mighty Roman emperor. Anyone else guilty of such effrontery would pay.

However, for Luke's Gospel, this Roman tactic to deter future treason was instead divine revelation. It situated Jesus in Salvation history. God had chosen the Jews. They were to proclaim God throughout the world. Jesus was supreme among them, the perfect witness to God's presence and love, so Jesus was indeed the king of the Jews.

Luke's Gospel then tells us about the two criminals being crucified beside Jesus. In cynicism and despair, one of them taunts Jesus, blaspheming God. The other declares that Jesus is Lord, with command over heaven itself.

To reward this man's faith, Jesus promises the believing convict that he will enjoy eternal life. Even in the darkness and terror of Calvary, Jesus gives the greatest gift of divine love, forgiveness from sin.

## Reflection

Although Canada, our closest neighbor to the north, is a constitutional monarchy, and a number of powerful and stable countries around the world also are monarchies—from Japan to Spain to The Netherlands—we Americans always have a hard time understanding what monarchs are so the meaning of this feast may elude us.

Almost 20 years ago, King Baudouin I of Belgium, who since has died, made headlines when he refused to approve an act of the Belgian Parliament legalizing abortion. It was unprecedented.

The king said that he would not allow himself to be an agent in legalizing abortion. However, his action, while controversial, caused many people in Belgium and other countries to re-think their views about abortion. They saw that the king had expressed the highest of values.

This feast comes from the European experience of monarchy. Jesus, the king of the Jews in Pilate's estimate, the king of creation, by death on Calvary displayed the unquestioning and resolute devotion to God that alone is the key to salvation for any of us. †

## Daily Readings

Monday, Nov. 26  
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20  
(Response) Daniel 3:52-56  
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, Nov. 27  
Daniel 2:31-45  
(Response) Daniel 3:57-61  
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, Nov. 28  
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
(Response) Daniel 3:62-67  
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, Nov. 29  
Daniel 6:12-28  
(Response) Daniel 3:68-74  
Luke 21:20-28

Friday, Nov. 30  
Andrew, Apostle  
Romans 10:9-18  
Psalm 19:2-5  
Matthew 4:18-22

Saturday, Dec. 1  
Daniel 7:15-27  
(Response) Daniel 3:82-87  
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday, Dec. 2  
First Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122:1-9  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

## Rosary may date to 12th century as devotion to Jesus and Mary

Q After being devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary all my life—I'm 84 years old—I have several questions.



Where did the rosary originate? Who put the prayers together? What are all the extra prayers necessary today? Is the Hail Holy Queen part of the rosary?

I find it puzzling when I see a statue of Mary holding the rosary.

I pray the rosary often, but my strong relationship to Jesus tells me that he loves me with much love and will answer all my prayers. (Ohio)

A First of all, there is no required or official way to say the rosary (from the Latin "rosarium," which means "a rose garden").

In fact, different countries, different Catholic cultures, vary in the sequence and number of prayers, though all are now based on 150 Hail Marys and reflections on chief events in the life and glorification of our Lord and, in the final two mysteries, of Mary.

In the United States, the rosary commonly begins with an Our Father, three Hail Marys and a Glory Be to the Father, and concludes with the Hail Holy Queen. But none of these introductory or concluding prayers nor the Glory Be at the end of each mystery are integral to the rosary.

According to pious tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic (d. 1221), instructing him to spread devotion to the rosary. All references linking Dominic with this prayer, however, go back only to Alan de la Roche, who is considered the founder of the Confraternities of the Rosary, but who lived more than 200 years after Dominic died.

No earlier mention of a connection with St. Dominic is found anywhere one might expect, including in official Dominican archives, documents of canonization, paintings and other art depicting the saint, biographies and sermons preached on his feast.

The more authentic explanation is that the rosary developed gradually over several centuries, beginning most likely with the growth of popular devotions to Mary and Jesus in the 12th century.

With a desire to bring the uneducated laity into closer contact with the liturgy, people were invited to recite 150 Our Fathers, matching the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

Over time, Hail Marys were added, eventually reaching 15 "decades" separated by the Lord's Prayer. For a long time, the entire rosary encompassed 150 mysteries, requiring that its recitation be carried out with a book. Finally, it was recognized that, if the rosary were to be a popular prayer, it needed to be simplified.

During the 1500s, the rosary of 15 decades and mysteries prevailed, and the second half of the Hail Mary and the Glory Be to the Father were added. The rosary had reached pretty much its present form.

As noted above, the Hail Holy Queen is not an essential part of the rosary. Several years ago, I was at the Vatican when Pope John Paul II led the rosary. He did not include this prayer at the end.

Since 1917, the prayer apparently taught by Mary to the children at Fatima, Portugal, has often been added to parts of the rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy."

In 1956, a Vatican office, the Apostolic Penitentiary, was asked about this addition. It declared that including the prayer does not nullify the rosary indulgences.

As you note, it is a historic and theological anomaly to portray the Virgin Mary with a rosary since there was no such prayer for more than a thousand years after she died.

It beautifully symbolizes, however, that this devotion is a particularly useful and effective way to unite our prayers with hers and through her to bring us closer to her Son.

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

## My Journey to God

### The Tapestry

Our lives are like a Tapestry  
Woven by the Weaver of Time,  
A colorful pattern of blues and reds,  
Interwoven with purples and greens.

Some strands are light and delicate,  
Gossamer strands of silk;  
These are the joys and the loves,  
The beautiful times in our lives.

Other strands are thick and sturdy,  
Coarse fibers of wool and hemp;  
These are the trials that test us,  
The texture that takes our measure.

A silken Tapestry is pretty,  
But fragile and easily torn.  
A Tapestry woven with coarser fibers  
Stands the test of time.

The Master Weaver braided us together,  
Each strand and color highlights the other.  
Alone, we are pale, weak and often  
wounded,  
Together we are His masterpiece.

By Sandra Hartlieb

(Sandra Hartlieb is a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis. A cloth is removed from a tapestry bearing the faces of 498 Spanish martyrs during their beatification Mass at the Vatican on Oct. 28. The tapestry hung from St. Peter's Basilica during the outdoor Mass.



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## Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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

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

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to [critterion@archindy.org](mailto:critterion@archindy.org). †

# Pope urges world aid for victims of cyclone in Bangladesh

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI urged international assistance for Bangladesh, where thousands were killed in one of the worst cyclones in the country's history.

"In recent days, a tremendous cyclone struck southern Bangladesh, causing numerous victims and serious destruction," the pope told pilgrims at his Sunday blessing at the Vatican on Nov. 18.

The pope expressed his condolences to the families of the dead and said he hoped the international community, which moved quickly to aid the survivors, would continue to provide relief.

"I encourage every possible effort to help these brothers and sisters who have been so sorely tried," he said.

Officials estimated that at least 3,150 people died when the cyclone tore through coastal areas of Bangladesh on Nov. 15 with winds

estimated at 150 mph. Relief agencies said the final death toll could reach 10,000.

In Dhaka, Bangladesh, the head of the nation's charitable agency said Caritas officials were rushing aid to areas along the coast.

"Though there were warnings of the cyclone, its impact has been deadly. The people have been badly affected," Auxiliary Bishop Theotonius Gomes of Dhaka, chairman of Caritas Bangladesh and secretary-general of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh, told Catholic News Service on Nov. 19.

Bishop Gomes said Caritas officials had rushed to the worst-affected areas, like the port city of Chittagong, to assess the needs of the affected people and plan the Church's relief

work.

Caritas Bangladesh appealed for food aid and tarpaulins or plastic sheeting and blankets to provide

shelter to the families rendered homeless by the cyclone.

"Crops have been destroyed in water-logged

areas, fishermen communities and day laborers have lost their sources of income, and thousands of people are too

poor to have any food stocks in their homes," said the appeal.

Caritas said its national, regional and field offices had taken preventive measures and joined in cautioning the villagers along the coastlines to flee the coastal areas.

Many villagers could find no trace of their homes when they returned the next day.

Bishop Gomes said although many simple Church structures in the areas have also been damaged, there has been no report of damage to any major Church properties.

Meanwhile, the international Caritas network responded with pledges of financial assistance. For instance, Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency, pledged \$500,000 in aid.

Christians make up less than 1 percent of Bangladesh's estimated 150 million people, nearly 90 percent of whom are Muslim. Hindus and Buddhists account for the rest of the population.

In his main talk at the Sunday Angelus, Pope Benedict spoke about how Christians are called on to face daily trials—including natural catastrophes—with the confidence of faith.

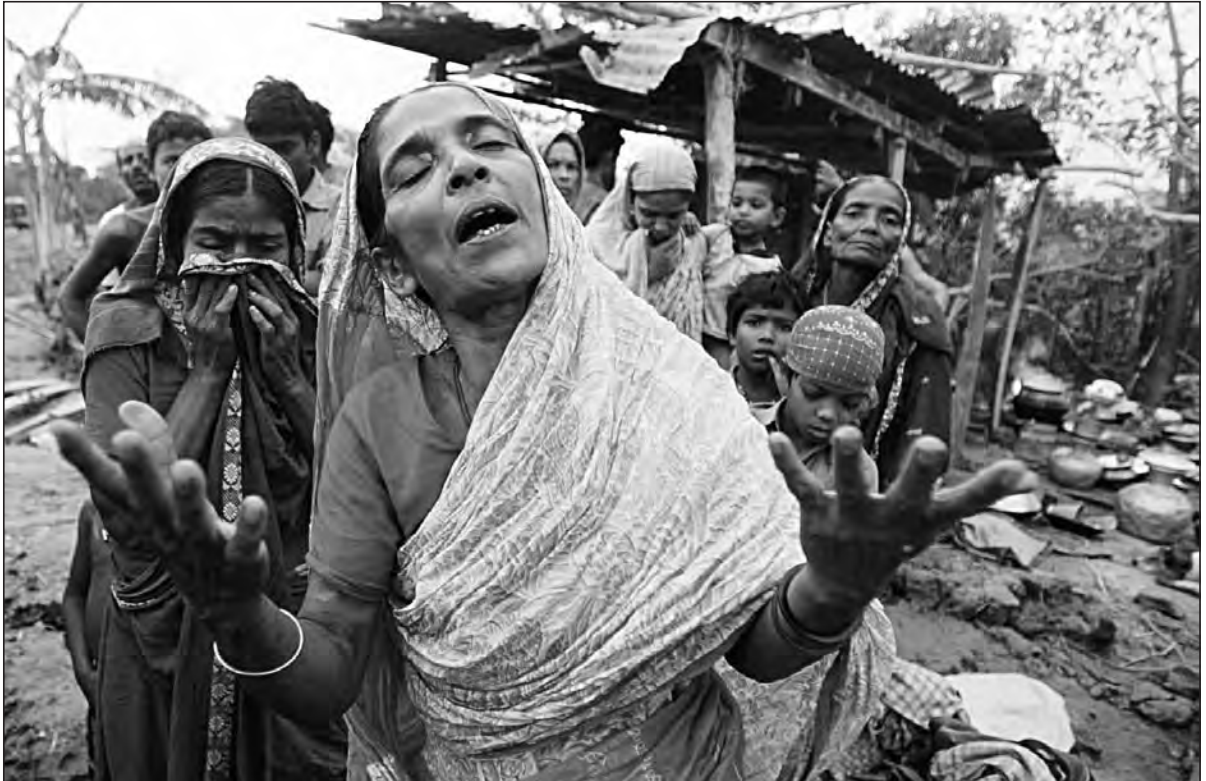
History follows its course, which includes human drama and suffering, but it still embodies a "design of salvation" introduced by Christ's life, death and resurrection, he said.

Christians therefore should trust in God's love as they cope with difficulties and apprehensions, he said.

"We don't fear the future, even when it appears ominous, because the God of Jesus Christ, who took up history to open it up to its transcendent fulfillment, is its alpha and omega, the beginning and the end," he said.

He said Christ guarantees that the entire meaning of the universe is contained in "every small but genuine act of love." †

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**BECHER, Fred J.**, 85, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Nov. 3. Husband of Rosemary (Doyle) Becher. Father of Anne Barton, Maureen Sage, Edward, Gerald and Joseph Becher. Brother of seven. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of four.

**EISENHUT, Richard J., Sr.**, 77, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Husband of Donna Eisenhut. Father of Theresa Patee, Bob, Richard Jr. and Tim Eisenhut. Brother of Donna Ozbun, Penny, James and Joe Eisenhut. Grandfather of 10.

**FREIBERGER, Willis M.**, 91, Holy Family, New Albany, Nov. 9. Husband of Mary (Blessinger) Freiburger. Father of Linda Freiburger. Brother of

Eugene, Evans, Omer and Wilford Freiburger.

**HAMMOND, Wilma J.**, 85, St. Joseph, Indianapolis, Nov. 7. Mother of Karen Leshner and Barbara Lynch. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of five.

**HYLTON, Debra M.**, 54, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Mother of Christina Gilpatrick, Kathryn and Mike Hylton. Daughter of Barbara Remmert. Sister of Bill Remmert. Grandmother of eight.

**KIEBACH, David H.**, 47, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Nov. 5. Husband of Diana Kiebach. Father of Mackenzie and Sean Kiebach. Son of Rita Kiebach. Brother of Laura Emmons, Donna Phelps, Susan Short, Jack, Mike and Tom Kiebach.

**KOHALMI, Laszlo**, 92, St. Martha, Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Martinsville, Oct. 20. Husband of Lucia Kohalmi. Father of Csaba Kohalmi. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of three.

**KONIECZY, Stephen**, 67, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Nov. 1. Husband of Carol Konieczny. Father of Stephanie Brinley and Christine Heffern. Brother of James and Robert Konieczny.

**LONG, William James**, 81, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Nov. 3. Husband of Dolores Joan (Beck) Long. Father of Rita Piersall, Paul and William Long. Brother of Nina Stirlen. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of three.

**LYNN, Earl J.**, 91, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, Nov. 11. Husband of Kathryn (Mayer) Lynn. Father of Gregory and Mark Lynn. Grandfather of one.

**MARTIN, Irene Elizabeth**, 99, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Nov. 5. Mother of Jan Forbes. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of four.

**McALLISTER, Ruth F.**, 91, St. Mary, New Albany, Nov. 4. Mother of Patricia Gilchrist, Larry and Dr. William McAllister. Grandmother of 11. Great-grand-

mother of 13. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**McCLUNG, Donald Edwin**, 76, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Nov. 4. Husband of Margorie (Talbot) McClung. Father of Kim Aimone, Karrie Leak, Danni Pedigo and Andy McClung. Brother of Mildred Edlin and Frank McClung. Grandfather of six. Step-grandfather of three. Step-great-grandfather of two.

**NEWBURG, Harry E.**, 74, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, Oct. 21. Father of Elizabeth Beyer, Mary Smith, Julie Stoneking, Karen Yde, Joseph and Steven Newburg. Half-brother of Geraldine Von Stein and Steve Woehler. Grandfather of several. Great-grandfather of several.

**PEREZ, Martha Nestora**, 75, Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

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**RAJER, Ann F. (Gazvoda)**, 89, St. Malachy, Brownsburg, Nov. 2. Mother of Frank and Ronald Rajer. Sister of Rose Mary Medjeski and Frances Moss. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of three.

**SOEL, Linda M.**, 58, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Nov. 3. Wife of Robert Soel. Mother of Stacy Brown, Amy, Matthew, Michael and Robert Soel. Daughter of Louise Dryer. Sister of Lucy

Leighton, Michael and Peter Dryer. Grandmother of eight.

**TONTE, Robert**, 74, St. Jude, Indianapolis, Oct. 31. Father of Diana McCarthy, Deborah Watkins, James, Leonard and Robert Tonte. Brother of Alma Kuligowski, Barbara Markuse and Felix Tonte. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of nine.

**VOYLES, Kathryn R.**, 85, Holy Family, New Albany, Nov. 3. Mother of Faye Banet and Lee Bowling. Sister of Nellie Rice. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of 22. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**ZOBEL, Edna Mae**, 75, St. Mary, Greensburg, Oct. 31. Mother of Sue Stoneking, Carol Teague, Jim and Mark Zobel. Sister of Mary Ellen and Harold Menkedick. Grandmother of 11. †



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# Governor: Business is a fellowship that can better society

By Mary Ann Wyand

Funny, faith-filled and forthright, Gov. Mitch Daniels mixed humor, Scripture and ethical advice in his keynote address to Catholic Business Exchange members on Nov. 16 at the St. Pius X Council's Northside Knights of Columbus Hall in Indianapolis.

"You're very kind to share this opportunity with a misguided Protestant," Indiana's 49th governor, who is an elder for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, told more than 220 Catholic business men and women attending the organization's monthly breakfast meeting.

"I think that we were given free will and ... the charge to try to change things—change them for the betterment of all our fellow man," he said. "That is what I see organizations like this doing, [and] ... each of you individually in your own business is doing."

Praising Lucious Newsom for his community ministry to the poor as founder of The Lord's Pantry 19 years ago in Indianapolis, Daniels said, "I come as a member of a slightly different faith, although I must say if Roman Catholicism brought Lucious Newsom to its fold then maybe I need to start thinking about it myself."

Newsom, a former Baptist minister who is now a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, sang "Amazing Grace" for the gathering before the program then later accepted offerings for his poverty-relief efforts in Marion County.

"If you want to feel small and inadequate in your [faith] walk," Daniels said of Newsom, "if you want to be reminded of how far all the fallen people have to go, you will not find, anywhere around here that I know of, a better example of someone who lives the Christian life—and I mean lives it every waking moment—than that man right there."

The governor also offered praise for the goals of the Catholic Business Exchange, which was founded three years ago by St. Thomas Aquinas parishioner Jim Liston of Indianapolis to bring business people together for friendship, faith-sharing and networking.

Daniels said business is a fellowship of people who are organized to provide some goods or services to citizens who freely choose to purchase it because it will make their life better in some way.

Goodwill is the most important asset on

the balance sheet, the governor said. "It's the reputation that is established by fair, honest and moral dealing, so I am very cheered up to see an organization like this, ... and I just want to say how much I appreciate it and how much I would love to see it replicated very widely."

Mitchell Daniels Jr. served in top leadership positions in business and government before running for public office for the first time and being elected governor in 2004.

One of his first acts as governor was to establish an Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives in 2005.

He also was the president of Eli Lilly and Company's North American pharmaceutical operations and the chief executive officer of the Hudson Institute, an international public policy think tank.

In federal government, Daniels served as the chief of staff for President Ronald Reagan and was the director of the Office of Management and Budget under President George W. Bush.

"Business, when practiced under institutions of freedom, is an entirely ethical and moral and noble thing to do," Daniels said. "It's been written and proven so often that the more commerce [that happens] between people, the more peaceful their relationships. It has to be that way. ... Peace between people and nations is enhanced when commerce is allowed to happen. ... Business is the best hope we have [to provide help] for the disadvantaged of this Earth."

"... Government, at its worst, drives out jobs and growth and income and wealth," he said. "At its best, it simply sets the table and creates the conditions whereby free men and women pursuing their dreams create wealth for each other."

When business is properly practiced, he said, it provides opportunities for people.

"The greatest act of corporate citizenship in my eyes that you can perform is to make money," the governor said. "I don't mean that to sound as crass as it does. ... But the first thing that business does—and it's fundamental to our progress as a people—is to create new wealth, new hope, new jobs, new opportunities, so that free men and women living, as I believe God intended us to, try to fulfill their own human potential, care for their families [and] help the next generation to step further forward than they do."



Gov. Mitch Daniels talks with Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ parishioner Lucious Newsom of Indianapolis, who founded The Lord's Pantry ministry to the poor 19 years ago. They shared a moment at the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall in Indianapolis on Nov. 16 before the governor spoke about faith and commerce during the Catholic Business Exchange meeting. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, was the celebrant for the Mass before the program.

Daniels said he is "always very reticent to talk about faith personally, particularly in a crowd like this. I know how far I have fallen and how far short I come of the life that God and Christ want me to live."

He said his Presbyterian pastor once preached that "we're all walking [on our faith journey] every day and that the best epitaph on one's tombstone is that of a mountaineer who died climbing."

Humility is "the central instruction of our faith," Daniels said, and it is important "to recognize our smallness, our common shortcomings and the need always to remember the greatness—the overwhelming, transcendent greatness—of the God who made us."

Along with humility comes perspective, he said, about doing secular work.

"What I'm doing is trivial and temporary," he said, while clergy "deal in the important and the permanent."

"Trying to keep that in mind, I hope, improves one in one's own work," Daniels said. "It doesn't mean that you're less committed. I hope it means that you're reminded to strive your very, very hardest to achieve what you can, knowing that it will always only have a modest place in God's plan. ... In coming together as people of

business who are people of faith in a way like this, I just do not doubt that we truly are furthering God's work."

After his speech, the governor told *The Criterion* that he appreciates the amount and variety of humanitarian work that the Catholic Church and its members provide to help people in need.

Praising "the effect it has on lives in this country and all over the world," Daniels said, "The scale of it is not known to many people, ... the enormous scale of compassionate work that Catholics in both organized and individual ways do all over the world. This would be so much less a world without it."

Liston said the governor, who frequently referred to Scripture, was "so passionate about his own faith and just really seemed to be excited about being at this program with the emphasis on faith and business."

St. Joan of Arc parishioner Barbara Jones of Indianapolis said, "It was wonderful to hear the governor share his feeling that ethics in business is always a positive thing and will lead to growth within the economy and in our personal lives. I particularly enjoyed that the governor ... shared his faith and the way in which his faith impacts his own daily business life." †

## Ethical and scientific breakthroughs seen in new stem-cell studies

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Scientists and ethicists alike hailed as a breakthrough two studies showing that human skin cells can be reprogrammed to work as effectively as embryonic stem cells, thus negating the need to destroy embryos in the name of science.

Separate studies from teams led by Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University in Japan and Junying Yu and James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin-Madison were published online on Nov. 20 by the journals *Cell* and *Science*, respectively.

"The methods outlined in these papers fully conform to what we have hoped to see for some time," said a statement from the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

"Such strategies should continue to be pursued and strongly promoted, as they

should help to steer the entire field of stem-cell research in a more explicitly ethical direction by circumventing the moral quagmire associated with destroying human embryos," it added.

By adding four genes to the skin cells, the scientists were able to create stem cells that genetically match the donor and have the ability to become any of the 220 types of cells in the human body.

"The induced cells do all the things embryonic stem cells do," Thomson, who isolated the first embryonic stem cells in 1998, said in a university news release. "It's going to completely change the field."

Unlike the ethicists, however, Thomson called on scientists to continue research involving the destruction of human embryos. More study is needed to ensure that the newly made cells "do not differ from embryonic

stem cells in a clinically significant or unexpected way, so it is hardly time to discontinue embryonic stem-cell research," he said.

The White House also praised the breakthrough on Nov. 20, saying that President George W. Bush's June 2007 executive order expanding stem-cell research using "ethically responsible techniques" was "intended to accelerate precisely the kind of research being reported today."

"The president believes medical problems can be solved without compromising either the high aims of science or the sanctity of human life," said press secretary Dana Perino. "We will continue to encourage scientists to expand the frontiers of stem-cell research and continue to advance the understanding of human biology in an ethically responsible way."

Ian Wilmut, the Scottish scientist who created Dolly the cloned sheep in 1996, told the *London Telegraph* that he had decided in light of the new findings to abandon his efforts to clone human embryos and would instead concentrate on research involving the new reprogramming techniques.

The National Catholic Bioethics Center said Wilmut's change of heart "flowed largely from practical considerations," but that the scientist also had acknowledged that the new approach was "easier to accept socially."

"Persistence in seeking creative scientific breakthroughs and actively pursuing alternative approaches can help resolve serious ethical problems and allow us to maintain the ethical integrity of science while achieving important scientific and medical ends," the statement said. †

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# Hundreds turn out to pray during '40 Days for Life' campaign

By Mary Ann Wyand

Hispanic Catholics prayed all night on Saturdays in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Indianapolis during the recent "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign there.

Hundreds of other pro-life supporters continued the prayer vigil during the daytime hours from Sept. 26 to Nov. 4 outside the largest abortion facility in the state at 8590 Georgetown Road.

St. Luke parishioner John Hanagan of Indianapolis participated in the prayer campaign and later talked with pro-life sidewalk counselors about the results.

"That first week we had three 'saves,'" Hanagan said. "Three women decided to keep their unborn babies rather than have them aborted. Considering how difficult it is to gain access to those coming in for abortions at Planned Parenthood [due to the fenced property], that was amazing. We only have one brief chance to offer help as they drive by us there ... so three saved babies in the first four days was enough to make the whole 40 days worthwhile."

The pro-life counselors reported less traffic coming into the abortion clinic during the 40 days of prayer, Hanagan said, and some of the women were willing to stop and talk with them.

"All [the sidewalk counselors] were very appreciative of those [people] that came out to pray," he said. "The whole atmosphere was one of peacefulness and prayer."

Hanagan said he prayed in front of the clinic again on the Tuesday after the close of the "40 Days for Life" campaign, and was pleased that a Latino woman and her child were there as well as a woman with older children who are home-schooled.

"It was a good sign that the prayers at Planned Parenthood would continue," he said, "until there are no more abortions there."

St. Luke parishioner Elaine Rigney of Indianapolis, who helped coordinate the pro-life prayer campaign, welcomed several hundred people to the closing rally on Nov. 4 at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged Chapel in Indianapolis.

"The prayer campaign was very successful," she said,



Retired Indy-car driver Johnny Parsons of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis shares his faith and thanks pro-life supporters during the closing rally for the "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign on Nov. 4 at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged Chapel in Indianapolis. Parsons is raising his grandson and is a member of American Racing Ministries.

"because of each and every person who came out and prayed with us ... more than 300 participants."

Other rally speakers included a driver who raced in the Indianapolis 500 and two state legislators. They offered their thanks to the volunteers who prayed for an end to abortion in front of the clinic every day for nearly a month and a half.

Retired Indy-car driver Johnny Parsons of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, State Sen. Greg Walker (R-Dist. 41, Columbus) and State Sen. Jeff Drozda (R-Dist. 21, Westfield, Ind.) were among the speakers who encouraged pro-life supporters to continue praying in front of abortion clinics.

"When you turn yourself over to the Lord and are touched by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit will bless you and guide you," Parsons said. "... All of you are here because the Spirit brought you here, and what you have done for the Lord is going to be well-rewarded. We know that through the Scriptures."

Parsons also talked about the opportunity to raise his grandson.

"For those that have lost children, just know that you're going to be with your child again," Parsons said. "The Lord has promised you that in the next world, and he is a forgiving God."

St. Patrick parishioner Luis Fernando Aguayo of Indianapolis, a member of the Hispanic Catholic Family Movement, was one of the pro-life supporters who prayed outside the abortion clinic on Saturday nights in shifts from 7:30 p.m. until 7:30 a.m.

During some of those nights, Aguayo said, there were as many as 60 Latino people praying together there.

"This is not the end of prayers," he said. "This is the beginning of prayers."

Walker told the gathering not to feel discouraged about their pro-life efforts because "God can act upon the prayers of a few righteous, and do exceedingly, abundantly, beyond what we are able to comprehend."

As faithful Christians, he said, "you have the power to move mountains in your words and your expressions from within your heart to the Lord. Don't ever forget that. ... You've seen God work in your lives in ways that you never could have imagined."

"God is not using the mighty and the noble of this age to fulfill his work ... and defend those who cannot defend themselves," Walker said. "... God is going to use the lowly, God is going to use the humble, God is going to use those who are not proud of heart to fulfill his purpose."

"I want to encourage everyone and commend everyone that has been a part of the 40 days of prayer," he said. "We are reminded that this is a beginning, not an end. I've read the statistics about the successes [of the national campaign] in other cities. ... Know that God has respect for those who



St. Luke parishioner Ann Green and her children, Mary, John Paul and Jimmy, of Indianapolis, pray outside the Planned Parenthood clinic, the largest abortion facility in the state, on Oct. 2 during the first "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign in the archdiocese.

submit to him."

Drozda, who is a member of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Westfield, in the Lafayette Diocese, said it is a pleasure to work in the state legislature to defend life.

"When we go down to the statehouse, obviously we have a job to represent the people in our district," he said. "But also, we have a responsibility—moral, I think, and legal and ethical—to defend the most vulnerable in society."

Drozda said when he and his wife, Cheryl, took their six children to pray the rosary at the abortion clinic on a Friday evening during the prayer campaign, one child said, "Killing is against the law."

As a legislator who makes the laws and also as a father, Drozda said, he struggled to answer that "basic, simple question" of "How can we permit this in our society?" †

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