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Friends to the end Race's emotional finish shows special bond between coach and student

By John Shaughnessy

The best place to start the story of the friendship between Jimmie Guilfoyle and Tommy Steiner is with an ending—an emotional ending that won't be forgotten by the people who lived it and witnessed it.

The ending took place on Aug. 31, a day when the 22-year-old Guilfoyle struggled to finish the Louisville Ironman, a triathlon competition that requires an individual to swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles and complete a 26.2-mile marathon—all in less than 17 hours.

Guilfoyle had dreamed of finishing the race for more than a year, but a stress fracture in his right knee—the same knee that had required surgery for a torn meniscus in May—threatened to rob him of his dream.

So after swimming the 2.4 miles in the Ohio River and cycling the 112 miles, Guilfoyle began the grueling marathon, knowing he would have to walk nearly every step of the 26.2 miles because his fractured knee couldn't bear the pounding of running. He also knew that Tommy was waiting for him near the finish line.

The two friends first met at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville in the New Albany Deanery. Guilfoyle is the assistant coach of the swim team there. Tommy is a junior at the school, and a member of the swim team. Tommy has Down syndrome.

From the beginning of their relationship, Guilfoyle has always marveled at Tommy.

"There is not one thing he does that doesn't inspire me," the coach says. "The most amazing thing is to watch him swim. At practice, we would get in and sometimes do a few laps, and other days

we would do countless laps. At the meets, it was a sight nothing short of amazing. I would lift him in the water when it was his time to race, and he would have a standing ovation from both teams and fans. After finishing, I would lift him out and he would celebrate by giving out high-fives and yelling 'PHS' or 'Go Big Blue.'

"After seeing him overcome obstacles in life, it was only natural for me to see the power within myself."

That power and inspiration kept Guilfoyle pushing his already depleted body to take step after step in the marathon.

So did the pledge he made to Tommy. Guilfoyle had told Tommy that he would dedicate his participation in the Louisville Ironman as a fundraising effort for the Down Syndrome Support Association of Southern Indiana. The organization was formed by Tommy's parents, Bob and Ann

Steiner, after Tommy's birth 17 years ago.

Part of Guilfoyle's plan also involved having Tommy join him near the end of the race so they could cross the finish line together. But the plan didn't unfold as Guilfoyle imagined as he struggled toward the finish line in the darkness. His knee aching, his body drained and in pain, Guilfoyle wasn't prepared for what happened next.

"It was better than any plan could have been," Guilfoyle says. "Coming from complete darkness to seeing a few of my cousins and my uncle at the corner, and the deafening sounds, bright lights and all the people, I just started crying. It was overwhelming. I started to walk further and there were more people, and that is when I saw all the people wearing the 'Tri for Tommy' T-shirts."

Then he saw Tommy cheering for him,

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Tommy Steiner, left, savors a moment to remember with his friend and coach, Jimmie Guilfoyle. The friends, who met at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville, proudly display their medals from the Louisville Ironman competition. Guilfoyle dedicated his participation in the Ironman to raise funds for an association that helps Tommy and other people who have Down syndrome.

In France, Pope Benedict shows the many dimensions of his ministry

LOURDES, France (CNS)—Being pope is not a one-dimensional job, a fact that was clearly evident during Pope Benedict XVI's four-day visit to France.



Pope Benedict XVI

Arriving in Paris on Sept. 12, the pope first engaged in an important political encounter that attempted to build on the new openness shown to the Church by President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Next, in a brief meeting with Jews, he managed to capsize in 20 graceful lines the Church's respect for Judaism and its firm rejection of anti-Semitism.

That evening, the pope slipped into his academic role and delivered a lecture on monasticism's influence on Western civilization to 700 scholars and intellectuals.

He then switched gears and led vespers in Notre Dame Cathedral with priests and religious, emphasizing that while their ranks may be thinning their role in the Church has lost none of its value and, indeed, is irreplaceable.

Finally, he stepped outside and energized a waiting crowd of 40,000 young people, drawing roars of approval when he said the Church needs them and has confidence in them.

It was a whirlwind beginning and demonstrated a remarkable pastoral versatility on the part of the 81-year-old pontiff.

The next day, after celebrating Mass for a larger-than-expected crowd in Paris, he went to Lourdes and showed another side of his role as universal pastor—a Marian side.

It's no secret that, as a theologian and bishop, Pope Benedict was not always comfortable with Marian devotion and claims of apparitions. But, over the years, he has widened his views, saying in 2002 that, "the older I am, the more important the mother of God is to me."

So at Lourdes, pilgrims heard the scholarly pope preach the value of "humble and intense prayer" like the rosary. He told his listeners that devotion to Mary was not a form of "pious infantilism," but an expression

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Wanted: Readers' memories to help celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Criterion staff report

Your help is needed to mark the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

As part of the anniversary observance, *The Criterion* is inviting you to share the stories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family.

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Maybe there is a moment from playing or coaching for your parish team in the Catholic Youth Organization that stands out to you.

Maybe you have a story of a favorite teacher,

coach, priest, or religious sister or brother who influenced you.

Maybe there is a moment when you drew closer to your faith because of your involvement with your parish and school community.

Or maybe you have a story about how you saw the face of God in others through your volunteer efforts, or how Catholic Charities and other archdiocesan agencies offered you help and hope when you needed it.

Share with us your favorite memories of parish festivals, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

Share with us what it has been like to be a Catholic at different stages in your life and at different periods of time in Indiana.

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waiting to join him.

"They lifted Tommy over the railing, and that is when I grabbed his hand," Guilfoyle recalls. "All of the people were screaming and cheering. I think Tommy and I both felt like we had the world handed to us. It was the most defining moment of my life. I started pumping my fists. And when we crossed the finish line, I just screamed with everything I had left. No words can explain what it truly felt like, but it was as close to life-altering as any experience could ever be."

The two friends had finished the race, but the celebration had just begun.

Someone put a medal around Guilfoyle's neck. Next came a surprise moment, courtesy of Heather Gollnick, the female winner of the 2007 Louisville Ironman and this year's second-place finisher. She put her medal around Tommy's neck.

"This was something that was not planned," Guilfoyle says. "It was something she decided to do in the moment, and I will be forever grateful to her."

Within seconds, Guilfoyle and Tommy were surrounded by more than 50 smiling, cheering and crying fans—their friends and their families.

"Most of them had been there through

the entire day, and had experienced the whole thing with Tommy and me," Guilfoyle says. "I can't even begin to explain how much that meant to me. Having my parents, my brother, the rest of my family and all my friends there was the greatest experience of my life."

Tommy had the same feeling.

"Tommy was real excited just to be part of it all," says his mother, Ann Steiner. "We got there at 6:30 in the morning, and Tommy stood in line with Jimmie until just before he jumped into the river for the swimming part of it. We were there until Jimmie finished at about 10 after 11 at night. It was a marathon of a day for us, but Tommy knew how important a race it was for Jimmie."

The Steiner family wanted to be there to cheer Jimmie because of everything he has done for Tommy. There was the way that Jimmie set an example for the members of the swim team regarding how to treat Tommy. There was the way he chose to dedicate the race to raise money for the Down Syndrome Support Association of Southern Indiana.

"About \$4,000 was raised," Ann says. "That's a major fundraiser for the association. A lot of it will go toward some of the new programs we're developing—for adult literacy and for social and employment opportunities for people after they finish school. It's also for public awareness materials and support materials for new

parents when they have a baby born with Down syndrome."

Much of Guilfoyle's fundraising pledges came through the support of members of his parish and Tommy's. Guilfoyle is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville, and Tommy is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.

"Both of the parishes got behind it," says Bob Steiner, Tommy's father. "It was the coming together of a lot of people who supported the two of them."

All the help and all the effort led to that unforgettable moment when Guilfoyle and Tommy crossed the finish line together—an ending that Ann Steiner captured on her video camera as she cried tears of joy and love.

"I was on the other side of the finish line," she recalls. "I could hear the crowd roaring as they were approaching the finish line. Tommy was just bubbling over with excitement. You could tell he was real proud to be there with Jimmie and walk the last yards together."

"It was pretty emotional. Jimmie has set just a great example of inclusion and respect for Tommy. He's an extraordinary young man. To see them cross the finish line together was such a moving and glorious moment. I had



During the Louisville Ironman, Tommy Steiner cheers on his friend and swim coach, Jimmie Guilfoyle.

tears, but mostly I was ecstatic."

(Anyone who still wants to contribute to the "Tri for Tommy" fundraiser can send a check to DSSASI, 1939 State St., New Albany, IN 47150. Write "Tri for Tommy" on the memo line of the check.) †

Follow the Holy Land pilgrimage via our online blog

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein is leading a group of pilgrims to the Holy Land from Sept. 17-27 to kick off the 175th anniversary of the archdiocese, and you can follow the trip on our Web site.



Photos and updates provided by four young adults on the pilgrimage will be posted "live" as the trip progresses at www.archindy.org/holyland.

Pilgrims will travel throughout Israel visiting sacred sites where Jesus walked and where the Catholic Church was born. The itinerary features stops at many of the Holy Land's major sites, including the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. †

Paralympic rower Emma Preuschl wins silver medal in Beijing, China

By John Shaughnessy

As soon as her team's boat crossed the finish line, United States' rower Emma Preuschl raised her arms in the air, the joy flowing through her.



Emma Preuschl

A member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis, Preuschl and her four teammates earned a silver medal in the 2008 Paralympic Games, the equivalent of the Olympic Games for people who have physical disabilities.

"As we crossed the finish line, I had to double check that the race was over and I was still conscious," Preuschl, 23, said. "I glanced around and immediately flailed my arms in the air because I knew I was a champion. I would have to say it was the most exhilarating feeling to be a winner. As I gasped for air, I hugged my teammates and tears streamed down my cheeks. I had won a medal for the United States of America on Sept. 11—a very proud moment for me."

Preuschl and her teammates won one of the first medals ever awarded in the sport of rowing in the Paralympics, which were held in Beijing, China, the same site as the Olympics. They finished second to a team from Italy.

A 2003 graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Preuschl was eligible to compete in the Paralympic Games because of a physical disability she suffered when she was born. Doctors stretched her left arm while trying to deliver her, damaging the nerves that run from her neck to her hand. The daughter of Lynn and Kirk Preuschl eventually gained movement in her left arm, but it is five inches shorter than her right arm, with less mobility and strength.

Preuschl competed in an American boat that included her three fellow rowers and a coxswain, the person who directs the boat and the crew. One of her American rowing teammates is blind, another has a prosthetic leg and the third has cerebral palsy.

Preuschl's silver medal matches the color of the medal earned by two female gymnasts from the archdiocese who competed in the Summer Olympics in August. Samantha Peszek and Bridget Sloan, both 16, were among the six members of the U.S. women's gymnastics team. Samantha is a member of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. Bridget is a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.

They share the thrill of representing their country so well in international competition.

"I'm just so proud," Preuschl said. "I will definitely be back at the London 2012 Paralympics." †

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The anniversary celebration of our archdiocese is best marked by the faith-filled people who look to God for their hope and salvation. Your stories and the stories of your ancestors reflect the way the Church has grown in

central and southern Indiana for 175 years.

We'd love to share those memories. We ask that you try to keep the stories at 250 words or less.

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Residents urged to be patient, kind in aftermath of Ike

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The retired archbishop of Galveston-Houston told a small congregation gathered for Mass on Sept. 14 at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Houston to stay calm in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike and to be friendly to one another, especially as they coped with the challenge of living without electricity.

Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza also told them to be grateful for the storm, which made landfall on Sept. 13, had not taken as many lives as was feared. The Category 2 storm killed at least 40 people in its path across eight states.

"This calls us in times of great distress to have patience and kindness with one another, to realize we are going to have a long time of endurance and great inconvenience," the archbishop said, according to a report in the *Houston Chronicle* daily newspaper.

When Hurricane Ike swept across the Texas coast with its 100 mph winds, battering waves and torrential rains, it damaged thousands of homes, submerged huge sections of Galveston and left at least 2 million people without power.

Prior to Ike's actual landfall, much of the area around Galveston Island and the southern part of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston fell victim to the 15-foot storm surge, water brought ashore by the storm's strong winds.

Daylight brought a realization of the scope and magnitude of the storm's damage. It left homes in splinters, downed trees and power lines, and flooded neighborhoods. But a proper assessment of damage to areas

of the archdiocese was not immediately possible.

While the height of the surging water did not reach the expected 20 feet, it still caused extensive damage, washing away roads and flooding homes.

Houston, without power and with many of its streets covered with glass shards from broken skyscraper windows, was placed under a weeklong curfew.

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston were closed on Sept. 15 and were to reopen "according to their readiness and safety," said an announcement on the archdiocesan Web site. Only essential departments at the chancery offices were open on Sept. 15. School officials had to work out of a command center at the chancery as their own offices were without power.

Many local parishes canceled Sunday Masses for Sept. 14 or consolidated them into one or two liturgies.

Efforts to assist victims were being undertaken by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the archdiocese as well as the local office of Catholic Charities, which was itself without power.

Preliminary reports stated that at least 40 parishes in the archdiocese sustained damage from the storm. Still unknown was the situation of the parishes on Galveston Island, specifically St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, which is the mother church of the state of Texas.

Also unclear was the fate of St. Therese of Mercy, which serves the island's Bolivar Peninsula. Some reports claimed



Residents walk through a destroyed area in Galveston, Texas, on Sept. 15 in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Galveston's mayor urged some 15,000 to 20,000 remaining residents to leave the devastated city.

only a handful of buildings were left standing there.

Local officials were scheduled to tour Church properties in Galveston sometime in the coming days.

Other parts of southeast Texas as well as areas of southern Louisiana fell victim to the wrath of Hurricane Ike.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas, were closed "until further notice" because of a lack of electricity. The pastoral center was similarly closed, according to a message on a temporary Web site set up for the diocese. Catholics in the Beaumont Diocese were not required to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation during

the Sept. 13-14 weekend.

Catholic Charities agencies set up mobile food centers and community resource sites in southern Texas after the storm to provide food, water, ice, hygiene kits, tarps and cleanup supplies. They also provided gas cards and other aid to assist stranded evacuees in their return home as well as crisis counseling and case management.

Kim Burgo, director of disaster response for Catholic Charities USA, noted that it typically costs \$1,000 per family to evacuate their home during a disaster.

"We are always mindful of the poor who do not have the extra resources and support systems to help," she said. "They truly bear the biggest share of the burden." †

Remnants of Hurricane Ike damage church property, topple trees

By Mary Ann Wyand

Wind gusts reaching 75 mph, churned northward by the remnants of Hurricane Ike, wreaked havoc in southern and southeastern Indiana on Sept. 14, breaking two Catholic church spires, damaging properties and toppling trees.

Storm damage in the New Albany, Tell City, Seymour and Batesville deaneries left thousands of residents without power or telephone service and forced officials to cancel or delay classes at many schools.

High winds reported at 50 mph in central Indiana damaged property, downed trees and caused power outages.

Eric Atkins, director of the archdiocesan Office of Management Services, received a number of calls from priests and parish staff members on Sept. 15 reporting storm damage to Church properties in southern and southeastern Indiana.

Atkins said on Sept. 15 as *The Criterion* went to press that a lot of parishes do not have power or phone service, but he expected to receive their reports and photographs of storm damage this week.

He said calls should be referred to Mike Witka, the archdiocese's director of risk management, and Jerry Pachciarz, the

claims administrator for Gallagher Bassett Services Inc., who are responding to damage reports.

"The steeple at St. Mary Church in New Albany had some wind damage," Atkins said, "and they're in the process of taking that steeple down because it's not safe to stay up in its present condition. They have arranged with a contractor to get a crane to the site and get the top portion down because it's leaning."

St. Boniface Church in Fulda also sustained damage to the steeple, he said. "They had the steeple restored and re-clad with new copper a couple of years ago, and did a beautiful job. Unfortunately, it's leaning now and may have to come down."

Atkins said St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight reported "a tremendous amount of wind damage on the church and various buildings" as well as trees down on the property.

"St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville has roof damage on various buildings, trees down and damage in the cemetery," he said. "I don't know the full extent of their damage yet."

At St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Morris, Atkins said, "wind got in under the church roof and cracked a couple of rafters."

Father Jonathan Meyer, administrator of St. Joseph and St. Ann parishes in Jennings County, told Atkins that the roofs on St. Joseph Church and rectory were damaged, with shingles blown off, and windows in the attic of the rectory were blown in by high winds.

Atkins said 70 mph to 75 mph gusts of wind were reported at various locations across the southern part of the archdiocese.

Father Thomas Clegg, pastor of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Augustine parishes in Jeffersonville, reported missing slate and ridge capping on the roof of St. Augustine Church as well as trees down, Atkins said. One tree fell on a parish building and caused minor damage.

"St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg reported that the brick parapet wall that extends above the flat portion of the school roof was blown in," Atkins said. "Pieces of limestone coping, bricks and a 500-pound section of decorative limestone fell in on the existing rubber roof, which is torn."

He said St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright reported that a door on the parish center was blown in and trees are down on the parish property.

"There are a lot of parishes in the southern part of the archdiocese that we can't even get



Workers use a crane to assess the damage to the steeple at St. Mary Church in New Albany on Sept. 15.

a hold of right now," Atkins said. "We're assuming that they are without power and phone service. We're just going to have to wait. We're trying to assess the [storm] damage right now, and take emergency measures to prevent further loss and damage to the buildings. So far, there are no personal injuries that we are aware of." †

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Haitians cross a river after floods near Port-au-Prince on Sept. 7. Hundreds in Haiti have died in four successive hurricanes in the space of three weeks.

Victims of hurricanes beyond our borders need our help, too

While some residents of the United States—think the Gulf Coast—may feel that their area of the country is wearing a bull's-eye for hurricanes this year, just imagine living in Cuba right now.

Or worse, being a resident of Haiti. We, of course, do not want to minimize the loss of lives and homes, and the billions of dollars of damage done in the U.S. as a result of hurricanes Gustav and Ike in recent weeks, but the people impacted during the 2008 hurricane season thus far extends way beyond our borders.

While our hearts and prayers now go out to all who felt the wrath of Hurricane Ike and its remnants as the storm pushed its way across the U.S. last weekend—

yes, even in Indiana on Sept. 14 where it wreaked havoc across much of the state (see related story, page 3)—we can't help but feel terrible for residents of Cuba and Haiti, too.

Cuba is now reeling from two very destructive hurricanes—Gustav and Ike—that rocked the country only 10 days apart.

As a result of Hurricane Ike, hundreds of thousands of Cubans lost their homes and belongings. Besides damaging and destroying homes, the storm flooded farms and devastated small towns, and disrupted communications, electricity, trains, other facilities and the infrastructure.

While Cuban Church officials were working with diocesan and international donors to help the hundreds of thousands of Cubans affected by the storm, Caritas Internationalis, the umbrella organization for 162 national Catholic charity organizations, is among those taking the lead in responding to the devastation in Haiti, which has been battered by four deadly hurricanes since August.

The four hurricanes—Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike—killed hundreds of people and devastated agricultural production, crippling Haiti's infrastructure and displacing about 9 percent of its population.

Caritas officials are seeking \$4.3 million in donations for relief aid to the poorest country in the Americas.

Of course, the majority of headlines in the U.S. in recent days have justifiably focused on Hurricane Ike and the trail of destruction it left in its wake here. As we went to press, at least 40 people had lost their lives in the U.S. and some communities, including several in northern and southern Indiana, were still working to overcome the challenges that

resulted from flooding and damaging high winds.

And one could argue that with the extensive damage done by the storm so close to home, it would be easy to forget about our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba and Haiti who desperately need our prayers—and resources, too.

While human nature might lead us down that road, our faith as Catholics implores us to remember and help our brothers and sisters in the U.S., Cuba and Haiti.

Through our actions, may we do just that.

—Mike Krokos

(Editor's note: The archdiocesan Mission Office is accepting donations for victims of the recent hurricanes that hit the U.S., Cuba and Haiti. Checks should be made out to the "Mission Office." Please note on the memo line which relief effort your contribution is for. Mail donations to: Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Mission Office, 1400 N. Meridian St., P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1717.) †

Be Our Guest/Angela Hayes

Religious sister's support for candidate, newspaper's publishing of story is troubling to reader

I am writing about an article that appeared in the Sept. 5 issue of *The Criterion*.

The story was from Catholic News Service and featured the headline "Obama invokes American spirit, echoes 'Faithful Citizenship' themes."

In the article, Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service who is executive director of Network, a Washington-based Catholic social justice lobby, is quoted extensively supporting Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama because he plans to fund health care programs allowing women to carry their babies full term, thereby reducing the need for abortion.

She contends that many women turn to abortion because they lack access to prenatal care and economic means to support a child.

Sister Simone did not mention Obama's voting history regarding life issues, nor the many programs and crisis centers all over the U.S. to help a woman with her pregnancy and support for her children.

When I first read this, I thought surely a Catholic nun cannot be taking this position. It appears that Sister Simone is indeed a Catholic nun.

If a Catholic is looking for an excuse to support Obama in this election, he or she could justify it based upon the opinion of this Catholic nun.

I think Catholic priests and religious need to be very careful about what they say to avoid scandal and misrepresenting Catholic teachings.

Even though an increase in health care funding to the poor sounds good, it does not come close to the weight of the moral travesty of abortion.

Nothing can supersede the importance of abolishing a law that allows and even encourages the murder of innocent victims.

I think Sister Simone has been wooed by the deceptive charm of the Democratic National Convention and blinded by the trees in the forest.

My next concern is that Catholic News Service and a Catholic archdiocesan newspaper would print this article with such veracity. Sister Simone's opinion is not in alignment with the spirit of the teachings of the Church.

"Faithful Citizenship" does not mean disregard the most crucial issues in an election to support a potentially good secondary issue.

"Faithful Citizenship" requires that we look at the integrity and consistency of performance of any candidate in order to make judgments about his or her future performances. It's called good common sense.

(Angela Hayes is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.) †

Letters to the Editor

Upcoming family events will help the needy in Indianapolis area

You can attend one of several upcoming family-friendly events close to home while also helping the poor in the Indianapolis area.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, there is free admission—a \$13 value for adults—to the Indy Irish Fest with a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The food drive is held in conjunction with the Celtic Mass celebrated on the Hibernian stage at Military Park in Indianapolis at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27, is the first-ever "Friends of the Poor, Walk a Mile in My Shoes" event. The walk begins at 2 p.m. and will be held at Washington Park, 3130 E. 30th St., in Indianapolis, across from the St. Vincent de Paul Pratt-Quigley Center/Pantry.

Non-competitive 1- and 5-kilometer walks will be held to raise funds for the ministries of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Funds can be designated to support a parish conference or the city-wide special works ministries (food pantry and distribution center). Registration, sponsorship and pledge information is available at

www.SVDPindy.org.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, Marian College will host St. Francis College in a football game at Pike High School in Indianapolis. Admission to the game is free with a minimum donation of three non-perishable food items. The food will be collected by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and sorted for distribution to needy families who regularly visit the pantry at 3001 E. 30 St.

All donations are appreciated, but the following items are in most need: canned meats, fish, stews, peanut butter, all types of pasta, box dinners, various box mixes, cereal and canned fruit.

For more information on the charitable works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Indianapolis area, please visit our Web site at www.SVDPindy.org.

Note that we are a 100 percent volunteer organization so every dollar goes to direct aid to the needy.

Don Striegel
Pantry Volunteer Coordinator
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Indianapolis

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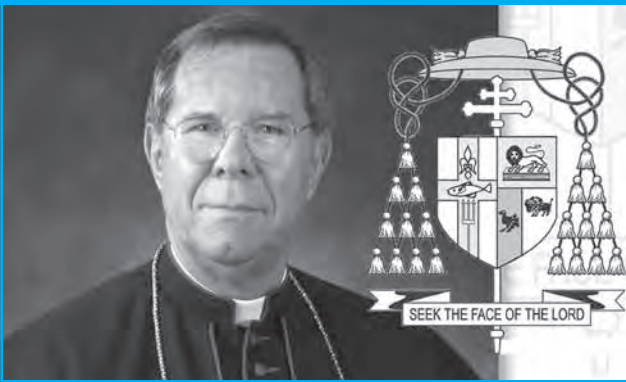
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Letters must be signed, but, for serious reasons, names may be withheld.

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



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Holy Land pilgrimage will be anchored in prayer

My summer reflections on the Stations of the Cross were intended as a prelude to the archdiocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land launching the observance of our 175th anniversary.

The origins of the Catholic Church in Indiana, as elsewhere, have their roots in the Holy Land. We begin our jubilee retracing the footsteps of Jesus in his homeland.

God willing, as this column appears in *The Criterion*, I will be in the Holy Land leading 42 other pilgrims.

We are privileged to be able to make this pilgrimage representing our local Church. We are keeping all of the members of our archdiocese in our thoughts and prayers as we follow Jesus in the historic places he frequented on his way to Calvary and the Resurrection.

A pilgrimage differs from an ordinary tour in that it is anchored in prayer as we journey from sacred place to sacred place. As is our custom on pilgrimage, we pray for a special intention each day. By the time you read this, we will be on our way.

We flew from Indianapolis on Sept. 17 to Atlanta, and from Atlanta to Tel Aviv, Israel, arriving on Thursday, Sept. 18.

This first day found us offering Mass in Netanyahu, not far from Tel Aviv. This Mass and this day were offered in special thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given our archdiocese over these 175 years. And we prayed that God will give us a

special jubilee blessing for our anniversary.

On Sept. 19, we were in Cana where, at the request of his Blessed Mother, Jesus changed the water into wine at a wedding feast. It was his first public miracle in which his divinity was made manifest.

It was appropriate that the intention of our Mass and the prayers of the day should be offered for all the married couples of our archdiocese. We offered a special blessing for the married folks with us on the pilgrimage. I couldn't help but think of all the husbands and wives who were our ancestors in the Catholic faith in Indiana.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, we will offer Mass in the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The Mass and the day will be offered for all the children of our families.

This is the village where Christ grew up, where he worked as a carpenter and worshiped with Mary and Joseph. The Basilica of the Annunciation stands on the site where the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary announcing that she was to become the mother of our Savior.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, we will offer Mass in the Church of the Beatitudes in a truly beautiful part of the Holy Land, Galilee. Jesus spent a lot of his public ministry here.

Our Mass and the prayer and journey of the day are offered for our priests, deacons and seminarians. We pray that God will bless their ministry in the archdiocese now and in the future. I will pray for Bishop Simon Bruté and all the priests who

have proclaimed the Catholic faith in Indiana through 175 years.

On Sept. 22, we will celebrate the Eucharist in Bethlehem near the shepherds' field and the cave where Jesus was born.

This day, we pray gratefully for all the consecrated religious women and men, those who are a special grace for us now and all those special religious of the past. I will be thinking of St. Theodora Guérin.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, we will be at the site of the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus suffered in great agony at the beginning of his Passion. We will offer the Eucharist in the Church called *Dominus Flevit*, The Lord Weeps. It is moving to realize concretely how much Jesus loves us. This Mass and the prayers of this day are offered for our youth, young adults and single folks of the archdiocese.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, we offer Mass and pray for the elderly, the sick and the homebound of the archdiocese. It is appropriate to offer this day for them as we celebrate at the Church of St. Ann, the mother of Mary and the grandmother of Jesus.

Thursday, Sept. 25, is offered for our ministries of charity, evangelization and

education at the Church of the Visitation. The Blessed Mother's visit to the elderly and pregnant Elizabeth was a generous act of charity.

On Friday, Sept. 26, as we visit the various sites in Jerusalem, we will offer Mass and pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our archdiocese. This intention is paramount.

On our final pilgrimage day, we will offer Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Christ's suffering, death and resurrection give us pause once more to offer thanks for the gift of our Catholic faith that enlivens our archdiocese.

We are blessed people. †

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

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

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for September

Teachers/Religious Education Directors: that they may rely on the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit as they hand on the Catholic faith to our youth and encourage them to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

La peregrinación a Tierra Santa se anclará en la oración

Mis reflexiones del verano sobre las estaciones del Vía Crucis tenían por objeto servir de prelude a la peregrinación arquidiocesana a Tierra Santa que da inicio a la conmemoración de nuestro aniversario número 175.

Los orígenes de la Iglesia Católica en Indiana, al igual que en todas partes, tienen sus raíces en Tierra Santa. Comenzamos nuestra celebración volviendo sobre los pasos de Jesús en su tierra natal.

Con el favor de Dios, cuando esta columna se publique en *The Criterion*, estaré en Tierra Santa guiando a otros 42 peregrinos.

Tenemos el privilegio de poder realizar esta peregrinación en representación de nuestra iglesia local. Llevamos en nuestro pensamiento y en nuestras oraciones a todos los miembros de nuestra arquidiócesis, mientras seguimos a Jesús por los lugares históricos que visitó en su camino al Calvario y la Resurrección.

Una peregrinación se diferencia de una excursión común en que aquella se ancla en la oración mientras nos desplazamos de un lugar sagrado a otro. Como es costumbre durante nuestras peregrinaciones, cada día rezamos por una intención especial. Para cuando lean esto, estaremos ya en camino.

Volamos desde Indianápolis a Atlanta el 17 de septiembre, y de Atlanta a Tel Aviv, Israel, llegando el jueves 18 de septiembre.

Este primer día lo recibimos celebrando la Misa en Netanyahu, no muy lejos de Tel Aviv. Ofrecimos esa Misa y ese día en especial agradecimiento por todas las bendiciones que Dios le ha dado a nuestra arquidiócesis durante estos 175 años. Y rezamos para que Dios nos dé una bendición

especial en ocasión de la celebración de nuestro aniversario.

El 19 de septiembre estuvimos en Cana donde, a petición de su Santa Madre, Jesús transformó el agua en vino durante la celebración de una boda. Ese fue su primer milagro público en el cual su divinidad se puso de manifiesto.

Resultaba apropiado que la intención de nuestra Misa y nuestras oraciones del día se ofrecieran por todas las parejas de casados de nuestra arquidiócesis. Ofrecimos una bendición especial por los compañeros casados que se encuentran con nosotros en la peregrinación. No pude menos que pensar en todos los esposos y esposas que fueron nuestros ancestros en la fe Católica en Indiana.

El sábado 20 de septiembre ofreceremos una Misa en la Iglesia de la Anunciación en Nazaret. La Misa y el día se ofrecerán por todos los niños en nuestras familias.

Esa es la aldea donde creció Cristo, donde trabajó como carpintero y rendía culto junto con María y José. La Basílica de la Anunciación se erige en el lugar donde el Arcángel Gabriel se le apareció a María anunciándole que se iba a convertir en la madre de nuestro Salvador.

El domingo 21 de septiembre ofreceremos una Misa en la Iglesia de las Beatitudes, en una parte verdaderamente hermosa de la Tierra Santa, Galilea. Jesús pasó allí buena parte de su ministerio público.

Nuestra Misa, las oraciones y nuestro recorrido del día se ofrecerán por nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos y seminaristas. Rezamos a Dios para que bendiga su ministerio en la arquidiócesis hoy y en el futuro. Rezaré por el Obispo Simón Bruté y

todos los sacerdotes que han proclamado la fe católica en Indiana a lo largo de estos 175 años.

El 22 de septiembre celebraremos la Eucaristía en Belén, cerca del campo de los pastores y la cueva donde nació Jesús.

En ese día rezaremos con agradecimiento por todos los hombres y mujeres consagrados a la vida religiosa, quienes son una gracia especial para nosotros hoy y todos aquellos religiosos especiales del pasado. Estaré pensando en Santa Theodora Guérin.

El martes 23 de septiembre estaremos en el lugar del Jardín de Getsemaní, donde Jesús sufrió una gran agonía al comienzo de su Pasión. Ofreceremos la Eucaristía en la Iglesia llamada *Dominus Flevit*, El Señor lloró. Resulta conmovedor darnos cuenta de manera palpable cuánto nos amó Jesús. La Misa y las oraciones de ese día se ofrecerán por nuestra juventud, los jóvenes adultos y los solteros de nuestra arquidiócesis.

El miércoles 24 de septiembre ofreceremos la Misa y las oraciones por todos los ancianos, los enfermos y aquellos que se encuentran confinados a sus hogares de la arquidiócesis. Resulta apropiado ofrecer este día por ellos al celebrar en la Iglesia de Santa Ana, la madre de María y abuela de Jesús.

El jueves 25 de septiembre se ofrecerá por nuestros ministerios de caridad, evangelización y educación en la Iglesia de

la Visitación. La visita de la Santa Madre a Isabel, ya mayor y embarazada, fue un acto de caridad generoso.

El viernes 26 de septiembre, mientras visitamos diversos lugares en Jerusalén, ofreceremos la Misa y las oraciones por las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida consagrada en nuestra arquidiócesis. Esta intención es de capital importancia.

En nuestro último día de peregrinación, ofreceremos la misa en la Iglesia del Santo Sepulcro. El sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de Cristo nos proporcionan una vez más la pausa necesaria para dar las gracias por el don de nuestra fe católica que aviva nuestra arquidiócesis.

Somos un pueblo bendecido. †

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

Lista de oración del Arzobispo
Buechlein
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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en septiembre

Maestros/Directores de Educación Religiosa: ¡que ellos puedan contar con la fuerza y dirección del Espíritu Santo cuando pasen la fe Católica a los jóvenes y les den ánimo a ellos a considerar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa!

Events Calendar

September 19

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Mass, 6:30 a.m., followed by buffet breakfast, "Common Cents: Whose Money is It?" Dr. Matthew Hayes, president, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, presenter, \$14 per person. Information and registration: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

Roncalli High School, cafeteria, 3300 Prague Road, Indianapolis. **Spaghetti dinner**, Parents Organization, sponsor, 5-7 p.m., \$6 per person or \$20 per family. Information: 317-787-8277.

September 19-20

St. Malachy Parish, 326 N. Green St., Brownsburg. **Country Fair and hog roast**, 4-11 p.m., food, booths. Information: 317-852-3195.

St. Thomas More Parish, 1200 N. Indiana St., Mooresville. **Apple Fest**, food, crafts, games, Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Information: 317-831-4142.

September 20

Holy Cross Parish, 12239 State Road 62, St. Croix. **Rummage sale**, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-843-5701.

St. Bartholomew Parish, 1306 27th St., Columbus. **Parish Cantor Conference**, archdiocesan Liturgical Music Commission, presenter, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-236-1483, 800-382-9836, ext. 1483, or ctuley@archindy.org.

September 21

Military Park, West Street and New York Street, Indianapolis.

Irish Fest, free admission with donation of food to St. Vincent de Paul Society, canned meats, stews, pasta, boxed dinners not needed. Celtic Mass, Hibernian Stage, 10:30 a.m., festival 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Information: 317-786-8066.

St. Louis Parish, 13 E. St. Louis Place, Batesville. **Fall Festival**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., chicken and roast beef dinners, games. Information: 812-934-3204.

St. Michael Parish, 101 St. Michael Drive, Charlestown. **September Fest**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner. Information: 765-832-8468.

St. Meinrad Parish, Community Center, 13150 E. County Road 1950 N., St. Meinrad. **Fall Festival**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., food, games, 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, 10 a.m., on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, groups of 10 pray the new Marian Way, 1 p.m., Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant. Information: 812-689-3551.

September 21-December 14 St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. **"English as a Second Language,"** 8:45-10:30 a.m., \$20 for 12-week session. Information: 317-291-7014, ext. 27, or ikeith@stgabrielindy.org.

September 23

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave.,

Beech Grove. **"Are You Catholic and Don't Know What You Believe?,"** session two of four, Benedictine Father Matthias Newman, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

First Mennonite Church, 4601 Knollton Road, Indianapolis. **NAMI Indianapolis "Family to Family,"** education course to learn your role as caregiver of adults struggling with depression, bipolar disorder or other mental illness, 12-week course, 7-9:30 p.m., no charge, pre-registration required. Information: 317-767-7653 or info@namiindy.org.

September 24

Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 S., Indianapolis. **"Caterpillar Kids,"** bereavement program for children ages 5 to 12, St. Francis Hospice, sponsor. Information and registration: 317-859-2879.

September 25

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 3033 Martin Road, Floyds Knobs. **Dessert and card party**, 7-10 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 812-923-3011.

Holy Cross Parish, Kelley Gymnasium, 125 N. Oriental St., Indianapolis. **Addiction Recovery Month community celebration**, 5-7 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620.

Fairview Presbyterian Church, 4609 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charities Indianapolis, support group for caregivers of older adults, "Fall Prevention and Weight**

Management," 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-261-3378 or mwoodsworth@archindy.org.

September 25-27

St. Joseph Parish, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes. **Fall Festival**, food, rides, games, silent auction, 5-11 p.m. Information: 317-244-9002 or 317-244-3750.

September 27

Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. **"Lions Breathing Fire: Living the Catholic Faith,"** third annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information: 317-924-3982, 317-888-0873 or www.indianacatholicmen.com.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 4052 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. **St. Andrew Fest**, candlelight dinner, Mass, 4:30 p.m., dinner, 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-1571.

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **"Taste of St. Rita,"** 6 p.m.-10 p.m., food, silent auction, \$30 per person. Information: 317-632-9349.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Angels of Grace: A Celebration of Women,"** luncheon and style show, "On A Wing and A Prayer," 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$30 per person. Information: 317-788-7581.

Sahm Park, 6800 E. 91st St., Indianapolis. Cathedral High School. **"Rock the Park,"** fundraiser to build a children's playground in

New Orleans, bands, corn hole, games, food, 4-8 p.m., \$5 admission. Information: 317-257-9145 or ecmooney@cathedral-irish.org.

St. Vincent Women's Hospital, 8111 Township Line Road, Indianapolis. Couple to Couple League of Indianapolis. **Natural Family Planning (NFP) class**, 9-11 a.m. Information: 317-228-9276.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1723 I St., Bedford. **"Oktoberfest,"** Polka Mass, 5 p.m., German dinner, 6 p.m., games. Information: 812-275-6539.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Keep On Keepin' On: The Parameters of Good Friendships,"** 9-11:30 a.m., free-will offering. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

St. Francis Hospital, 1201 Hadley Road, Mooresville. **Free screening for peripheral vascular disease**, 7 a.m.-noon. Information: 317-782-4422.

Churchill Downs, 704 Central Ave., Louisville, Ky. **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Friends of the Poor Walk,"** walk-a-thon fundraiser, 8:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. walk. Information: 502-301-8670.

September 27-28

St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis. **Fall Dinner Theater**, buffet dinner and play, Sat. 6 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 317-631-8746.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St.,

Indianapolis. **60th Anniversary Celebration**, Sat. Mass, 5:30 p.m., light supper following Mass, Sun. Mass, 10 a.m., parish cookout following Mass. Information: 317-926-7359.

September 28

St. Michael Parish, 11400 Farmers Lane, N.E., Bradford. **Parish festival**, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., chicken dinner, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., picnic, booths, games. Information: 812-364-6646.

St. Mark Parish, 5377 Acorn Road, Tell City. **Parish festival and picnic**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., ham shoot, chili, quilts, games. Information: 812-836-2481.

Fayette County 4-H Fairgrounds, Expo Hall, Connersville. **St. Gabriel Parish, Fall Festival**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., fried chicken dinner, games. Information: 765-825-8578.

Holy Family Parish, Third Street and Church Avenue, Jasper, Ind. (Diocese of Evansville). **Parish picnic**, chicken and roast beef dinners, mock turtle soup, country store, children's games, quilts, 10:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Information: 812-482-3076.

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Retreats and Programs

September 19-21

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Tobit Weekend,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information: 317-545-7681 or

www.archindy.org/fatima.

September 20

Monastery Immaculate Conception, Kordes Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand, Ind. **"Saturday Morning at the Dome—Staying Grounded in the Midst of Change,"** Benedictine Sister Jane Will, presenter, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 includes

continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 812-367-1411 or spirituality@thedome.org.

September 26-28

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Celebrating Paul of Tarsus,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

September 27

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Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Angels of Grace: A Celebration of Women,"** luncheon, awards program and fashion show, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$30 per person. Information and reservations: 317-788-7581.

October 3-5

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Living the Rule of St. Benedict,"** Benedictine Father Harry Hagan, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

Mount Saint Francis Retreat Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mount St. Francis. **"Friends of St. Francis Retreat,"** Information: 812-923-8817 or retreats@mountsaintfrancis.org.

October 7-9

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive,

St. Meinrad. **Mid-week retreat, "Made for Happiness: God's Logic in the Beatitudes,"** Benedictine Father Vincent Tobin, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

October 9

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Mary: A Woman for Now,"** Franciscan Sister Olga Wittekind, presenter, 9-11:30 p.m., \$10. Information: 812-933-6437.

October 10-12

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Praying with Icons,"** Benedictine Brother Thomas Gricoski, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

October 18

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Catholic Adult Fellowship, day retreat, "The Didache Today,"** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$20 includes lunch. Information: 317-876-5425.

Monastery Immaculate Conception, Kordes Center, 841 E. 14th St., Ferdinand. **"Saturday Morning at the Dome—Be Salt! Be Light! Be Fully Alive!,"** Benedictine Sister Karen Joseph, presenter, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$35 includes continental breakfast and lunch. Information: 812-367-1411 or spirituality@thedome.org.

October 19

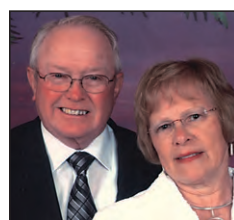
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **"Pre Cana Program,"** marriage preparation program for engaged couples. Information and registration: www.archindy.org/family/marriage-precana.html. †



Sideline sisters

Three Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods pose for a picture before the Indianapolis Colts played the Chicago Bears on Sept. 7 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. A Bears' fan, Sister Jean Kenny, left, of Chicago received three tickets from Colts' owner Jim Irsay after she predicted several months ago that Indianapolis would be chosen by the National Football League to host the 2012 Super Bowl. When her prediction came true, Irsay gave her three tickets to the opening game in the new stadium. Sister Jean shared her good fortune with Sister Barbara McClelland, center, and Sister Rita Wade, Colts' fans who are co-directors of Miracle Place, a Sisters of Providence ministry that offers hope and education to inner city children and their low-income families on the near-east side of Indianapolis.

VIPs



Bob and Dorothy (Exelby) Root, members of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20.

The couple was married on Sept. 20, 1958, at St. Joseph Church in St. Johns, Mich.

They have two children: David and Michael Root. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. †

Jim Sedlak's life's work is ending horror of abortion

By Mary Ann Wyand

Abortion is on Jim Sedlak's mind every day. Ending the horror of abortion—and saving the souls of unborn babies and their mothers—is his life's work.

As vice president of the American Life League based in Stafford, Va., Sedlak coordinates STOPP, which stands for "Stop Planned Parenthood."

Saving lives in crisis pregnancies is an urgent ministry that takes him all over the country throughout the year as he works to educate people about how abortion kills babies and harms women.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy in its *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions in 1973, more than 50 million unborn babies have died in surgical abortions. That number increases daily.

Accurate statistics are not available on the number of first trimester babies killed in chemical abortions from artificial

contraceptives and the RU-486 abortifacient drug because many occur in the home environment.

Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider so the American Life League targets its clinics with pro-life educational efforts and spiritual warfare.

Last year, Sedlak was encouraged by the success of the first national "40 Days for Life" ecumenical prayer and fasting campaign held from Sept. 26 through Nov. 4 in 89 cities in 33 states.

The campaign mobilized pro-life supporters to pray outside abortion centers as well as at perpetual adoration chapels, churches and in their homes for 40 days and to fast frequently during that time.

He participated in a "40 Days for Life" prayer vigil last October in Indianapolis and spoke at several Catholic parishes in the state about how Planned Parenthood promotes the culture of death through abortion and artificial contraceptives.

"Their programs all lead to death, either

the death of babies in the womb or the death of young people's souls as they get them involved in sexual lifestyles," Sedlak emphasized after praying the rosary last fall in front of Planned Parenthood of Indiana's newest and largest abortion clinic at 8590 Georgetown Road.

Other Planned Parenthood of Indiana abortion clinics are located in Avon, Bloomington and Merrillville, and 31 smaller clinics in cities throughout the state offer birth control services.

"The other 31 clinics provide birth control products that prevent implantation [of a fertilized ovum] and are [chemical] abortifacients—birth control pills, ... skin patches, ... shots and morning-after pills," Sedlak explained. "The morning-after pills are especially dangerous because they're essentially four times the dose of the birth control pill [administered] in a 24-hour period. That can't be good on a woman's body chemistry."

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St. Luke the Evangelist parishioner John Hanagan of Indianapolis, left, talks with St. Bartholomew parishioner Eileen Hartman of Columbus, director of The Gabriel Project, a pro-life ministry for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, and Jim Sedlak, vice president of the American Life League and coordinator of STOPP, on Oct. 1, 2007, outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic (not pictured) at 8590 Georgetown Road in Indianapolis.

'40 Days for Life' campaigns targeted to end abortion nationwide

Criterion staff report

"40 Days for Life" ecumenical prayer and fasting campaigns in Indianapolis and Louisville, Ky., will work to end abortion as part of a national pro-life effort from Sept. 24 through Nov. 2.

This year, pro-life supporters in more than 173 communities in 45 states will conduct simultaneous peaceful and prayerful campaigns.

Pro-life supporters from central and southern Indiana are invited to participate in a "40 Days for Life-Indy" prayer rally from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sept. 21 in the chapel at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged,

2345 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis.

"We want to start this effort by drawing members of the community together to share the vision of '40 Days for Life' and to pray for God's blessings on this effort," said St. Bartholomew parishioner Eileen Hartman of Columbus, director of The Gabriel Project, a pro-life ministry for women experiencing crisis pregnancies, and co-coordinator of the "40 Days for Life" campaign in Indianapolis.

Servants of the Gospel of Life Sister Diane Carollo, director of the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, will serve as the emcee for the rally.

David Bereit, the national director of

"40 Days for Life," now in its second year, will be the keynote speaker.

St. Thomas More parishioner Bernadette Roy of Mooresville, who had an abortion

years ago, will speak about the Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion reconciliation ministry offered by the

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of spiritual maturity.

When he took a drink from the Lourdes spring that many pilgrims believe to be the font of miraculous cures, he was demonstrating that the Christian lives by simple signs and symbols as well as by theological ideas.

The pope's trip to Lourdes was bound to be compared to Pope John Paul II's moving visit to the shrine in 2004. Ailing and unsteady, the late pope had to ask for help on the altar. It was his last foreign trip.

Pope Benedict was not a personal witness to suffering like his predecessor, but he left no doubt that ministry to the sick is a benchmark of Catholicism.

At his Mass with thousands of sick

people on Sept. 15, the final day of his visit, he thanked Catholics at Lourdes and all over the world who volunteer their time and effort to help the infirm.

That highlighted a key theme of Pope Benedict's pontificate, one he has underlined in encyclicals but which is sometimes overlooked: that personal charity—love in action—is the ultimate expression of faith in Jesus Christ.

Another difference between Pope Benedict and Pope John Paul surfaced during the visit. The late pope, on his first trip to France in 1980, sternly critiqued the French drift from the faith, asking Catholics, "France, the eldest daughter of the Church, are you faithful to the promise of your baptism?"

Pope Benedict took a softer approach, alluding to pastoral problems but keeping the focus on the positive—for example, the enthusiastic crowd of 260,000 people at his

Paris liturgy.

In his final talk to French Catholics, he praised them for their "firm faith" and said he had been likewise encouraged by the strong turnout of youths at a Paris vigil.

Where he offered more instructional advice was in his talk to French bishops. He touched on a sore point when he urged the bishops to show flexibility toward traditionalists who want to take advantage of his 2007 rule change on the use of the traditional Latin Mass, the Mass rite used before the Second Vatican Council.

As a whole, though, the pope framed his message in optimistic terms. Whether talking to politicians, pastoral workers, scholars, the sick or the young, he emphasized that the



Pope Benedict XVI prepares to anoint a nun with holy oil during a Mass for the sick at the Marian sanctuaries of Lourdes, France, on Sept. 15. The pope was in Lourdes primarily to mark the 150th anniversary of Mary's appearances to St. Bernadette Soubirous.

Church is at home in France, and its voice—including the voice of prayer—must continue to be heard. †

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"If you read the package inserts, the birth control pill has all kinds of bad side effects," he said. "Heart attacks and strokes are normal with the birth control pill, and they've been shown to have links to breast cancer, to making women more susceptible to a host of sexually transmitted viruses and ... [to] lower bone density."

Planned Parenthood clinics must be closed, Sedlak emphasized, and pro-life supporters need to use prayer to accomplish that goal.

"It's going to take a lot of prayer because it's God who can close Planned Parenthood [clinics]," he said. "You can't go about this fight without a very solid prayer life. ... We are heartened to see how many of the '40 Days for Life' events are at Planned Parenthood facilities. We need people praying in front of [abortion] clinics with signs as often as we

can get them out there because it hurts their business and saves [babies'] lives. Having a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Planned Parenthood [clinics] is one of the major things that are needed in the fight to end abortion."

As part of their pro-abortion agenda, Sedlak said, Planned Parenthood provides sex education programs and confidential birth control services for minors to encourage them to participate in premarital sexual activity.

Nationally, Planned Parenthood clinics earn about \$180 million a year from the sale of birth control products, he said, and about \$118 million a year from their abortion business.

"People need to know the truth about abortion and Planned Parenthood," he said. "You can fight Planned Parenthood. You can close their clinics and get them out of town. Planned Parenthood has all the money and we have God, so we have an unfair advantage and we're going to win." †

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Catholic Church as well as the national Silent No More and Operation Outcry campaigns.

St. Mary parishioner Luis Fernando Aguayo of Indianapolis will address the participants in Spanish.

Father James Heyd of Priests for Life

will conclude the first portion of the rally at the St. Augustine Home chapel then lead the participants in a prayerful procession to the Planned Parenthood clinic at 8590 Georgetown Road for more prayers and singing until 4 p.m.

"We look forward to seeing what kind of transformation God will bring about in our city," said Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary parishioner Eric Slaughter of Indianapolis, who is co-coordinator of the

campaign in Indianapolis with Hartman.

In Kentucky, Jenny Hutchinson is helping coordinate the "40 Days for Life" campaign and prayer vigils in front of the E.M.W. Women's Surgical Center in downtown Louisville.

"People here in Louisville [will] join with others from across the country to pray and fast," Hutchinson said, "and take courageous action for 40 days to end the tragic violence of abortion. It is exciting for

our city to be a part of something that can have such a lifesaving impact."

(To learn more about the national "40 Days for Life" campaign, log on to www.40daysforlife.com and www.40daysforlife.com/Indianapolis or call Marc Tuttle, president of Right to Life of Indianapolis, at 317-582-1526. For more information about the Louisville campaign, log on to www.40daysforlife.com/louisville.) †

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Church restoration celebrated at solemn high Mass

By Sean Gallagher

OAK FOREST—On Sept. 5, more than 200 worshippers filled SS. Philomena and Cecilia Church in Oak Forest to take part in the celebration of a solemn high Mass that celebrated the recent completion of the restoration of much of the church's interior decoration.

With the plaster walls fixed and repainted, the church looked much different than it did when the traditional Latin Mass apostolate began there on Jan. 9, 2005.

At that time, SS. Philomena and Cecilia Church had been largely unused for five years and had fallen into disrepair. In 2000, St. Cecilia of Rome Parish—as it was known then—was converted into a chapel where special sacramental celebrations, such as baptisms and weddings, could be celebrated, but where regular Sunday or weekday Masses did not take place.

When the apostolate began in 2005, Kenneth Voelker, previously a member of St. Cecilia of Rome Parish, said that he was glad liturgies were being celebrated regularly in the church again so that it wasn't "just collecting dust and being a little place for the critters to exist in."

Voelker and his wife, Martha, are now members of SS. Philomena and Cecilia Parish, and they appreciate the great changes that have happened in the church that, except for the five years it was a chapel, has been their spiritual home since the 1970s.

"Everything has just turned out so beautifully," said Martha Voelker. "You're in awe when you walk in. I'm constantly looking around and seeing something different that I didn't see before."

The work done in the church was extensive. The walls and ceilings were completely repainted. Statues in the church were restored as were various emblems painted on the walls and ceilings. Painted on

the emblems are such images as a dove, baptismal font and chalice.

The walls in the sanctuary received special attention. The area was painted to look like a sunrise horizon, a symbol both of the resurrection of Christ and his glorious return at the end of time.

Much of this work was done to replicate the appearance of the church at around the turn of the 20th century.

A new feature to the church, however, is a large painting of a pelican on the ceiling above the seating for the congregation. The pelican is seen piercing its breast to feed its young on its own blood, an ancient symbol of the Eucharist.

The church's stained-glass windows are currently in the process of being restored.

Work on them is scheduled to be completed in December.

The cost for the restoration project is \$310,000.

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Gerard Saguto, the administrator of the parish, said the restoration of the church is a way to help parishioners grow in the faith.

"It teaches that the faith is living," Father Saguto said. "The imagery on the walls are all things that help raise the heart and soul to God. That's the ultimate thing. Is it assisting people with the worship of God in the

'Through the centuries, men and women have risked their lives—to do what we're doing here tonight in this beautiful church: celebrate Mass. Tonight, we re-dedicate this building to the worship of Almighty God.'

—Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel

sacred liturgy?"

Matthew Dole, 44, a father of seven and member of SS. Philomena and Cecilia, answered Father Saguto's question with an emphatic "Yes."

"It [the restoration work] focuses you upon what is occurring at Mass," Dole said. "The focus of the church is to the altar. We're all focusing in the same direction. We're all focusing toward God."

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, centered his homily at the Sept. 5 Mass on what happens at the altar.

"Through the centuries, men and women have risked their lives—risked their lives—to do what we're doing here tonight in this beautiful church: celebrate Mass," he said. "... Tonight, we re-dedicate this building to the worship of Almighty God."

Father Saguto was the celebrant at the solemn high Mass. Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father Michael Magiera, associate pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, served as deacon during the liturgy while Father Christian Kappes served as subdeacon.

Dole said the high value that the parish community put on restoring their church teaches a lesson to the younger members of the faith community.

"The children are seeing that our priority in life is worship," he said. "It's the Mass. It's to know and love and serve God. And the church lends itself to that."

Artist Todd Brausch, based in Columbus, Ohio, did all of the painting for the restoration project.

He, his wife and two children lived in the parish's rectory for a month while he did much of the work.

Brausch and his family were present for the liturgy. Afterward, he joked when asked if he prayed while doing the restoration work in the church.

"Anytime you're 40 feet in the air, you pray," said Brausch, chuckling. "You do lots of praying."

The artist stood on scaffolds to paint the church's high ceiling.

Putting humor aside, Brausch said it meant a lot to see his artistry come together through the liturgy's actions.

"That's the whole point," Brausch said. "It was beautiful. It gives it life. It gives it a reason." †



Some 200 worshippers pray during a solemn high traditional Latin Mass celebrated on Sept. 5 at SS. Philomena and Cecilia Church in Oak Forest in the Batesville Deanery to celebrate the completion of the restoration of much of the church's interior decoration.



Ed Lohman, a member of SS. Philomena and Cecilia Parish in Oak Forest, rings the parish church's bells with, from left, altar servers Zachary Weber and Michael Mersch and bell ringer Joseph Wilson before the Mass.

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Bringing facts and principles to the health care debate in 2008

(Editor's note: In preparation for the 2008 U.S. elections, experts at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have drafted essays on several topics to guide voters in the decision-making process by using the bishops' 2007 statement "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" as a blueprint on how Catholic social teaching should affect political participation by Catholics. The following is the fourth article in a 10-part series. For more information, log on to www.faithfulcitizenship.org/media.)

By Kathy Saile

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Polls show that voters consider health care a central national issue for the upcoming elections.



Kathy Saile

There is growing consensus that the health care system in the United States is broken and needs reform. It serves too few and costs too much.

The Catholic bishops of the United States have offered several basic criteria for assuring health care coverage for all that offers a moral framework for discussion in this election year. They include:

- Respect for human life and dignity,
- Priority concern for the poor and vulnerable,
- Pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism,
- Restraining health care costs.

This overdue national discussion ought to begin with some basic facts.

The fact is nearly 1 million babies a year do not see their day of their birth as a result of abortion on demand. The fact is 47 million people in the wealthiest and most technologically advanced country in the world lack health care coverage. The fact is that \$1 of every \$6 spent in the United States is spent on health care.

And the fact is if you live in poverty in the United States, your life

expectancy is nearly five years shorter than your more affluent neighbors' life expectancy.

As a nation, this is not morally right. We can do better.

The bishops' statement, "Forming

Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," stresses that "affordable and accessible health care is an essential safeguard of human life and a fundamental human right."

Catholic teaching calls on society to respect and protect life from the moment of conception until natural death.

All people have a right to health care regardless of where they work, where they

come from or how much money they have. Quality health care should be accessible to every person as a part of basic respect for human life and dignity.

As part of how we exercise faithful citizenship, Catholics voters should assess how political candidates' health care positions will bring about effective and

affordable health coverage for all and enhance or diminish the level of dignity with which those in need are treated.

No one should be left without essential health care. In addition, no national health care proposal should advance or include threats to life, like abortion, euthanasia or assisted suicide.

Health care reform proposals should support preventive health care strategies as well as ways to restrain increasing health care costs. Health care reform should begin with pursuing coverage for all, and include a basic standard of care for physical and mental health as well as respect for pluralism in health care delivery, including religious and other non-profit providers of care.

Health care is not just another issue for the Church. It is one way the Church continues Jesus' mission of healing and care for the "least of these" (Mt 25:40).

The Catholic Church provides health care, purchases health care and picks up the pieces of a failing health care system. We serve the sick and uninsured in our emergency rooms, shelters and on the doorsteps of our parishes.

One out of six Americans is cared for in Catholic hospitals. We bring strong convictions and everyday experience to the issue of health care.

Our faith and this election year require

Catholics to join with others in public debate, and to share Catholic teaching and experience in the search for effective health care reform.

The Catholic community offers voters a variety of resources to help form consciences as we cast our votes and hold elected officials accountable. The recent bishops' statement, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," and accompanying resources are available at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

The bishops' "Framework for Comprehensive Health Care Reform" (www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/COMPCARE.PDF) remains timely and offers useful criteria for reform.

The Catholic Health Association (CHA) offers many resources, such as "Our Vision for U.S. Health Care," which is rooted in the teaching of the Church and in the experience of Catholic health care providers throughout the country (www.chausa.org).

And Catholic Charities USA's "Campaign to Reduce Poverty" offers specific policy recommendations for addressing the health needs of poor people in our communities. See more details at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

The voices of the Catholic community should be loud and clear in public discussion on health care in this election and beyond. The health care status quo is morally unacceptable. Our nation can and must do better.

(Kathy Saile is director of the Office of Domestic Social Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development.) †



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Individual and communal hope are closely interrelated

By Fr. Robert Kinast

During the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign, there has been much talk by the candidates about hope and change.

Whatever the political motive, it is a reminder that we are called to a greater hope for personal and communal salvation, which includes all other hopes for human progress and a blessed life in this world.

This is the central theme of Pope Benedict XVI's second encyclical on Christian hope, "*Spe Salvi*." The pope's message encourages people to look beyond their own immediate situation and envision eternal life as offered to us through Christ the Lord.

This life, says the pope, is not a monotonous continuation in existence, but an enjoyment of all that constitutes the fulfillment and happiness of human beings (#12).

Just as important, this life is not offered to individuals in isolation from everyone else, the pope says, but to a people, ultimately to the whole human race. Individuals experience salvation as members of this people, not as solitary beings.

As he did in his first encyclical on love ("*Deus Caritas Est*") and in major addresses since becoming pope, the Holy Father sharpens his message by presenting contrasting ideas. In "*Spe Salvi*," one of the chief contrasts is between personal and communal salvation.

The two are not separate or in conflict, but go hand in hand. However, preoccupation about the first can lead to neglect of the second. It was not always thus.

In Jewish tradition and for most of Christian history, each person's salvation was understood to be bound up with the salvation of others. Examples of this all-embracing mentality are the doctrine of the communion of saints and the practice of prayers for the dead in purgatory and of the intercession of the saints.

However, as scientific discoveries and advances explained nature's mysteries and gave humans more and more control over creation and their own physical lives, the scope of religious concern was reduced for many to the individual. The result was a shift from spiritual hope to material progress, another contrast that the pope employs.

Progress depends on human ingenuity

and creativity. It is a self-reliant way to live, which has little place for God, spirituality or life beyond the here and now.

Hope depends on the free gift of life from its ultimate source: God. It is a shared way to live, which channels the results of material progress toward hope for eternal life.

Drawing yet another contrast in "*Spe Salvi*," the pope affirms that hope is not just informative, telling us that God has offered eternal life. It is also "performative," motivating us to act on the hope we have been given.

In practical terms, this means bringing a positive spirit to whatever we do as well as a sense of judgment about the way that human progress can contribute to the fulfillment of God's promise. This is an ethical judgment, which each generation must make in keeping with the progress of its time (#24-#25). It is also where the communal aspect of salvation comes most into play.

Hope for eternal salvation, the great hope, as Pope Benedict calls it, does not eliminate concern for this world with its scientific developments, competing philosophies, diverse religions and alternate forms of government. Rather, it impels Christians to see these earthly realities against a horizon of hope, which provides a more comprehensive view of life.

Those who understand that their personal salvation is implicated in the salvation of others are moved to reach out to others as God does. This means, first of all, relating in love, which takes many expressions: caring for others when they are ill or troubled or facing obstacles to their happiness. It also means treating others with respect by avoiding stereotypes, ethnic jokes and prejudicial action.

Out of love comes a commitment to justice. Recognizing the roots of poverty, discrimination, violence or greed and trying to change the attitudes and systems that perpetuate them are essential parts of communal salvation.

Action for justice does not have to be at a global level; acting with the people one meets directly is how most people can contribute to a more just world. Of course, there are situations and people one cannot directly serve. In this case, the pope reminds us of the power of prayer and compassionate identification



A church window displays Christian symbols of hope, faith and salvation. In his second encyclical, "*Spe Salvi*" (on Christian hope), Pope Benedict XVI explores the close interrelationship of individual and communal hope for eternal salvation.

with others.

He encourages the traditional practice of offering up minor inconveniences and annoyances as well as bearing one's own genuine suffering in union with the struggle of others (#40).

Perhaps the pope's most striking observation about personal and communal salvation is his treatment of the Last Judgment.

He describes it as the purifying gaze of the Lord, who reveals each person's life for what it truly has been (#47).

This may be a painful experience of missed opportunities and neglected contributions for some people to a blessed life for others, but it eventually gives way to the richer experience of grace whereby God takes all that is redeemable in each person's life and unites it with all others in the divine life.

That is the ultimate meaning of personal and communal salvation.

(Father Robert Kinast is a pastoral theologian in Prairie Village, Kan.) †

Discussion Point

Share hope by reaching out to others in love

This Week's Question

What do you do to bring hope to others?

"I [try] to be a good example to my seven children. ... As a musician, I play ... at Mass or when needed. ... Sometimes people say 'it touched me' or 'the music drew me into prayer.'" (Vince Greczanik, Wadsworth, Ohio)

"I use ... the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota heritage to instill pride and spirituality. ... This inculturation in the Church brings a lot of people back to it. ... I'm also involved with the music ministry, beginnings of the diaconate program, and work with the Cursillo Movement, which brings a lot of hope." (Elliot Ward, Fort Yates, N.D.)

"About a year ago, I coordinated the efforts of four investors ... to purchase Durward's Glen to preserve it as a retreat center and, hopefully, eventually establish a school there. The center is all about getting closer to God ... so you can face the

world with confidence and hope." (Mardy Krejchik, Caledonia Township, Wis.)

"I prepare children for sacraments, but I also work with older, unchurched children and their families. ... I listen to their stories. ... Once they feel welcome, they can begin to feel a connection with the Church and with God." (Pat Grissom, Alpharetta, Ga.)

"I call friends and family members, asking how they are doing and if they need help with anything. They always brighten up, even if the help they need [is something] I can't give." (C. Greene, Baltimore, Md.)

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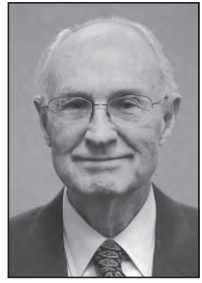
Possible U.S. saints: Sr. Marianne Cope

(Seventeenth in a series of columns)

Back in the Nov. 24, 2000, issue, I wrote about Father Damien de Veuster, the “leper priest” of Molokai, Hawaii. He is one of the U.S. blesseds, beatified in 1995. He went to the leper colony on Molokai in 1873.

Ten years later, Venerable Marianne Cope answered the plea for a community of nuns to nurse the sick poor in Hawaii, especially the lepers on Molokai. She was then 45 years old and the provincial of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Syracuse, N.Y. She was to spend 35 years serving the victims of Hansen’s disease in Hawaii.

Mother Marianne was born Barbara Cope in Heidelberg, Germany. Her family came to the United States when she was 1, and settled in Utica, N.Y. She entered religious life when she was 24, and taught at elementary schools in northern New York for eight years. Then she was appointed



chief administrator of St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse before being elected provincial.

After Father Damien established his mission among the lepers, the vicar apostolic of Hawaii sent letters to more than 50 religious congregations seeking sisters to work on Molokai. Mother Marianne replied enthusiastically then convinced the Father Provincial of the Franciscan community to allow six sisters to go to Hawaii. Mother Marianne accompanied them to Hawaii to establish the new ministry, but the plan was for her to return to Syracuse to continue her work as provincial.

Once in Hawaii, though, it became apparent that Mother Marianne was needed there. When Father Damien contracted terminal leprosy in 1884, there was no possibility that Mother Marianne would return to Syracuse.

By 1888, Mother Marianne had opened three facilities: a general hospital on Maui, the Kapiolani Home for healthy girls of leprosy parents on Oahu, and the C. R. Bishop Home for homeless women and girls with leprosy on the Kalaupapa peninsula at Molokai. In 1888, the

Hawaiian Board of Health required all lepers to be transferred to Molokai. Mother Marianne moved there, but continued to care for her sisters’ spiritual needs in other parts of Hawaii. The sisters on Oahu continued to care for the children at Kapiolani Home.

Father Damien died in 1889, and Mother Marianne began to care for his boys as well as for her girls. She always insisted on strict sanitary procedures, and no sister ever contracted the highly contagious Hansen’s disease.

She had to worry about more than the health of the lepers. It was dangerous for women lepers, and she insisted that the women on Molokai be protected from groups of drunken men who attacked those who had no police to guard them. There were also predators who awaited the girls and boys as they arrived in the settlement.

In 1902, Mother Marianne wrote to her nephew, Paul Cope, “I am working for God, and do so cheerfully. How many graces did he not shower down on me, from my birth till now?”

She died at Kalaupapa on Molokai in 1918 when she was 80. †

For the Journey/Effie Caldarola

‘Oh, the people you’ll meet!’

One of the privileges of writing for the Catholic press is that I get to meet so many inspiring people, folks who are making a difference.

Just last week, I visited a photography project for Hmong children sponsored by Catholic Social Services in Anchorage.

In a modest little clubhouse in a poor part of town, several Hmong immigrant kids between the ages of 9 and 11 were taught to use digital cameras to record stories about their culture, communities and families.

I admired pictures of smiling siblings in native dress, sumptuous gardens which help feed their community and some amazingly artistic floral shots. The kids’ best and favorite photos will appear at an art show at a local Starbucks in September.

While visiting the project, I met a beautiful young woman from Guatemala. This woman, not yet a citizen of the U.S., was helping the Hmong children write about their photos. She compared the native dress in one picture to the native dress in her home country. What an increasingly diverse people we are.

That same week, I sat in the conference room of our local Catholic Social Services’ homeless shelter in Anchorage and heard the president of Catholic Charities USA, Father Larry Snyder, talk about the good work for charity and justice our Church does across the U.S.

Next, I interviewed a handful of young people who are setting off on a year of volunteering. Two of them are going to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and I especially enjoyed talking to them because many years ago I was a young woman preparing to join the JVC.

I remember being scared to death as I got ready to leave the Midwest and head to an Alaskan village I had never heard of to teach Eskimo kids whose first language was Yupik.

Was I as poised and purposeful as these two young volunteers seemed to be? I don’t think so.

The JVC, which began in Alaska in the 1950s, has four pillars for a volunteer year: simple living, spirituality, social justice and community. The stipend is very meager, and the idea of living in community with people you have never met before is challenging.

What impressed me about the two women I interviewed was that each answered in a similar way the question, “What appealed to you about JVC?”

“The simplicity,” said Ann, who is heading to an Indian reservation to teach. “It helps you focus on what’s really important.”

And for Meghan, who will be working with a L’Arche gardening project: “One of the things that appealed to me is that you don’t get a big stipend. It’s a simple lifestyle.”

So much for the image of young folks as materialistic, consumption-driven shopping mall mavens.

And then there is the young gal, whose 3-year-old birthday party I once attended, who is now a nurse and paying her own way to Africa to spend her vacation time this year—a full month—helping out in an orphanage/hospital/clinic compound in Tanzania.

And still on my list of phone calls is a man from Sudan who has organized a southern Sudanese American community association here in Anchorage. Yes, Anchorage has many Sudanese refugees sponsored by our local Catholic Social Services.

Wasn’t it Dr. Seuss who promised the young, “Oh, the people you’ll meet!”?

Maybe he was talking to me, lucky enough to work for the Catholic press. But, more likely, he was talking to all of us, lucky enough to be involved in a Church where the Spirit moves in a thousand remarkable ways and beckons us to get involved!

(Effie Caldarola writes for Catholic News Service.) †

The Joyful Catholic/Rick Hermann

Human life begins before conception—just ask God

A friend of mine is a surgeon who specializes in operating on babies before they are born.



Using a powerful microscope and ultra-fine surgical instruments, this gifted man performs precise life-saving techniques on babies while they are still in their mother’s womb.

He is one of the most focused, careful and confident individuals I have ever known. To be sure, he operates in a realm previously unimaginable, a hidden domain filled with great beauty and mystery.

Throughout human history, a fierce battle has raged over this sacred ground of a woman’s womb to determine when human life begins.

Science has recently answered this question conclusively. Modern biology provides clear evidence that individual human life begins with the union of egg and sperm cell.

From the moment of fertilization, the cells are alive and producing a human being.

In other words, human life begins at conception. This is a scientific fact.

But wait, there is more to our story . . .

Our Lord informs us that each of us existed in a special way before we were born. Even before we were conceived by our biological mother and father, God conceived us supernaturally in his mind.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jer 1:5).

In the mind of God, human life begins before conception.

God wills, anticipates and intends the conception of each one of us. In some mysterious and marvelous way, since we exist in God’s eternal mind before our conception, some aspect of our identity pre-existed our conception.

King David proclaimed, “All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Ps 139:16).

As creatures, we begin our earthly lives at a unique and miraculous moment of fertilization that occurs in an unrepeatable moment in time.

Nevertheless, we retain an eternal dimension of our existence because we existed in the mind of God before we were conceived.

Thus, we each embody a spark of the divine essence. Since God knows us and willed our existence before time began, this knowledge may inform and transform us.

We each inherit the priceless gift of a

timeless history and eternal destiny that germinates, propagates and illuminates our lives.

While we are merely pilgrims traveling this Earth for a short time, we have an infinite radiance to our being here and now.

Even more marvelously, God tells us in Genesis that he creates each one of us in *his image*. The knowledge that we reflect God’s holy imprint and heavenly expression is humbling, breathtaking and exhilarating. Human life is indeed full of miraculous love, sensation and wonder.

How can we think of ourselves as existing in the mind of God? What can we say about our lives before we were born? Words may fail us in the face of such a profound mystery.

All we can say is we are each the manifestation of God’s infinite divine love, eternally planned for all time and joyfully welcomed into existence by our all-knowing Father.

None of us is an accident because God does not make mistakes. We are individually wanted and desperately loved for all time by the Great Life-Giver.

Knowing this makes our lives infinitely more precious, beautiful and meaningful.

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Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Women’s liberation: A legend and a simple tale

Perhaps some *Criterion* readers are acquainted with the following anecdote:



Journalist Barbara Walters of the ABC News program “20/20” reported that she went to Kabul, Afghanistan, before the Afghan conflict.

She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

Several years later, she returned to Kabul and still saw the wives walking even farther behind their husbands.

Walters asked one of the women, “Why do you seem happy with the old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?”

The woman replied without hesitation: “Land mines.”

True or false? According to www.urbanlegends.com, various versions of this tale actually surfaced as long ago as World War II. Sometimes the tale edified women. Other times, the tale was slanted to negate women.

Then along came feminists—some of whom sadly began their movement by belittling many women’s roles in life.

As the years mellowed them, most feminists tempered their views of women who, like me, were housewives, mothers and volunteered much of their time with schools and churches.

I was not a dyed-in-the-wool feminist. However, ultimately I was grateful for and benefited much from some of the new views of women.

Yet, I admit I was “a slow learner.” An example of a simple step toward my so-called freedom was simply buying a ring.

Friends and I went to an arts and crafts show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, something we had done before and many times thereafter. At one point, we stopped at a jewelry display where I admired an unusual gold ring. Its design reminded me of tiny stairs—yes, stairs, not stars—on either side of an amethyst stone.

I left the booth empty-handed. As the afternoon progressed, I returned to that booth a couple more times, always trying on

the ring. My friends encouraged me to buy it. I balked, saying I had better call my husband first. They reminded me that I had a part-time job so surely I could treat myself without permission.

I bought the ring and have not removed it—or my engagement ring, wedding ring or birthstone ring—since then, except in the case of surgery.

Deep in my heart, I sometimes refer to it as my “liberation ring.” However, because of its design, more often I call it “my stairway to heaven.” That’s mainly because, coincidentally, my spiritual life changed for the better after buying that ring. Why? I really don’t know.

What did my husband say? Not one negative word! That is when I realized it was I who was holding on to the idea that I did not deserve that ring.

I already had a husband who, despite some bumps along the way, usually considers me equal.

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008

- Isaiah 55:6-9
- Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- Matthew 20:20:1-16a

The last section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend with its first reading.



Virtually none of the prophets of ancient Israel wrote when times were good or at least when the prophets perceived the times to be good.

Certainly, the author of the section of the Book of Isaiah

from which this weekend's reading comes hardly regarded the times to be good.

There was an added dimension to the story of the unhappy plight then being endured by God's people.

They had returned from Babylon, where they and their ancestors had been in exile for four generations. They had greeted the news that their exile was over with great rejoicing, convinced that God had provided for them and had rescued them. Eagerly, and with great expectation, they had returned to their homeland.

When they returned, they found only want and despair. It is easy to imagine their anger. They were furious with God, and this prophet had to call them back to trusting God.

In this reading, Third Isaiah warns the people not to put their trust in scoundrels. Instead, the prophet tells the people to call upon God. In God alone is true strength, regardless of fleeting appearances to the contrary.

For this weekend's second reading, the Church offers us a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

The Apostle Paul, in this epistle's soaring language, proclaims the divinity of Christ, the Savior, the Son of God.

Paul continues to explain the intimate, inseparable link between the Lord and true disciples.

Come what may on Earth, a disciple will never die if the disciple is constant in loving God and following Christ in obedience to God.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the last reading, which is a parable.

This parable is set within the context

of everyday life in Palestine at the time of Jesus.

Agriculture was the pursuit of most of the people. Life was hard. Many people did not know where to find their next meal. Gainful employment was at a premium. A denarius, the major coin of the Roman Empire, was a typical day's wage.

Men looking for work, and income, came to village centers each morning, making themselves available for labor. Persons with projects came to these places and hired the men.

It was a buyer's market. No labor statutes or requirements for any minimum wage restrained employers in their pursuit of profit. Still, at least for Jews, there were certain expectations of fairness.

Jesus used the term "vineyard." It immediately brought to mind Old Testament references to Israel as God's vineyard so the story from the beginning had a theological and ethnic quality. God owned and cared for the vineyard. He set the rules. God hires the men, and therefore provides them with survival itself.

Two powerful lessons emerge. The first is that God is enormously generous. The second is that God's ways are not necessarily our ways.

Reflection

For some weeks, the Church, through these weekend readings, has been calling us to follow Christ. Wisely, in this process, the Church recognizes that some of us hesitate, not because we do not want to be with the Lord, but because we bear the burden of guilt or doubt. We think that our self-created distance from God is too great to bridge.

Emphatically, in these readings, the Church reassures us of the unlimited mercy of God, the source of life. He lavishly offers it to us.

Whatever our sin, if we repent, even at a late hour, God's loving forgiveness awaits us.

However, we must choose to be with God, to be disciples. No one is dragged, kicking and screaming, into heaven. Discipleship requires faith. Paul's words call us to faith with the reminder that without God all is folly, all is impermanent and all is death. God alone offers life. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Sept. 22
Proverbs 3:27-34
Psalm 15:2-4b, 5
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, Sept. 23
Pio of Pietrelcina, priest
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Psalm 119:1, 27, 30,
34-35, 44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, Sept. 24
Proverbs 30:5-9
Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104,
163
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, Sept. 25
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc
Luke 9:7-9

Friday, Sept. 26
Cosmas, martyr
Damian, martyr
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalm 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, Sept. 27
Vincent de Paul, priest
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday, Sept. 28
Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 125:4-9
Philemon 2:1-11
or Philemon 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Catholic Bibles contain books not included in Protestant Bibles

QI am a Catholic, presently an inmate at a correctional facility. A group of us inmates has an informal Bible study meeting on Saturday mornings.



Nearly everyone has a different version of the Bible, including *King James*, *New King James*, *New Living Bible*, *Good News Bible*, *New International Version*, *New American* and the *Amplified Version*.

Some are study Bibles with expanded footnotes, biographies, etc.

I'm confused. I personally use the *New American Bible*.

Is there a difference between Catholic and Protestant Bibles?

My family will purchase a study Bible for me, but which one is best? (Ohio)

A Today there are generally only two major differences between what we might call Protestant and Catholic books of Scripture.

First, Catholic Bibles contain all or part of several books that do not appear as canonical books in the Protestant tradition.

These include Tobias, Baruch, First and Second Maccabees, Judith, Sirach (Ecclesiasticus), Wisdom, and parts of Daniel and Esther.

For reasons that we can't expand on here, these books are referred to as deuterocanonical, second canon, books because of varying Jewish opinions around the time of Christ about which books are authentic Hebrew (Old Testament) Scripture.

Second, Protestant Bibles in the past have not included much in the way of footnotes, explanations and introductions.

The traditional Protestant belief that the Holy Spirit alone guides each individual in his or her reading of Scripture has caused Bible publishers generally to shy away from anything which, in their view, would put some sort of human intervention between the reader and the Holy Spirit.

Catholic Bibles readily include such materials, giving background to entire books or passages, describing audiences to which the books were addressed, and so on.

As you indicate, Bibles published under Protestant auspices increasingly tend to include similar notes to assist in understanding what the biblical writers were dealing with, and how their writings might be better understood.

Apart from this, there is generally no great difference between Protestant and Catholic Bibles.

In past centuries, some passages were translated differently—colored, for example, by doctrinal positions of the two groups of Christians.

The science of choosing and translating biblical manuscripts is now so highly developed, however, that any slanting of translations in this fashion is mostly out of the question, at least for reputable scholars of any faith.

Dozens of Scripture texts are available in English today, as you have discovered. A few of the more popularly written are admittedly more paraphrases than faithful translations, which is fine for their intended purpose of introducing young and old to the themes of the Gospels.

One currently reliable and authentic translation is the *New American Bible*, the "official" version published under the auspices of the bishops of the United States.

The *St. Joseph Edition of the New American Bible* contains marvelous supportive material, such as an explanation of the various literary forms that one finds in the books of the Bible, liturgical references, a glossary and the "Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation" by the Second Vatican Council.

A companion volume, the *Catholic Study Bible*, contains the *New American Bible* text itself plus background on the entire Bible and individual books. It is published by Oxford University Press.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish, answering questions that Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors, 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

Day is Done

My day is done.
As I look back
To see where I've been,
How many souls I met,
Where I saw the Lord
In the little things,
How my heart opened
To accept joy and pain,
I give thanks and praise.

What memory stands out?
Did I do my best?
Am I ready to rest
In God's loving arms?
Is my soul at peace?
My eyes close at last.
The day is done,
And I'm at rest,
Awaiting a new day.

By Sandy Bierly

(Sandy Bierly is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany. A stained-glass window at St. Mary Church in Killarney, Ireland, depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Psalm 23, which reads in part, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want," is one of the most popular psalms in the Old Testament.)



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Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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

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

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

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.

AMBERGER, Dolores M., 78, St. Louis, Batesville, Sept. 9. Wife of George Amberger. Mother of John Amberger. Sister of Aileen Koester. Grandmother of three.

ANDRES, Mary E., 91, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, Sept. 7. Mother of Alice Banet and Melvin Andres. Sister of Louise Elmer. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of 17.

BACON, Sarah G., 85, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, Sept. 3. Mother of Ken Bacon. Grandmother of one.

BOHLAND, Thomas A., 66, St. Michael, Brookville, Aug. 26. Husband of Janet Bohland. Father of Jodi Meadows, Adrian, Bradley and Michael Bohland.

BUTLER, John W., Jr., 88, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Sept. 6. Father of Veronica Gaskill, June Lawler, Joyce Prevost and Terrell Butler.

COX, Helen C., 77, St. Mary, New Albany, Aug. 13. Sister of Audrey Brackett. Aunt of several.

DORSETT, Kenneth W., 74, St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis, Sept. 1. Husband of Frances Dorsett. Father of Virginia Crawford, Clay, Danny and Timothy Dorsett. Brother of Betty Hoover and Phyllis Westerfield. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of one.

DOUGHERTY, John L., III, 71, St. Mary, New Albany, Aug. 4. Father of Allyson Hoffman and Brent Dougherty. Grandfather of four.

FIELD, Thomas Ronald, 63, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, Aug. 27. Brother of Peggy Howard and Judith Robinson.

FOWLER, Joseph E., 58, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, July 5. Husband of Brenda Fowler. Father of Heather Drinkwater, Amanda Haliburton, Aaron and Patrick Fowler. Son of Ellis Fowler. Brother of Ann Collins, Carol Luken, Katie Woods, Bill, Dick and John Fowler. Grandfather of 10.

FRAZEE, John Herman Jr., 80, Holy Cross, Indianapolis, Sept. 4. Husband of Lucille Frazee. Father of Angie Bischoff, Stephanie Hertenstein and David Frazee. Brother of Donald and Michael Frazee. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of eight.

JAKELSKY, Judith Ann, 68, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Aug. 19. Sister of Karen Greco,

Dorothy Kyle, Kathy Patterson and Christopher Jakelsky.

JONES, David, 69, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, Sept. 3. Husband of Patricia Jones. Father of Jennifer Fare. Brother of Mary Drake and Philip Jones. Grandfather of one.

McHUGH, John Joseph, 80, St. Patrick, Indianapolis, Aug. 29. Husband of Dolores McHugh. Father of Twig Clemens, Barb Himes, Cathy Knapp, Susie Ray,

Janie Shaw, Joe, Mark, Steve and Tom McHugh. Brother of William McHugh. Grandfather of 23. Great-grandfather of 11.

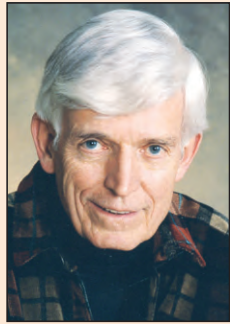
MOELLER, Martha, 85, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Terre Haute, Sept. 1. Mother of Laurel and Mary Beck, Margaret Dixon, Alisa Vangilder, Cathy, John, Michael and Patrick Moeller. Sister of Mary Garrett and John Davern. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 17.

MUCKERHEIDE, Dale E., 57, St. Mary, Greensburg, Sept. 5. Brother of Shirley Baker, David, Donald and Larry Muckerheide.

NELIS, Betty G., 77, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, Aug. 30. Mother of Cynthia Huff, Dorothy Vaughn, Andrew, George Jr., Mark, Matthew and Michael Nelis. Sister of Jane Klarich. Grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of 17. †

J. Patrick Rooney sponsored educational choice for students

Holy Angels parishioner J. Patrick Rooney of Indianapolis, a longtime Church benefactor, died on Sept. 15. He was 80.



J. Patrick Rooney

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 18 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. Burial was at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Vincennes, Ind.

Rooney retired in 1996 after serving as chairman and chief executive of Golden Rule Insurance Co., a family firm, for more than two decades.

A social activist who worked to end racial discrimination, Rooney believed in helping the poor to help themselves.

He sponsored private educational vouchers so low-income children could attend private and parochial schools.

In 1991, Rooney initiated a Golden Rule program called the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust to pay half of the tuition for 500 low-income children in Indianapolis to attend private schools.

Later, he expanded it to other cities.

In 1998, he created the Fairness Foundation in Indianapolis to help uninsured people pay their medical bills.

Joseph Therber, executive director of the archdiocese's Secretariat for Stewardship and Development, remembered Rooney as "a friend, supporter, benefactor and pioneer."

He said Rooney "had a giant heart for children, especially children living in poverty, and a very creative mind."

"He was a pioneer, not only locally but also nationally in terms of raising children's sights for what they can accomplish and what they deserve," Therber said. "He made a huge impact in terms of putting kids' lives on an upward trajectory through educational choice. ... He had a special heart for the mission and people of Holy Angels Parish."

He is survived by his wife, Karen Hall; four children, Christine Merchant, Cathy, Therese and Andrew Rooney; two sisters, Mary Kathryn Kunkel and Julia Ladner; and seven grandchildren. †

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Archbishop names six churches as pilgrimage sites for Pauline Year

By Sean Gallagher

In conjunction with the Year of St. Paul, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein has designated the six parish churches in central and southern Indiana dedicated to St. Paul as pilgrimage sites.

At each of these sites, Catholics can receive a plenary or full indulgence to highlight the Pauline Year and to open the way to, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, the "interior purification" of the faithful during the coming months.

The Holy Father encouraged diocesan bishops to designate places in their local Churches as pilgrimage sites connected to the Year of St. Paul.

The six churches in the archdiocese are SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis; St. Paul Catholic Center, 1413 E. 17th St., in Bloomington;

St. Paul Church, 202 E. Washington St., in Greencastle; St. Paul Church, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, in New Alsace; St. Paul Church, 218 Scheller Ave., in Sellersburg; and St. Paul Church, 814 Jefferson St., in Tell City.

An indulgence is a full or partial remission of the temporal punishment due for sins that have been forgiven.

A plenary indulgence can be granted on behalf of the individual petitioner or on behalf of departed souls.

For more information on indulgences, consult paragraphs #1471-#1479 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The Holy See has designated the

following conditions to obtain a plenary indulgence at one of the locally designated pilgrimage sites:

- Catholics must confess their sins to any priest at any parish during the week prior to or the week following their visit to the pilgrimage church.
- At the pilgrimage church, pilgrims must:
 1. Pray for the intentions of the pope.
 2. Attend a Mass (ordinarily, a regularly scheduled liturgy).
 3. If pilgrims are unable to attend a Mass there, then they are to pray and reflect before a statue or an image of

St. Paul in the church.

4. After Mass or the reflection period, pray or sing the Our Father and either the Apostles' Creed or Nicene Creed.

5. Pray an invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Paul. For example, a pilgrim could pray the Hail Mary and a simple invocation, such as "St. Paul, pray for us."

"This year—in commemoration of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul—is a call for Catholics to study the life and writings of this great saint and to pray for his intercession," said Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, in announcing the pilgrimage sites.

The jubilee year marking the 2000th anniversary of the birth of St. Paul began earlier this summer on June 29, the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul. It will conclude next year on the same feast day. †



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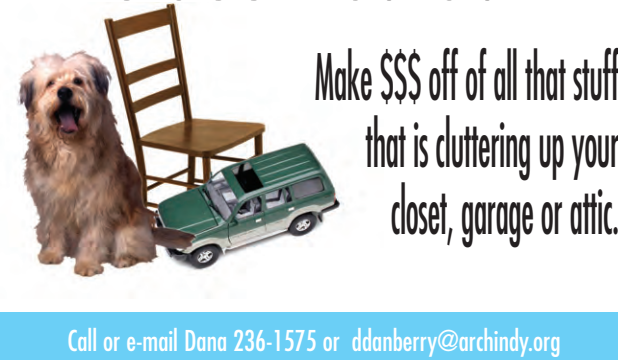
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Rich Donnelly

Rich Donnelly signed as a catcher in 1967 with the Minnesota Twins, and is one of the most experienced coaches in Major League Baseball. He has coached 25 seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Florida Marlins, Milwaukee Brewers, and Texas Rangers. He helped lead the Florida Marlins to the MLB World Championship under manager Jim Leyland, with whom he worked for 14 seasons.

A man of strong faith, he is also noted for his participation in the film, "Champions of Faith—Baseball Addition." The Lifetime Network also had a television special on his family's compelling, faith-filled story. Rich Donnelly and his wife, Bert, have eight children: Bubba, Amy, John, Tiffany, Mike, Leigh Anne, Tim and Adam. Donnelly graduated from Steubenville Catholic Central High School where he played baseball and basketball. He then received a bachelor's degree in education from Xavier University in Cincinnati.



Mark Hart

Mark Hart, known as the "Bible Geek@," is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. Mark is a popular and humorous speaker, award-winning author, and weekly regular on Catholic radio programs. His 2006 book, *Blessed are the Bored in Spirit*, found its way onto the Catholic best-seller list, and his interactive DVD Bible Study series, T3, and weekly podcasts are helping hundreds of thousands of Catholics explore Scripture in a new way. Mark Hart says "The Catholic faith is a beautiful faith," and "we need to rediscover the joy and laughter." Hart also oversees Hart Productions. Along with producing, writing and directing secular projects, he has been the executive producer of JumboTron video operations for the Arizona Cardinals football team.

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