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Pro-life leaders condemn murder of abortion doctor

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pro-life advocates universally condemned the



Cardinal Justin F. Rigali

May 31 murder of a Kansas abortion doctor, with officials from several U.S. right-to-life groups saying such an extreme act only hurts the pro-life cause.

Dr. George Tiller, 67, of Wichita, Kan., was fatally shot while serving as an

usher at the city's Reformation Lutheran Church during morning services, according to The Associated Press.

Speaking on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Justin F. Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, expressed profound regret upon learning of Tiller's shooting death.

"Our bishops' conference and all its members have repeatedly and publicly denounced all forms of violence in our society, including abortion as well as the misguided resort to violence by anyone opposed to abortion," Cardinal Rigali said in a June 1 statement.

"Such killing is the opposite of everything we stand for, and everything we want our culture to stand for: respect for the life of each and every human being from its beginning to its natural end. We pray for Dr. Tiller and his family," he said.

A suspect in the shooting, identified as Scott Roeder, 51, was being held without bail on one count of first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated assault, the AP reported on June 1.

In 1996, a 38-year-old man with the same name was charged in Topeka, Kan., with criminal use of explosives for having bomb components in his car trunk and sentenced to 24 months of probation, the AP reported. However, the conviction was overturned on appeal the next year after a higher court said evidence against him was seized by law enforcement officers during an illegal search of his car, the AP reported.

Tiller—whose clinic is one of just a few
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Days of joy

2009 Ordinations



Deacon Jeremy Gries



Deacon John Hollowell



Deacon Peter Marshall



Deacons will be ordained priests on June 6 and 27

June 6 and June 27 will be days of joy for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis as five men will be ordained priests to minister in central and southern Indiana.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will ordain transitional deacons Jeremy Gries, John Hollowell and Peter Marshall on June 6. On June 27, he will ordain transitional deacons Sean Danda and Christopher Wadelton.

Each ordination liturgy will take place at 10 a.m. at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

It will be the largest priesthood ordination class for the archdiocese since 2002, when seven men were ordained priests.

On pages 8 and 9 of this week's issue of *The Criterion*, we share profiles of deacons Gries, Hollowell and Marshall on the eve of their priestly ordination.

Profiles of deacons Danda and Wadelton will be published in the June 26 issue of *The Criterion*.

(For more information about archdiocesan seminarians, log on to www.heargodscall.com.) †

Theologian Miguel Diaz nominated for Vatican ambassador

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Barack Obama has nominated Catholic theologian Miguel Diaz to become ambassador to the Holy See.



Miguel Diaz

In a statement issued late on May 27, the White House announced Diaz's nomination, along with nominees for ambassadors to the United Kingdom, France, Japan, India and several other countries.

Diaz, 45, is a professor of theology at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, both in Collegeville, Minn. He is a board member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and former

president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States. His wife, Marian, is an adjunct instructor at St. Benedict and St. John's.

Diaz served as a member of Obama's Catholic advisory team during the campaign and was a regular campaign spokesman on Obama's behalf, particularly in the Spanish-language press.

"I am very honored, grateful and humbled that President Obama has nominated me to serve as ambassador to the Holy See," said Diaz in a statement forwarded to Catholic News Service by the university. "If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, I will continue the work of my predecessors and

build upon 25 years of formal diplomatic relations with the Holy See. I wish to be a bridge between our nation and the Holy See."

A native of Havana, Diaz was praised as "a leading Hispanic theologian in the United States," by Benedictine Abbot John Klassen, chancellor of St. John's University.

In a comment e-mailed to CNS, Abbot John said Diaz "is a skilled Trinitarian theologian who is passionate both as a teacher and a scholar. He is a strong proponent of the necessity of the Church to become deeply and broadly multicultural, to recognize and appreciate the role that culture plays in a living faith."

Diaz would be the first Hispanic to represent the United States at the Vatican. Like several of Obama's other prominent nominees—including Judge Sonia Sotomayor, nominated to the Supreme Court—Diaz comes from humble beginnings. His father worked as a waiter and his mother did data entry work, and their son was the first member of the family to attend college.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, called Diaz "an excellent choice because he knows very well the United States and because of his background in the Catholic Church."

Latin Americans "should be very proud," he told CNS during a symposium on May 28 at The Catholic University of America that the archbishop was attending. Coincidentally,

the topic of the daylong event was the history of U.S.-Vatican diplomatic relations.

In an interview with CNS during inaugural festivities in January, Diaz said he thought "the presidency of Barack Obama represents a new opportunity for all of us" for racial healing.

The announcement of the nomination capped months of speculation about who Obama would select to represent him at the Vatican. In early April, the Vatican press spokesman took the unusual step of denying persistent rumors that it had rejected several potential nominees, including Caroline Kennedy, supposedly because they support legal abortion.

"Wherever we can, we should advance life at all stages," Diaz said in January.

One White House source described Diaz as "clearly pro-life" and said the decision to select a respected theologian instead of a big fundraiser or political mover and shaker is an indication "of how seriously the administration is taking the relationship with the Vatican."

Diaz would fill the vacancy created by the departure of Harvard law professor Mary Ann Glendon, who was named ambassador in 2007 and left the post in January.

His Senate confirmation hearing has not yet been scheduled. It was not known if it would come before Obama's trip in early July to Rome, during which the president is expected to meet with Pope Benedict XVI. †

Pope John Paul II's beatification delayed, Italian newspapers say

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The beatification of Pope John Paul II may be delayed as the Vatican seeks more documentation regarding his almost 27 years as pope, Italian newspapers reported in late May.



Pope John Paul II

According to the newspaper *La Stampa*, the chief holdup regards hundreds of letters he wrote before and after his election to Wanda Poltawska, a longtime friend and adviser to the pope.

Meanwhile, the newspaper *Il Giornale* reported that a commission of theologians meeting in mid-May decided the information

contained in the official "positio," or position paper, was not complete enough. In particular, the newspaper cited the fact that Cardinal Angelo Sodano, secretary of state under Pope John Paul, and Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, his deputy at

the time, had not given testimony in the case.

Neither newspaper quoted any of the commission members by name nor included comments from current officials of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the Vatican press office, said on June 1 there would be no official comment from the Vatican while the process was under way.

Dominican Father Daniel Ols, the Vatican's chief investigator for Pope John Paul's cause, told the Italian news agency ANSA on June 1 that the process was proceeding with the Vatican's normal, cautious pace.

Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year waiting period for the cause to begin, Father Ols said, "but at the same time, he wants the work to be done well and with maximum accuracy."

La Stampa published an interview with Poltawska on June 1 in which she said she met Father Karol Wojtyla, the future pope, in 1950 when she was looking for a confessor and spiritual director to guide her in the long process of

recovering from her internment as a political prisoner in the Nazis' Ravensbruck concentration camp, where medical experiments were performed on prisoners.

Along with her husband and often with their children, "we shared interests, important moments, spirituality and that love for nature that we experienced camping in the mountains of southern Poland and even in the golden cage that was [the papal villa at] Castel Gandolfo," after his election as pope in 1978, she said.

"From the first time I met him, I knew he would become a saint," Poltawska said. "His holiness was evident. He radiated an interior light that was impossible to hide."

Poltawska said she has a "suitcase full of his letters" written over the course of 55 years.

"I cannot tell you how many I gave to the beatification cause" because she took an oath of secrecy regarding the cause, she said. "I did not destroy any of them. I selected some and decided to publish them in Poland, even though some people did not agree," she said. †

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in the nation where abortions are performed after the 21st week of pregnancy—had been a target of abortion opponents since the 1970s. He was shot in both arms by a protester in 1993, and his clinic was bombed in 1985.

"The pro-life movement works to protect the right to life and increase respect for human life," said David N. O'Steen, executive director of the National Right to Life Committee, the largest pro-life group in the U.S. "The unlawful use of violence is directly contrary to that goal."

"We condemn this lawless act of violence," said Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life. "The foundational right to life that our work is dedicated to extends to everyone. Whoever is responsible for this reprehensible violence must be brought to justice under the law."

President Barack Obama, who supports

legal abortion, also expressed his dismay at the shooting death of the abortion doctor.

"I am shocked and outraged by the murder of Dr. George Tiller as he attended church services," Obama said in a statement released on May 31. "However profound our differences as Americans over difficult issues such as abortion, they cannot be resolved by heinous acts of violence."

Catholic bishops in Kansas and neighboring Colorado quickly condemned the murder, stating that, although they vigorously oppose abortion, violence against those who perform the procedures is counterproductive and contrary to Catholic teaching.

"Many Catholics have over the years engaged in peaceful protest outside of Dr. Tiller's clinic, praying for an end to abortion, and especially late-term abortions. I have on occasion joined them for this purpose," said Bishop Michael O. Jackels of Wichita.

"This position and hope cannot, however, serve as a justification for committing other sins and crimes, like the willful destruction of property and, even worse, murder," he said.

Bishop Jackels and the bishops who lead the

three other Catholic dioceses in Kansas extended their condolences to Tiller's family. They said they were praying for the slain doctor's soul and said the fact that the shooting occurred in a church only adds to the horror of the crime.

In commenting on Tiller's death, Servant of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, expressed her hope for his salvation.

"I extend my condolences to the Tiller family," said Sister Diane. "It is my profound hope that George Tiller, before his immediate judgment, surrendered himself to the Lord of Life, and accepted and embraced the uncompromising truth that human life is sacred from conception to natural death."

Other condemnations of the murder came from Catholics United, Students for Life of America, Priests for Life, Religious Leaders Seeking Common Ground on Abortion, the Pope John Paul II Bioethics Commission, Maryland Right to Life and Cleveland Right to Life. †

Clarifications

Visitors to Orange County in southern Indiana, which was featured in *The Criterion's* annual Vacation/Travel Supplement in the May 22 issue, can also attend Mass at St. Mary Church, 777 S. 11th St., in Mitchell. Father Richard Eldred, the pastor, celebrates the weekend Mass there at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

An article about an Alaskan cruise, also featured in the Vacation/Travel Supplement, stated that Juneau, the state capital, is located on an island and can't be reached by car. The correct information is that Juneau is nestled up against mountains on the mainland, and no roads have been built across the mountain range. †



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People must fight spiritual pollution, pope says on Pentecost

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Just as the human body is threatened by breathing polluted air, the human soul is threatened by images and ideas that glorify violence or the exploitation of others, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"The metaphor of the 'impetuous wind' of Pentecost makes one think of how precious it is to breathe clean air both with the lungs—the physical—as well as with the heart—the spiritual," the pope said on May 31 during Mass for the feast of Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit, which was poured out on the disciples at Pentecost and available to every follower of Jesus for all time, is the "healthy air" of love, the pope said.

In his homily during the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, the pope focused on the use of wind or breath and of fire to describe the movement of the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

The pope said the image of wind "makes us think of the air, which distinguishes our planet from the other heavenly bodies and allows us to live on it. What air is for biological life, the spirit is for spiritual life.

"And just as there exists atmospheric pollution, which poisons the environment and living beings, so there exists a pollution of the heart and of the spirit, which mortifies and poisons spiritual existence," he said.

Pope Benedict said it is right that protecting the environment has become a priority today, but it is equally important that people begin combating "the many products polluting the mind and heart" today, including "images that make a spectacle of

pleasure, violence and contempt for men and women."

The other image used to describe the Holy Spirit is fire, the energy of the Holy Spirit brought to Earth by Christ, he said.

Fire is a metaphor for power, an energy that can be used for good or for evil, the pope said.

"Taking possession of the energies of the cosmos—the 'fire'—the human being today seems to affirm himself as a god and to want to transform the world by excluding, putting aside or even denying the Creator of the universe," the pope said.

"In the hands of a such a person, 'fire' and its enormous potential becomes dangerous. It can be turned against life and humanity itself as history unfortunately has demonstrated. A perennial warning comes from the tragedies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where atomic energy used for bellicose aims sowed death in an unheard of proportion," Pope Benedict said.

However, when human beings recognize God as the Creator and the Lord of the universe, they tend to be more careful with the way they use power, he said, because they know that the "pure, essential and personal 'fire' is the fire of love."

Pope Benedict said that while the Holy Spirit blows where it will, the story of Pentecost demonstrates that it normally comes when the followers of Jesus are united and are at prayer.

"This is valid also for the Church today, valid for us," the pope said.

If the Holy Spirit is going to renew and give new strength to the Church and all its members, he said, people must prepare to



Pope Benedict XVI gives a blessing during Mass on the feast of Pentecost on May 31 in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Just as the body is threatened by breathing polluted air, the human soul is threatened by images and ideas that glorify violence or the exploitation of others, the pope said.

receive the Spirit through "the humble and silent listening to the word of God."

When the Holy Spirit descends, it dispels fear, Pope Benedict said.

The Spirit "helps us know and feel like we are in the hands of all-powerful love. No matter what happens, his infinite love will not abandon us," he said.

In his "Regina Coeli" address after the Mass, the pope told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square that the

Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church.

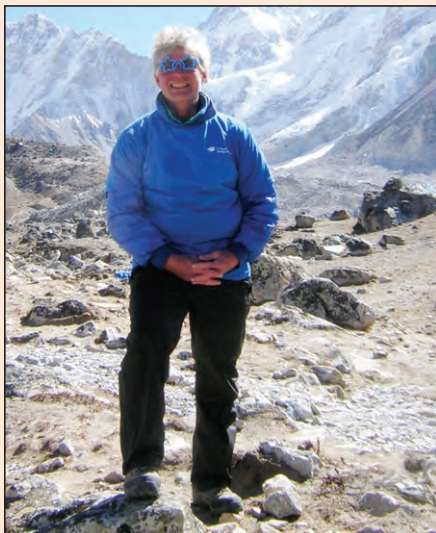
"Without it, what would the Church be? It would certainly be a great historical movement, a complex and solid social institution, perhaps a kind of humanitarian agency. And, truthfully, that is how it is seen by those who consider it outside the lens of faith," the pope said.

But the Holy Spirit guides the Church, ensuring that it is the living body of Christ, he said. †

Chaplain to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for child obesity program

By Mary Ann Wyand

Childhood obesity is a serious health problem in Indiana and throughout the United States.



St. Bartholomew parishioner Walter Glover of Columbus will journey to Africa this month to trek up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania on June 12-18 to raise funds for the pediatric obesity program at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital in North Vernon.

St. Bartholomew parishioner Walter Glover of Columbus, the staff chaplain at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital in North Vernon, decided to do something about it.

Glover is going to great lengths—actually to a great height—to raise funds for the pediatric obesity program at St. Vincent Jennings Hospital.

Donations to his "Trek for Kids" up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, on June 12-18 will help pay for health services and educational efforts that address the acute medical needs of overweight children in Jennings County.

Glover, who is 61, is an experienced hiker, trekker and distance cyclist.

In 2007, he traveled to Nepal and trekked up to the base camp on Mount Everest, an altitude of 17,600 feet. The summit is more than 29,000 feet above sea level, and it is the world's highest mountain.

This month, he plans to trek 19,340 feet up Kilimanjaro, the world's highest free-standing mountain, to the summit at Uhuru Peak in seven days. His treacherous route will cross African savannahs, cloud forests, alpine deserts and glacial ice fields.

Trekking differs from mountain climbing

because it does not involve rope ascents up vertical rock formations or require the use of oxygen to breathe in the thin atmosphere.

Glover started trekking two years ago after feeling called by God to hike part of the way up Mount Everest, which is known as "the roof of the world."

He got as far as the base camp, which he describes as "the porch on the roof of the world," a spiritual and emotional experience that he will never forget.

"To see the sun rising over the Himalayan peaks and the moon out there over other Himalayan peaks—not that I needed a confirming moment—but it's the spirituality of the mountains that is just so vibrant," he said, "and it brings me such enthusiasm, joy and peace. It was very, very moving for me—transcendental."

Getting to the base camp on Mount Everest was "the physically most demanding thing I have ever done," Glover said, and was the realization of his dream.

He experienced acute mountain sickness and the beginning of cerebral edema from the high altitude, extreme cold and thin atmosphere even though he only stayed at the base camp for 45 minutes.

"When I got home, I wasn't well for eight weeks," he said. "I had no energy for about 10 weeks."

But the possibilities of danger and health problems haven't deterred him from trekking up another huge mountain.

"On June 17, God willing, I will reach the summit of Kilimanjaro," Glover said, where he will experience what he believes can only be described as "the awesomeness of God's nature."

(To support Walter Glover's "Trek for Kids" up Mount Kilimanjaro this month, send tax-deductible donations to the St. Vincent Jennings Hospital Foundation in care of St. Vincent Jennings Hospital, 301 Henry St., North Vernon, IN 47265.) †

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Editorial

Let's back Democratic plan to reduce abortions

During his speech at the University of Notre Dame's commencement on May 17, President Barack Obama said that the positions of opponents on the abortion issue are irreconcilable.

However, he went on to say, "Let us work together to reduce the number of abortions. Let's reduce unintended pregnancies. Let's make adoption more available. Let's provide care and support for women who do carry their children to term."

OK, we'll buy that. Let's do it. One way of doing so is by supporting a bill that has been introduced in the U.S. Congress by Democrats. It's called the Pregnant Women Support Act, and its purpose is to provide practical resources to pregnant women who otherwise might consider abortion.

It's not exactly a new bill since Rep. Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn.) first introduced it in 2006, but it was reintroduced on April 22 and so far has 29 co-sponsors. Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr. (D-Pa.) has introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

The bill grew out of the Democrats for Life of America's "95-10 Initiative," an ambitious plan to reduce the number of abortions in the United States by 95 percent in 10 years. (We first editorialized about the initiative in our Sept. 30, 2005, issue.) The bill was designed to get the support of politicians on both sides of the abortion issue.

According to an article in the May 24 issue of the national Catholic periodical *Our Sunday Visitor*, here are some of the provisions of the bill. It would:

- Remove the designation of pregnancy as a "pre-existing condition" in health care coverage.
- Establish a federally funded, toll-free hotline to direct women to services that can provide them with assistance during and after their pregnancy.
- Provide support, including education grants and child care, to parents who are teenagers or college students.
- Extend coverage under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to pregnant women and their unborn children, and increase funding to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutritional program.
- Increase federal funding to programs for pregnant domestic violence victims.
- Offer parenting education programs in maternity group homes.
- Provide services to parents who learn that their child will suffer from Down syndrome or other prenatally diagnosed conditions.



Professor Robert George, left, answers a question during a discussion with professor Douglas Kmiec, right, at the National Press Club in Washington on May 28. The discussion was moderated by professor Mary Ann Glendon, center, the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. Kmiec and George expressed divergent views on the Obama administration's stance on abortion.

- Distribute grants to health centers for the purchase of ultrasound equipment.
- Require institutions that offer abortions to provide accurate information to pregnant women about their options, including adoption, and the potential short-term and long-term complications associated with abortion.

Aren't these provisions that anybody interested in reducing the number of abortions, whether they are called pro-life or pro-choice, should support? It doesn't try to limit abortion rights, it tries to limit abortions.

The bill has the support of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities. Its chairman, Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, recently wrote a letter urging the members of the House of Representatives to back the legislation. He cited the fact that many women get abortions because they feel that they have no other choice, and this bill would empower women to make more informed choices.

With the U.S. Congress seemingly bogged down with other important national problems, this common-sense bill might get lost in the shuffle, as it has in other years, unless we urge our Congressmen to press for its consideration. We have to let them know that we consider this an important bill.

One national pro-life expert encouraging us to do that is Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications for the bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

In that article in *Our Sunday Visitor*, McQuade was quoted as saying that, although the bishops' conference is optimistic about the legislation's passage, it will take a strong showing of support from the public to ensure that Congress gives the issue the attention that it deserves.

We would like to see President Obama give his support to the bill since it would do exactly what he said we should do during his speech at Notre Dame.

Let's urge him to follow up his words with support for this specific bill.

—John F. Fink

Letters to the Editor
Does President Obama 'blur' the line concerning abortion?

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "blur" as "anything indistinct to the mind."

How appropriate that *The Criterion* carried Father Tad Pacholczyk's column on moral absolutes along with the front-page story about President Barack Obama's visit to the University of Notre Dame in its May 22 issue.

All you have to do is read each of these articles to see how the wrong of abortion is being blurred by our president.

Granted, President Obama is a gifted individual who can speak and move people in a way not seen in a great while. But it is essential that we listen carefully to what he is saying. Reading between the lines gives us the actual message.

For example, in his Notre Dame commencement address, the president said the following: "Your class has come of age at a moment of great consequence for our nation and for the world—a rare inflection point in history where the size and scope of the challenges before us require that we remake our world to renew its promise; that we align our deepest values and commitments to the demands of a new age."

In other words, as I interpret it, we should step away from the horrors of abortion and accept what the secular world is preaching. That things are different now, and we Catholics are backward and not "up to speed."

But we can't do that, can we? Father Pacholczyk tells it like it is. There are absolutes; there are some issues that can't be watered down so that we all can "get along," and abortion is one of those issues.

There is no gray area when we talk about the absolute sanctity of the infant in the womb.

But, unfortunately, there are those Catholics who feel different—who have fallen for the smooth talk and impressive rhetoric, and feel that President Obama should have been invited to Notre Dame in the spirit of dialogue.

Make no mistake; he did not come as the head of a debating team. He came as the most powerful person in the world who has already acted in ways that have endangered the lives of innocent infants, and will continue to push his agenda in even more frightful ways.

In the face of the evil of abortion, prayer is the only answer. The peace and love of Jesus Christ can and will overcome the forces of evil which are present in our country today.

Catholics should adhere to what our Church, in her wisdom, has steadfastly taught us on the protection of life in all of its stages.

Because despite what we are bombarded with by this administration and the media, one fact cannot be denied: Abortion kills a life.

Joe Proctor
New Albany

Priest's column about courage of singer Susan Boyle puts her in the right light, reader says

"The Parish Diary" column by Father Peter Daly in the May 1 issue of *The Criterion* was absolutely awesome.

I, along with millions of others, am totally fascinated with Susan Boyle.

This column put her and what she represents in the correct light. I have read this to many family members and friends, and everyone is in agreement with me. How cruel we can be without

really realizing how it makes others feel.

Susan Boyle had the courage to be able to go on even after the snickers and remarks. Hopefully, everyone that snickered or rolled their eyes felt a little ashamed of how they acted when they heard how wonderful she can sing.

Christine Mazza
Indianapolis

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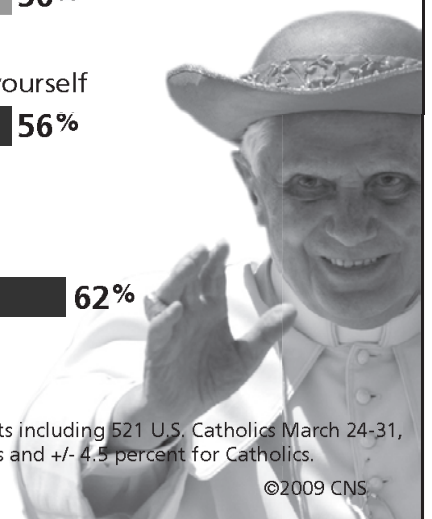
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Summer series to focus on 'Precepts of the Church'

My barber, Tom, is not reluctant to talk to me about matters of the Catholic faith while I am captive in his barber chair.

Recently, he asked me about the "Precepts of the Catholic Church," and whether they still apply.

He said he hasn't heard anything about them for a long time. He kind of nudged me to do some teaching about them. I agreed that I would address the topic, among others, during my summer series of columns.

Yes, the "Precepts of the Catholic Church" still apply. They are addressed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#2041- #2043).

The section on the "Precepts of the Church" follows the foundations for Christian morality in the catechism. They are also presented in the *United States Catechism for Adults* in "Part III. Christian Morality: The Faith Lived" (p. 334).

The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, promulgated in 2005, has this entry: "The five precepts of the Church are meant to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in the love of God and neighbor" (#431).

The precepts are the following:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.

4. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

I will write about each of them in order, but first it might be helpful to put them in the context of our life of faith.

Clearly, they are laws that enumerate basic requirements for members of the Church in addition to the moral law.

While these norms are presented by both the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which was promulgated in 1992, and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, which was approved by the body of bishops in 2004, they are not new to these official documents.

For example, the precepts can be found in another expression in the Church's revised *Code of Canon Law* promulgated in 1983.

The "Precepts of the Church" have sometimes been called the Commandments of the Church (as distinguished from the Ten Commandments or the Decalogue).

The *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, first published in 1958, had this entry under "Commandments of the Church" (also Precepts of the Church). "Certain moral and ecclesiastical precepts, imposed by the RC Church on all her members. They were tabulated in the Middle Ages, and later more strictly classified. Thus St. Peter Canisius in his *Summa Doctrinae Christianae* (1555) mentions five and St. Robert Bellarmine in his *Doctrina Christiana* (1589) lists six, though the catechism *Ad Parochos*, published by order of the Council of Trent in 1566, does not speak of them."

In one form or another, the "Precepts of the Church" have been promulgated as requirements of its members. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, promulgated in 1992, is normative for our day. After researching the history of the precepts, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* lists the five, which I have noted above.

Note that the section on the "Precepts of the Church" follows the catechism's presentation on the foundations for Christian morality.

The precepts are rules set in the context of a moral life. But notice they are connected to and nourished by the liturgical life of the Church.

As the adult catechism mentions, "the obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to encourage on the part of the faithful the indispensable foundations for their lives as Catholics" (p. 334).

At this point, it might be helpful to address a mood of our democratic culture that wants to shy away from rules and obligations.

We might be tending to think that restrictions of the law undermine our basic human freedom. I hope that a closer look at the five precepts of the Church would reveal that these are not negative laws forbidding

something or other.

They are positive laws that are intended to enhance and protect the foundations of our Catholic faith.

Faith without the nourishment of the Eucharist does not flourish; in fact, it can likely weaken.

The moral life itself needs the support of the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. Presence to the liturgy is needed to receive this support. Our life of faith does not exist in a vacuum or apart from the practices that sustain it.

Barber Tom has the right instinct to know that the precepts and their practice are important.

I hope the review of the individual precepts, and their purpose and intent, over the next weeks will be helpful. †

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Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for June

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

La serie del verano se concentra en los 'Mandamientos de la Iglesia'

Mi barberero, Tom, no se resiste a hablar sobre temas de la fe católica mientras me tiene atrapado en su sillón de barberero.

Recientemente me preguntó sobre los "Mandamientos de la Iglesia Católica" y si éstos todavía se encontraban vigentes.

Me comentó que desde hacía ya mucho tiempo no había escuchado nada al respecto. Me dio una especie de codazo ligero para que le instruyera sobre los mandamientos. Acepté abordar este tema, entre otros, durante mi serie de columnas del verano.

Sí, los "Mandamientos de la Iglesia Católica" todavía están vigentes. En el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* del No. 2041 al 2043, se toca este asunto.

La sección sobre los "Mandamientos de la Iglesia" sigue los cimientos de la moral cristiana en el *Catecismo*. También figuran en el *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para Adultos* en la "Parte III. Moral Cristiana: la fe vivida" (p. 334).

El *Compendio del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, promulgado en 2005, contiene el siguiente texto: "La finalidad de los cinco mandamientos de la Iglesia es garantizar al fiel lo mínimo indispensable en el espíritu de la oración, la vida sacramental, el compromiso moral y la elevación en el amor de Dios y del prójimo" (#431).

Los mandamientos son los siguientes:

1. Oír Misa entera los domingos y demás fiesta de precepto y no realizar trabajos serviles.
2. Confesar los pecados al menos una vez al año.
3. Recibir el sacramento de la Eucaristía al menos por Pascua.
4. Abstenerse de comer carne y ayunar en los días establecidos por la Iglesia.

5. Ayudar a la Iglesia en sus necesidades.

Escribiré acerca de cada uno en orden, pero primero, quizás resulte útil enmarcarlos en el contexto de nuestra vida de fe.

Evidentemente, constituyen leyes que detallan los requisitos básicos de los miembros de la Iglesia, además de la ley moral.

Si bien estas normas aparecen tanto en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, promulgado en 1992, como en el *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para Adultos* que fue aprobado por el cuerpo de obispos en 2004, no son una novedad incorporada en estos documentos oficiales.

Por ejemplo, estos preceptos pueden encontrarse en otra expresión en el Código de Derecho Canónico de la Iglesia, enmendado y promulgado en 1983.

Con frecuencia, a estos "Preceptos de la Iglesia" se les llama los Mandamientos de la Iglesia (para distinguirlos de los Diez Mandamientos o Decálogo).

El *Diccionario Oxford de la Iglesia Cristiana*, publicado originalmente en 1958, tenía el siguiente asiento bajo "Mandamientos de la Iglesia" (también Preceptos de la Iglesia). "Ciertos preceptos morales y eclesiásticos, que impone la Iglesia Católica Romana a todos sus miembros. Fueron catalogados en la Edad Media y posteriormente sometidos a una clasificación más rigurosa. Así pues, San Pedro Canisio en su *Summa Doctrinae Christianae* (1555) menciona cinco, y San Roberto Bellarmino en su *Doctrina Christiana* (1589) enumera seis, en tanto que el catecismo *Ad Parochos*, publicado por orden del Concilio de Trento en 1566, no hace referencia alguna a dichos mandamientos."

De una forma u otra, los "Mandamientos de la Iglesia" han sido decretados como obligatorios para sus miembros. El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, promulgado en 1992, es la norma vigente en nuestros días. Luego de realizar una investigación sobre los preceptos, el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* enumera cinco, los cuales he indicado anteriormente.

Observen que la sección sobre los "Mandamientos de la Iglesia" sigue a la presentación del *Catecismo* sobre los cimientos de la moral cristiana.

Los mandamientos constituyen reglas diseñadas en el contexto de la vida moral. Pero fíjense que están vinculados a la vida litúrgica de la Iglesia y ésta los sustenta.

Tal y como menciona el *Catecismo para Adultos*: "el carácter obligatorio de estas leyes positivas decretadas por las autoridades pastorales tiene como finalidad establecer en los fieles los fundamentos para sus vidas como católicos" (p. 334).

En este momento quizás sea oportuno abordar el carácter de nuestra cultura democrática que pretende evitar reglas y obligaciones.

Tal vez nos sintamos inclinados a considerar que las restricciones de la ley socavan nuestras libertades humanas básicas. Quisiera que al examinar con más detenimiento estos cinco mandamientos de la Iglesia nos demos cuenta de que no son leyes negativas que prohíben esto o aquello. Son leyes positivas cuya finalidad es

fortalecer y proteger los cimientos de nuestra fe católica.

La fe sin el sustento de la Eucaristía no puede florecer; de hecho, probablemente se debilita.

La propia vida moral requiere de la vida litúrgica y sacramental de la Iglesia para poder mantenerse. La presencia en la liturgia es necesaria para poder recibir ese sustento. Nuestra vida de fe no existe en un vacío ni alejada de las prácticas que la mantienen.

El instinto del barberero Tom le indica acertadamente que los mandamientos y su ejercicio son importantes.

Espero que en las próximas semanas el repaso de cada uno de los mandamientos y de su finalidad e intención, llegue a ser provechoso. †

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

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La intención de vocaciones del Arzobispo Buechlein para junio

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

Events Calendar

June 5

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei meeting**, Mass, 6:30 a.m., Mass, breakfast and program at Priori Hall, Michael Hurst, program director for Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention (CHIP), presenter, \$20 per person. Information: 317-919-5316 or e-mail LumenDei@sbcglobal.net.

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

June 5-7

St. Louis School, 17 St. Louis Place, Batesville. **Rummage sale**, Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-4 p.m., half-price sale noon-4 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$1 bag sale. Information: 812-934-3204.

June 7

Good Shepherd Parish, 1109 E. Cameron St., Indianapolis. **40th anniversary Mass celebrating Father Jeffrey Godecker's anniversary of ordination**, 11 a.m. Information: 317-783-3158.

MKVS, Divine Mercy and Glorious Cross Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles. Mass, noon,

on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

June 8-12

Wyandotte School, 3575 E. 79th St., Indianapolis. Bishop Chatard High School, **instructional youth Lacrosse Camp**, 9 a.m.-noon, \$100 per camper. Information: 317-508-3180 or powerhouse1ax@aol.com

June 9

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild, guest day picnic**, noon. Information: 317-885-5098.

St. Nicholas Parish, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Drive, Sunman. **Pro-life Mass**, 7 p.m., discussion on pro-life matters following Mass. Information: 812-623-8007.

June 10

Seccina Memorial High School, gymnasium, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis. **Indiana High School boys and girls All-Star basketball teams appearance**, 6 p.m.,

\$5 admission for family or group of four, \$1 for each extra person. Information: 317-356-6377.

June 11

Marian College, Allison Mansion, 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. Catholic Charities Indianapolis **Holy Family Shelter, wine and cheese event**, \$35 per person, 6 p.m. Information: 317-592-4072.

June 12-13

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

June 12-14

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

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

6 p.m.-11 p.m. Information: 317-636-4828.

June 13

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

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

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

June 14

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

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

Parishes to sponsor Corpus Christi processions

On the weekend of June 13-14, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which is also known by its traditional Latin name of *"Corpus Christi."*

In the past, the observation of the feast has often included outdoor eucharistic processions.

The following Corpus Christi processions at parishes in the archdiocese have been reported to *The Criterion*.

June 13

• **St. Joseph Parish, 1875 S. County Road 700 W., North Vernon**—Corpus Christi Sunday, Mass and procession, 6 p.m. Information: 812-346-4783.

June 14

• **Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis**—Corpus Christi Sunday, Latin Mass and

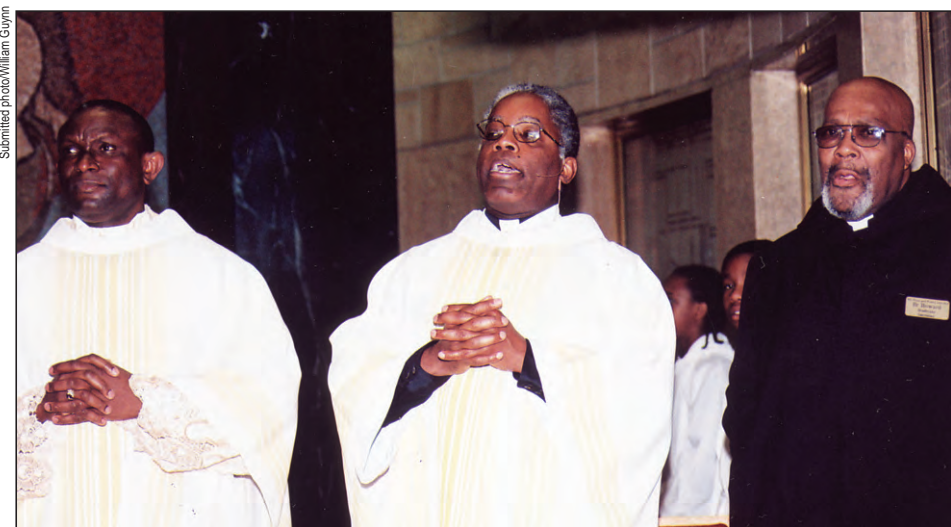
indoor procession, 9:30 a.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

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

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

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

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



Anniversary Mass

Father Eusebius Mbidoaka, from left, administrator of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis; Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis; and Benedictine Brother Howard Studivant, sacristan for SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis, sing during a May 17 Mass at St. Rita Church to celebrate the parish's 90th anniversary. The anniversary Mass was the high point of a series of events to mark this milestone in the Indianapolis East Deanery parish predominantly made up of African-American Catholics. For nearly half of its history, the parish was led by Father Bernard Strange, who served as pastor from 1936-73.

VIPs



David L. and Mary Therese (Lenahan) McCarty, members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6.

The couple was married on June 6, 1959, at St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church in Indianapolis.

They have six children: Katie, David, Denny, Kevin, Mike and Tom McCarty. They also have 12 grandchildren. †

Mount St. Francis to sponsor novena to St. Anthony of Padua

The Conventual Franciscan friars of the Our Lady of Consolation Province, based at Mount St. Francis in the New Albany Deanery, will hold nightly novena prayer services in honor of St. Anthony of Padua from June 5-13.

The prayer services will begin at 7 p.m. and include eucharistic adoration, novena prayers, a homily, Benediction and a blessing with a relic of St. Anthony.

The final evening of the novena will include a Mass for the feast of St. Anthony.

Conventual Franciscan Father Juniper Cummings will preach during the novena.

For more information, call Mount St. Francis at 812-923-8444 or 812-923-8817. †

Master's Chorale of Central Indiana schedules auditions during June and July

The Master's Chorale of Central Indiana, an all-volunteer Catholic Choir, is looking for new members to help bring beautiful, sacred choral music to central Indiana.

The choir will hold auditions for new members by appointment during June and July.

Regular rehearsals start at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays at the St. Pius X Council of the Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St., in Indianapolis. The Knights of Columbus Hall is located just east of North Keystone Avenue.

All interested singers should contact Diana Spiegel at 317-271-2788 or by e-mail at dlspiegel@gmail.com to schedule an audition. †

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Teaching life lessons

Oldenburg Academy duo celebrates 20 years of coaching

By Kamilla Benko

It could be called a love affair with coaching.

For 20 years, Merle Hines and Bertie Schmidt have coached students at Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg.

Hines, the boys and girls cross country coach and the track and field coach, and Schmidt, the girls tennis coach, said they have a deep love for the school that has been a part of their lives for the last two decades.

As soon as Hines stepped onto the academy's campus, she said she knew it was holy ground.

"The Holy Spirit just took me," she explained.

At that moment, Hines said she wanted to be a part of the school.

She became the school's first development director and the first non-Catholic associate of the school operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg.

Soon after, Hines—who has participated in 103 marathons in 44 states—began coaching, and eventually became the head coach of the cross country and track teams.

Hines joined the Oldenburg school community as an adult, but Schmidt has always had the academy in her life. She attended the school as a teenager, and her three daughters also attended the academy.

One of Schmidt's daughters played

tennis, and the school asked Schmidt if she would be interested in coaching that team.

"I love tennis and it worked with my schedule," Schmidt said.

Along with her coaching job, Schmidt also operates Schmidt Bakery in Batesville with her husband, Clem. Her day starts at 5 a.m. when she ices the danishes, but her afternoons are just as full.

Schmidt oversees two-hour tennis practices every day after school during her teams's season. When there is a match, Schmidt said she might be with the team for more than

four hours.

Though it is a lot of work, Schmidt said she has stayed at the school for 20 years because, outside of her family, "the academy is my one love."

Over the years, the coaches have seen a lot of changes at their school. Hines said the biggest adjustment occurred when the academy switched from an all-girls school to a co-ed school in 2000.

"Before, I always had

the girl's attention," Hines joked. "Not anymore!"

But some things never change. Schmidt said sportsmanship is something she has always stressed to students.

"Even if you've had a bad game, you still need to respect and be kind to your opponent," Schmidt said. "I teach the girls to play an honest game."

Schmidt said both she and Hines try to teach life lessons to the students through sports.

Erin Gish, a senior runner at the academy,

'[Their commitment to the school] is rooted in a deep personal love for their sport and for young people.'

—Tim Boyle,
Oldenburg Academy
athletic director



Merle Hines, left, and Bertie Schmidt, right, are both celebrating 20 years of coaching students at Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg.

said Hines taught her life skills through running.

"Running has taught me that persistence leads to success, whether it be in running or in life," she said.

Erin said Hines's passion for running extends to her students.

Hines said the relationship she has built with the students is very important to her.

"It's great keeping in touch with them over the years," she said. "It's not just coaching. It's a lifelong relationship."

Schmidt agreed.

"Students continue to maintain close

friendships from the academy," she said. "Faith, honesty and respect are stressed at the school."

The coaches' own faith and honesty has been noted by both students and administrators.

"I have a great deal of respect for Merle [Hines] and Bertie [Schmidt], and their dedication to Oldenburg Academy," said Tim Boyle, Oldenburg Academy's athletic director.

"[Their commitment to the school] is rooted in a deep personal love for their sport and for young people." †

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Deacon Jeremy Gries takes winding journey to life in the priesthood

By John Shaughnessy

He has hiked the Appalachian Trail, walking more than 2,100 miles from Georgia to Maine.

His adventures have also taken him to Italy, Germany, Israel, and his favorite country that he has visited, Egypt.

And he will soon travel to India to see two of his friends from that country be ordained priests—friends he met at Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

Still, as Deacon Jeremy Gries prepares to be ordained a priest on June 6, he realizes that the greatest journey in his life has occurred within himself.

Now 31, Deacon Gries worked for two and a half years as an engineer after spending seven years earning bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering—a scientific focus that matched his tendency to view the world and humanity in terms of black and white.

But his time in the seminary and his ministry as a student chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis have taught him to see the shades of gray in the human experience, especially when he talked to a woman who had been stabbed by her boyfriend and when he had to comfort someone who had just watched a friend die.

"It helped open my eyes to reality," recalls Deacon Gries, who grew up in Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis. "I knew people had troubles before, but this made it real and put a face to it. It taught me that life is very messy. I grew up in the suburbs. I never wanted for food, shelter or love. I had good role models in my life. It made me understand what a blessing my life is."

That understanding particularly struck him as he tried to comfort a woman whose friend had died in an automobile accident.

"The young man who was killed was about my age," Deacon Gries says. "There was a friend who had been traveling in the car behind him. She watched the accident and came to the hospital afterward. I had to tell her he passed away, and I tried to give her comfort. I also thought, 'This guy is my age. It could have easily happened to me.' It helped me to encounter my own death. I think I need to be aware of that if I'm going to be present to people at funerals, wakes and visiting the sick."

While those experiences have made him more sensitive to people, his love of the outdoors has always brought him closer to God. Ask his parents to share a defining moment from his life, and both Bob and Kathy Gries immediately mention 2001 when he spent six months hiking the Appalachian Trail that winds through 14 states.

"That shows his independence and his self-reliance," his mother says. "He's comfortable being on his own. On that trip, he was trying not to carry a lot of weight, but he still took a small Bible with him. That says a lot about him. He's always related well to God in the outdoors. He sees the wonder of his creation."

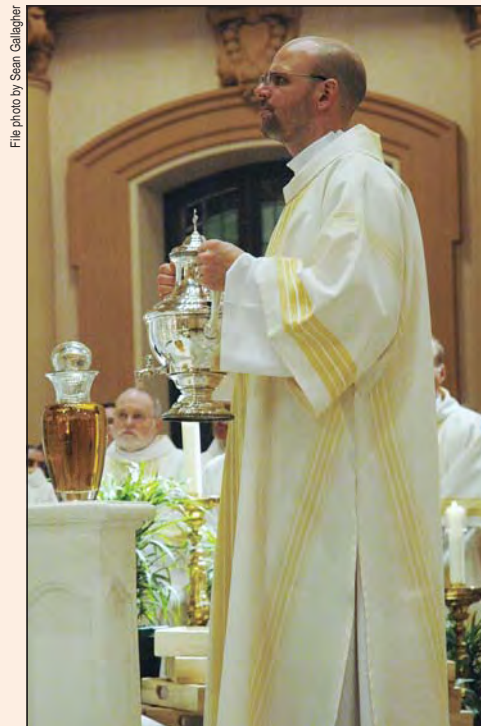
His father adds, "I really think the Appalachian Trail is what really led him to the priesthood. I think that time with nature put him in closer contact with God."

Eight years later, Deacon Gries is still drawn to the outdoors, listing hiking and canoeing as two of his favorite interests.

"One of the places I do find God is in nature, in the beauty of it," says Deacon Gries, the fourth of five children in his family. "I also like the solitude of it. I like to pray in that setting. It's settling for me."

He has also used his love for nature to help people. As a seminarian, he coordinated the efforts of 300 volunteers in a program that split firewood at St. Meinrad and then distributed it to needy families in southern Indiana.

"He likes people and they like him," says Father Wilfred "Sonny" Day, the pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany.



Deacon Jeremy Gries holds an urn containing chrism to be blessed by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein during the April 7 archdiocesan chrism Mass celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Archbishop Buechlein will anoint the hands of Deacon Gries and deacons John Hollowell and Peter Marshall when he ordains them to the priesthood on June 6 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

where Deacon Gries has ministered the past two years. "He relates well to our grade school kids and the adults. He is very generous with his time and energy. He will be an excellent parish priest."

Starting on July 1, Deacon Gries will be the associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

"Everything I've heard about St. Monica's is great," says Deacon Gries, a 1995 graduate of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. "The diversity of the parish is great, and it has a huge number of ministries. I'll have a lot of opportunity to work with people."

"One of my main goals as a priest will be to help people develop their relationship with Christ. Flowing out of that would be the celebration of the liturgy and the Eucharist. I also want to teach and educate. I'm looking forward to getting involved at the school."

He will be getting involved in a parish school just as his mother is ending her career as a teacher in a Catholic school. For the past 24 years, Kathy Gries has been either a kindergarten or first-grade teacher at Nativity School. She retires knowing that her son, Jeremy, has embraced the most important lesson she has tried to teach her children and her students.

"For all of our kids, we hoped they would take the gift of faith seriously," she says. "We're very proud and very pleased that he made the decision to become a priest. We hope he'll make a good shepherd for people. We're sure he will."

After his ordination at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, Deacon Gries will return to the place where his journey of faith began. He will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at Nativity Church at 11 a.m. on June 7.

"I'm approaching ordination with a great sense of peace and accomplishment," he says. "I've been preparing for it for five years. But I don't see it as an end. I see it as a beginning."

"The best part of the weekend for me will be having the Mass of Thanksgiving in my home parish, in the place where I was brought up. That will be very moving for me." †

Deacon Jeremy Gries

Age: 31
Parents: Robert and Kathleen Gries
Parish where he grew up: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis
Hobbies: Hiking, canoeing, woodworking, watching movies
Favorite Bible verse: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10b).
Favorite prayer: "One of my favorite devotions is praying the rosary. As I have gotten closer and closer to my priestly ordination, I have found myself praying the 'priestly mysteries' that the archbishop composed: Jesus Christ the Teacher, Jesus Christ the Healer, Jesus Christ the Prayer, Jesus Christ the Obedient One and Jesus Christ the Chaste Lover of All. I also really enjoy the Stations of the Cross during Lent." †

Deacon John Hollowell learned service and leadership at home

By Sean Gallagher

Priests are called to be servants and leaders wherever they minister.

Growing up as the oldest of 11 children, Deacon John Hollowell learned early on what it means to be both a servant and leader.

His brother, Matthew, the second oldest child in the family, said that his parents let the children generally settle their disputes on their own as they grew older. Their parents served as a "supreme court," but it was his brother, John, who was "the main judge" of the "lower court."

"If he made a ruling, you really had to have a lot of backing to overrule that for the rest of the [kids]," Matthew said with a laugh. "Pretty much whatever he said, that was going to happen."

At the same time, if Deacon Hollowell's parents needed him to take care of tasks around the house or watch his younger siblings while they went out, he stepped up without hesitation.

"There never was a whole lot of thought about if I wanted to do [it]," said Deacon Hollowell. "If Mom and Dad had to go somewhere, I was the guy that was in charge."

His mother, Diane, trusted him, but knew that kids were going to be kids.

"Lord knows what went on while we were gone," she said with a laugh. "[But] he'd always have them cleaned up and smiles on their faces when we came back. We never had to go to the emergency room."

Deacon Hollowell, 29, grew up with his family on the southeast side of Indianapolis as a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish.

His father, Joseph Hollowell, has been working at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis in one capacity or another for 30 years, the last 14 years as its president.

So he is pleased to see that his son will begin his priestly ministry as the chaplain of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.

"I've worked with getting close to 10 chaplains now," Hollowell said, "and every one of the chaplains I've worked with has been a real blessing to the kids. And I think John will be the same."

In addition to being a chaplain and teaching religion at Cardinal Ritter, Deacon Hollowell will be an assistant coach for wide receivers on the school's state championship football team.

Deacon Hollowell was a wide receiver on a Roncalli team that won a state championship in 1994, played that same position on Hanover College's football team, and was an assistant coach for receivers for two years at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis before becoming a seminarian in 2004.

At Cardinal Ritter, he will succeed his brother, Matthew, who was the wide receivers coach for the past three years.

"I think it will just be an awesome opportunity for the players on the team to be able to draw that connection between faith and football, and the lessons on the field and the lessons off the field," Matthew said. "That coming from one voice and that voice being a priest will be a powerful experience for the teenagers [on the team]."

It was while Deacon Hollowell was playing football at Hanover College near Madison that he first discerned a call to the priesthood after he participated in a Bible study that was particularly powerful for him.

"I just felt like God was calling me to be a priest every time I read the Bible," he said. "It was just definitely like a voice inside of me. It wasn't words, but it was an urging."

When he told his family about his discernment, Matthew took it in stride.

"I was not shocked or surprised just because of the type of leader he was for our family



Deacon John Hollowell poses at left in the second row with his family and other relatives on Oct. 25, 2008, on the steps of the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einseideln in St. Meinrad. Posing with him are, first row, from left, Maria, Laura and Nathan Hollowell; second row, from left, grandmother Jeanette, Emily, Sara and mother Diane Hollowell; third row, from left, sister-in-law Karl, Melissa and Danny Hollowell, and aunt and godmother Cindy Huff; and fourth row, from left, Tony, Aaron, Matt and father Joseph Hollowell.

in giving us guidance," Matthew said. "He still does. He's going to continue that in a parish of thousands of members. It's such a great fit for him."

In addition to ministering at Cardinal Ritter, Deacon Hollowell will be in residence and provide sacramental assistance at St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

Deacon Hollowell stayed true to his priestly call through his time at Hanover, and while teaching and coaching at Bishop Chatard.

"I felt that God was calling me to teach a little bit," he said. "I'd been in school my whole life and I just felt that, as a priest, it was going to be good to get some real world experience, and pay rent and cook my own food."

Paul Lockard, the president of Cardinal Ritter, hired Deacon Hollowell to teach at Bishop Chatard when he was the principal there. Deacon Hollowell will be the third member of the Hollowell family that he will have worked with. Anthony Hollowell also taught at Cardinal Ritter.

"I keep telling [Joseph Hollowell] that the Hollowell family and Roncalli are good feeder schools for Cardinal Ritter," Lockard said jokingly.

Growing up in the Hollowell family, though, did more than lead Deacon Hollowell into education and to teach him how to be a servant and leader.

It also showed him how marriage and the priesthood have an important thing in common: Both callings involve getting people to heaven.

"I see my parents' marriage being an institution where my mom and dad are helping each other and us kids get to heaven," said Deacon Hollowell. "It's what marriage is supposed to be about. For me, I think the priesthood is the calling [that] God is giving me to help me and those I'll serve get to heaven."

(Deacon John Hollowell will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Church in Indianapolis at 5:30 p.m. on June 6. Because it is a regular parish Mass and many guests will be on hand, Deacon Hollowell expects that little or no seating will be available for other visitors.) †

Deacon John Hollowell

Age: 29
Parents: Joseph and Diane Hollowell
Parish where he grew up: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis
Seminary: One semester at the Pontifical North American College in Rome; the rest at Saint Meinrad School of Theology in St. Meinrad
Hobbies: Reading, writing, playing basketball, running, enjoying good movies, music, painting and other forms of art
Favorite prayer or devotion: Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
Favorite Bible verse: "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch" (Lk 5:4).
Favorite saint: St. John of the Cross †

Deacon Peter Marshall answers God's call to Catholicism, priesthood

By Mary Ann Wyand

First, God called Peter Marshall to the Catholic faith. Then God called him to the priesthood.

Deacon Marshall, who is 36, entered Saint Meinrad School of Theology from St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis in August 2004.

He doesn't consider his calling to serve God, the Church and God's people in central and southern Indiana as a priest to be a delayed vocation.

"I couldn't have gotten here any faster," he said. "It was God's time."

He is looking forward to his first ministry assignment as associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.

The adopted son of a minister and stay-at-home mother was born on April 18, 1973, in Chicago, and grew up in a small town in central Illinois with seven adopted and multicultural siblings.

"My father was the preacher of Bethel Bible Church, a small country church about 10 miles west of Peoria," he said, "so we were fairly poor, but rich in the priceless things in life. We didn't have a lot of extras."

His adoptive parents, Rev. Thyron and Carol Marshall, taught their children about Scripture early in life. They will attend their son's ordination on June 6 and his Mass of Thanksgiving at 3:30 p.m. on June 7 at St. Mary Church.

"I went to Peoria Christian School then Taylor University, an evangelical Christian college [in Upland, Ind.]," he said. "At Taylor, I majored in history, and took minors in English, political science and international studies. For most of my undergraduate years, I was thinking about going on to law school."

During the summer of 1995, he went on a three-month mission trip to India, Kenya and Uganda with a group of Taylor students then felt called to a life of service.

"We worked at Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Calcutta," he said. "It was a very moving experience. I didn't meet her because she was in the United States opening a new ministry. In Africa, we were based at Lake Victoria and teaching the Christian faith in different villages. ... It really opened my eyes to the vastness of the world. That was a very pivotal experience. After that, I had a change in what I felt I was supposed to do."

After graduating from Taylor University, he moved to Indianapolis and volunteered with Americorps for a year.

"I worked as a courtroom advocate for the victims of domestic violence in Marion County," he said. "I was looking for a way to go into a more helping profession. ... I thought a master's degree in social work would be a good foundation for that."

He earned a graduate degree in social work at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis then worked in drug and alcohol counseling as well as foster care and adoption counseling.

"I had begun exploring the Catholic faith in college," he said. "On a study trip to England, we visited a lot of old churches and cathedrals. ... It just stuck with me that I needed to know more about Catholicism. ... [It] predates the Bible."

He attended Mass for the first time at St. Mary Church and got to know Father Michael O'Mara, the pastor, during the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. He was received into the full communion of the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 19, 2003, the day after his 30th birthday.

"I was where I belonged," Deacon Marshall said. "For a long time, I had felt a call to ministry, and I started helping out around the parish. I went on a vocations retreat sponsored by the archdiocese at [Our Lady of] Fatima Retreat House. I met Archbishop [Daniel M.] Buechlein and Father Joseph



Carrying a processional crucifix, Deacon Peter Marshall, left, processes out at the conclusion of the archdiocese's 175th anniversary Mass on May 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Walking next to Deacon Marshall is Deacon Jeremy Gries.



On Christmas Eve in 2008, Deacon Peter Marshall, left, poses for a photograph at St. Mary Church in Indianapolis with Father Michael O'Mara, pastor, near a Nativity scene. Deacon Marshall was a member of St. Mary Parish when he entered the seminary.

Moriarty, [then] the vocation director, and it all fell into place."

Seminary formation at Saint Meinrad was a great educational experience, he said, and pastoral assignments at Christ the King Parish, St. Pius X Parish and St. Vincent Hospital, all in Indianapolis, and St. John the Apostle Parish in Bloomington were positive ministry environments.

A mission trip to the Gulf Coast to help with Hurricane Katrina relief work in April 2006 and a seminary pilgrimage to Rome in January 2009 gave him even more insight into the universal Church.

He was ordained a transitional deacon by the archbishop on Oct. 25, 2008, at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einseideln in St. Meinrad.

"From my background, I have a leaning toward pastoral care," he said, "and I love preaching."

Deacon Marshall carried the archiepiscopal cross and helped distribute Communion during the archdiocese's 175th anniversary Mass on May 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

"It was very awe-inspiring," he said. "To see everybody together was a good reminder of just how big the Church is, and it was also a nice symbol of unity."

In a video posted online at www.hearGodsCall.com, the archdiocesan vocations Web site, Deacon Marshall talked about his love for the faith.

"What I love most about the Catholic faith is the way the theology is always coming down to meet people in their real-life experiences," he said, "... [and] the beauty of joining our sufferings to the suffering of Christ on the cross. I love the sacrament of reconciliation. I hope my ministry will be one of bringing the mercy and love of Christ into people's lives."

Benedictine Father Denis Robinson was a spiritual director for Deacon Marshall before being named president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology.

"His experience as a social worker has given him a sensitivity to the poorest and most marginalized," Father Denis said. "He is a man of great compassion."

Benedictine Father Godfrey Mullen, vice rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and a former spiritual director, said Deacon Marshall "has a unique gift of using his background in social work to enhance his ability to serve the people of God."

Marge Hittle, co-director of the Crisis Office for Catholic Charities Indianapolis, and her family are close friends with Deacon Marshall.

"He is going to make a wonderful priest, shepherd and pastor," she said. "Any parish that is in his future will be very lucky." †

Deacon Peter Marshall

Age: 36
Parents: Rev. Thyron and Carol Marshall
Seminary: Saint Meinrad School of Theology and Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., for spiritual direction
Hobbies: Reading, cooking, baking and music
Favorite prayer or devotion: Liturgy of the Hours
Favorite Bible verse: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control" (2 Tm 1:7).
Favorite saints: St. Thomas More and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta †

June 11 program to benefit Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

By Mary Ann Wyand

“Called to Holiness: An Evening in Support of the Ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House” on June 11 will focus on spiritual renewal as well as fundraising.

St. Lawrence parishioner Sandra Hartlieb of Indianapolis, a member of Sisterhood Christian Drama Ministry, will present “In Her Own Words,” a dramatic presentation on the life and ministries of St. Theodora Guérin, who founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840.

The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Joe O’Malia Performing Arts Center at Cathedral High School, 5225 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, adjacent to the archdiocesan retreat center property.

After Hartlieb’s performance, Father Jim Farrell, Fatima’s director, and Leo Stenz, the advisory board president, will discuss how people can become involved in the retreat house ministry.

Guests will enjoy desserts and coffee during the fundraising event.

“The evening is important for Fatima as an opportunity for the larger community to express its support for spiritual renewal and retreat programs at the archdiocesan retreat house,” Father Farrell said. “In order to keep retreat offerings available to people at a modest price, Fatima depends upon contributions from people in the community at large to help us to make ends meet.

“... Even though we need to solicit funds to support Fatima’s ministries, we wanted to do so in a context that was in harmony with what we do here at Fatima all the time, which is to provide opportunities for spiritual renewal and for retreats,” he said. “... The spiritually uplifting evening offers us the opportunity to stay close to our mission even while we go about the serious work of increasing support for Fatima’s ministries.”

In recent years, Father Farrell said, the generosity of donors has enabled the archdiocesan retreat center staff to upgrade the facilities. Improvements include a lift so all three floors are accessible to everyone, a handicap-accessible restroom and accessibility features in some of the

guest rooms.

“We also are trying to enhance some other pieces of our property, repaving the parking lot and upgrading some of the meeting spaces on the lower level,” he said. “One donor made a donation in honor of Father John Luerman so one of the rooms is being transformed into a presenter’s resource room and will be named ... in honor of him and in gratitude for his years of ministry to the archdiocese.”

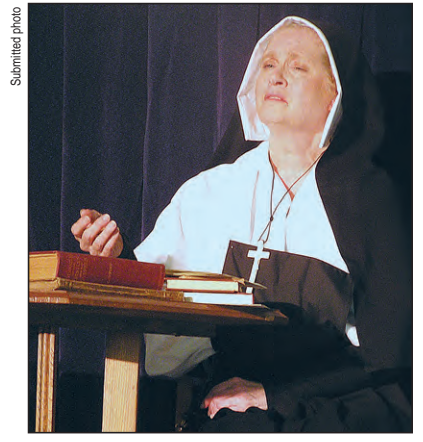
Fatima’s staff is grateful to Cathedral High

School for their support of the archdiocesan retreat ministry, Father Farrell said, and for the use of the school’s theater for this production.

Hartlieb is looking forward to sharing the life story of St. Theodora to help Fatima raise funds for its ministries.

“This will be Sisterhood’s first collaboration with Fatima Retreat House,” she said. “I think it’s really a wonderful opportunity and a great time to collaborate because their event is ‘Called to Holiness’ and Mother Theodore’s story just fits so well.”

(For more information and to register for the Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House fundraiser on June 11, call 317-545-7681, ext. 14.) †



St. Lawrence parishioner Sandra Hartlieb of Indianapolis portrays St. Theodora Guérin in an original play that she wrote for Sisterhood Christian Drama Ministry called “In Her Own Words.” Hartlieb will present the play about the life and ministries of Indiana’s first saint during a June 11 fundraiser for Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

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“It’s your actions, your smile, your closeness. Just sitting and listening. That’s what’s important.”

- SISTER MARY JOHN TINTEA
Chaplain
St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital

Like St. Theodora Guérin, performer to become a missionary this summer

By Mary Ann Wyand

Like St. Theodora Guérin, St. Lawrence parishioner and actress Sandra Hartlieb of Indianapolis, who often portrays Indiana’s first saint, will become a missionary later this summer.

Hartlieb will spend two weeks in Kenya during August to perform Bible stories with Sisterhood Christian Drama Ministry, her family’s theatrical troupe.

In recent months, Hartlieb has presented St. Theodora’s story at Catholic parishes and schools as well as at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

The saint’s life story “really connects with me very much,” Hartlieb said. “I am volunteering right now once a month at Miracle Place, a Sisters of Providence ministry on the near-east side of Indianapolis. When I’m there, I hear echoes of Mother Theodore saying, ‘Love the children first and then teach them.’ And that’s what they do at Miracle Place.”

Sisterhood Christian Drama Ministry productions are a collaborative effort with Hartlieb’s sisters—Nora Pritchett of Sellersburg and Peggy Young of Louisville—and her brother, Bob Braden of Louisville, as well as her husband, Ron, and Pritchett’s husband, Alan. Another sister, Bibiana Richardson of Lillington, N.C., helps write their scripts.

As Hartlieb completed plans for their two weeks in Africa and tried to calm her nerves about this ambitious undertaking, she could hear Mother Theodore saying, “Lean with all your weight upon Providence.”

“The Holy Spirit was pushing us to go to Kenya,” Hartlieb said. “Some missionaries go to Africa to build houses or dig wells. We’re going to Kenya to tell stories about God. We will have programs for the adults and children, and want to provide a meal for them every day. That’s part of our ministry. We’ll be feeding their bodies then we’ll feed their souls.”

To prepare for their mission trip, Hartlieb and two of her sisters, Nora Pritchett and Peggy Young, plan to make a silent retreat, “Come Away and Rest Awhile,” at Fatima Retreat House in July.

Hartlieb often asks for St. Theodora’s intercession during prayer time.

“She is with me every day,” Hartlieb said. “She really is. I just talk with her a lot of times. I’ve even said a quick petition—‘Mother Theodore, pray for me’—at different times. I read her journals a bit and then have a conversation with her. She’s very much a part of my prayer life. I feel like she’s part of my family.”

(For more information about Sisterhood Christian Drama Ministry, log on to www.sisterhoodfour.org.) †



Pope's visit to Holy Land aids Catholic-Jewish relations

By Dan Morris-Young

Before his historic, weeklong visit to the Holy Land in May 2009, Pope Benedict XVI said he hoped to strongly encourage the besieged and dwindling Christian communities there.

The pope also intended to urge followers of the world's three major monotheistic religions—Christianity, Judaism and Islam—to embrace prayer, reject animosity and make the common tenets of their faith traditions forces for the common good, not platforms for political tension.

He also wanted to underscore the fundamental need for interreligious dialogue, respect and reconciliation.

As of this writing, while the pope was almost through his visit, he has done all of this, offering a fresh prism through which to view the Middle East, where the people often appear intractably snarled in a life-and-death struggle.

Mentioned frequently were the Vatican's lifting of the excommunication of Bishop Richard Williamson, a member of the Society of St. Pius X who has denied the extent of the Holocaust, and the pope's

2006 address at the University of Regensburg, Germany, that offended many Muslims.

The Vatican has said that Bishop Williamson must publicly recant those views in order to function as a bishop.

Reuven Rivlin, Israel's parliament speaker, accused Pope Benedict of speaking "like a historian" at Israel's Holocaust memorial, "as somebody observing from the sidelines, about things [the Holocaust] that shouldn't happen."

Rivlin alluded to the time when, as a youth, the pope was required to join the Hitler Youth and the Nazi army.

Pope Benedict, however, had given an emotional address at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, where he met with Holocaust survivors before giving his talk.

More than 200,000 Holocaust survivors reside in Israel, a Jewish state established in the wake of the Holocaust.

Pope Benedict said the cries of those 6 million European Jews killed by the Nazis "still echoes in our hearts."

"May the names of these victims never perish," the pope said in a hushed voice. "May their suffering never be denied, belittled or forgotten."

Despite the criticisms, Pope Benedict was warmly greeted everywhere by Israeli dignitaries, Muslim clerics and Christians.

Repeatedly, the pope exhorted Christians living in Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories to endure, to build bridges to others and to deepen their personal faith.

Upon his arrival in Israel and again later at a Palestinian refugee camp, the pope called for an independent Palestinian state as part of a long-term, two-state strategy to quell violence between Palestinians and Israelis.

The pope visited the Dome of the Rock, sacred to Muslims who believe the Prophet Mohammed ascended from there to heaven, and the adjacent Western Wall, revered by Jews as a remnant of the biblical Temple in Jerusalem.

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Israeli Rabbi Meir Lau reaches out to Pope Benedict XVI during a ceremony in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem on May 11. Speaking at the memorial, the pope said the suffering of Jews under the Nazi extermination campaign must "never be denied, belittled or forgotten."

Middle East, upon the entire human family."

The pope later told Israel's chief rabbis that the Roman Catholic Church is "irrevocably committed ... [to a] genuine and lasting reconciliation between Christians and Jews."

In response, Rabbi Yona Metzger, one of Israel's two chief rabbis, welcomed the interfaith efforts.

He agreed that "we must continue on this path and teach leaders of the other faiths that not by terror will they achieve their aims."

While in Jordan, Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad bin Talal, a Muslim and a high-level participant in global inter-religious dialogue, thanked the pope for expressing regret "for the hurt caused" by the Regensburg lecture.

"But most of all," the prince said, "we receive Your Holiness as a simple pilgrim of peace who comes in humility and gentleness to pray where Jesus Christ the Messiah, peace be upon him, prayed and was baptized and began his mission 2,000 years ago."

In Jerusalem near the Mount of Olives, Pope Benedict asked Christians to take hope and strength from Jesus' resurrection, and to "bear witness to the power of forgiveness and showing forth the Church's

deepest nature as the sign and sacrament of a humanity reconciled, renewed and made one in Christ."

Similarly, in a homily at a Mass in Bethlehem's Manger Square, Pope Benedict said, "Here in Bethlehem, a special perseverance is asked of Christ's disciples: perseverance in faithful witness to God's glory revealed here in the birth of his Son [and] to the good news of his peace."

The pontiff encouraged Christians to take part in civil society to the greatest degree possible.

In Jordan, where the predominantly Muslim nation's laws assure that 8 percent of parliamentary seats must be filled by Christians, Pope Benedict said, "Do not be afraid to make your own wise, measured and respectful contribution to the public life of the kingdom."

Today, Christians are estimated to comprise 2 percent of the total population, down from nearly 20 percent 40 years ago.

The pope's messages of hope for Christians also spotlighted the role they play in the Middle East, where the Church operates schools, hospitals and many other ministries in high-profile contrast to their small numbers.

(Dan Morris-Young is a Catholic News Service columnist and veteran journalist.) †



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Discussion Point

Ecumenical programs build friendship

This Week's Question

Are there efforts needed in your community to bring Catholics and Jews together in dialogue?

"I don't believe there's been any effort in Boulder to bring Jews and Catholics together, but ... last Thanksgiving I went to an interfaith service at Christ the King Church in Denver, where three rabbis and several other leaders of different faiths held a service to raise money for the food banks. I'd love to do that in Boulder." (Lucy Lowrey, Boulder, Colo.)

"There is a program in the area where [members of] Catholic, Jewish and other Christian faiths meet nine or 10 times a year. There are different topics. For instance, when it was music each choir sang then everyone sang together. The pastors and rabbis lead a roundtable discussion where people can ask questions. ... It's important because of our joint heritage."

(Lisa Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.)

"[Efforts have been made], but there is always more that can be done, not only between Catholics and Jews, but [also] with any cultural groups. Whenever we reach out to other cultural groups, it benefits society by clarifying misunderstandings and helping us ... to know each other as human beings." (Fred Cain, Washington, D.C.)

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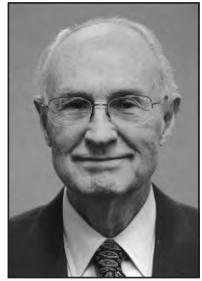
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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Basic Catholicism: Belief in tradition

(Seventeen in a series of columns)

Two weeks ago, I wrote that, while Catholics believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, the Catholic faith is not based solely on the Bible. I'd better elaborate on that.



Catholics believe that God has transmitted divine revelation to us in two distinct modes: Scripture and Tradition.

The Gospel of Christ was handed on in two ways: first, orally by the Apostles, who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to preach; and, later, in writing by those who also were inspired by the Holy Spirit to commit the message of salvation to writing.

Jesus' disciples were spreading the faith through their preaching, as Christ commanded them to do, for about 20 years before the first New Testament writing appeared: Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians.

In one of those letters, Paul advises those to whom he was writing: "Therefore, brothers,

stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours" (2 Thes 15).

The early Christians followed those traditions that Paul wrote about well before the first Gospel was written about 40 years after Christ's resurrection. Those traditions are an integral part of Catholic faith.

When the Catholic Church uses the word "tradition," it means more than just custom, as in, "That's the way we've always done it; it's a tradition." The word comes from the Latin, meaning "handing over," and it means the teachings and practices that were handed over by the Apostles to their successors. This is known as the "deposit of faith."

When Jesus commissioned his Apostles to make disciples of all nations, he told them, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). He obviously expected his teachings to be continued long after the Apostles were dead. Therefore, the Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the Church that Jesus founded upon Peter.

The task of preserving, spreading and interpreting the deposit of faith was given to the Apostles' successors, the bishops, in

communion with the successors of Peter, the bishop of Rome.

The immediate successors of the Apostles included those who are known as the Apostolic Fathers, men like St. Polycarp, a disciple of St. John, and St. Irenaeus, a disciple of Polycarp. Others were St. Clement of Rome and St. Ignatius of Antioch. They and their successors, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, handed on the deposit of faith.

As followers of Christ began to write the Gospels, it was the Apostles' successors who had to determine which of them were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

St. Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria, became the first, in 367, to declare the 27 books of the New Testament as the canon binding on the whole Church. This was affirmed by the North African Synod of Carthage in 419, but the matter wasn't treated by an ecumenical council until the Council of Florence in 1439. The Council of Trent reaffirmed the canon in the 16th century.

Scripture and Tradition together make up a single sacred deposit of the faith. †

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David Siler

Faith fills Cubans with hope

Located a mere 90 miles off the southern tip of Florida lies the seventh largest island in the world: Cuba.



Due to the closure of travel to U.S. citizens, many Americans know very little about Cuba. The island is 745 miles long and has 42,803 square miles, contains 2,321 miles of coastline and is home to more

than 11 million people.

What most of us know about Cuba is related to the government that has been in power since Fidel Castro gained control more than 50 years ago and has been passed on to his brother, Raul, these past couple of years. Much less is known about the Church and the people who inhabit this Caribbean island.

I recently returned from my third visit to Cuba. For almost 10 years now, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has had what is called a "global solidarity partnership" with the Archdiocese of Camaguey, Cuba—a large geographical area located just east of

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the middle of the island.

This partnership, facilitated by Catholic Relief Services, has allowed several members of our local Church to visit our sister archdiocese in order to establish a working relationship with representatives of the Church in Camaguey.

I made my first visit to Cuba in 2005, when we spent the bulk of our weeklong visit in Camaguey. I immediately fell in love with the members of the local Catholic Charities family (called "Caritas" in Cuba) who were so warm and hospitable. They care so lovingly for the poorest of the poor in their towns and villages. During this most recent visit, we were thrilled to learn about the growth of the Catholic Church in Cuba.

After the revolution in 1959, Fidel Castro ordered that religion no longer be practiced in the country and the churches themselves be closed. Pope John Paul II made the first-ever visit by a pope to Cuba in January 1998. Following his visit, Castro agreed to return the churches to the people and allow the practice of religion.

As you can imagine, trusting that this new-found freedom would last and that attending church was really safe after almost 40 years of fear was slow to come by.

But during a meeting of our delegation with Archbishop Juan Garcia Rodriguez, he reported to us that the Church there is exploding with growth. He said that the people are finally beginning to trust that it is safe to gather for Mass and are learning the immense value of belonging to a community of believers.

This most recent trip reminded me once again about the great power of faith and hope. With so few material things to bring comfort and security, the Cuban people cling to the things that can never be taken away—faith and hope. They are a living testament to Hebrews 11:1—"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

Look for more information and ways for you to become involved with our partnership with Camaguey soon on our archdiocesan Web site at www.archindy.org.

(David Siler is executive director of the Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries. E-mail him at dsiler@archindy.org.) †

It's All Good/Patti Lamb

God's love can heal a crushed spirit

To my friend, upon her heartbreak and separation from what she thought to be true:



These past few months have been nothing but turbulent waters for you.

I'm sorry about your breakup and I remember that, in years past, there was a time when I sincerely felt your pain. If your current emotions are anything like my

feelings were back then, it probably feels like your heart has been drop-kicked into the nearest river.

Even in today's world of advanced medical technology where almost anything can be proven with a series of diagnostic tests, no physical evidence exists of your broken heart. But you know it couldn't possibly still be in one piece.

The heartache takes its toll mentally, never mind the damage it does to our tear ducts. I think the only healing ointment is time, family, friendship and, most importantly, God.

With true intimacy, we reveal everything about ourselves. We sort of lay everything on the table, good and bad. The most reassuring part is that the other person accepts and embraces us *anyway*.

Perhaps our quirks and idiosyncrasies even border on endearing. "Maybe there is hope for me after all," we think to ourselves. For once, the fear of rejection is comfortably kept at bay. How refreshing.

But then something like this happens. Our hearts get heaved at mach speed into a brick wall. We second-guess ourselves and demand answers at once:

"What if I were more (insert adjective here)? Or what if I *weren't* so (insert adjective here)? Would I still find myself alone?"

And when parting ways ... well, there is no easy way. It stings.

I fondly recall the advice that my girlfriend from Boston once gave me. She said, "Everything turns out OK in the end. If it's not OK, then it's not the end."

That thought has sort of stuck with me, offering consolation in times of abrupt endings that I never saw coming, whether layoffs or funerals.

Don't think you've wasted the past years. No time is wasted when love is exchanged and cultivated. Love can last. I'm only sorry you've had this encounter with seemingly conditional love. I've been there.

The world can be a cruel place where mistreatment reigns if we let it. When you are at your wit's end and conclude that all love is doomed to fatality, please remember that

God's love is constant and remains unchanged. It's given me comfort to know that there is no rejection with God.

St. Paul wrote, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God" (Rom 8:38-39).

In our frail human nature, there is no perfect love. Many things separate us from our loved ones. Relationships can end over everything from money and misunderstandings to ambivalence, abuse and broken promises.

But nothing can keep us from the love of God.

Talk to him about your crushed spirit. He will give you the strength to forgive and begin anew.

And when you do find your missing piece, please keep in mind that God is the Divine Third. No twosome can be whole and lasting without the love of God.

You are always in my prayers. You are always on God's mind. Always.

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

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Italians prove Christian love in evil times

Never before in this column have I recommended a book with both my husband's and my approval.



I read it first. At Paul's request, I then read it to him as he drove us to Nashville, Tenn., to visit our youngest daughter, Lisa, to support her while she ran in the mini-portion of the "Country Music Marathon."

Despite being hospitalized a couple of days before, Lisa finished the race, proving that courage enhances strength—the very traits we found in *It Happened in Italy: Untold Stories of How the People of Italy Defied the Horrors of the Holocaust* (Thomas Nelson Press, www.tinyurl.com/ItalyandtheHolocaust).

After Sunday Mass at Lisa's neighborhood parish, Christ the King Church—which bears the same name as our Indianapolis parish—we took a church bulletin for me to read on our return trip to Indianapolis after I finished reading the book to Paul.

To our surprise, the bulletin reported that

the author of *It Happened in Italy*, Elizabeth Bettina, would present a program at that very church.

I wish I could have been there to congratulate the author for her strength of purpose and her extraordinarily positive vision while researching and traveling to gather facts for her book despite countless challenges along the way.

My husband is a history buff, and I've always been drawn toward history that proves human goodness.

This book elicited for me many happy tears. I learned to what extent the Italians went, not only to save their Jewish neighbors during World War II, but also to be true Christian neighbors toward Jews in the camps.

Because of a pact that Adolph Hitler made with Benito Mussolini before and during the war, Jews were sent to Italy for incarceration because Nazi concentration camps were full.

However, Italians built camps with open door policies—as normal to village life as possible. Italian guards and village residents near the camps in Campagna, Tito, Potenza and elsewhere considered the Jews their neighbors, welcoming them with hospitality and kindness.

When the Germans marched into Italy, the Italians rescued the Jews in many dangerous ways. These Italians are officially recognized as "righteous Gentiles."

Bettina is a native New Yorker whose Catholic Italian relatives often took her to Italy, especially to Campagna.

However, she knew little about the World War II camps until she heard a lecture by Walter Wolfe, a camp survivor.

She and Wolfe became close friends, returning to Italy many times and providing amazing experiences for other American Italians. They even met often with important Catholic clergy, including the pope!

Wolfe's friend, Vince Marmorale, regularly filmed these events and testimonies of survivors for a documentary. Together, and with others, they returned to Italy many times.

Bettina's book contains abundant vintage and modern black and white photographs, documents, maps, listings of detainees' names, appendices and a bibliography.

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

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 7, 2009

- Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
- Romans 8:14-17
- Matthew 28:16-20

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



Deuteronomy is the fifth book now in sequence in the Old Testament. It is one of the five books that form for Jews the basic revelation by God.

This reading describes an instruction given by

Moses to the Hebrew people as they wandered across the Sinai Peninsula, fleeing Egypt—where they had been slaves—and in search of the land that God had promised them.

In this reading, Moses is quoted as having told the people that God created all. God had spoken to them. God is in heaven. Finally, Moses said that the people must obey God's commandments.

Hearing a reading of these verses thousands of years after the fact causes us to lose at least some of the force within them. At the time, these words were extraordinarily powerful. They revealed God. Moreover, they were a way that God actually revealed himself to them.

For the second reading this weekend, the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

By the time Paul wrote this letter to the Christians of Rome, the reality of God, certainly as understood in the Jewish tradition and in the Christian tradition beginning to form, was accepted.

The marvel in Paul's message is that Christians share the divine life. They are more than creatures of God. They are God's children. God is the father. Indeed, disciples are encouraged to address God as "Father," indeed as "Abba," an ancient term for fathers that was a particularly gentle and loving endearment.

Paul explains that, as children of God, the faithful are the heirs to the eternal life of God. He tells them that this is accomplished in and through the individual Christian's bond with the Lord Jesus.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading.

It is a Resurrection Narrative, clear and compelling. The Risen Lord appears before the 11 surviving Apostles on a mountain and speaks to them in human words.

They understand him, and he confers upon them all authority on Earth and in

heaven. He then commissions them to go into the entire world, bringing all whom they meet into the one body, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Then Jesus promises to be with them until the end of the world.

Reflection

Overall, the teaching in these lessons is that God lives, and that God unites with us. He communicates with us. He meets us in our world. He speaks our language.

We belong to God because we are God's children. We are much, much more than creatures or possessions. We are God's children, the heirs to God's eternal life, and one with Jesus, the Son of God and Savior.

The Church makes these reassuring points. It tells us about God. It tells us about ourselves. It tells us that God loves us.

God gave us the Lord Jesus as our Redeemer. God loves us by giving us Jesus as well as bearers of the divine word, such as Moses and Paul. God loves us by giving us the Apostles.

The Apostles were more than human beings who simply had the opportunity to meet Jesus and to learn from Jesus. Jesus sent them into the world to us in order to give us the words of salvation, the words by which to live each day.

Their tradition, indeed their presence, endures among us. It continues in their successors, the bishops, and in the Church guided by the bishops.

In these lessons, the Church is frank. God is everything. He alone gives life and peace. Nothing else is lasting, secure or real. God loves us. He reveals the most intimate detail of divinity to us, the Trinity, that we might truly know him. He reaches to us in Jesus. Through Jesus, God reaches to us and meets us. †

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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

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

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

Daily Readings

Monday, June 8

2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Psalm 34:2-9
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 9

Ephrem, deacon and doctor of the Church
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Psalm 119:129-133, 135
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 10

2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Psalm 99:5-9
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 11

Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3
Psalm 98:1-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 12

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Psalm 116:10-11, 15-18
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday, June 13

Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Psalm 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12
Matthew 5:33-37

Sunday, June 14

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

God has chosen to involve us in the saving work of his grace

QA topic has arisen in our faith discussion group that I think you discussed some time ago.



As I understand it, both evangelical Protestants and Catholics believe that salvation comes through faith.

Evangelicals do not believe that "good works" are required for salvation, which is a gift from God.

As a lifelong Catholic, the idea of salvation by faith in Jesus as our Savior makes a lot of sense.

What does the Church actually teach? Are we saved by faith alone or by faith and good works? Or am I off base even wondering about it? (Michigan)

AYou're not off base at all. It's been a hot issue for centuries.

Fortunately, interfaith dialogue on the subject in recent years has raised the debate above the heated either/or arguments common earlier. Discussions are more charitable today, and probably much closer to the truth than they once were.

We are dealing here with a mystery. As with all Christian mysteries, when we attempt to explain the "interaction" between the infinite God and very limited, finite human beings, we inevitably run into frustrations.

For example, how can God, eternal and without limit, be contained in human nature? How can a human being, weak and fragile like us in everything except sin, be at the same time the infinite God?

There is no rational answer, no way to solve the puzzle to our entire satisfaction. Yet that seeming contradiction is precisely what we believe, by faith, about Jesus.

The mystery of how God's actions interweave with ours in accomplishing salvation is much the same. Several truths appear certain from revelation. At least some of them appear irreconcilable. For example, the grace of justification—freeing us from sin and sharing with us God's life—is a pure gift of God.

Since we are made in the image and likeness of God, having the power to know him and to love him, we must respond to that free initiative of God.

Sanctifying grace (literally "the gift that makes us holy"), God's life in us, is an unearned, lavish outpouring from God.

Yet God has chosen to involve us in the saving work of his grace. We are free to enter into the communion of love that God offers

us or not to enter it.

Since there is an infinite inequality, a chasm of being, between God and ourselves, we cannot truly merit or have a genuine right to anything from God on our own.

Nevertheless, God accepts our cooperation with his grace as "merit," which is itself the pure gift of his extravagant goodness.

If you think about it, there is no way to wrap all those truths into a neat, satisfying package. Accepting them doesn't bring us any closer to explaining how merit, human freedom and God's gracious generosity meet in the process of salvation.

Yet each of these doctrines is necessary. We discard or ignore any of them only at the cost of undermining the Gospel's message of hope.

Perhaps a helpful exercise for you and your friends would be to examine each of these beliefs separately, ask what they mean for you and how they affect your relationship with Jesus and the Father. As is true for all his gifts, God intends this revealed mystery to lead us into a more intimate, loving and trustful relationship with him.

QIn the Church's celebration of feasts of saints, is there a rotation of feasts as there is for the Sunday Scripture readings?

Is there a book of saints similar to the one I have which is almost 50 years old? Does it relate to our present Church calendar? (Illinois)

AIn the most recent revision of the Church calendar—which takes place every few hundred years to eliminate confusion that develops with the addition of new saints—several dates were changed.

There is no rotation from year to year. Each saint's feast is celebrated each year unless that feast day is superseded by a Sunday or other more solemn feast.

A few books describing the lives of the saints according to the present Church calendar are now available.

The classic in this field is Butler's *Lives of the Saints*. The four-volume set, recently updated and covering the entire year, is relatively expensive, but well worth saving for.

It presents information on the major saint of each day—the one whose name appears on Catholic calendars—and other lesser known but equally inspiring holy men and women whose feast falls on the same date.

The set may be ordered through almost any Catholic bookstore, which offers other biographies of saints. †

My Journey to God

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By Dorothy M. Colgan



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(Dorothy M. Colgan is a member of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad. Pope Benedict XVI prays at the Polish military cemetery during his pastoral visit to Monte Cassino in southern Italy on May 24.)

Rest in peace

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

ANDERSON, Courtney, Jr., 82, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 8. Husband of Alma Anderson. Father of Shirley Graff, Dale and Don Anderson. Brother of Robert Anderson. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of eight.

BOOK, Marvin R., 48, St. Joseph, Sellersburg, May 21. Father of Renee Book. Son of Raymond Book. Brother of Barbara Burgin, Mary Eurton, Carol Hamm, Doris Konermann and Joe Book.

BOUGHNER, Henry Albert, 54, St. Gabriel, Connersville, May 26. Husband of Rebecca

(Gabbard) Boughner. Father of Alyssa Perry, Deidra, Jessica and Jason Boughner. Brother of Cherie Warner and Arleen Boughner. Grandfather of two.

COOPER, Anna I. (Brady), 91, St. Jude, Indianapolis, May 24. Mother of Geraldine Cooper-Carothers, Sandra Cooper-Cook, Gloria Cooper-Mahurin, Mary Cooper-Smyser, Edward II, Robert and Timothy Cooper. Grandmother of 26. Great-grandmother of 68. Great-great-grandmother of 23.

DAWSON, Vernon C., 91, Christ the King, Indianapolis, May 22. Father of Mary Chapman, Betty Darko, Susan Hollibaugh and Donna Steger. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 10.

DRYER, Pete Edward, 62, Annunciation, Brazil, May 9. Husband of Rosemarie Dryer. Father of Angie Freeman, Jessica Gorby, Maggie, Jennifer and Mark Dryer. Son of Louise Dryer. Brother of Michael Dryer. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of two.

ECKERT, Charles, 70, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 12. Husband of Brenda Eckert. Father of Rhonda

Boman, Kathy Buit and Kim Lanham. Brother of Fred and James Eckert. Grandfather of seven.

EVANS, Jacqueline, 42, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, April 29. Wife of Roger Evans. Mother of Sarah and Jedidiah Evans.

FREUND, Anna Mary, 90, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, May 17. Mother of Carol Clouser, Mary Lee Eldridge, Nancy, James, Kevin and Michael Freund. Sister of Betty Conn and Kathleen Dierking. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of seven. Great-great-grandmother of three.

GILLILAND, Carole, 65, St. Michael, Greenfield, May 20.

Wife of Jack Gilliland. Mother of Debbie, Rebecca and Andy Gilliland. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of two.

LEIGHTY, Mary Margaret (Royer), 87, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, May 24. Mother of Jack and John Royer. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 20.

MESSANG, Alberta C., 78, St. Anthony, Morris, May 29. Mother of Mildred Bevis, Mary Hann and Rose Weaver. Sister of Rita, Emil, George and Joe Litzinger. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of four.

NORD, Mary M., 46, Holy Family, New Albany, May 19. Daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Nord. Sister of Angela,

Andrew, Joseph and Thomas Nord.

RATLEDGE, Margaret P., 90, St. Paul, Sellersburg, May 16. Mother of E. Keith and Raymond Ratledge. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of three.

SCHNELLENBERGER, Sandra R., 75, St. Mary, Lanesville, May 16. Wife of Lawrence Schnellenberger. Mother of Mary Ann Cundiff, Joseph, Joshua and Lawrence Schnellenberger Jr. Sister of Rose Carrier, Jean Epperson and

Bill Alexander. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of one.

WANSTRATH, Rita Jane, 86, St. Louis, Batesville, May 26. Wife of Norman Wanstrath. Mother of Jan Carlson, Julie Jackson, LuAnn Zeszut, Jim, Ken, Randy and Russ Wanstrath. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of seven.

WOODS, Richard E., 76, St. Mary, North Vernon, May 19. Father of Vicki, Christopher, Eric and Patrick Woods. Brother of David and Thomas Woods. Grandfather of eight. †

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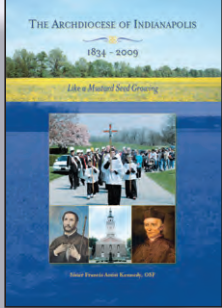
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