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Living a dream



Catholic Youth Organization camp counselor Vicky Hathaway and 10-year-old Marissa Pate smile as they play in the pool at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County. Marissa is one of about 35 children with disabilities who will enjoy a camping experience at Camp Rancho Framasa this summer thanks to the inclusive approach of the CYO Camp.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa reaches out to include children with disabilities

By John Shaughnessy

BROWN COUNTY—You could start this story with a mother's dream, a dream that all parents have for their children.

Or you could begin the tale with how three special people worked to make the dream come true for a little girl.

Yet maybe the best place to start is with the child who is living the dream on this sun-drenched summer afternoon marked by soft white clouds drifting across the blue sky.

At 10, Marissa Pate splashes in the swimming pool at Catholic Youth

Organization Camp Rancho Framasa, smiling and squealing with delight as she plays amid the other smiling and squealing campers.

On this picture-perfect afternoon, Marissa is the picture of contentment—a child soaked to the skin with fun and joy on a carefree summer day.

It's the dream moment that Nancy Pate has always wanted for her daughter, a child with autism whose disability often leads her to struggle to find her place in the world.

"We want her to keep going forward in life and become as independent as possible," says Nancy Pate, Marissa's

mother. "This is her first overnight camp. She's just a fun person. She can get frustrated easily and she's busy, but I'll tell you what, she brings a smile to your face. I'm just excited and honored that she was approached and invited by the archdiocese to do this."

Doing God's work

For about 15 years, the Camp Rancho Framasa staff have consciously worked to make an inclusive camp experience possible for children with disabilities, according to Mary Beth O'Brien, the

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Common good is promoted by protecting economic well-being of all, cardinal says

ROME (CNS)—The fastest way to recover from the current economic crisis and the only way to ensure that a similar



Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone

financial meltdown does not occur again is for governments to take seriously their role as regulators, the Vatican secretary of state told members of the Italian Senate.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, secretary of state, outlined the contents of

Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "*Caritas in Veritate*" ("Charity in Truth") at a special meeting of the Senate on July 28.

He said the encyclical was not calling for government control of the economy or the market, but for an awareness of the fact that democratic governments have an obligation to protect and promote the common good of their citizens, including their economic well-being.

In addition to asking governments to take their regulatory responsibilities seriously, the cardinal asked governments "to allow, or rather to favor, the birth and growth of a pluralistic financial market, a market in which subjects that have different goals for their activities can operate in conditions of parity."

In particular, he said, governments must look at how their regulations may have hindered the activities of credit unions, micro-credit lenders, cooperative banks and ethical investment funds.

Such institutions "play a complementary role to agents of speculative finance and, therefore, provide equilibrium," Cardinal Bertone said.

"If financial authorities would have removed the many restrictions that weigh on subjects of alternative financing over the past few decades, today's crisis would not have had the devastating power we are seeing," he said.

Cardinal Bertone said a main point in the See CARDINAL, page 2

Stem-cell advance said to prove again no need to kill embryos

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The work of two teams of Chinese scientists who created live mice from induced pluripotent stem cells is "another demonstration that researchers don't need to destroy embryos" to achieve stem-cell advances, according to a pro-life official at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The research done by separate teams in Shanghai and Beijing, and published on July 23 in the scientific journals *Nature* and *Cell Stem Cell* showed that the so-called iPS cells have "the full range of uses that embryonic stem cells are proposed for," said Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

"The immediate finding is that induced pluripotent stem cells, created without harming any embryos, really are as versatile as

embryonic stem cells," he said.

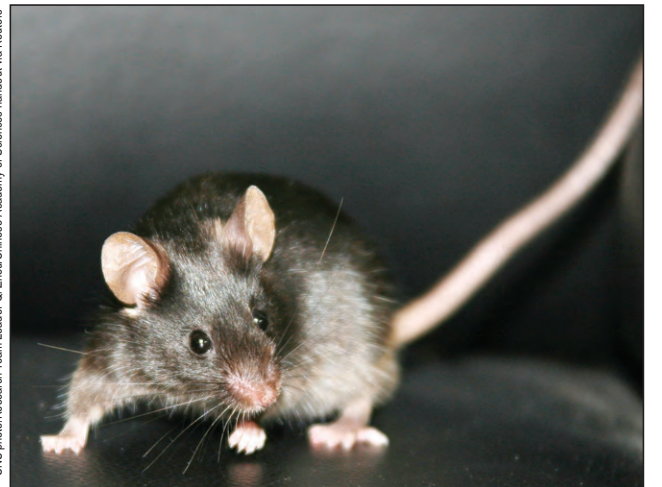
But Doerflinger also warned in a July 27 interview with Catholic News Service that this latest breakthrough in stem-cell research shows that iPS cells are "so powerful" that researchers "might be able to put them in a human embryo, and change the genetic makeup of that child and all the future generations" related to the child.

"It's an ominous thing, that they could be remaking people's genetic traits," he added. "It's a powerful technology and it could be misused."

The two Chinese teams had varying degrees of success in creating genetic duplicates of mice by reprogramming skin cells from adult mice into iPS cells and then implanting the embryos created

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CNS photo/Research Team Leader Q. Zhou/Chinese Academy of Sciences handout via Reuters



Tiny, a mouse created from stem cells created from mouse skin, is pictured in China in this January 2009 photograph made available on July 24. The work of two teams of Chinese scientists who created the mice from induced pluripotent stem cells is "another demonstration that researchers don't need to destroy embryos" to achieve stem-cell advances, according to a pro-life official at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Photo courtesy Saint Meinrad Archabbey



Golden jubilee

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, right, prays while standing beside Benedictine Father Micheas Langston during a July 26 Mass at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. The Mass was celebrated in honor of the Benedictine monks, including the archbishop and Father Micheas, who professed monastic vows as members of Saint Meinrad Archabbey 50 years ago.

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into a surrogate mother.

The first team, led by Qi Zhou of the Institute of Zoology in Beijing and Fanyi Zeng of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, reported 27 live births, starting with a mouse named Xiao Xiao or "Tiny." All 12 of the genetic duplicates that were mated produced offspring without abnormalities. The team reported hundreds of second-generation and more than 100 third-generation mice.

The second team, headed by Shaorong Gao of the National Institute of Biological Sciences in Beijing, produced only two live births using the same technique, with one of those dying in infancy. The team is currently trying to mate the surviving mouse.

In the U.S., the National Institutes of Health recently issued final guidelines for federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, requiring that such research use only embryos created for reproductive purposes at *in vitro* fertilization clinics

and no longer needed for that purpose.

The draft guidelines set standards for voluntary informed consent by those donating the embryos, and said no NIH funds would be given for research that did not meet the standards.

The final guidelines, however, set up an "alternative pathway" for the approval of funding of research involving embryos donated before the new guidelines took effect or involving stem-cell lines developed in foreign countries. A working group made up of about 10 scientists and ethicists is to look at each such application on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it meets the core principles of voluntary informed consent.

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, strongly criticized the final guidelines and said the debate over embryonic stem-cell research "now shifts to Congress, where some members have said even this policy does not go far enough in treating some human beings as objects to be created, manipulated and destroyed for others' use."

Some had predicted that President Barack Obama's decision to reverse the

limits on funding of embryonic stem-cell research established under President



Cardinal Justin Rigali

George W. Bush would lead to the rapid expansion of such research, particularly at the university level.

But the results of a survey by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, published on July 21, found that only 6 percent of

major research universities—those with \$100 million or more in federal grants—planned to increase research on human embryonic stem cells "by a large amount."

The survey also found that most of the universities said they had increased their contribution to the indirect costs of scientific research on campus by 50 percent or more over the past five years.

A federal policy established in 1991 limits the indirect costs that a university may collect on each federal research grant for expenses like photocopying, accounting and electricity. †

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pope's encyclical is that the crisis is the result of human greed and a mistaken idea that the maximization of profit is the only value a free market is ethically obliged to follow.

"This has resulted in giving legitimacy to greed—which is the best known and most widespread form of avarice—as a sort of civic virtue: the greed market instead of the free market," the cardinal said.

The pope recognizes that the market economy is the economic model most respectful of human freedom and democracy, the cardinal said, but he also recognizes it is a fallacy to believe that the economy can or should operate independently of human values.

"An economic activity that does not take the social dimension into account would not be ethically acceptable, just as it also is true that a purely redistributive social policy that does not take the availability of resources into account would not be sustainable," Cardinal Bertone said.

The pope's encyclical calls people to recognize that, because the market is a human invention involving human participants and having an impact on other human beings, it must be guided by and judged according to its impact on people, he said.

In calling attention to the moral obligation to promote the common good, Pope Benedict calls for a movement from solidarity to fraternity, he said.

Motivated by solidarity, people recognize the disadvantages of people worse off and offer help while keeping a certain distance, he said. On the other hand, those who are motivated by fraternity recognize everyone as brothers or sisters and provide for their needs, he said.

Cardinal Bertone said societies need a sense of fraternity in order for all their members to prosper, and that value is best learned at home in one's family.

That is why, he said, the pope calls on governments "to enact policies promoting the centrality and the integrity of the family founded on marriage between a man and a woman, the primary vital cell of society, and to assume responsibility for its economic and fiscal needs, while respecting its essentially relational character." †

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Rev. Anthony Vinson, O.S.B., a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, appointed administrator of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad and St. Boniface Parish in Fulda.

This appointment is from the office of the Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., Archbishop of Indianapolis. †

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African-American Catholic organization to celebrate 100 years

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Knights of Peter Claver, the nation's largest lay organization for African-American Catholics, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this November.



Bishop Joseph N. Perry

The group's national chaplain, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago, explained the significance of the Knights and

their organization's century of endurance. "Their importance stems from their origin in a different social climate where African-Americans were not generally accepted in various clubs, organizations or lodges of that nature," he said.

In the early 20th century, black Catholics needed an alternative to secular fraternal organizations. Membership in some groups, such as Freemasonry, was forbidden by the Catholic Church, yet in many cases those groups were the only option available to black men in the age of segregation, Bishop Perry explained.

The founders of the Knights of Peter Claver "wanted to create something for African-American men by way of spiritual direction [and] charity," he said.

Following the organizational model of the Knights of Columbus, four Josephite priests and three laymen founded the Knights of Peter Claver in Mobile, Ala., on Nov. 9, 1909, with an initial membership of 40 men.

They choose as their patron St. Peter Claver, a 17th-century Jesuit priest from Spain who ministered to slaves in what is now Colombia.

A women's division, the Ladies Auxiliary, was added in 1922, as were youth programs, the Junior Knights and

Junior Daughters, in the 1930s. Geryllyn Shelvin, the organization's supreme lady, its highest elected post, said that these additional branches are integral to the Knights' longevity.

"It's because of the commitment of the membership and also because it is a family organization—husbands, wives, brothers and sisters can all join together," she said.

Although they are most heavily concentrated in Louisiana and Texas, members are active in dioceses and parishes across the nation and in Colombia.

In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, there are six councils of Knights and five courts of the Ladies of Peter Claver.

"We are able to serve some pretty strident needs that are in our local communities," Bishop Perry said.

Members volunteer at soup kitchens, provide aid for single mothers and award scholarships, in particular for Xavier University of Louisiana, the nation's only historically black Catholic college. They also help fund care and research for diseases that disproportionately affect African-Americans, such as sickle cell anemia and diabetes.

"As a member of the Knights of Peter Claver, you come with your palms face down, not face up. You don't come in asking for something. Our philosophy is giving," said Gene Phillips. A native of Louisiana who settled in Houston, he is the supreme knight, the highest elected leadership position in the men's organization.

Phillips said about 4,000 of the organization's 18,000 members—male,



Members of the Knights of Peter Claver process down the center aisle at Holy Family Church in Chicago prior to Mass in 2007. The Knights of Peter Claver, the nation's largest lay organization for African-American Catholics, will celebrate its 100th anniversary this November.

female, young, old—planned to travel to the 94th annual convention from July 28 to Aug. 7 in New Orleans. The event serves as a legislative session, a week of service outreach in the city, and a chance for members to learn more about advocacy for religious vocations and Catholic education.

The convention also will kick off the anniversary celebration, which will be officially commemorated in November in Mobile.

Bishop Perry said the centennial is an opportunity to stop and reflect on the

changes in American society and the strength of the Catholic faith.

"When you consider the whole social saga of blacks in this country," he said, "this is a singular institution that happens to be out of the Church, Church-sponsored, that has survived the laws of segregation and discrimination, and has gone through the whole saga of the civil rights struggle and has survived. Somehow the Church has been able to hold a group of people within its faith and tradition, and given them signs of hope despite that troubled history." †

Notre Dame alumna is reunited with his missing class ring after 52 years

DAVENPORT, Iowa (CNS)—Walter Dray Sr. treasured his 1940 class ring from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He even wore it in place of a wedding ring with the blessing of his wife, Peg.

When the Davenport businessman and father of eight lost the ring in 1957 at the bottom of a Wisconsin lake, he was heartbroken, but Peg assured him that the ring eventually would be found.

She was right, but unfortunately did not live to see the joy that the ring's return would bring to her husband. Fifty-two years after it disappeared, the ring is back on Dray's finger. He believes it's a gift from his late wife, with God's blessings.

"The whole thing is sort of miraculous," Dray said, happily wearing the gold ring with a blue stone.

The reunification of Dray, now 92, and his ring is a story within a story.

Years ago, a Wisconsin retiree named John MacDonald took up a metal-detecting hobby and found numerous pieces of jewelry while combing beaches and lake bottoms. MacDonald died years ago and the jewelry sat in his wife's closet, said their

son, Drew MacDonald, a real estate planning attorney in Appleton, Wis.

The younger MacDonald began a quest to find the owners of the long-lost heirlooms that were traceable.

"I help people plan for their family heirlooms to be passed on to the next generation, and here I am sitting with a box of heirlooms and I want to get them back to their owners," he told *The Catholic Messenger*, newspaper of the Diocese of Davenport.

MacDonald found the inscription "Walter Dray Class of 1940" etched on the inside of Dray's ring. He contacted the Notre Dame Alumni Association in early July to inquire about the ring's owner.

"They said, to my surprise, that the gentleman who graduated in 1940 was still alive and they asked if he could give me a call," MacDonald said.

Dray called MacDonald on July 8.

"He was so incredibly happy you couldn't believe it," MacDonald said. "His faith that he was going to get this ring back was incredible. He was under the complete belief that his wife helped guide it back home to him."

So far, no one else who has claimed a ring from MacDonald's collection had one missing as long as Dray.

The recovery of Dray's ring gives him a comforting sense of Peg. Longtime members of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Davenport, the couple had been married 66 years when she died in October 2007. They met when he was a senior at Notre Dame and she was a senior at neighboring St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind. They were married a year after graduation.

Dray lost the class ring while swimming and snorkeling with his kids during a family trip to the lake. Dray's children wanted to get a replacement ring for their father, but his wife advised against it.

"Peg said, 'You're going to find that ring. Some day it's going to come back.' And here it is more than 50 years and it came back!" Dray said. "My kids say that's Peg's gift. She wanted to give me a gift. That's the way I feel about it. This was a gift from Peg." †



Walter Dray Sr., 92, of Davenport, Iowa, displays his 1940 class ring from the University of Notre Dame. The ring went missing 52 years ago when he lost it in a Wisconsin lake. But he and the ring were reunited after a Wisconsin lawyer discovered it in a collection of jewelry that his late father acquired years ago while combing beaches and lakes with a metal detector.

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Editorial



A detail from Michelangelo's mural depicting the conversion of St. Paul is seen in the newly restored Pauline Chapel in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican on June 30.

Giving people a second chance in life

For many people, life is about second chances.

In the simplest terms, it's about conversion or changing your ways for the better.

Consider the life story of the Apostle Paul.

Or St. Francis of Assisi.

Or Michael Vick.

As people of faith, we know St. Paul's conversion story.

He was a Jew who was educated in Jerusalem according to strict ancestral law who persecuted Christians early in his life.

But as Pope Benedict XVI explained at a prayer service in Rome in June 2008 to open the recently completed Year of St. Paul, the Apostle later became, through an encounter with Christ, the "teacher of the gentiles of faith and truth."

We also know St. Francis of Assisi's conversion story.

The patron saint of peace, the environment and animals was anything but saintly in his early life.

The young Francis, as described by Pope Benedict during a visit to Assisi in 2007, was a "king of partying" who in the first 25 years of life was mainly out for fun and entertainment. He was vain and placed a lot of emphasis on image, the pope said.

Then, as he encountered the poor and sick, Francis began to change. His conversion truly took shape when, praying before a crucifix, he heard God's voice telling him to "repair my house."

Which leads us to Michael Vick, the exceptionally gifted athlete who excelled on the football field for the Atlanta Falcons in the National Football League for several years.

As we know, Vick's world came crashing down when the quarterback was identified in April 2007 as "the key figure" of an extensive unlawful interstate dogfighting ring operating over a period of five years. This led to separate federal and state felony charges and convictions under plea agreements as well as payment of approximately \$1 million for the care and rehabilitation of dogs. Vick was sentenced to a 23-month federal prison term for his actions. He served 18 months and was released in May.

To say Vick's crimes were heinous would be an understatement. Any decent human being should be appalled by the way that he and his cohorts treated the animals involved in their unlawful

operation.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell rightly suspended the quarterback in August 2007. At the time, Goodell said Vick must show remorse before he would consider reinstating him.

The commissioner did just that by conditionally reinstating Vick on July 27.

"I accept that you are sincere when you say that you want to, and will, turn your life around, and that you intend to be a positive role model for others," Goodell said in his letter to Vick. "I am prepared to offer you that opportunity. Whether you succeed is entirely in your hands.

"Needless to say, your margin for error is extremely limited," the letter said. "I urge you to take full advantage of the resources available to support you, and to dedicate yourself to rebuilding your life and your career. If you do this, the NFL will support you."

Thankfully, one of the resources available to Vick is Tony Dungy, retired coach of the Indianapolis Colts, who will serve as a mentor to the quarterback.

Dungy, who we know from his many years in Indianapolis, wears his faith on his sleeve. We believe he is an excellent choice to work with Vick on his road to conversion. Dungy has already met twice with Vick in person and spoken to him on the phone.

As a husband, father, coach and mentor to people from all walks of life, Dungy has shaped countless individuals and planted seeds of hope—and faith—throughout his journey.

Helping Vick get his life back on track could be one of his biggest challenges.

"I believe in second chances for people who admit their mistakes, and are committed to changing," Dungy said in his All Pro Dad's online diary on July 28.

In today's cynical world, it would be easy to brush off any chance of Vick turning his life around.

Whether we support him or not, our duty as Christians is to pray for Vick as well as Dungy and all the other people working to rehabilitate him. We are also called to pray for all people who have fallen and are seeking redemption—including ourselves.

As we learn in the conversion stories of St. Paul and St. Francis of Assisi and so many other people of faith, without prayer, none of us would stand a chance.

—Mike Krokos

Be Our Guest/Kathryn Jacobi and Dale Durham

Father Mike Hilderbrand's dedication to Our Lady of Providence High School will be truly missed

Father Mike Hilderbrand has been the chaplain and guidance counselor, as well as teacher, friend and colleague, here at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville for the past 32 years.

Throughout these years, he has not only worked full time at Providence, but has ministered to many parishes throughout southern Indiana as well as served as a grief counselor to public schools in the area.

However, now Father Mike will leave all that behind as he begins a new phase of his life as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lanesville. This move is definitely our loss and their gain.

And it is with profound sadness that we say goodbye to him after all these years of service to our students, faculty and staff, and community at large.

Father Mike was a fixture here at Providence. He arrived by 6 a.m. every single morning and stayed most days well into the evening.

Every morning after Mass in our chapel, he stood at the center of our second floor hallway and greeted our students.

In the afternoons, he donned one of his many "crazy" hats and directed traffic. It will be sad next fall when those spots will be empty and our students will not have the presence of a priest in their midst throughout every school day.

Father Mike's expertise in college application and scholarship application was unsurpassed. He networked through the many colleges, universities and academies across the country as he spent many, many hours researching and communicating with admissions officers in order to bring the best opportunities to our students.

Father Mike can be proud of his work in this area—especially this year—as 97 percent of the Class of 2009 will attend college this fall. Thanks to Father Mike's work and the quality of our students, the Class of 2009, with 104 members, has garnered more than \$7 million in scholarships.

Father Mike understands the heart of adolescence. It is evident how much he truly loves our kids as his dedication to them through two generations of Providence students attests. He is first and foremost a priest, and his embodiment of this kind of dedication and vocation has not been lost on our student body and staff.

So we will miss him—on our retreats, at our liturgies, in our hallways and in our classrooms. His presence will be missed at our athletic and theater functions and our fundraisers. We will never be able to thank him enough for his unwavering dedication to Providence High School during these past 32 years.

In a world in which there are fewer and fewer priests, we have been so very blessed to have one very special priest for so long. His good heart, sense of humor, hard work and unrelenting service will be sorely missed.

We know we speak for the entire Providence community—students, alumni, faculty and staff, administration, parents and friends—when we say we are a better school thanks to Father Mike and his ministry.

(Kathryn Jacobi teaches in the English Department at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville. Dale Durham is the school's director of campus ministry.) †

Letters to the Editor

Lectio divina can enhance your life of prayer

I want to talk about prayer because I know of so few who do, or who profess to receive any fruits from prayer.

I do not know many people who look forward to their time of prayer. When people pray, they want experience, but they don't necessarily want to confront themselves.

"Self" is often the enemy (en-n-me) of growth, and prayer requires a relationship. The less your relationship with God, the more shallow your prayer life.

For many people, prayer has become a laundry list of inordinate desires, excuses for failure, and a conversation from the height of our pride and will. Yet, I truly believe that many people just don't know how to pray.

I think the time-tested prayer of the monastic ages will serve us well in our

age of modernity and stress. Monks pray as uncomplicated Christians with the good sense to base their prayer on the sacred Scriptures. What they have, which we are deficient in, is an ideal environment.

We don't always need a quiet place. We do need the resolve to be still! It takes a little discipline.

Lectio divina is the dwelling on a scriptural text in the divine presence for the sake of far-reaching change in Christ. *Lectio divina* is prayer over Scripture.

Everything that many people seek to find in their eastern form of esoteric meditation can be—and is—found in *lectio divina*. In fact, *lectio divina* is both East and West prayer.

Kirth N. Roach
Order of Carmelite Discalced Secular Indianapolis

Newspaper's priorities are out of line, reader says

I couldn't help but notice the multiple times the name of the president of the U.S. was mentioned in your July 17 edition.

President Barack Obama was mentioned at least 49 times in that edition where our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, was only mentioned 24 times. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was mentioned a mere 14 times.

It seems that your priorities are a bit out of line in giving such a preponderance of space to the most pro-abortion president in our history.

Your article on the U.S. surgeon general nominee, Dr. Regina Benjamin, focused on her Catholic roots and active participation in the Church, neglecting to mention that she

shares the views of the president on "reproductive health issues" (abortion) and that in December 1996 Benjamin apparently spoke in favor of a vote by the American Medical Association's governing body to "urge medical schools to expand their curriculum" to teach "more about abortion."

Regardless of any "promises" this president may have made to Pope Benedict, his allegiance to Planned Parenthood's policy of "any abortion, any time, for any reason" reveals his true allegiance as he continues to stock his administration with pro-abortion Catholics wherever possible.

Michael A. Moroz
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SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

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When we come to know God, we receive the gift of hope

Last week, I wrote that Christian hope is not the same as natural hope. In fact, supernatural hope is superior to natural hope.

This week begins a series of explanations about why this is true.

We begin with a fundamental reason for the superiority, indeed the necessity, of Christian hope. It has to do with our belief in God. It has to do with our relationship to God. We believe in God as a Father who loves us and has revealed that love to us through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Quite simply, to come to know God means to receive hope.

In his encyclical letter on hope, *"Spe Salvi"* ("Saved by Hope"), Pope Benedict XVI tells us that a distinguishing mark of Christians is the fact that we have a future. We don't know the details of what awaits us after death, but we are certain that our lives "will not end in emptiness" (#2).

What is the source of our hope? In baptism, we received "the full assurance of faith" (Heb 10:22).

By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we accepted the gift of unwavering confidence in God's love for us. This is the source of our hope: that God knows us and loves us. That he wants us to be happy with him in this life and in the world to come.

There is no lasting hope anywhere else. If we place our hope in material things, in

political systems, in charismatic leaders or in our own abilities, we will always be disappointed. God alone justifies our absolute confidence and trust. As Pope Benedict says, "to come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope" (#3).

Because we hope in God, we can live well. Hope does not remove life's difficulties; it allows us to endure them. Hope does not prevent us from sinning, from turning away from God. But supernatural hope allows us to see beyond our own sinfulness to the mercy of God. It allows us to seek forgiveness and to begin again.

Christ is the messenger of divine hope. In the hope of Christ, there is salvation—now and always.

When we come to know God through Christ's intercession in prayer, in the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in service to others and in the silence of our hearts, we receive hope.

To know God is to understand that we have been created by a person who loves each one of us individually, and who invites us to share his life fully.

We are not the random result of some evolutionary accident. We are the sons and daughters of a Father who knows us and loves us. We have a brother, Jesus, who gave his life for us. And they poured out for us their life-giving Spirit, who sustains us and gives us hope. We are the family of God, and we have a future filled with hope.

To know God is to experience his divine love and to receive his promise of happiness now and in the life to come.

As Pope Benedict says, "The dark door of time and the future has been thrown open. The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of new life" (#2).

With this wonderful gift of hope comes an awesome responsibility. As best we can, we must reject the darkness of sin and death, and live in the light. And we must be evangelizers—people who proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are to share our hope with others.

"The Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known," Pope Benedict tells us. The Gospel "makes things happen and is life-changing" (#2).

Hope in Christ calls us to conversion. It invites and challenges us to accept Christ's life-changing love. Because we hope in Christ, we are free to choose life. And once we make this choice, and renew it daily through prayer and the sacraments, we can come to know him, love him and serve him. To know God in Christ means to receive hope.

In *"Spe Salvi,"* Pope Benedict quotes

St. Josephine Bakhita, a former African slave who was brutally tortured and abused, but who found hope and salvation in Christ. "I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good" (#3).

I am reminded of the note I received from a grade school student while I was undergoing chemotherapy. In effect, he said we can have hope no matter what happens because God is good and he loves us. And so, he wrote, "Always stay glad." Because we know God, we have hope. And so life is good.

Next week, we will reflect on what it means to be pilgrims on a journey of hope. †

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

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Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for July

Men Religious: that the special gifts their communities bring to the Church may be more widely appreciated and encouraged.

Cuando llegamos a conocer a Dios, recibimos el don de la esperanza

La semana pasada hablé acerca de la esperanza cristiana, la cual se distingue de la esperanza natural. De hecho, la esperanza sobrenatural es superior a la natural.

Esta semana daré inicio a una serie de explicaciones sobre esta verdad.

Comenzamos con una razón fundamental para dicha superioridad: en efecto, la necesidad de la fe cristiana. Esto tiene que ver con nuestra creencia en Dios y también con nuestra relación con Dios. Creemos en Dios como un Padre que nos ama y nos ha revelado ese amor a través de su amado Hijo, Jesucristo.

En esencia, llegar a conocer a Dios significa recibir esperanza.

En su carta encíclica sobre la esperanza, *"Spe Salvi"* ("Salvados por la esperanza"), el Papa Benedicto XVI nos dice que uno de los elementos distintivos de los cristianos es el hecho de que tenemos un futuro. No conocemos los pormenores de qué nos espera después de la muerte, pero estamos seguros de que la vida "no acaba en el vacío" (#2).

¿Cuál es la fuente de nuestra esperanza? En el bautismo recibimos "la plenitud de la fe" (Heb 10:22).

Por la gracia del Espíritu Santo aceptamos el don de la confianza inquebrantable en el amor de Dios por nosotros. Ésa es la fuente de nuestra esperanza: que Dios nos conoce y nos ama; que desea que seamos felices con Él en esta vida y en el mundo futuro.

En ningún otro lugar existe una esperanza perdurable. Si depositamos nuestra esperanza en objetos materiales, sistemas

políticos, líderes carismáticos o en nuestras propias habilidades, siempre nos sentiremos defraudados. Sólo Dios justifica nuestra confianza y certidumbre. Como lo expresa el Papa Benedicto: "Llegar a conocer a Dios, al Dios verdadero, eso es lo que significa recibir esperanza" (#3).

Porque hemos depositado nuestra esperanza en Dios podemos vivir bien. La esperanza no elimina las vicisitudes de la vida; nos ayuda a soportarlas. La esperanza no nos impide pecar ni alejarnos de Dios. Pero la esperanza sobrenatural nos permite ver más allá de nuestra naturaleza pecadora hacia la misericordia de Dios. Nos permite buscar el perdón y comenzar nuevamente. Cristo es el mensajero de la divina esperanza. En la esperanza de Cristo se encuentra la salvación, ahora y por siempre.

Cuando llegamos a conocer a Dios a través de la intercesión de Cristo en la oración, en los sacramentos (especialmente en la Eucaristía), en el servicio a los demás y en el silencio de nuestros corazones, recibimos esperanza.

Conocer a Dios es entender que hemos sido creados por una persona que nos ama individualmente y que nos invita a compartir Su vida a plenitud.

No somos el resultado aleatorio de un accidente evolutivo. Somos los hijos de un Padre que nos conoce y nos ama, de un hermano, Jesús, que entregó su vida por nosotros, y de un Espíritu dador de vida que nos sustenta y nos brinda esperanza. Somos la familia de Dios y tenemos un futuro lleno de esperanza.

Conocer a Dios es experimentar Su divino amor y recibir Su promesa de

felicidad ahora y en la vida futura.

Como señala el Papa Benedicto: "La puerta oscura del tiempo, del futuro, ha sido abierta de par en par. Quien tiene esperanza vive de otra manera; se le ha dado una vida nueva" (#2).

El maravilloso don de la esperanza viene acompañado de una increíble responsabilidad. En la medida de lo posible, tenemos que rechazar la oscuridad del pecado y la muerte, y vivir en la luz. Y debemos ser evangelizadores (personas que proclaman y viven el Evangelio de Jesucristo). Debemos compartir nuestra esperanza con el prójimo.

"(E)l Evangelio no es solamente una comunicación de cosas que se pueden saber" nos dice el Papa Benedicto. El Evangelio "comporta hechos y cambia la vida" (#2).

La esperanza en Cristo nos llama a la conversión. Nos invita y nos desafía a aceptar el amor de Cristo que cambia la vida. Porque tenemos esperanza en Cristo somos libres para elegir la vida. Y una vez que elegimos esa opción y la renovamos a diario a través de la esperanza y los sacramentos, podemos llegar a conocerle, amarle y servirle. Llegar a conocer a Dios en Cristo significa recibir esperanza.

En *"Spe Salvi"* el Papa Benedicto cita a Santa Josefina Bakhita, antigua esclava africana que sufrió torturas y abusos crueles, pero que halló la esperanza y la salvación en

Cristo. "(Y)o soy definitivamente amada, suceda lo que suceda; este gran Amor me espera. Por eso mi vida es hermosa" (#3).

Eso me recuerda una nota que recibí de un alumno de primaria mientras estaba en el tratamiento de quimioterapia. Efectivamente, dijo que debemos tener esperanza sin importar lo que pase, porque Dios es bueno y nos ama. Y a propósito de ello, escribió: "Manténgase siempre contento". Porque conocemos a Dios, tenemos esperanza. Y por eso la vida es hermosa.

La próxima semana ofreceré una reflexión sobre el significado de ser peregrinos en un camino de esperanza. †

¿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 julio

Hombres Religiosos: Que los dones especiales que sus comunidades traen a la iglesia sean más apreciados y alentados por todas partes.

Events Calendar

July 31-August 1

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. **Parish yard sale**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

August 1

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Fourth annual **"Missions Helping Missions Bazaar," family picnic and summer celebration**, bazaar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., picnic, 1-6:30 p.m., Mass, 4 p.m., dinner, \$10 per person or \$30 per family up to five. Information: 317-546-7681 or spasotti@archindy.org.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Altar Society, summer rummage sale**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454, ext. 2.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 523 S. Merrill St., Fortville. **"Summer Festival,"** 11 a.m.-10 p.m., games, food, entertainment, auction, chicken and noodles dinner. Information: 317-485-5102.

August 2

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Highway 337, Frenchtown. **Parish picnic**, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., old-fashioned country church picnic, country style dinner. Information: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, Fulda. **Parish picnic**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

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.

August 3

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Outdoor concert**, 7:30 p.m., no charge. Information: 800-682-0988 or www.saintmeinrad.edu.

August 3-7

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, lobby, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. **World Breastfeeding Week display**. Information: 317-865-5620.

August 3-September 12

Saint Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology, library gallery, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Photography exhibit**, John Bower, artisan. Information: 800-682-0988 or www.saintmeinrad.edu.

August 6

St. Mary Parish, 317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced, new members welcome, 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-370-1189.

St. Francis Education Center, 5935 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 100, Indianapolis. **Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer, meeting**, 7-8:30 p.m. Information:

317-782-4422.

August 7

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, Dr. James Trippi, founder of Gennesaret Free Clinic, presenter, \$20 per person. Information: 317-435-3447 or e-mail LumenDei@sbcglobal.net for information or macmac961@comcast.net for reservations.

August 7-8

Oldenburg Academy, 1 Twister Circle, Oldenburg. **Alumni Association production, Twelve Angry Women**, 7:30 p.m. \$5 per person. Information: 812-933-0737.

August 8

St. Roch Parish, Family Center, 3603 S. Meridian St.,

Indianapolis. **Single Seniors**, meeting, 1 p.m., age 50 and over. Information: 317-784-4207.

Holiday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis. **Couple to Couple League, family picnic**, 4 p.m. Information: 317-465-0126.

August 8-9

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford/ New Alsace. **Parish festival**, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken dinner, quilts, food, games, music. Information: 812-487-2096.

August 9

St. Mary Parish, 2500 St. Mary's Drive, Lanesville. **Parish picnic**, fried chicken and country ham dinners, booths, quilts, games, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-952-2853. †

Retreats and Programs

July 31-August 2

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Praying the Bible,"** Benedictine Brother Zachary Wilberding, presenter.

Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 2-8

Monastery Immaculate Conception, Kordes Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind.

(Evansville Diocese). **"Guided Retreat."** Information: 812-367-1411 or spirituality@thedome.org.

August 4

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Silent non-guided retreat, "Come Away and Rest Awhile,"** 8 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 per person includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 317-545-7681 or spasotti@archindy.org.

August 7-9

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Virtue: Living the 'Good' Life,"** Benedictine Brother Karl Cothorn, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 18

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center,

1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Catholic Identity and Doctrine 2009: Devotion to the Eucharist Outside of the Mass,"** Benedictine Father Matthias Newman, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., \$25 includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

August 18-20

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Lectio Divina: Praying with Holy Scripture,"** Benedictine Brother Matthew Mattingly, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 21-23

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"The Book of Revelation: What It Is and What It Isn't,"** Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu. †

Archdiocese to sponsor pilgrimages to Cincinnati and Vincennes

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, will lead an Aug. 27 pilgrimage to visit the "Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America" exhibit in Cincinnati.

The traveling exhibition is a project of The Leadership Conference of Women Religious. It tells the story of the religious sisters who have shaped the nation's health care, educational and social justice institutions since arriving in America nearly 300 years ago.

During the pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Ky. After the Mass, the pilgrims will have lunch at America's first authentic *Hofbrauhaus* in Newport, Ky.

The cost is \$59 per person for lay people and \$49 per person for vowed religious. The pilgrimage fee includes deluxe motor coach transportation, continental breakfast, lunch and fees.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will

lead a pilgrimage on Sept. 12 to Vincennes, Ind., the home of the archdiocese's first cathedral and of Servant of God Simon Bruté, the first bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes, which became the Diocese of Indianapolis and, later, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Pilgrims will tour St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, the diocese's original cathedral, and visit the crypt church to venerate the remains of Bishop Bruté. They will also celebrate Mass and enjoy a meal.

The cost is \$59 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation, continental breakfast, lunch and fees.

The one-day pilgrimages will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information or to register for either pilgrimage, log on to www.archindy.org. Click on the 175th anniversary link then choose the link for the Cincinnati pilgrimage or Vincennes pilgrimage then on "adult" to register.

People may also register by calling Carolyn Noone, associate director of special events for the archdiocese, at 317-236-1428 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1428. †



Photography exhibition



This black and white photo of a statue of an angel in Fairfield Friends Cemetery in Hendricks County is part of an exhibition of photographs taken by Bloomington artisan John Bower which will be on display from Aug. 3 to Sept. 12 at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Library in St. Meinrad. Titled "Guardians of the Soul," the exhibition will feature photos of cemetery statuary carved in the United States between the Civil War and the Great Depression. Bower has published six Indiana photography books celebrating the state's unique, unseen or unnoticed heritage. For library hours, call 800-682-0988.

SPRED retreat to be held Aug. 28-30

The archdiocese's Special Religious Development (SPRED) catechetical program, offered for Catholic youths and adults with developmental disabilities, is sponsoring a retreat for participants and catechists on Aug. 28-30 at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., in Beech Grove.

The catechist portion of the retreat will

start at 6 p.m. on Aug. 28 and conclude at 4 p.m. on Aug. 30.

SPRED participants will start their retreat at 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 29. Their retreat will conclude at 3 p.m. on Aug. 30.

The cost of the retreat is \$75 per person. For more information about the retreat or to register, call Roni Wyld at 800-382-9836, ext. 1448, or 317-236-1448 or send an e-mail to her at rwyl@archindy.org. †



Carmelite Seculars

Members of the Indianapolis Discalced Carmelite Secular Community pose for a picture at Marian College in Indianapolis on June 14, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, after participating in a commitment ceremony. Mildred Coglianese and Ann Rodriguez received the community's scapular during the ceremony, Inez Hayes made first promises and Dorothy Ward made final promises. Carmelite Father Daniel Chowning, a New Castle native and former Carmelite Secular, presided at the ceremony. Carmelite Sister Jean Alice McGoff, front row, second from left, also participated in the ceremony. The community has been meeting at Marian College since the closure of the Carmelite Monastery of the Resurrection on Cold Spring Road. For more information, call community president Cheryl Shockley at 317-259-4936.

New archbishop installed for Omaha, Neb., stresses unity

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS)—Archbishop George J. Lucas, the new leader of the Omaha Archdiocese, stressed the importance of unity in the Church as he thanked priests, bishops, family members and friends for their presence and prayers at his installation Mass on July 22 at St. Cecilia Cathedral.

About 1,000 people attended the Mass. They included Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and Cardinals Justin Rigali of Philadelphia and Francis E. George of Chicago, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. There were also nearly 40 archbishops and bishops, and more than 200 priests at the Mass.

Archbishop Lucas, a St. Louis native and the former bishop of Springfield, Ill., began his homily by talking about St. Paul's message that different spiritual gifts in the Church are manifested through one spirit.

"We give thanks to God that these God-given gifts are so evident as we gather for this sacred liturgy," the archbishop said. "We are the proof that St. Paul is right about the nature of the Church."

He thanked the visiting bishops who were in attendance, and gave special thanks to his predecessor, Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss, for his 16 years of service to the Omaha Archdiocese.

"I am grateful for your warm welcome, your support and for your pledge to remain active in the years to come. I look forward to your counsel and your help," Archbishop Lucas said. "I know the priests and people of the archdiocese look forward to your continued presence among us as pastor and friend."

The new archbishop expressed his gratitude to the hundreds of priests, seminarians, permanent deacons, men and women religious, and laypeople for their presence and prayers.

And finally, he thanked his family members, who sat in the front pews of the cathedral, for being there and for their support of his priestly ministry.

"Do you need any further evidence that St. Paul was right?" Archbishop Lucas asked. "All of these different people whom I have mentioned manifest the action of the Holy Spirit. We are not separate constituencies; we are not partisans. We are members of the body of Christ."

For John Lucas, the youngest of the Lucas siblings, the installation of his brother was "bittersweet" because of the absence of their late parents although he felt they were there in spirit.

"It was wonderfully emotional," he told the *Catholic Voice*, Omaha's archdiocesan newspaper. "My parents were very present with us in the first pew, and it really was the foundation that they established for all four of us that really set George up for the ability to answer the call to vocations that he has."

"My siblings and I are so very proud of and humbled by my brother," he said. "He's really without guile, and I think that the people of Omaha will come to appreciate in a very quick fashion that which the people of St. Louis and Springfield have found and we've known all our lives."

The archbishop's brother, who has homes in New Jersey and Florida, then expressed his appreciation for the welcome Archbishop Lucas received in Omaha.

"As someone who loves him dearly, I feel good to know that he is in very good hands as he begins his ministry in the Archdiocese of Omaha," Lucas said.

Willa Midder, a 76-year-old member of St. Benedict the Moor Parish in Omaha, was one of the apostolic and cultural representatives to greet Archbishop Lucas during the installation Mass.

The experience was overwhelming, she said.

"It was very exciting and will never happen again in my lifetime," said Midder, who represented the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver. She said she had plenty to share with fellow Catholics about the Mass, which she described as "very spiritual" and "just heartwarming to see all the people and all the excitement."



Above, Archbishop George J. Lucas is applauded after being installed as the head of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., on July 22 at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha. Surrounding him, from left, are Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, Deacon Jerry Overkamp (partially hidden), Deacon Jim Tardy, and newly retired Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss of Omaha.



Right, Archbishop George J. Lucas delivers the homily during his installation Mass as the new head of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb., at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha on July 22.

Ron Brandl, a farmer and member of St. Francis Parish in Humphrey, said he already was impressed with Archbishop Lucas, who stood in line for more than an hour at a reception to personally meet those who came to the installation.

"I think he's going to be a great guy. I read a little about him, but from his actions

and just the way he presented himself, I just think he should be a very awesome archbishop for the Omaha Archdiocese," he said.

Brandl added that the new archbishop seemed "ready to go to work for us and lead the people." †

Migrants make significant contributions to host countries, pope says

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI described migration as "a social phenomenon of epoch-making proportions" in his social encyclical, *"Caritas in Veritate"* ("Charity in Truth").

He praised migrants' contributions to the economic development of both their country of origin and their host country, and criticized current policies and certain international organizations, including the United Nations, for excluding representation from the poorest nations when they hold summits on economic concerns.

For Johan Ketelers, secretary general of the International Catholic Migration Coalition, the pope's encyclical offers up suggestions that will help shape a better world.

"*'Caritas in Veritate'* calls for a rights-based approach and invites all to reconsider the link between justice, truth and charity," he told Catholic News Service. "The encyclical raises the need for political commitment to establish global order and global governance respectful of human rights."

The pope acknowledged social, economic, political, cultural and religious problems that arise from migration and the challenges it poses to nations, but he called for policies that safeguard "the needs and rights of individual migrants and their families, and at the same time those of the host countries."

"*'Caritas in Veritate,'* in a visionary way, strongly invites us to think differently and invites us to contribute to the building

of another more global and more humane world," Ketelers said.

The pope recognized the significant contributions that migrants make to the economy, but warned they should not be treated or "considered as a commodity or a mere workforce."

Ira Mehlman, national media director for the Federation of American Immigration Reform, agrees that immigrants should be treated humanely, but his organization maintains that the rising number of immigrants entering the United States is an issue of national security and that mass immigration drives down wages and can result in job loss for U.S. citizens.

The organization cites evidence from Rice University which estimates that more than 1.8 million U.S. workers are displaced from their jobs every year by immigrants.

"I understand the pope is the voice of moral authority and his concerns are based on charity but, in terms of international migration, what is forgotten is the impact it has on education, health care and employment," Mehlman told CNS. "The benefits of migration are mostly received by the migrants themselves, and the direct employers who gain a larger workforce. But this has an enormous impact on American citizens working in the same trades. Their concerns need to be taken into account as well."

He said his organization is not anti-immigration, but wants to reduce the overall level of legal immigrants entering the country to a national level of about 300,000 annually.

Catholic officials, including Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, have been key advocates for comprehensive immigration reform, and are involved in a number of campaigns that educate citizens about the benefits of immigration and provide immigrants with services.

Cardinal Mahony has said he wants a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants, but endorses deportation for those convicted of committing crimes and those who are members of gangs.

Mehlman said he was familiar with Catholic officials' advocacy efforts, but questioned whether their charitable contributions to illegal immigrants benefit U.S. citizens.

"The Church is indeed a charitable body and gives its resources to those needing them, but it ceases to be charity when you have to tell a guy, 'Sorry, but your job is going to be given to a person willing to work for 25 percent less,'" said Mehlman.

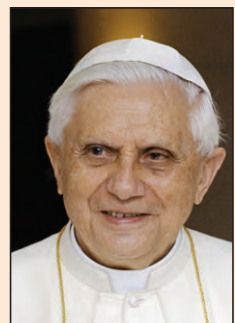
The cardinal and other immigrant advocates argue that the U.S. economy as a

whole benefits from the labor, taxes and purchasing power of immigrants, including those in the country illegally.

Mehlman told CNS that his concerns regarding the nation's educational system include overcrowding in schools because of rising enrollment and language barriers.

In terms of Catholic charity and immigration, Mehlman offered a solution he said has yet to be proposed by the Catholic Church.

"In many states, the dioceses are the second largest provider of education," he told CNS. "What would be a great act of charity would be for someone to say the Church will provide education for immigrants." †



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By Debbie Bosak

The Northwest Indiana Catholic

CROWN POINT—Training for a future priest isn't all about academics and prayer.



Roque Meraz

Although those are important components, the education of a seminarian wouldn't be complete without some practical experience.

This fall, Roque Meraz will begin his junior year at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minn., majoring in philosophy.

This summer, however, he is working under the tutelage of Father Jim Wozniak, the pastor of St. Matthias Parish, and serving the people of the Crown Point community.

"It's good to have the experience with the parish," Meraz said.

Meraz first moved into the parish in mid-May and hit the ground running with his first assignment—working at the annual St. Matthias rummage sale.

"I never thought about something that big," Meraz said. "That was my first week here and I was introduced to so many people, it was hard to remember all the names."

(For this story and more news from the Diocese of Gary, log on to the Web site of The Northwest Indiana Catholic at www.nwicatholic.com.) †

DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

The first half of 2009: Budget cuts, staff reduction, and strategic planning

By Paul R. Leingang

The Message

EVANSVILLE—The first half of calendar year 2009 saw staff reductions at the Catholic Center in the Diocese of

Evansville. The beginning of the next fiscal year in September will see a budget reduced from earlier planning.

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger announced on Feb. 6 that steps had to be taken to deal with "tough times"—to reduce the goal of the Catholic Parishes Campaign and to minimize diocesan exposure to the volatile fluctuations of the financial markets.

The results of staff reductions and budget trimming include lower expenses, a smaller CPC goal, and a diocese less reliant on investment income, according to Tim McGuire, chief operating officer.

Looking to the next fiscal year, Bishop Gettelfinger elevated the ministry to the Spanish speaking community to diocesan departmental level. Benedictine Sister Karen Durliat is the director. Benedictine Sister Joan Scheller is associate director.

In a letter published last week, Bishop Gettelfinger noted that he had hosted four "Town Hall Style" sessions throughout the diocese, and that he had announced the appointment of "a task force to assist me in developing a strategic plan for our diocese to 're-energize our parishes.'"

Radio Mass reaches homebound in 14 counties

By Mary Ann Hughes

The Message

EVANSVILLE—There are so many new ways to stay connected. The Internet. Cell phones. Cable news.

And there is an old reliable way—the radio.

Every Sunday morning, on WWBL 106.5 FM radio out of Washington, there is a radio broadcast of the Mass, allowing the home-bound in 14 counties to have the opportunity to listen to the liturgy on the radio.

Kathy Burch, who works at the radio station, said the 50,000-watt station can be heard in the towns of Bloomfield, Jasper, Linton, Loogootee, Sullivan, Vincennes and Washington.

Jim Lawson is a member of Our Lady of Hope Parish in Washington. For the last three years, he has done the scheduling for the Radio Mass, which is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. "We alternate every week between Our Lady of Hope Church and St. Peter Church [in Montgomery]."

He explained that there is a telephone hook-up at each church, and "each Sunday before Mass starts, we call the radio station and make a hook-up with them. It's hooked up to our sound system."

The Radio Mass program is funded by the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly Council #630 in Washington. Knights of Columbus member Jerry Walker said the program was started in April 1997.

"Initially, it was taped and we would drive the tape to the radio station. Now it's broadcast live," he said.

(For these stories and more news from the Diocese of Evansville, log on to the Web site of The Message at www.themessageonline.org.) †



Charlie Cummings, fourth from right in the back row, poses with other volunteers after working on Phase I of their project to transform a rundown lot into a playground in Indianapolis.

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

Scout's project transforms empty lot into playground

By Kevin Cullen

The Catholic Moment

INDIANAPOLIS—What was once a weedy inner-city lot is now an inviting playground and community garden, thanks to an Eagle Scout service project spearheaded by 13-year-old Charlie Cummings of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Noblesville.

"Charlie is a pretty amazing young man," said Julie Molloy, director of The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House, which now has a playground for the children of its clients. "This child put his mind to it, then started e-mailing people and networking through his [parish]. He got his Scout buddies together to help.

"It was not an easy task. Those poor boys ... they took it on full-force, and it looks wonderful."

Charlie, the son of Andy and Meredith Cummings, will be an eighth-grader this fall at Our Lady of Grace School. He is a Life Scout in Troop 101 in Noblesville, and is working toward his Eagle badge, the highest award for a Boy Scout.

For several months, Charlie, his parents and two siblings have volunteered at The Lord's Pantry in the low-income Stingtown-Haughville neighborhood of Indianapolis, which provides food, tutoring, life skills training and job placement services to the poor. The Cummings family helps distribute donated grocery store food to needy pantry clients who are considered "guests."

(For this story and more news from the Diocese of Lafayette, log on to the Web site of The Catholic Moment at www.thecatholicmoment.org.) †

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assistant camp director.

"We include kids with disabilities as part of what we do," O'Brien says. "Anyone should be able to come to camp and have a good time. We hope that's something kids take with them from camp. It's all part of learning and growing, and appreciating everyone for who they are."

In the eight weeks of this summer's camp, Rancho Framasa will have been a welcoming place for about 35 children with special needs. Some of the children have Down syndrome. Others have cerebral palsy. A significant number, including Marissa, have different degrees of autism.

"We try to do a lot of coordinating with the family," O'Brien says. "With Marissa being a first-time camper, we thought a three-day camp would be the best experience for her. I talked to Marissa's mom about what her needs might be and the activities we have. That's information we use. Marissa's mom heard about camp through SPRED (the archdiocese's Special Religious Development catechesis program). She was offered a campership. We have funds for that through donations."

The idea to send Marissa to CYO Camp came from Roni Wyld, the coordinator of the SPRED program for the archdiocese.

The SPRED ministry emphasizes faith-sharing for people with disabilities, and

prepares them to receive the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Marissa is a member of the SPRED program at St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

"It's really hard to find camps for people with special needs 24-7," Wyld says. "The CYO Camp just looks at Marissa as a little girl who just wants to go to camp. I just wanted that for Marissa because I thought it would be fun for her. I also wanted her parents to know there are other people who look at their daughter the way they do—as a beautiful little girl first. And CYO Camp is one of those places where there are people like that. The people there think they are doing God's work."

People like Vicky Hathaway, who served as Marissa's one-on-one camp counselor during the child's recent three-day stay at Rancho Framasa.

"I like being a counselor who gives one-on-one support," says Hathaway, a 2009 graduate of Marian University in Indianapolis who completed a double major of Catholic studies and psychology. "You get to know the child better. It ended up really great with Marissa. She's a really cute kid. She has a fun laugh and a cute giggle. She brought a smile to my face. We had a lot of fun together."

'I just think it was wonderful'

After three days, the bond between Marissa and Vicki was noticeable. It's a bond that requires patience and love—qualities that every child deserves.

"There is good research about the benefits of this kind of approach to camp," O'Brien

says. "What we see on a daily basis and what we hear from parents and kids, too, is that there's a boost in confidence and independence in the kids, and a willingness to try new things. It's also beneficial for kids to be around people who are different from them, to experience the diversity of others."

It's all part of the experience, right down to the joyful image of Marissa smiling and splashing in a swimming pool surrounded by people who saw her as another child having the time of her life.

"It was really fun being at the pool with Marissa and the other girls," Hathaway says. "We sat by the pool, we bounced around in the water and we jumped into the pool. The girls in the group loved to swim with us and play with us."

O'Brien adds, "Marissa touched a lot of people. She's a child who makes you see the need to accept people for who they are and where they are in their lives. It's humbling to be able to serve kids in this way."

The experience was also rewarding for Marissa and her mother.

"I just think it was wonderful that she got to be at an overnight camp with



Nancy Pate poses with her daughter, Marissa, on July 23. One of Nancy's dreams for her daughter came true when Marissa recently spent time as a camper at the Catholic Youth Organization Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County.

other kids who didn't have disabilities," Nancy Pate says. "The other kids were interacting with her, and the people who worked with her were terrific. I hope she gets to experience something like that again. I'm thrilled for her."

A child's dream and a mom's dream has come true. †

Six Sisters of Providence celebrate golden jubilees

Criterion staff report

Six Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods celebrated the 50th anniversary of their entrance into the congregation on June 27 at the order's motherhouse.

Sisters Clelia Cecchetti, Ellen Cunningham, Brigid Mary Hurley, Paula Modaff, Dorothy Rasche and Therese Guérin Sullivan currently serve, formerly ministered or studied in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sister Clelia Cecchetti ministers as an administrative secretary in the Secretariat for Divine Worship for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in

Washington, D.C.

Formerly known as Sister Rosina, Sister Clelia entered the congregation on Feb. 2, 1959, from Holy Redeemer Parish in College Park, Md. She professed her perpetual vows on



Sr. Clelia Cecchetti, S.P.

Aug. 15, 1966.

Sister Clelia graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in music education. She earned a master's degree in music education at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

In the archdiocese, Sister Clelia taught music at the former Sacred Heart and St. Ann schools in Terre Haute from 1963-66 then at the former St. Joseph and St. Ann schools in Indianapolis and St. Malachy School in Brownsburg from 1966-67.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Sister Clelia ministered in the congregation's central business office as the local residential accounts manager from 1989-93 then as a finance clerk and cashier from 1993-94.

She also ministered at Catholic schools in Maryland and Massachusetts.

A native of Chicago, Sister Ellen Cunningham ministers as a professor of mathematics at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Formerly known as Sister Michael Aquinas, Sister Ellen entered the congregation on July 22, 1959, from St. Luke

Parish in River Forest, Ill. She professed her perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1967.

Sister Ellen graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. She earned a master's degree in mathematics at the Catholic University of America in Washington, a master's degree in computing science education at the University of



Sr. Ellen Cunningham, S.P.

Evansville and a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Maryland.

At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Sister Ellen served as an assistant professor from 1974-82, associate professor and department chairperson from 1983-90, and professor and department chairperson from 1990-92.

She also ministered in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Loogootee, Ind.; and Illinois.

A native of Malden, Mass., Sister Brigid Mary Hurley ministers as a teacher at St. Rose School in Chelsea, Mass.



Sr. Brigid Mary Hurley, S.P.

Sister Brigid Mary graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education.

She ministered as a Catholic school teacher in Fort Wayne, Ind., as well as in Maryland, North Carolina and Washington, D.C.

A native of Oak Park, Ill., Sister Paula Modaff ministers as spiritual director for the Ministry of Care at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Formerly known as Sister Marie Pauline, Sister Paula entered the congregation on July 22, 1959, from St. Mary Parish in Aurora, Ill. She professed her perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1967.

Sister Paula graduated from

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in English. She earned



Sr. Paula Modaff, S.P.

a master's degree in Spanish and Latin American literature at the Universidad Ibero-Americana, a master's degree in religious studies at Gonzaga University and a licentiate in canon law at a pontifical

university in Rome.

In the archdiocese, Sister Paula taught at Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville from 1964-66.

At Saint Mary of the Woods, she ministered in prayer, served at the English Language Institute and participated in film study from 1972-73 and 1974-77.

Sister Paula also served as a canon lawyer for the archdiocesan Metropolitan Tribunal at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center from 2003-06, a teacher at the Hispanic Education Center in 2003, a tribunal judge for the archdiocese in 2008 and a spiritual director at St. Francis Hospital from 2006-08.

She also ministered in Illinois and California.

A native of Jasper, Ind., Sister Dorothy Rasche ministers as a Catholic spiritual guide at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute and service coordinator for Connecting Link in West Terre Haute.



Sr. Dorothy Rasche, S.P.

Aug. 15, 1967.

Sister Dorothy graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She earned a master's degree in religious studies at Mundelein University.

In the archdiocese, Sister Dorothy taught in Indianapolis at St. Joan of Arc

School from 1964-65, St. Andrew School from 1968-69 and the former St. Joseph School in 1970.

She served as director of religious education at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis from 1973-76.

Sister Dorothy also taught at St. Malachy School in Brownsburg from 1969-70, and at the former Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute from 1970-72 and 1981-82. She ministered as director of religious education at Sacred Heart Parish in Terre Haute from 1972-73.

At the U.S. Penitentiary, she served as a prison minister from 1979-81 and 1981-82, a nursing assistant in 1981, a prison chaplain from 1982-83, and a staff chaplain from 1990-93 and 1994-97.

Sister Dorothy also ministered as director of religious education at St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute from 1982-83 and pastoral associate at Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville from 1979-81.

She also taught in Vincennes, Ind., and ministered in Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas and West Virginia.

A native of Malden, Mass., Sister Therese Guérin Sullivan ministers as chancellor for the Diocese of Cleveland.



Sr. Therese Guérin Sullivan, S.P.

Sister Therese Guérin entered the congregation on July 22, 1959, from Sacred Hearts Parish in Malden. She professed her perpetual vows on Aug. 15, 1967. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education then earned a master's degree in personalized learning at De Paul University and master's degree in canon law at St. Paul University. She also earned a doctorate in ministry at St. Mary of the Lake University and licentiate in canon law at St. Paul University.

Sister Therese Guérin served as a judge at the diocesan Tribunal in the Diocese of Gary in Merrillville, Ind., from 1989-2002 and as the bishop's liaison to religious in the Diocese of Gary from 1989-2000.

She also ministered in North Carolina and Illinois. †

Heard but not seen: Catholic voice actor leads an animated life

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Jim Cummings didn't exactly study his chosen career field during his 12 years of Catholic schooling, but he certainly honed his craft.



Jim Cummings

The thrice-E Emmy-nominated voice actor was a relentless mimic when going to Immaculate Conception and St. Columba grade schools and Ursuline High School, all in Youngstown, Ohio.

"I'd be doing dolphin sounds in the background," Cummings recalled during a July 22 telephone interview from Los Angeles with Catholic News

Service. Cummings then proceeded to do some dolphin clicks and chatter straight out of the old "Flipper" TV series.

"Sister Mary Agnes would say, 'We don't allow dolphin sounds in the classroom, Mr. Cummings,'" he said.

Cummings, a member of St. Jude Parish in Los Angeles, got reprimanded over the course of his scholastic career for his mimicry. But he doesn't hold it against his teachers or principals. The feeling is apparently mutual.

"I have a scholarship at my old school in my dad's name, so they don't seem to mind me anymore," Cummings said.

It wasn't all trips to the principal's office for Cummings. He also parlayed his talents into championships for Ursuline during state and regional speech and oratory contests.

Cummings has been plying his trade for 20 years in

Hollywood. He's been involved in more than 300 animation projects, performing multiple voices on many shows, according to the Internet Movie Database.

He's nominated for a Daytime Emmy for outstanding performer in an animated program for his work on the series "My Friends Tigger & Pooh"—although he's up against bigger names such as Joan Rivers, Amy Poehler and Vanessa Williams.

You probably wouldn't know him if you saw him. Because he has been a voice actor, his face has rarely been on screen. "I'm a stealth celebrity," he joked.

Cummings created the voice of title character Darkwing Duck, a popular Disney cartoon series of the 1990s. He also has moved into more hallowed territory, taking on the voice of Taz, the Tasmanian Devil originally voiced by cartoonist's original man of a thousand voices, Mel Blanc, but also the voices of Tigger and Winnie the Pooh, the latter's voice originally done by actor Sterling Holloway.

It's a challenge to stay true to the voice created by another actor a generation or two earlier, Cummings admitted.

One of his biggest challenges was to record practically every conceivable child's name for a talking Winnie the Pooh toy. "Esquire magazine gave it a prize for 'most interesting name': My Interactive Pooh," Cummings told CNS.

At the end of a long day, when Cummings said he must have done "25,000 names where Winnie the Pooh would mention your name," he came home, answered the phone when it rang, and slipped into his Pooh voice. It was the only time he slipped into character when he wasn't supposed to play one, he said.

One of Cummings' upcoming projects will hit the

silver screen later this year. It's a new Disney movie called *The Princess and the Frog*, in which Cummings plays a frog with a Cajun accent named Ray. The project—which also features the voice talents of Oprah Winfrey, John Goodman and Terrence Howard—will be Disney's first cartoon movie to feature African-American lead characters.

"It's a steady gig," Cummings noted, and if he has any regret, it's for being too sick to audition 20 years ago when a new cartoon series called "The Simpsons" was auditioning actors who could do multiple voices. "Other than that one, I'm a happy camper. I don't look back in frustration and anger," he said. "I hope for the best, expect the worst and take what comes."

Cummings' TV debut came much earlier than his online resume would suggest.

"I was in sixth grade and I remember that Mother Rosemary—who was going to be my speech teacher [in high school] and sort of one of the great shining lights of our scholastic career—she had written and directed a play that they had put on television," he said. "It was called 'The Catholic School Story.' It was in black and white, and I didn't know what to do with myself, I was so happy."

Another Ursuline graduate also performed in the TV special and went on to bigger and better things: Ed O'Neill, who, even after it's been off the air for a dozen years, is probably still best known for playing put-upon dad Al Bundy in the TV sitcom "Married With Children."

"I keep meaning whenever I run into him to say I suspect we made our TV debut together. He was a senior in high school," Cummings said. "Ed played Father O'Neill, and I played the cute little kid." †

St. Jude Parish celebrates 50 years with Mass and memories

Aug. 15 Mass, picnic to mark anniversary

By Kamilla Benko

The overgrown yard is an eyesore in the neighborhood. A fallen tree in the uncut grass irritates the neighbors, and they have repeatedly asked the property owner to remove it.

But the owner is physically unable to cut up and haul away the tree. She also can't afford to spend \$250 to hire someone to clear it. The income from her three jobs is needed to pay her mortgage. Under these circumstances, moving the tree is equivalent to moving a mountain.

But 15 days later, the yard is tidy and the fallen tree is nowhere to be found thanks to the Men's Club at St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis.

It's that story and many other stories of service that Father Stephen Banet, St. Jude's pastor, said showcases the parish's ownership and pride.

"St. Jude is a parish that parishioners don't just attend, but literally attend to," he said. "There is a real sense of reaching out to people."

St. Jude's tradition of service will be one more reason for the Indianapolis parish to celebrate its 50th anniversary. On Aug. 15—exactly 50 years to the day after the parish's first Mass—parishioners will

celebrate during an anniversary Mass with Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, at 5 p.m. A parish picnic will follow the liturgy.

The parish's first church was built in a cornfield on the south side of Indianapolis to help serve the growing Catholic population in Perry Township. Then-Archbishop Paul C. Schulte designated Father William E. Vollmuth to create a new parish carved from the territory of Holy Name of Jesus, the former St. James the Greater and St. Mark the Evangelist parishes.

Jean Shotts, a charter member of St. Jude Parish, and her family moved into the boundaries of the new parish.

Originally from St. Roch Parish, Shotts said, "We were sad to leave, but it was exciting to start with a new house and new parish. There were mixed emotions."

Construction began in May 1959, and Father Vollmuth celebrated the first Mass on Aug. 15, 1959. Exactly a month after the first Mass, St. Jude School opened its doors to 328 students.

The original uniforms—white-collared shirts and dark trousers for boys and white blouses with small red ties, green-checked, pleated skirts and matching beanies for girls—had to be hand-sewn by volunteers.

"We had to purchase the fabric from J.C. Penney and make the skirts. That was before permanent press and each skirt had 50 pleats! That was a lot of ironing," charter member Marilyn Love recalled for the parish's 50th anniversary pictorial directory.

Susie Springer, 59, was one of the girls who wore a pleated skirt to school the first year it opened.

Over the years, St. Jude Parish has marked significant passages in Springer's life. Springer married her husband, Mark, at the church. Her two children attended the parish school for nine years. The tradition continued when her son—also named Mark—married his wife in the parish church of his childhood.

While St. Jude Parish has witnessed monumental changes in the Springer family and for other longtime parish families, the parish is not immune to change.

The original church was converted into a cafeteria for the school. In 1997, a new church building was constructed.

"[During the construction], we had to go to Roncalli High School for Mass," Springer remembered.

In 1972, the parish hall, known as the Parish Activity Dwelling, was built to accommodate the many activities sponsored by St. Jude Parish. Parishioners have an



Fifty years ago, there were only 350 families at St. Jude Parish. Today, more than 1,800 families call St. Jude Parish their home parish. "[St. Jude] is a place where people can feel at home, and experience friendships and support in times of need," said Father Stephen Banet, pastor of the Indianapolis South Deanery parish.

opportunity to participate in nearly 50 organizations, ministries and outreach programs through the parish.

Somebody is always at St. Jude Parish, whether in the gym, the church or the pastor's house, Springer said.

The parish has grown rapidly over the years. In 1959, St. Jude was comprised of 350 families. Now, more than 1,800 families call St. Jude home.

While longtime families like the Springers continue to be members of the parish, parishioners and staff also attribute its growth to new families with young children.

In fact, the growth has been a bit of a challenge.

"Because we are so big," said Joan McKinley, liturgical coordinator, "it's trying to meet everybody's needs. It's easy to focus just on one thing, but you've got to remember there are 2,000 more people out there who need something else."

Though the parish has grown in 50 years, Shotts, now 80, said that one crucial element of St. Jude has remained. It still feels like home.

"I don't see any change at all. It's still our home parish," she said.

The Shotts family has moved twice, each move taking them farther away from St. Jude's boundaries. But they have remained at the parish for 50 years.

Shotts said she can't bear to leave the parish which holds many happy memories.



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein prays during the dedication Mass for the new St. Jude Church on Dec. 21, 1997. The old church building was converted into a cafeteria for the school.

"My husband [Meredith] and I used to go to dances, and we developed a lot of friendships through the church and school activities," she said. "The church was new, and we were all new friends. We all kind of grew together."

"We are a grassroots community," said Father Banet, "and with that, there is solidarity."

The solidarity fostered at St. Jude Parish is one of the reasons that parishioners are so eager to help one another, Father Banet said.

"We know our roots. We know where we came from," he said.

St. Jude's theme for its anniversary year is "Looking Back with Pride and Forward with Hope." That statement, Father Banet said, describes the parish perfectly.

(For more information about St. Jude's celebrations, call the Parish Center at 317-375-9444 or visit www.stjudeindy.org.) †



Six-week-old Kevin Murphy and his mother, Suzanne Murphy, sit with Andrea Beach while Thelma Underwood holds a paper describing the history of the parish. John Matthews and Kevin Beach look on. This photograph, published in the Aug. 7, 1989, issue of *The Criterion*, shows the newest member of St. Jude Parish and charter members during the parish's 30th anniversary.

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St. Philip Neri Parish celebrates 100 years of faith

Aug. 9 Mass, dinner to mark 'Miracle Parish' anniversary

By Kamilla Benko

Bishop Joseph Chartrand called it "the Miracle Parish." On Aug. 9 at 3 p.m., members of historic St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis and Benedictine Father Timothy Sweeney—a son of the parish and former archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad—will celebrate the parish's 100th anniversary with a bilingual Mass followed by a dinner at Marian Inc.

"I'm very proud we're still here after 100 years," said Karen McMeans, who has been a member of St. Philip Neri Parish for 20 years. "A few years back, the future of the parish was in question ... but we're still standing."

The history of St. Philip Neri's red brick church began in 1908 when Irish and German immigrants in the area petitioned Bishop Francis Silas Chatard to build a church on the eastern edge of Indianapolis. At that time, the area was mostly farmland and the residents needed a church to worship at nearby.

The Irish and German settlers drew the plans for their church and broke ground on Feb. 1, 1909. They laid the bricks of their new church themselves.

"You can [still] see a lot of the handiwork of the original construction in the basement," said Father Carlton Beever, St. Philip Neri's pastor.

Five months after construction began, the first Mass was held and St. Philip Neri Parish became a permanent fixture in the community. The rural parish grew rapidly—so rapidly that Bishop Chartrand referred to St. Philip Neri as "the Miracle Parish."

In the last 100 years, 98 sons and daughters of the parish have become priests or religious sisters or brothers.

"I think there were so many [devoted to those vocations] because St. Philip Neri Parish was in a very strong Catholic neighborhood with a strong Catholic identity," Father Beever said. "There were five Masses on the weekend, four or five priests in residence, and a strong emphasis on Catholics and Catholic education."

Not that St. Philip Neri Parish has stopped promoting Catholic education and a Catholic way of life, said Father Beever, but he noted that the community is different now.

"It has changed a little bit because the neighborhood does not have a total Catholic identity like it once did," he explained.

The 1960s marked the beginning of urban flight, and the number of parish members dropped. Many of the houses around the church were sold or rented.

Crime began to inundate the neighborhood, and the church was not immune to the crime wave. In 1970, St. Philip Neri Church was the victim of arson.

But that was not the end of St. Philip Neri Parish's challenges. In 1991, due to a decrease in the number of students and a lack of funds, the archdiocese considered closing St. Philip Neri School.

The parish needed \$200,000 to keep the school

operating, but the pastor and staff only had three weeks to raise the necessary funds.

Members of the "Miracle Parish" now prayed for a new miracle.

"Father Glenn O'Conner [the former pastor] decided he wasn't going down without a fight," McMeans said.

To save the school, Father O'Conner implemented several fundraisers and students walked from door to door asking for small donations.

Father O'Conner also launched the St. Philip Neri "Run, Walk, Prayathon." With the help of parishioners, friends and alumni, the school was saved. The fundraiser has since become an annual tradition at St. Philip Neri Parish.

The Indianapolis East Deanery parish experienced a new burst of life 15 years ago when Hispanic immigrants began moving into the neighborhood.

"[They] started opening businesses and buying homes," Father Beever said. "Now our population has changed from white Anglo to about 90 percent Hispanic. St. Philip Neri offers a Mass in Spanish, which is often standing room only."

"Hispanics have brought such vitality with the way they worship," McMeans said. "We have learned a bit of their customs, and have combined our traditions."

St. Philip Neri celebrates many Central and South American feast days and holidays, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Children's Day and *Las Posadas*, a celebration that re-enacts Joseph and Mary's search for an inn. The parish has three small Hispanic choirs and one large Anglo choir, a Hispanic ballet/folkloric group and liturgical dance groups.

"We do this to make them feel at home, and to make them feel like this is their parish, too," Father Beever said. "We try to attend to traditions and the customs that have been in this parish for the first 75 years, and then incorporate them with the traditions that are new in the last 25 years."

Originally from Mexico City, Roberto Marquez, St. Philip Neri's youth minister, said he has come to love the parish that includes his culture's traditions and some new ones, too.

"I love the people. They are very nice. The people are happy we have a different community that is Anglo and Hispanic," Marquez said. "I think it is a good experience for everybody to live in other countries [and learn] the differences."

Father Beever said his favorite memory over his 10 years at St. Philip Neri Parish was this year's celebration of St. Philip Neri's feast day.

"It was so powerful to see Anglos and Hispanics together in the church singing," he said. "It was a good mix of traditions and customs, Spanish and English, and everybody being together."



The Irish and German charter members of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis designed and built the church in 1909. The parish is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.



Hispanic students at St. Philip Neri Parish help with a youth ministry project in 2000. The parish is now nearly 90 percent Hispanic, and 98 percent of the school's student population is Hispanic.

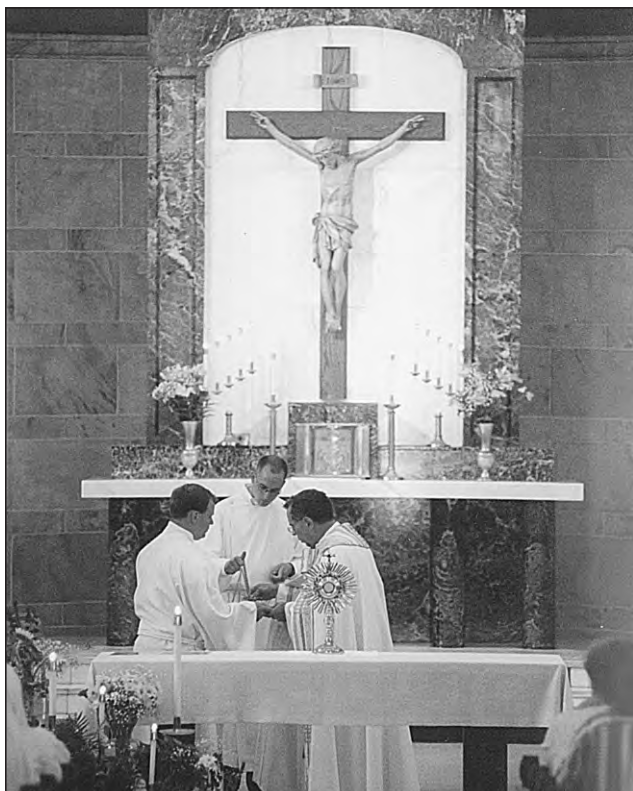
In the next century of St. Philip Neri Parish's life, parishioners and staff hope to continue breaking down language barriers in the parish and developing Hispanic leadership, said Father Beever.

McMeans said she hopes new events and gatherings that are planned will help create stronger ties between the two cultures.

"St. Philip Neri is changing, but nothing stays the same," she said.

But one thing will not change. McMeans said St. Philip Neri Parish will remain a light for an ever-evolving near east side neighborhood.

(Tickets for St. Philip Neri's anniversary dinner at Marian Inc. are \$35. To order tickets, call the parish office at 317-631-8746. To learn more about the centennial celebration, log on to www.stphilipindy.org.) †



Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein blesses incense during eucharistic adoration at St. Philip Neri Church in Indianapolis in June 2000. That day, the archbishop welcomed the Missionaries of Charity into the neighborhood surrounding St. Philip Neri.

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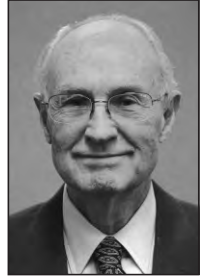
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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Basic Catholicism: The efficacy of prayer

(Twenty-fifth in a series)

What good does it do for us to pray? If God knows what is going to happen in the future, are our prayers going to make him change his mind? Furthermore, if God knows what we are going to do, how can we say that we act freely?



People have asked these questions for centuries. It's hard to reconcile belief in the efficacy of prayer with God's omniscience.

We can reconcile those two concepts by trying to grasp another concept—eternity. That, too, is hard for us humans, with our finite minds, to understand since it means the absence of time.

For us, what happened yesterday, or just a second ago, is past, and what will happen tomorrow, or next year, is in the future. But in eternity, there is no past and

future. Everything will be in the present.

Here is C. S. Lewis's description of eternity, from a chapter titled "Time and Beyond Time" in his masterpiece *Mere Christianity*: "If you picture time as a straight line along which we have to travel, then you must picture God as the whole page on which the line is drawn. We come to the parts of the line one by one: We have to leave A behind before we get to B, and cannot reach C until we leave B behind. God, from above or outside or all round, contains the whole line, and sees it all."

This is important if we are to consider the question of human freedom despite the fact that God knows everything that is going to happen. God doesn't *foresee* us doing something tomorrow any more than he *saw* us doing something yesterday. He simply *sees* us doing it, whether past, present or future. So God doesn't have to change his mind in order to answer our prayers and make something happen in our future that otherwise wouldn't have because our future is the present for him.

Furthermore, his knowledge of what we are going to do in the future doesn't destroy our freedom to decide whether or not we are going to do them.

Other people have a different objection to prayer: How, they ask, could God possibly answer the prayers of all those people who are praying to him at the same time? Perhaps they visualize God handling one person's request and then moving on to another's until everybody is taken care of. How, they ask, could he have time to handle all those requests?

Of course, that question itself involves "time" and God is not in time. He's in eternity. I suppose we could say that he has all the time he needs except that that answer contains the concept of time. Let's say that he has all eternity in which to listen to all those prayers.

It's well for us to become familiar with the concept of eternity since that's what we will experience after our death—a "time" without time. For me, at least, it also helps answer questions about the efficacy of prayer. †

Your Family/Bill and Monica Dodds

To the new bride and groom from an old married couple

Forgive us if we smile. "Us" being the couples in your family, your parish, your neighborhood or workplace who have been married so long that they no longer mark or remember how many days, weeks or months have passed since they tied the knot.



We smile

because the two of you are so new at this that you do count one week, two weeks, one month, two months. We smile because we used to do that too, and it's a happy memory.

You have reason to celebrate. Being married a week or two, a month or two is a wonderful thing. So is being married a decade or two, half a century or more.

Forgive us if we shake our heads. No, we're not being negative or disapproving. We shake them in amazement that a decade or two, a half-century or more could pass so quickly.

We have no doubt that's happened. (We

still easily recognize that bride or that groom in the eyes of the person with whom we've spent so many years. But when we look at ourselves in the mirror, we sometimes struggle to see ourselves as that bride or that groom. So many wrinkles!)

Forgive us if we can't help offering a little advice. We're not implying you need help or that we know it all. It's just that we do know a little, and if a wee piece of that little makes it easier for you to become a stronger couple, helps you recognize the good and weather the bad, then we may drop a hint or two, a suggestion, a little point to consider, should the need arise somewhere down the road.

We're not saying you don't already know these things, perhaps even better than we do. But when you're tired, when you're frustrated, when you're angry—and all those things happen to every husband and wife—it can help to return to some of the basics.

1. You're not competitors. If one person "wins," both lose.
2. Part of your role is to graciously help your spouse become a better person. Part is to accept your spouse's help—graciously.

To grow toward becoming the person God created each of you to be: his beautiful son or daughter. (Nagging is not gracious. And exactly who you think your spouse should be may not be who God created him or her to be.)

3. Like a garden, marriage is a living thing. It needs to be tended regularly, and that takes deliberate effort. Left alone or ignored, it can turn into nothing but weeds, accompanied by the deep regret of what might have been.

4. Laugh with each other, not at each other. Pray with and for each other. Talk to each other every day of every week of every month of every year of every decade of every half-century and more.

5. At some point in the distant future, smile, shake your heads and offer a little advice when there's a new bride or groom in your family, your parish, your neighborhood or workplace.

(Bill and Monica Dodds are the founders of the Friends of St. John the Caregiver and editors of My Daily Visitor magazine. Their Web site is www.FSJC.org. They can be contacted at MonicaDodds@YourAgingParent.com.) †

Coming of Age/Erick Rommel

Colby Curtin's story: A small kindness in a great sadness

It's easy to be cynical. Almost everything in the news is depressing. It's hard to feel hope when you are always filled with despair.



It's especially tough to be a teenager in times like these. The natural cynicism that comes with this time in life mixes with the difficulties that surround us in a way

that leaves a void almost impossible to fill.

In dark times, sometimes it takes a story of immense sadness to show us that faith and hope are more powerful than the darkest things the world can throw at us.

Colby Curtin's story is definitely one of sadness. The 10-year-old girl from Huntington Beach, Calif., died on June 10, but not before her dying wish made a lasting impression on thousands of people.

Doctors diagnosed Colby with vascular cancer in December 2005. Over the next three and a half years, it painfully consumed her.

Colby loved movies and especially loved Pixar movies because many of them featured animals, her favorite thing.

In April, Colby's family took her to see *Monsters vs. Aliens*, but she was most impressed by the trailer that preceded it. The trailer was for the new Disney-Pixar movie *Up*.

Colby kept saying, "I have to see that movie. It is so cool," her family said.

Soon after, Colby's health took a turn for the worse. A little over a month later, *Up* began playing in theaters, but Colby couldn't go. Her mother asked the hospice company for a wheelchair to take her to the movie, but one was never delivered.

Then a family friend who knew the end was near for Colby frantically and methodically tried calling Pixar and Disney, but couldn't get through the automated phone system. Finally, she got someone on the phone.

As part of Disney, Pixar is one of the biggest companies in the world. While it makes movies for children, many would think a single child would be too small for it to notice. But the next day, Pixar sent someone to Colby's house with a copy of the movie.

It may seem like a small gesture, but consider the potential financial risk that could come from this one humanitarian act. If that disc got into the wrong hands, it could be on the Internet in hours, costing

Pixar millions of dollars.

But Pixar took the risk. In addition to the movie, the employee brought a bag of stuffed animals, all characters from the movie, and shared some behind-the-scenes stories about how it was made. Colby and her family then watched the movie.

Colby was in so much pain that she couldn't open her eyes, but her mom described what was happening. And when it was done, her mom asked Colby if she enjoyed it, and Colby nodded yes.

Seven hours later, Colby died. In the days that followed, more than 150 people gathered at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Newport Beach for a vigil to share their memories of Colby. They wore Hawaiian attire as a way to celebrate her life.

As for Pixar, it refuses to say anything about what happened or name the employees who took action.

In a sense, it's better that way. At a time when companies are attacked for caring about nothing other than profits, it's nice to hear about a company taking a risk to fulfill the dying wish of a little girl with only hours left to live.

(Erick Rommel writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

Get equipped at parishes to pass on the faith in your family, the world

We're in that time of year when people do lots of home improvement projects



both inside and outside their homes.

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not a very handy person. I don't have much of a green thumb either. But recently my father and I planted some shrubs in front of my family's house.

When I went to a nearby Lowe's in the middle of a workday to buy items for the project, I was amazed by the number of people that filled its gardening section. As I waited in a fairly long checkout line and scanned the items they were buying, I imagined the landscaping work that these people were going to be doing.

It also lead me to think of one of the main purposes of our parishes.

We go to a Lowe's or a Home Depot to buy supplies for projects that we want to do at home, with our neighbor or perhaps in a community initiative such as Habitat for Humanity. We don't buy lumber for a deck then build the deck at the store. That would be silly.

In the same way, we go to our parishes to get equipped to live out our faith somewhere else: in our homes, across the back fence when chatting with our neighbors, at our workplace and in the community at large.

For those of us who are married and those of us who are parents, our life at home with our family is our main focus. Our life in our parishes should help us pass on our faith to our children and other loved ones more and more consciously.

In my experience, I've heard a lot of people, when they're asked how they live out their faith, talk about roles they've taken on in their parish. Some of them serve as an usher. Others take pride in being a catechist or singing in a Mass choir.

Now let me be up front. Having served as the director of religious education for three and a half years at St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville, I know how important the volunteer service is that dedicated Catholics give to help hand on the faith to the next generation or to make our parishes more welcoming to newcomers or to enhance the beauty of worship through their artistry.

But if that is as far as our life of faith goes, we're keeping it far too small for the plans that our Lord has laid out for us. He wants us to expand the horizons of our lives of faith to include all of creation, but especially our families, just as he said to his disciples shortly before he ascended to heaven: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth" (Acts 1:8).

Now, truth be told, I suspect that a lot of those good folks who give of themselves in their parishes do the same with their families, co-workers, friends and even people they've never met before.

But are we doing these acts of service outside of our parishes conscious of the fact that they are direct expressions of those Gospel values we are called to embody every moment of our lives?

The more that we live out our faith with a greater consciousness every day, the more that we will show forth the power of the Holy Spirit in ordinary, loving ways and the more that we will truly be Christ's witnesses to the ends of that corner of the Earth where our Lord has placed us.

So when you go to Mass this weekend, just think of it as the place where you will be equipped to do the great projects that Christ has in mind for you. To slightly change The Home Depot's slogan: "You can do it. He can help." †

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009

- Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
- Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
- John 6:24-35

The Book of Exodus provides us with the first reading in this weekend's Liturgy of the Word.



As the name implies, this book of the Bible traces the path of the Hebrews as they fled Egypt, under the leadership of Moses, and proceeded across the desolate Sinai Peninsula en route to

the land that God had promised them.

A trip across the Sinai Peninsula today—even on a paved highway and in a modern vehicle—is still not easy. The land in general is unoccupied, arid and unappealing.

When the Hebrews crossed this desert territory, the circumstances were even more forbidding. They were traveling on foot, and were exposed to the heat of the day and the chill of the night. The peninsula offered little by way of food or drink for them. They had no compass to guide them and no path to follow to their destination.

Nevertheless, Moses urged them onward. Constantly, he reminded them that God had prepared a place for them, a "land flowing with milk and honey."

Following Moses at times seemed to the Hebrews to mean that they were wandering farther and farther away from civilization and from security. Deeper and deeper they marched into the unknown and the inhospitable terrain.

As a result, they grumbled. This reading from Exodus captures some of their complaints. They were hungry.

Moses challenged them even more to trust in God. Miraculously, they discovered one morning that the ground was covered with a substance that they could eat. They called it "manna." Without this food, they would have starved to death.

Modern scholars do not know exactly what this substance was that they suddenly found on the ground. Some scholars have suggested that it was the secretion of insects. Other scholars note that a species of insects migrates to the

south from Europe, and that these insects secrete a substance suggestive of the ancient manna.

In any case, the vital point for the Hebrews was that this edible substance arrived precisely when they needed food and precisely after they had prayed for food.

God provided for them. God works through nature. That the manna may have had a natural origin in no way diminishes the fact of the miracle.

For the second reading, the Church offers the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This epistle calls upon the Christians of Ephesus to recognize Jesus, the Lord, as the source of all wisdom. He is the source of all goodness.

St. John's Gospel offers the last reading.

As was the case with the Hebrews in the story from Exodus, the contemporaries of Jesus looked for signs and wanted salvation on their own terms.

In this reading, the Lord presents salvation as God's gift. Jesus bears this salvation. Indeed, the Lord bears the bread of life to a people otherwise vulnerable to starvation.

Then Jesus makes a startling statement. He declares "I am the bread of life."

Reflection

The Church in these readings reminds us once more that we are humans.

First, we are vulnerable to death. We can die physically if we are deprived of food long enough. We also may die spiritually if we are left to ourselves and live without God.

Part of our human limitation is our exaggerated trust in ourselves, and our ignorance of the genuine dangers that are before us.

These readings remind us—but not gloomily—of our plight. With excitement and hope, they recall the fact that again and again God is with us and has answered our needs.

God's greatest and most perfect answer is in Jesus, the revelation of God. If we live as Jesus lived, we will be near God.

Most importantly, Jesus is the "bread of life." If we worthily consume this bread in the Eucharist, Jesus is part of us. He lives in us and we live in Jesus. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 3
Numbers 11:4b-15
Psalm 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday, Aug. 4
John Mary Vianney, priest
Numbers 12:1-13
Psalm 51:1, 3-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36
or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, Aug. 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35
Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, Aug. 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Mark 9:2-10

Friday, Aug. 7
Sixtus II, pope and martyr and his companions, martyrs
Cajetan, priest
Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalm 77:12-16, 21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, Aug. 8
Dominic, priest
Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, Aug. 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:2-9
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Post-Vatican II reforms changed words in Nicene Creed to reflect original form

QIn the creed at Mass, we say "We believe." But the Latin is "I believe."



Why the shift from a personal affirmation of faith using the first person singular form? (New Jersey)

AThe revision of the *Roman Missal* after Vatican Council II changed the words of the Nicene Creed to "We believe" because this was the original authentic form of that profession of Christian faith.

The first ecumenical council at Nicaea promulgated the major portion of the creed in the year 325.

Fifty-six years later, the second ecumenical council of Constantinople revised the Nicene Creed, particularly adding the final part regarding the Holy Spirit. This is the creed we normally proclaim at Mass.

In both of these formulas, the text reads "we believe" in the original Greek ("pistoiomen") and in Latin ("credimus"). Apparently, the intent was to emphasize that the faith being professed was not essentially a personal matter, but the faith of the entire community of believers. Only some time later was the singular "I believe" introduced for liturgical use.

The tentative new revision of the missal presently under discussion would return to "I believe."

The Latin and Greek texts of these two fourth-century creeds may be found in the *Enchiridion Symbolorum* (Denzinger-Bannwart-Umberg), 54, 86.

QCan you provide us with information about the followers of Jesus? The impression we always received was that Jesus and the Apostles were always together and alone.

In our Bible studies, however, we read of other followers, including some women. Who were those others? (North Carolina)

AWe need to note before all else that the Gospels themselves are not very clear about matters like this. They were not written as biographies or to answer curiosity questions, but to proclaim the Good News of the presence of God's kingdom as revealed in Jesus Christ. The rest is more or less

incidental.

That said, the answer isn't that complicated.

First of all, many of Jesus' followers or disciples did not accompany him on his journeys from town to town. They stayed home and pursued their daily business, but supported and cared for him when he came around.

They were acquaintances, even close friends. Among many examples in the Gospels, perhaps the most obvious is the family of Martha, Lazarus and Mary in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem. It's clear that they and Jesus loved each other intimately, but seemingly they were not in his daily entourage.

Another group seems to have accepted personally and immediately Jesus' invitation to "follow me," and traveled with him. Luke (Lk 10:1) speaks of 72 people, though likely not more than a few of them at most were with him all the time.

Astonishingly, as you indicate, his close companions included a number of women. By Jewish custom of those days, the dignity and credibility of religious leaders did not allow them to relate to women publicly, include them as disciples or use them as carriers of important instructions.

Jesus was not constrained by these restrictions. We read in the Gospels of women who accompanied him at least part of the time, people whom he taught and, at least on one most notable occasion related in all four Gospels, used to convey the news of his resurrection to the Apostles (Jn 20:17-18, Lk 24:9-10, Mk 16:7 and Mt 28:7-8). As we might expect of good Jewish men of the time, they thought the women's message was nonsense (Lk 24:11).

Finally, of course, there was the core group of the Twelve, those the Gospels describe as a specially chosen inner circle. That this number was symbolically important is indicated by the fact that after the death of Judas the remaining 11 felt obliged to choose another man to take his place (Acts 1:26).

(A free brochure on ecumenism, including questions on intercommunion and other ways of sharing worship, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail to jjdietzen@aol.com.) †

My Journey to God

The God Within

Deep within the heart of us, a part of God does dwell,
A spirit part that has no sense like sight or taste or smell.
It is a part of something vast—too vast to know the whole.
It's in the deepest part of us and holds the human soul.
It's also in the trees and skies and deep within the seas,
And in the stars and moon at night, in suns and galaxies.
It has no need to dominate, no need for power, no greed,
But planted deep within our hearts, it is a mighty seed
That grows and flowers and bears good fruit long after we are gone,
For when our earthly bodies die, the God within goes on.

By Melinda Fish

(Melinda Fish is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Bedford. This stained-glass window depicting Christ is in the new Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston.)



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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.

BALLARD, Peter, 84, St. Mary, Richmond, July 14. Husband of Norma Ballard. Father of Joyce Blanton, Jean Toschlog and James Ballard. Stepfather of Jan Ballard and Brenda Cecil. Brother of Mary Ann Peake, Rose Wilson and Firmin Ballard. Grandfather of 16. Step-grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of 13.

BELLOCK, Caroline Elizabeth, 56, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Indianapolis, July 22. Daughter of Edward Bellock Sr. Sister of Donna Callen and Edward Bellock Jr. Aunt of several.

BULLOCK, Betty A., 89, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 7. Mother of Robert Bullock.

CLIFFORD, Rose Ann, 70, St. Mary, Rushville, July 9. Wife of Joe Clifford. Mother of Mindy Shaver, Mark and Mike Clifford. Sister of Barb Hoeing. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of six.

COOK, Anna M., 92, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, July 10.

Mother of David and Joseph Cook. Sister of Virginia Kemper.

DANIEL, James Anthony, 51, St. Gabriel, Connerville, July 10. Husband of Edwina (Stidham) Daniel. Father of Christina Armstrong. Brother of Brenda Hamilton, Becky Hanson, Barbara, Beth, Jeffrey and John Daniel. Grandfather of one.

FELDMAN, Eileen D., 89, St. Louis, Batesville, July 16. Mother of Eileen Eicher, Maureen Reis, Patrick and Thomas Feldman. Sister of John Donovan Jr. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of five.

GEHRING, Rita E., 85, Holy Family, Oldenburg, July 17. Mother of Irene Fullenkamp, Bill, John, Marvin, Mike and Tom Gehring. Sister of Frances Borgman. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of four.

HUMPHREY, Evelyn Louise (Russell), 61, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, July 11. Wife of John C. Humphrey. Mother of Jocelyn Bolton, Tonya Turner, Candace, Kasandra and John Humphrey Jr. Sister of Sandra Conner, Patty, Paula, Tracy, Henry, Keith and Kenneth Russell, Aubrey and Wayne Hayden. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of six.

JINES, Michael Joseph, 43, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 2. Son of Larry Jines. Brother of Mary Collins, Judy Cousins, Rose Roth and Robert Jines.

KOKOJAN, Bernard F., 72, St. Mary, New Albany, July 14. Father of Karen Fentress, Kelly Willis, Julie and Chris Kokojan. Brother of Vincent Kokojan. Grandfather of four.

KORFAGE, LeRoy F., 88, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, July 7. Husband of Marilyn J. Korfhage. Father of Leann Knight and Barbara Smith. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of seven.

LEIGHTON, Catherine M., 93, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 13. Mother of Alan and David Leighton. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of 14.

LESKO, Lorraine, 86, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, July 12. Wife of Max Lesko. Mother of Kathy Echave and David Lesko. Sister of Florence Tupica. Grandmother of four.

LIME, Barbara Joan (Hinds), 67, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, July 16. Wife of Leonard Lime Jr. Mother of Debbie Castner and Jamie Newitt. Sister of Mary Givens, Carolyn Hendrickson, Mona Lime, Marilyn Lockhart, Jerry King, Larry and Steve Hinds. Grandmother of nine. Great-grandmother of one.

MAIER, Frederick J., 84, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, July 19. Father of Teresa Eversole, Joe and Tom Maier. Grandfather of three.

MAPPES, Betty (Schmoll), 78, St. Roch, Indianapolis, July 11. Wife of Thomas Mappes. Mother of Kathleen Rozens, Elaine Shaw, Jennifer Thacker, Dan, Steven and Thomas Mappes. Sister of Susan Pinna, Jack and Ronald

Schmoll. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 10.

MORROW, Robert J., 83, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, July 3. Father of Annette Johnson and Robert Morrow. Brother of David Morrow. Grandfather of three. Step-grandfather of one. Great-grandfather of five.

OCHS, Carol Sue (Kollker), 73, St. Christopher, Indianapolis, July 14. Wife of James Ochs. Mother of Tracey Stanton, Jennifer Tooker, Margaret Zore, James, Mark and Matthew Ochs. Sister of Patricia John and Constance Vernon. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of one.

POLSINELLI, Santo J., 83, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, July 18. Father of Amy Blackwell, Sarah Melling, Cynthia Shiffrin and Thomas Polsinelli. Grandfather of seven.

SCHULT, Joseph F., 67, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyds Knobs, July 18.

SETTLES, Oscar J., 81, St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County, July 15. Husband of Eileen Settles. Father of Edna Corlett and Matthew Settles. Brother of Allen Settles. Grandfather of seven.

TEX, Linda S., 58, St. Anthony, Indianapolis, July 17. Wife of Vincent Tex. Mother of Melissa Mathias and Carrie Tex. Grandmother of one.

URIBE, Carmen S., 89, St. Mary, North Vernon, July 12. Mother of Melly Apsley, Marica Garrity and Sarah Loudermelk. Sister of Irene Barrow, Olivia Bravo and Rosa Rigal. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of four. †

Survey finds attitudes on marriage differ by generation

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—Catholic attitudes on marriage in the Church are different among generational groups, according to results of a 2007 survey of U.S. Catholics by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington.

Social scientist Barbara Dafoe Whitehead discussed the survey results on June 25 during the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers held in St. Paul.

The survey showed that older Catholics—those who were adults before the Second Vatican Council—are more likely to look to the Church as the source for meaning and expectations for marriage than are baby boomers or members of Generation X or the millennial generation.

Older Catholics also are more likely to be familiar with the Church's teaching on marriage, to believe in marriage as a lifelong commitment between a man and woman, and to think of marriage as a sacrament that extends beyond the wedding day, according to the survey results.

She attributed this attitude to being raised in a time of a distinct Catholic identity, which included an emphasis on the Church's teachings on sex, procreation and marriage.

Generation Xers—ages 25 to 35—and millennial Catholics—ages 18 to 24—are confused about marriage, she said, and their attitudes are closer to those of the general population.

"Younger Catholics want to marry a soul mate," she said, "and they're much less likely to see marriage in these broader, institutional terms."

Sixty-nine percent of young Catholics believe that marriage is whatever two people want it to be, she said, and the sacramental understanding does not figure as prominently into their understanding.

More than half of unmarried young Catholics do not think it is important to marry someone of the same faith, she said. Statistics indicate that 41 percent of young Catholics have married non-Catholics.

However, the survey found that the millennial generation is showing a swing toward traditional ideas.

"Eighty percent or more of these youngest Catholics believe that marriage is a lifelong commitment," she said, "and that people don't take marriage seriously enough when divorce is readily available." †

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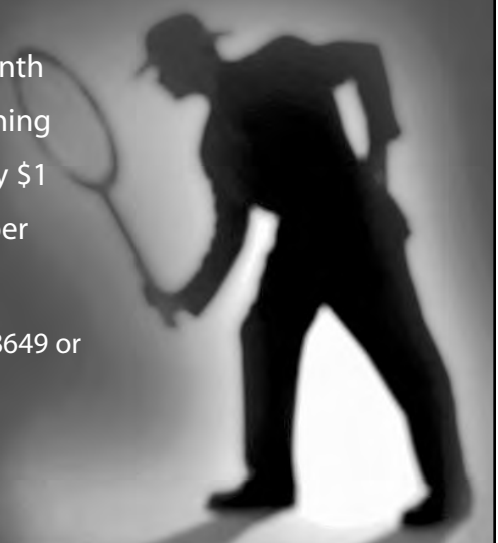
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Parishes sponsor missions to take medical care to Haiti

LINCOLN, Neb. (CNS)—Living on a diet of mostly sugar cane, with no money to spare for dental care, the people of Kabonal Mission in Haiti suffer serious dental problems.

This spring, the Faith in Action Team at St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln arranged a special mission trip to Kabonal, its sister parish, with eight dental professionals and the team's co-founder, Don Killeen, to serve hundreds of patients.

Established by Louisiana native Father Glenn Meaux, a member of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, the mission serves "the poorest of the poor" and is situated in a rural area in the mountains about 20 miles from the centrally located city of Hinche.

St. Joseph parishioners contributed largely financially to the mission, and dental supply companies donated supplies, including fluoride treatments, Novocain, toothbrushes and sterilization chemicals.

The community has no electricity, running water, paved roads or any shops or stores so getting medical and dental care to the people is a challenge.

Dr. Martin Killeen, a pediatric dentist, helped his father arrange the dental mission and recruit volunteers.

He recruited his younger brother, Addison, who worked as a dental assistant. Dr. Jim Jenkins, a professor at the University of Nebraska dental college, also volunteered, as did Dr. Jeff Villafane, Dr. Shawn Whitney, and dental assistants Cody Christline, Aaron Larson and Danny Tylka.

None of them knew quite what to expect.

"We prepared for the worst," Martin Killeen told the *Southern Nebraska Register*, Lincoln's diocesan newspaper. He was able to purchase enough dental equipment for the team at a reasonable cost through eBay.

When the dental team arrived, they quickly set up and were ready to go.

"Most of the people we treated had never seen a dentist," Martin Killeen said. He noted it had been about 15 years since a dentist last visited the community.

"It's just so severe," he said. "It dawned on me when

you see what people are eating down there. They'll mix dirt into their food so they have more food to eat."

Haiti's abundant sugar cane makes up a large part of the local diet so it wasn't unusual for dentists to encounter people with teeth rotting down to the gumline.

The dental crew focused on tooth extraction since the mission's unreliable and solar-powered electricity would not provide enough power for drilling.

"At first, you would hesitate about taking out a permanent tooth, especially one in the front," Martin Killeen said. But patients were grateful just to be out of pain from the severe cavities and infections.

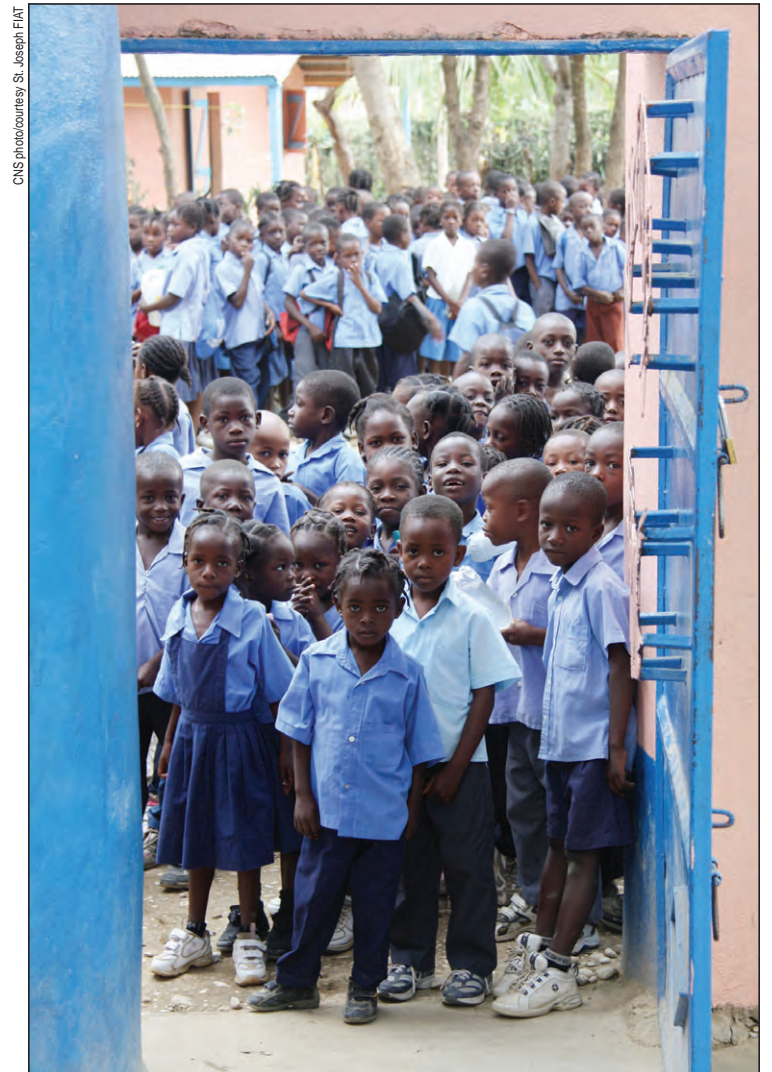
Each patient received a toothbrush and instructions on how to care for teeth. The dentists also taught the mission staff how to administer fluoride treatments so they could continue improving dental health in the community.

In the week that team members were in Haiti, they saw more than 400 patients and extracted about 820 teeth.

Like the people of St. Joseph Parish, who assist their sister parish through mission trips and various collection drives, parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Mountain Lakes, N.J., in the Paterson Diocese also are supporting the Haitian people, most notably through the efforts of Dr. Susan Morrison.

Since her first organized medical mission trip in 1997, Morrison has traveled to Haiti at least once every year, gathering high school students, medical professionals and volunteers to join her in the village of Dame Marie.

Because of her commitment to the Haitian people in providing medical care, the Haiti Solidarity Network of North East recently honored Morrison with the *Zanmi Ayiti* (Friend of Haiti) Award for her humanitarian contributions in Haiti. †



Children of Kobano Mission in Haiti, the sister parish of St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, Neb., are seen waiting in line for a dental checkup in this undated photo. Most of the children had never seen a dentist until St. Joseph Parish sent down a team of volunteers recently to provide dental care.

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Indiana Jones and the Christian catacombs? Not quite

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Sometimes a job is just a job, even when from the outside it looks like it involves the stuff of an Indiana Jones movie.



Fabrizio Bisconti

Fabrizio Bisconti is the newly named archaeological superintendent of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology, which oversees the upkeep and preservation of 140 Christian

catacombs from the third and fourth centuries scattered all over Italy.

Most of the time, he said, the job is just work and study.

Staff members can spend a full month with surgical tools and cotton balls cleaning a third-century sarcophagus, but then there are those stunning, shocking, awe-inspiring moments of discovery.

Mid-June brought one of those “wow” moments when restorers cleaning a ceiling in the Catacombs of St. Thecla found what turned out to be the oldest known image of the Apostle Paul. The fresco was hidden under a limestone crust.

Bisconti said treasure hunting and exploring were not his passions as a youth. He enjoyed literature. But as a university literature student, he took an archaeology course “and fell in love.”

“Certainly, there is great emotion when you find something new, but for us archaeology is our job, the subject of our studies,” he said.

Bisconti said most of what he and his fellow archaeologists do all day involves very slow, painstaking precision care of the oldest intact Christian monuments and artwork.

Very little remains of any Christian church built before the fifth century, but the 140 catacombs in Italy offer clear evidence of how early Christians worshipped, how they lived and, especially, what they hoped and believed about death.

Because the catacombs are underground and were filled in with dirt in the fifth century—when people began burying their dead in cemeteries within the city walls—the catacombs remained remarkably intact, Bisconti said.

Deciding which catacombs to excavate and whether or not to open them to the public is a process that takes years, and tries to balance the values of preservation, scholarship, education and Christian devotion, he said.

“Opening a catacomb means allowing its degradation,” he said.

As soon as the dirt in a catacomb is removed, the frescoes and inscriptions start fading and decaying. Human visitors, who

sweat and breathe, add moisture to the air, which speeds up the growth of mold and the flaking of any painted surface, he said.

The catacombs are technically the property of the Italian government, which under the terms of the 1929 Lateran Pacts with the Vatican entrusted their care and oversight to the Vatican.

Most of the 140 Christian catacombs in Italy are in Rome, and only five of those are open to the public: the catacombs of St. Sebastian, St. Callixtus, Priscilla, St. Agnes and Domitilla.

“There are many, many other catacombs,” he said.

For Bisconti, the most interesting of the closed catacombs is one on Via Latina in Rome. “It was discovered in 1955 and we have found more than 100 frescoes of scenes of the Old and New Testaments, but also of pagan myths,” he said.

The most popular Old Testament stories are Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac, Jonah in the belly

of the whale, the story from the Book of Daniel about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace—“all of these gave support and comfort to Christians because they are examples of salvation,” Bisconti said.

Most of the catacombs were built around the tomb of a martyr because other Christians wanted to be buried near a hero of the faith. Even after the catacombs were no longer used for burial and were filled in, paths leading pilgrims to the martyr’s tomb were left open for several hundred years.

Most of the catacombs demonstrate the early Christian preoccupation with the equality of all believers, he said. The bodies were sealed into niches carved out of the earth, usually with very simple inscriptions.

Slowly, however, decorations were added and wealthier Christians were buried in sarcophagi or thick marble caskets.

Bisconti said his office is two or three years away from allowing the public to visit the Catacombs of Pretestato, located near the Catacombs of Domitilla. Never before opened to the public, the Pretestato burial grounds are the site of more than 1,000 sarcophagi, many still intact.

“It was very snobbish, very chic” to be buried there, Bisconti said.

The superintendent added that, whether dealing with a sarcophagus or with a simple niche in a catacomb, if a sealed tomb is found, Vatican workers leave it closed out of respect for the deceased.

Bisconti said it is true that the art and symbols found in the catacombs repeat the same things, “but that is because it was catechetical art. They were advertisements to convince people to convert. They were a way to repeat a message and demonstrate the conviction that it was true.” †

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— Fabrizio Bisconti, archaeological superintendent of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology

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A fourth-century image of St. Paul the Apostle that Vatican archaeologists believe is the oldest in existence is seen on a wall in the Catacombs of St. Thecla in Rome in this photo released on June 29. Experts of the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology made the discovery on June 19.

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A third-century fresco of a banquet decorates a chapel wall in the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, one of only five catacombs in Rome regularly open to the public.

After 503 years, Vatican Museums open doors to public at night

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—For the first time in half a millennium, the doors of the Vatican Museums were open to the public at night.

Some 6,500 people took advantage of the after-hours event on July 24. More than 5,000 people reserved a spot online ahead of time as required, but the museums let in another 1,400 visitors who hadn’t made the compulsory booking.

Just 40 minutes after the doors opened at 7 p.m., about 2,600 people had pushed through the turnstiles, reported the Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*.

For the next four hours, visitors could wander through the Raphael Rooms, the Sistine Chapel, and the corridors of the museums and galleries of the Apostolic Library as well as other areas of the museums.

In one of the courtyards, the museums also offered live Renaissance-era music and dance during the special initiative.

The last time the museums were opened to the public at night was 503 years ago.

The director of the Vatican Museums,

Antonio Paolucci, spearheaded the nighttime initiative as a way to give Rome residents a chance to see a part of their heritage and identity, he told Vatican Radio on July 24.

Because the museums close Monday through Saturday at 6 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on the one Sunday a month they are open, local residents who work or go to school find it hard to fight the lines and see the museums.

“In my opinion, the Roman people, above all, must be the ones to take back their museum,” he told Vatican Radio.

Because there was such a popular and enthusiastic response, the museums will be open for late evening visits four times in September and again in October, he said. Officials will decide later how often to schedule other nighttime openings throughout the year, he added.

When the museums follow their normal 9 a.m.-6 p.m. schedule, he said, between 17,000 and 23,000 people stream through each day. Despite the economic downturn and its impact on tourism, attendance is down only 2 percent or 3 percent this year, Paolucci said. †

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Antonio Paolucci, director of Vatican Museums, stands outside the museum’s main doors during an extraordinary evening opening on July 24 at the Vatican. For the first time in 503 years, the Vatican Museums doors were open to the public at night.