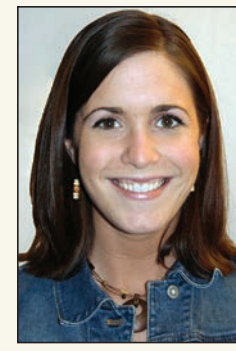




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Archbishop Charles C. Thompson shakes hands with Tommy Steiner while the youth's parents, Bob and Ann, look on. The Steiners, members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, greeted the archbishop at a reception after he celebrated Mass at their parish on July 30. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)

## Archbishop notes wisdom, understanding needed to 'proclaim the kingdom together'

By Natalie Hoefler

NEW ALBANY—The subject of the first reading on July 30 led to Archbishop Charles C. Thompson preaching about the young King Solomon's request of God for "an understanding heart ... to govern this vast people of yours" (1 Kgs 3:9).

The timing of the subject seemed fitting, given the archbishop's installation just two days prior as the youngest archbishop in the United States and the new shepherd of more than 221,000 Catholics in central and southern Indiana.

"Wisdom and understanding, two of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit received in the sacrament of confirmation, enabled King Solomon to be unmatched in his rule of service," Archbishop Thompson told a congregation of about 500 during his first Mass in an archdiocesan parish, which he celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany.

During his homily, Archbishop Thompson reflected on receiving his pallium—the woolen cloth he wears over his shoulders signifying his being yoked to the pope in

shepherding the Church—in Rome on June 29. Receiving instructions in Italian on how to lead the procession—when he didn't speak Italian—left him "a nervous wreck," he said.

"But I want to tell you what settled me. Throughout that liturgy, I was struck by the pallium that Pope Francis wears. ... Throughout the liturgy, and especially when I went up to receive this pallium from his hands, he had the most beautiful, serene smile.

"As I looked at his pallium, and he's carrying the weight of the Church throughout the world on his shoulders, and he can still smile, it was as if [he was] telling me, 'You can do it.' But also as if to say, 'We're in this together.' And not just Pope Francis and I, but each and every one of us.

"This wisdom and understanding that King Solomon received, that is something we seek and receive together to bear the weight of the Gospel, the weight of proclaiming the kingdom together, as Pope Francis seemed to intimate to me in that moment."

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## With help from Church groups, Iraqis begin return to Ninevah Plain

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS)—It's taken three years for Iraqi Christians to return home after fleeing threats of death and forced conversion to Islam, but they are starting to rebuild their homes and lives in their ancestral towns, said Catholic aid groups.

"We met Amir, his wife and five children on a road in Irbil, while they were packing up their belongings in a truck to move back to Qaraqosh," Maria Laura Conte, communications director of the

AVSI Foundation, told Catholic News Service (CNS) via Skype.



Maria Laura Conte

The family, along with thousands of other Iraqi Christians, sought refuge in Irbil after their hometown and other areas in the Ninevah Plain were overrun by the Islamist extremists in August

2014. The metal carpentry workshop belonging to Amir, who just provided his first name, had been used by the militants to store and fix their weapons.

"We met the family the next day in their old house; its walls had been blackened after being bombed by Islamic State militants," Conte said of the couple, whose children are ages 2-15.

"They are totally resilient and want to restart their lives. But the conditions are really terrible," she said.

"Our idea is to follow the people. We have been in Qaraqosh and see that people want to come back to their homes," Giampaolo Silvestri, AVSI's secretary-general, told CNS. He and Conte traveled to northern Iraq to assess the current situation and see how their organization can help.

"We have seen the people very happy to return home. For sure, they are passing through a very difficult moment, but they are very happy to come back and start a new life," he added.

Qaraqosh needs reconstruction of homes, businesses and schools destroyed by Islamic State, Silvestri said.

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## Challenging pilgrimage on 'Notre Dame Trail' salutes school's spirit, founders and Blessed Mother

By John Shaughnessy

At 80, Holy Cross Brother Larry Stewart plans to walk and bike a 320-mile pilgrimage that is close to his heart and his faith—a journey that will honor the spirit of the Holy Cross men who traveled



Br. Larry Stewart, C.S.C.

through Indiana during a brutal early winter 175 years ago to establish the University of Notre Dame.

From Aug. 13-26, Brother Larry hopes to participate in the entire pilgrimage that is being called the "Notre Dame Trail"—

recalling a journey that began long ago in the Diocese of Vincennes, Ind., where the

roots of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis started.

"It's just a thrill to take part in the history of this," says Brother Larry, who was looking for a new challenge after completing coast-to-coast bicycle rides across the United States when he was 60 and 70. "I've always enjoyed a challenge."

This one is far more meaningful to him as it salutes Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin and the Holy Cross brothers who traveled with him from France to the United States—and those who forged onward from Vincennes to South Bend on a journey that led to the founding of Notre Dame in 1842.

"That journey was unbelievable," says Brother Larry, one of 32 people who have signed up to do the entire pilgrimage. "When they were traveling to South Bend

in November, it was one of the worst winters in the history of Indiana. And they made it in 11 days. They had horses, oxen and wagons. They traveled one day 11 miles in the snow. And the snow was a foot deep.

"Father Sorin had a great devotion to Our Lady, and he showed it with the golden dome and the statue of the Blessed Mother atop it."

Notre Dame wants to honor that faith, that spirit and that determination as it celebrates its 175th anniversary. And the pilgrimage is a major part of that effort.

A journey and a mission that continues

"We wanted to do something distinct—to focus on our humble beginnings, but to also look to the future," says Katherine Lane, who is the senior director of the

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# IRAQIS

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Father George Jahola, a Syriac Catholic priest, manages and organizes the reconstruction of the houses in Qaraqosh with money from the Church. Silvestri said various Catholic organizations, such as Aid to the Church in Need, are involved in the rebuilding process, but that more funds must be raised. The Iraqi government has so far provided no resources.

Qaraqosh, about nine miles from the edge of Mosul, was once a thriving Christian commercial town of 50,000 people. The Islamic State damaged the famed bell tower of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and decapitated its many statues.

Although Iraqi forces recaptured the town from Islamic State last October, it took many months before Christians felt comfortable enough to return, and their numbers are not huge.

“Christians admit they are fearful of the situation surrounding them because nearby villages house people who are not too open to them,” Conte said. “But this fear doesn’t stop them. I could also see that the children initially are a bit disoriented when coming back.”

AVSI sees education as a type of “reset button” for communities that have been displaced. The Italian-based foundation works in Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon,

as well as more than two dozen other countries.

“It’s very important for these children to have places created where they feel comfortable,” Conte said.

“We are rebuilding a preschool/ kindergarten in Qaraqosh for this very reason, so the children can feel safe and the adults will feel secure while they reconstruct their homes and organize their lives once again,” she said, noting the school should open in September for about 300 children.

AVSI has worked on educational projects in Iraq starting after the First Gulf War in 1991. More recently, it has aided Iraqis displaced by Islamic State with a variety of initiatives, including the Catholic University of Irbil and the Baby Jesus House kindergarten in Irbil, managed by the Dominican Sisters.

So far, 200 houses have been rebuilt in Qaraqosh, with another 111 on the way. Silvestri said 1,400 houses will be reconstructed, but 6,400 need rehabilitation.

Aid officials believe the camps for internally displaced Iraqis will be closed by the end of the year. The move will press Christians and other displaced minorities to return to Qaraqosh and other villages liberated from the Islamic State.

Meanwhile, the U.S. bishops’ Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is providing cash assistance to see homes rehabilitated for



Iraqi Christian Amir, center, and his family pose in their house on Aug. 4 in Qaraqosh, Iraq. The family, who fled Islamic State militants, has returned home to rebuild their house and their lives with the help of Catholic aid group, AVSI Foundation. (CNS photo/AVSI Foundation)

Christians and Yezidis in Bashiqa, another Ninevah town.

“The Church is dealing with reconstruction in Qaraqosh and Bartella, but we are focusing on needs of youth such as livelihood skills, psycho-social trauma counseling, women’s support, and are looking at other components complementing the housing construction,” Hani El-Mahdi, CRS Iraq country representative, told CNS via Skype from Baghdad. He said CRS and Caritas Iraq, both members of the larger Caritas network, were working together.

“These people have experienced enormous stress. Most have lost their livelihoods, and they need to re-establish

themselves and their lives,” El-Mahdi said after a meeting with Chaldean Catholic Patriarch Louis Sako in the Iraqi capital.

El-Mahdi said internally displaced people continue to stream in to Baghdad from Mosul, Anbar province, and other areas where fighting is still ongoing.

CRS is also “aiding the displaced stranded in camps around Mosul providing food, water, and hygiene kits to help people stay alive in the brutal summer heat,” he added.

Fans and material to provide shade outside of tents are provided, El-Mahdi said, as children and the elderly try to cope with sweltering temperatures inside the tents and heat outside topping 120 F. †

# TRAIL

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Notre Dame Trail.

Even with all the changes that have occurred on the campus in 175 years, “the mission of the place is still the same as it was when Father Sorin founded it,” Lane says. “Father Sorin wrote that ‘the University would be a means for good in this nation.’ That mission has been carried out since the beginning, and so has the devotion to Mary.”

The preparation for the pilgrimage has been painstaking in its detail.

In June of 2016, Lane was among a group of five people who traveled to Spain to walk the ancient pilgrimage route that is known as the “Camino” in Spanish and “the Way” in English. The journey of 780 kilometers—or about 500 miles—eventually leads to the shrine of St. James at Santiago de Compostela.

Lane and her companions walked 100 kilometers of the Camino, enough to get a sense of the demands of such a journey—and the emphasis they wanted to give to the Notre Dame Trail.

“They call the Camino ‘the Way of

St. James,’” she says. “The Notre Dame Trail will be ‘the Way of Mary.’”

Returning to Indiana, Lane began walking the route for the Notre Dame Trail, following a path that begins in Vincennes and weaves north through Terre Haute, Lafayette, Logansport and Plymouth before ending on the Notre Dame campus.

“I walked the whole trail last summer to make sure it could be done,” Lane recalls. “Indiana is so beautiful with its landscapes, the water, and there are hills. I found it challenging—a lot of blisters, a lot of wear and tear on the body.”

“While it will be a physical challenge, it will also be a spiritual journey. There will be a lot of time for reflection and prayer. It’s been a beautiful experience so far. I’ve really fallen in love with the trail.”

She has also gained a deeper appreciation of Father Sorin and the Holy Cross brothers who made the original journey.

“They had this faith in God and this devotion to Mary like no other,” she says. “They were so determined. No one was going to get in his way.”

Brother Larry embodies that same

spirit for her.

“He’s celebrating his 60th jubilee, and the pilgrimage is how he has chosen to do this,” Lane says.

## ‘This has definitely deepened my faith’

Brother Larry has been preparing for the Notre Dame Trail since last October, doing training sessions of eight miles of walking and 21 miles on a bike.

“With all my walking and training, I use my fingers for saying the rosary,” says Brother Larry, who has a bachelor’s degree in pre-medicine and a master’s degree from Notre Dame. “All of us in the Holy Cross congregation have a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. She was an inspiration for Father Sorin and all the brothers who came. So I’m pleased to be involved in this.”

He’s also thrilled that Notre Dame will be honoring all the local Holy Cross brothers, sisters and priests at a special dinner on Aug. 24 as part of the celebration of the Notre Dame Trail.

For the last day of the trail—Aug. 26—Notre Dame is inviting its students, alumni, parents and other supporters to join the pilgrimage for the last three miles to campus. After the pilgrimage reaches Notre Dame that morning, a Mass will be celebrated to mark the 175th anniversary. A picnic celebration will follow.

“The reason we chose August to do this is because we wanted the students to be back and to join in the celebration,” says Lane, who will be joined by her husband, her two daughters, her parents and other relatives on the last day of the pilgrimage. “Well over 2,000 have registered for that final day, and we’re hoping for thousands more. I’m hoping the whole community will come out.”

Brother Larry plans to make his own special tribute on the last day of the pilgrimage. He will visit the gravesites of Father Sorin and the six Holy Cross brothers who came with him from France to America—Brothers Vincent Pieau, Joachim Andre, Lawrence Menage, Anselm Caillot, Gatian Monsimer and Francis Xavier Patoy. He will place images of each of them by their graves at the congregation’s cemetery on the Notre Dame campus.

“I’m pushing for the brothers getting equal billing,” says Brother Larry, who works as the archivist for the Midwest Province of the Holy Cross congregation. “They need the same degree of honor that Father Sorin is getting.”

Lane also wants to give recognition and thanks to Blessed Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross who sent Father Sorin and the six Holy Cross brothers from France to Indiana.

“I got to go to Le Mans, France, to see where the congregation first started,” says Lane, who earned a master’s degree from Notre Dame after getting her bachelor’s degree at nearby Saint Mary’s College. “I love a quote from him, and it reflects what I’ve learned here.”

“This is the quote: ‘If I’m alone in my ministry, I shall make a fiasco of whatever task is entrusted to me. But if the Blessed Virgin has a hand in it, I can hope for everything.’”

Her 18 months of leading the effort of the Notre Dame Trail have led her to a place where all pilgrims hope to reach.

“This has definitely deepened my faith,” she says. “I definitely pray more.”

(For more information about the Notre Dame Trail, visit [www.trail.nd.edu](http://www.trail.nd.edu).) †



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—Katherine Lane, senior director of the Notre Dame Trail

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# Example of founder of Knights ‘etched in our hearts,’ says archbishop

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori paid tribute on Aug. 3 to deceased members of the Knights of Columbus for their lives and example of charity, and also recalled the founder of the fraternal order, Father Michael J. McGivney, for his life of devotion and service.



Archbishop William E. Lori

The archbishop was the main celebrant and homilist of the Aug. 3

memorial Mass on the final day of the 135th annual international convention of the Knights of Columbus held in St. Louis.

“With joy and thanksgiving, we remember the life and example of the saints and indeed all the holy ones who were members of the fraternal order or friends of the order,” said the archbishop, who is supreme chaplain of the Knights.

He noted the closeness that St. John Paul II felt to the Knights during his pontificate, and also recalled the Knights of Columbus among the priests and their companions martyred during the Mexican Cristero Rebellion from 1926-29. Most of the martyrs were priests executed for carrying out their ministry despite the suppression they experienced under Mexico’s anti-clerical laws.

“Just as they offered the sacrifice of Christ daily on the altar, so too they reproduced in their own lives a sacrifice like unto that of the Savior,” the archbishop said. “We honor them today. We cherish their memory. We ask their prayers.”

Regarding Father McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in

1882, Archbishop Lori said: “Etched in our hearts is the example of this devoted parish priest who poured out his life in service of his parish, St. Mary’s in New Haven [Conn.]”

“Out of love for God’s people, he created the Knights of Columbus as an organization designed to strengthen the faith of husbands and fathers while providing for their families in time of death and bereavement,” he added.

“Father McGivney’s love for the poor, the outcast, the orphan, and the widow remains the true North Star of everything the order does in service to one and in service to all,” Archbishop Lori told the Knights.

Father McGivney is a candidate for sainthood. His cause is now being reviewed by the Vatican, and a reported miracle of healing attributed to Father McGivney’s intercession also is being studied. One miracle confirmed by the Vatican is needed for beatification; in general, a second confirmed miracle is needed for canonization.

The Knights who died in the last year and were remembered at the Mass during the prayers of the faithful “poured out their lives in service to others, especially the poor and vulnerable,” Archbishop Lori said. “We commend our deceased brother Knights to the God who is rich in mercy, to the God who desires only our salvation.”

“Alongside them ... we provided warm winter coats for inner-city kids,” he said. “It was with these same Knights that we recognized the image of Christ in a young person competing in Special Olympics ... [that] we helped families facing natural disasters, fire and the death of loved ones.”

“In solidarity with the whole order,” Archbishop Lori continued, “we reached out to persecuted Christians halfway



Bishop A. Elias Zaidan of the U.S. Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, based in St. Louis, and other prelates venerate a blood relic of St. John Paul II on Aug. 3 at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in St. Louis. (CNS photo/Teak Phillips, St. Louis Review)

across the world, and to those suffering disease and hunger on a scale that is hard to imagine ... and all because Father McGivney taught us the capital importance of seeing Christ in the widow, the orphan, the outcast, the vulnerable.”

The archbishop said the day’s readings spelled out hope. In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul “tells us hope does not disappoint—that is to say, the genuine Christian virtue of hope does not let us down,” he said.

“The hope on which St. Paul staked his life and ministry is a deep-seated confidence that God loves us deeply, more deeply than we could ever imagine, and that he wills our salvation—not because he gets anything out of it but merely because he does indeed love us in a deep and incomprehensible way,” the

archbishop explained.

“Jesus did not come into the world merely to make us objects of his pity,” Archbishop Lori said. “Rather, he desired that we would be truly reconciled to him and to the Father, and that we become his friends ... and his co-workers.”

“The saints and holy ones associated with our order staked their lives on this truth,” Archbishop Lori added.

At the end of Mass, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz of Krakow, Poland, longtime personal secretary to St. John Paul II, blessed the congregation with a relic consisting of a vial of St. John Paul II’s blood.

The elaborate reliquary that holds the relic is normally housed at the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, founded by the Knights in 2011. †

## Knights of Columbus to send \$2 million to restore Christian town in Iraq

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In 2014, the Islamic State removed hundreds of families of religious minorities from their homes in Karamdes, a mostly Christian town on the Ninevah Plain in Iraq. Just over two years later, the town, also known as Karemlash, was liberated.

The Knights of Columbus will raise \$2 million to assist these families in returning to their homes, according to Knights CEO Carl Anderson, who announced their pledge at the Knights’ 135th annual Supreme Convention held on Aug. 1-3 in St. Louis.

“The terrorists desecrated churches and graves and looted and destroyed homes,” Anderson said in his annual report, which was livestreamed from the convention. “Now we will ensure that hundreds of Christian families driven

from their homes can return to these two locations and help to ensure a pluralistic future for Iraq.”

The Knights are following the example of the Hungarian government, whose new spending bill allowed for \$2 million to be sent to the Archdiocese of Irbil in Iraq, assisting with the rebuilding of a Christian community near Mosul, Iraq.

Families who were previously displaced from their homes were able to return to their homeland because of the government of Hungary. This example served as proof to the Knights of the impact of returning families to their homes.

The cost of resettling one family is around \$2,000, the amount the Knights are encouraging councils, parishes and individuals to donate. †



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## Editorial



Pope Francis speaks to the media aboard the papal flight from Rio de Janeiro to Rome on July 28, 2013. When the pope told reporters, “Who am I to judge” a homosexual person, he was emphasizing a part of Catholic teaching often overlooked by the media and misunderstood by many people. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

## Saving both the wheat and the weeds

*“Far too often, we are being confronted with an ‘either/or’ mentality. We must dare to counter the growing polarization, division and radical individualism that breed fear, distrust, hatred, indifference, prejudice, selfishness, despair, violence and radical ideology. Our role as people of faith—I especially hold myself accountable as bishop—is to be willing to stand in the breach of the divide, drawing people back from the ledges of extremism in self-indulgence and self-righteousness by serving as bridges of unity, ambassadors of hope and instruments of peace.”* (Indianapolis Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, July 28 installation homily)

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson has shared his vision with us: It’s the way the Catholic Church views reality. In his installation homily he called it “the Catholic both/and.”

In its simplest terms, the “Catholic both/and” insists on seeing reality in multidimensional terms as opposed to what Archbishop Thompson calls “an either/or mentality.”

Truth is not limited to extremes (black or white, right or left). This is not to say that truth is relative—whatever anyone thinks (or feels). But it does mean that we must look closely, and consider alternative points of view before we declare infallibly that the way we see things is the only possible way.

Pope Francis has been pressing this point throughout his pontificate. His oft-quoted response to reporter’s question about the Vatican’s so-called “gay lobby” was a refusal to be reduced to a rigid either/or perspective on an issue that requires great pastoral sensitivity. Here is what Pope Francis actually said:

“If a person is gay and seeks the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge him? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this in such a beautiful way, it says, ‘these persons must not be marginalized because of this; they must be integrated in society.’”

As Archbishop Thompson says, the Church offers both sound doctrine and caring pastoral initiatives in response to complex moral issues. Pope Francis’s question, “Who am I to judge?” was jarring precisely because it did not treat a deeply human issue in a superficial way. This is the “Catholic both/and” which insists on seeing the whole of reality, not just cartoon versions of the truth.

Jesus affirms this perspective in his parable of the good wheat and the

weeds (Mt 13:24-30, 36-43), which Pope Francis says illustrates the problem of evil in the world and highlights God’s patience. The narrative takes place in a field with two antagonists. On one side is the master of the field, who represents God and who sows good seed; on the other is the enemy, who represents Satan and scatters weeds.

As time passes, Pope Francis observes, the weeds grow among the wheat, and the master and his servants express different opinions regarding this fact. The servants would like to intervene and uproot the weeds; but the master, who is concerned above all with saving the wheat, is against this, saying: “No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them” (Mt 13:29).

With this image, Jesus tells us that in this world good and evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate them and eradicate all evil. God alone can do this, and he will do so at the Last Judgment. With its ambiguities and its composite character, the present situation is the field of freedom, the field of Christian freedom, in which the difficult exercise of discernment is made between good and evil.

“How much patience God has!” the pope exclaims. He saves both the wheat and the weeds because what he cares most about is saving every one of us regardless of how many weeds are intertwined in our sinful hearts.

As Pope Francis says, “This field then, involves reconciling, with great trust in God and in his providence, two seemingly contradictory approaches: decision and patience.” Once again, we have “the Catholic both/and,” both decision and patience.

As the pope explains: “Decision is that of wanting to be good wheat—we all want this—with all our might, and thus keeping away from the evil one and his seduction. Patience means preferring a Church that acts as leaven in the dough, that is unafraid to sully her hands washing her children’s clothes, rather than a Church of ‘purists’ who presume to judge ahead of time who will be in the Kingdom of God and who will not.”

Our role is not to judge. That’s God’s responsibility. Our role is to receive the good seeds that God scatters among us and to nurture and grow them even among the weeds of life.

Let’s pray for the grace to see reality with the eyes of Jesus, and to embrace “the Catholic both/and” as our vision of the world.

—Daniel Conway

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## Going beyond administration in our service to others

While preparing for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders in early July, I paused on a statement describing a



design principle for the event. In calling for missionary discipleship, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in the participant guidebook cites Pope Francis’ caution that “‘mere administration’ can no longer be enough.”

As I had held administrative posts for almost a quarter of a century with 20 years in Catholic ministries, I took this as one of those learning moments to stop and think.

Simplified, administration is the coordination of people and their efforts to fulfill the purpose of an entity through the management of roles, activities, resources and processes. The goal of administration is to enable ministry while the purpose for any faith-based ministry is to help people know, love and serve God.

I would be the last person to cast administration as the polar opposite of ministry. The word “administration” embeds the concept of ministrations. Few ministries can flourish without able administration.

Think about the cases where necessary services and outreach are held back by inefficient or incoherent processes, poorly trained or guided personnel, as well as insufficient or suboptimal use of resources. The Acts of the Apostles makes clear that the good works of charity and care for community require dedicated and organized administration.

While both are necessary, administration and ministry can pull in different directions that call for different actions and behaviors. Minimally, pressures for attending to tasks, deadlines, crises of one sort or another can hijack the time, energies, sensitivities and patience needed to attend to the feelings, needs and personal circumstances of the people involved.

I learned this during my last month at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) when I opened my calendar to anyone who wanted to have lunch. These conversations, unlike routine meetings, were not tethered to the usual organizational menus of problem-solving or brainstorming.

People shared stories of their backgrounds, why they chose to go into

international development, their personal triumphs and losses, what was difficult about change for them, how they have grown, their hopes for CRS and how we could make more room for the ideas of our young people. My colleagues asked about me: What was difficult for me, what did I see in the organization, what did I hope for, what did I think we achieved together and what advice would I like them to hold in their hearts?

These conversations reveal the essence of people: who they are in the ways that matter to them; their joys and sometimes their struggles; what gives them meaning and joy; how they want to contribute and what holds them back. People were seeking to be known, not in resume entries that denote qualifications, but in human terms that foster understanding—the first building blocks for engagement, acceptance and friendship.

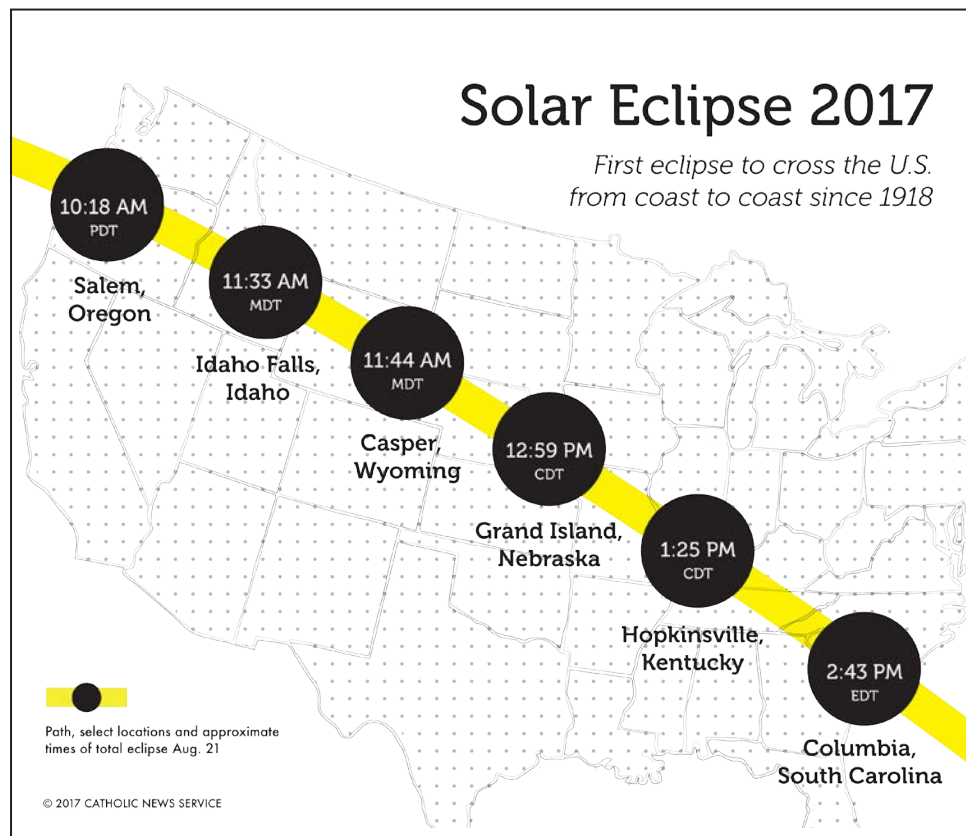
The right brain kicks in to seek expressions toward bonded-ness and relationships without which we would not be fully human nor could we have the hunger for God and his people implicit to ministry.

A professional hazard to administrative roles is that these are based on power entangled with evaluative thinking that does not shut itself off. These inhibit conversations. Not only will people refrain from telling you their concerns; they also hold back on positive feedback and empathy for those in authority for fear that these may be misconstrued.

It is hard to imagine how one would find the extra time and the appropriate space that allows for both emotional bonding and professional objectivity. I would venture to say that had I appreciated the significance of these needs, I would have worked hard to make time and find ways to accommodate these.

It has to be done when we recognize that this is not really a choice: that our colleagues deserve nothing less, that empathy would wither or become brittle in their absence, and that we are not really supporting God’s ministry without channeling his eyes, ears and heart for the other.

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# Christ the Cornerstone

## Mary, mother of God and our mother

*“Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith, teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!”* (“Lumen Fidei,” #60)

In a few days, on Tuesday, Aug. 15, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “Mary, the Mother of God,” is the patroness of the Diocese of Evansville, so my thoughts and prayers will be with my former diocese in a special way on this feast day.

We believe that Mary is both the mother of God and our mother. This Church teaching is a powerful example of what I call “the Catholic both/and.” On matters of great importance like this, we Catholics refuse to choose between one extreme or another—what I call “the either/or mentality.”

Long ago, the Church rejected the argument that Mary is simply the mother of Jesus’ humanity, that his divinity is not part of her motherhood. We believe that Jesus is both God and

man. And with this affirmation comes a similar truth—that Mary is the mother of Jesus in both his divinity and his humanity.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God and our mother, is the model for authentic Christian discipleship. Pope Francis tells us, “The Mother of our Lord is the perfect icon of faith; as Saint Elizabeth would say: ‘Blessed is she who believed’ [Lk 1:45]” (“Lumen Fidei,” #58).

The Holy Father calls Mary an “icon of faith” because her entire life makes the abstract theological virtue of faith concrete and visible to us. Mary is blessed because she believed; she is blessed because she accepted God’s will for her (without fully understanding it); and she is blessed because she said “yes” when she was asked to sacrifice her whole life to God’s mysterious plan (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). As both virgin and Mother, Mary offers us a clear sign of both Christ’s divine sonship and his humanity.

Pope Francis reminds us that Mary was the culmination of a tradition of faith. In fact, the pope tells us, “In Mary, the Daughter of Zion, is fulfilled

the long history of faith of the Old Testament, with its account of so many faithful women, beginning with Sarah: women who alongside the patriarchs, were those in whom God’s promise was fulfilled and new life flowered” (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). “Blessed are you among women,” we pray, using the words of St. Elizabeth. “And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.”

We Christians place all our faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ. We do not believe *in* Mary. We believe *with* Mary and the entire communion of saints living and deceased. “At the center of our faith,” Pope Francis teaches, “is the confession of Jesus, the Son of God, born of a woman, who brings us, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to adoptions as sons and daughters [cf. Gal 4:4]” (“Lumen Fidei,” #59). Mary points the way to him. Both her life on Earth and her constant intercession from heaven show us how to believe—and how to put our faith into practice.

For the past 2,000 years, Christians have turned to Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, for help in believing and in

strengthening our belief. Her witness and her intercession “awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise” (“Lumen Fidei,” #60). Mary helps us be touched by the love of Christ and to touch him in return by our fidelity to his words and example. Mary helps us to completely give ourselves to Jesus through the kind of personal encounter with him that stirs our hearts and fills us with a holy zeal to follow him as missionary disciples without counting the cost.

The solemn feast day that we observe on Aug. 15 is a celebration of both Mary’s life on earth and her entrance into eternal life with her son, Jesus. This particular both/and affirms that Mary was sinless, and therefore did not experience death the way the rest of us do, but also that her assumption into heaven has made it possible for her to serve as an active advocate for all her children on Earth.

Let’s ask Mary to show us the way to her fully divine and fully human son. Let’s pray for the grace to follow her example, and to witness to both the humanity and the divinity of her son, Jesus. †



## Cristo, la piedra angular

## María, madre de Dios y madre nuestra

*“María, madre de la Iglesia y madre de nuestra fe, enséñanos a mirar con los ojos de Jesús, para que él sea luz en nuestro camino. Y que esta luz de la fe crezca continuamente en nosotros, hasta que llegue el día sin ocaso, que es el mismo Cristo, tu Hijo, nuestro Señor”* (“Lumen Fidei,” #60).

Dentro de unos días, el martes 15 de agosto, celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Asunción. “María, Madre de Dios” es la patrona de la Diócesis de Evansville, por lo que mis pensamientos y oraciones acompañarán a mi antigua diócesis de una manera especial en este día festivo.

Creemos que María es la madre de Dios y también nuestra madre. Esta doctrina de la Iglesia es un ejemplo poderoso de lo que yo llamo los “católicos del tanto y como.” Cuando se trata de un asunto de enorme importancia, como este, los católicos nos negamos a optar por un extremo u otro, o lo que yo llamo una “mentalidad absolutista.”

Hace mucho tiempo, la Iglesia rechazó el argumento de que María era sencillamente la madre humana de Jesús y que la divinidad de este estaba desvinculada de la maternidad de aquella. Creemos que Jesús es

Dios y hombre, y junto con esta afirmación viene otra verdad similar: que María es la madre de Jesús, tanto en su aspecto divino, como en su aspecto humano.

La Santa Virgen María, madre de Dios y nuestra madre, es el modelo del discipulado cristiano auténtico. El papa Francisco nos dice que “la Madre del Señor es el icono perfecto de la fe, como dice santa Isabel: ‘Bienaventurada la que ha creído’ [Lc 1:45]” (“Lumen Fidei,” #58).

El Sumo Pontífice llama a María un “icono de la fe” puesto que su vida entera logra plasmar de una forma concreta y visible para nosotros la virtud teológica abstracta de la fe. María es bienaventurada porque creyó; es bienaventurada porque aceptó la voluntad de Dios para ella (aunque no la entendiera por completo); y es bienaventurada porque dijo “sí” cuando le pidieron que sacrificara toda su vida para el plan misterioso de Dios (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). Como virgen y como madre, María nos ofrece una señal clara, tanto de la condición divina de Cristo como de su aspecto humano.

El papa Francisco nos recuerda que María representó la culminación de una tradición de fe. De hecho, el Santo

Padre nos dice que “en María, Hija de Sión, se cumple la larga historia de fe del Antiguo Testamento, que incluye la historia de tantas mujeres fieles, comenzando por Sara, mujeres que, junto a los patriarcas, fueron testigos del cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios y del surgimiento de la vida nueva” (“Lumen Fidei,” #58). “Bendita eres entre todas las mujeres” rezamos, imitando las palabras de santa Isabel, “y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.”

Los cristianos depositamos toda nuestra fe, esperanza y amor en Jesucristo. No creemos *en* María, sino que creemos *junto con ella* y la comunión de los santos, vivos y difuntos. “En el centro de la fe—nos enseña el papa Francisco—se encuentra la confesión de Jesús, Hijo de Dios, nacido de mujer, que nos introduce, mediante el don del Espíritu santo, en la filiación adoptiva [cf. Gal 4:4]” (“Lumen Fidei,” #59). María señala el camino hacia Él. Tanto su vida terrenal como su constante intercesión desde el cielo nos demuestra cómo creer y cómo poner en práctica nuestra fe.

Desde hace 2,000 años, los cristianos hemos acudido a María, la primera discípula de Jesucristo, para recibir ayuda para creer y

fortalecer nuestra fe. Su testimonio y su intercesión “aviva en nosotros el deseo de seguir sus pasos, saliendo de nuestra tierra y confiando en su promesa” (“Lumen Fidei,” #60). María, ayúdanos a sentir el amor de Cristo y, en consecuencia, a amarlo, mediante nuestra fidelidad a su palabra y a su ejemplo. María, ayúdanos a entregarnos por completo a Jesús a través de un encuentro personal con Él que mueva nuestros corazones y nos llene de fervor piadoso para seguirlo como discípulos misioneros, sin tomar en cuenta las implicaciones.

La solemnidad que festejamos el 15 de agosto es una celebración tanto de la vida de María en la tierra como su entrada a la vida eterna junto con su hijo, Jesús. Esta cláusula “tanto y como” implica que María no tenía pecado y, por consiguiente, no pasó por el trance de la muerte como lo hacemos el resto de nosotros, pero además que su ascensión hizo posible que se convirtiera en abogada activa de todos sus hijos en la Tierra.

Pidámosle a María que nos muestre el camino hacia su hijo totalmente divino y totalmente humano. Pidamos la gracia de seguir su ejemplo y de ser testigos tanto de la humanidad como de la divinidad de su hijo, Jesús. †

# Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to [www.archindy.org/events](http://www.archindy.org/events).

## August 14

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, 7575 Holliday Dr., Indianapolis. **Catholic Radio Indy Mass and Lunch**, celebrating the feast day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, 11:30 a.m. Reservations: 317-870-8400 or [jim@catholicradioindy.org](mailto:jim@catholicradioindy.org).

## August 15

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Indianapolis, Life in the Spirit Seminar**, session four of eight, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, [mkeyes@indy.rr.com](mailto:mkeyes@indy.rr.com).

## August 16

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, 435 W. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-784-4439 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

## August 17

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Monthly Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

St. Joseph Church, 1401 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Third Thursday Adoration**, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Community Labyrinth/Peace and Nature Garden Walk**, third Thursdays through September, Benedictine Sister Cathy Ann Lepore facilitating, 7-8:30 p.m., freewill donation. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org).

## August 18

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Hogsett presenting, Mass, breakfast and program, 7-9 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

## August 18-19

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, 7225 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. **Auguststravaganza**, 4 p.m.-midnight, catered suppers (Fri. fried chicken, Sat., prime rib) and bingo in air-conditioned hall, kids games, raffle, Monte Carlo, 5K or 1 mile walk/run Sat. morning, baby crawl, live music, beer garden, alumni booth. Pre-festival activities on Thurs. night, Cookies and Canvas for kids and beer tasting for adults 21 and older. Information: [www.nativityindy.org/augustravaganza-1](http://www.nativityindy.org/augustravaganza-1), 317-357-1200.

## August 19

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Indianapolis**. Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., followed by prayer at a local abortion center, and continued prayer at the church for those who wish to remain.

Christ the King Parish, Touhy Hall, 5858 Crittenden Ave.,

Indianapolis. **Indianapolis North Deanery Grade School Class of 1967 50th Reunion**, 7-11 p.m., light hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, soft drinks. Advance registration and \$20 donation appreciated, but not required. Information: Rita Welch, 317-908-0659, [miller2436@sbcglobal.net](mailto:miller2436@sbcglobal.net) or Facebook group: Indy North Deanery Grade School 50th Reunion.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. **Celebrate Marriage Conference**, for couples of all ages, break-out sessions, \$20 per couple includes materials, lunch and complimentary childcare (space may be limited). Register by Aug. 12: [www.celebratemarriageministry.com](http://www.celebratemarriageministry.com). Questions: 317-489-1557, [olgmarrageministry@gmail.com](mailto:olgmarrageministry@gmail.com).

## August 19-20

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish, 5719 Saint Mary's Road, Floyds Knobs. **Knobfest**, Sat. 6 p.m.-midnight, Sun. 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat. gambling and beer garden, "100% Poly"

band 9 p.m.-midnight; Sun. home-cooked chicken dinners, booths, prizes, quilts, bingo, kids zone. Information: 812-923-3011.

## August 20

St. Nicholas Parish, Ripley County, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman. **Church Picnic**, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., buffet-style fried chicken, roast beef dinners, mock turtle soup, games, raffles, beer garden. Information: 812-623-2964.

## August 22

St. Lawrence Parish, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Indianapolis, Life in the Spirit Seminar**, session five of eight, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-546-7328, [mkeyes@indy.rr.com](mailto:mkeyes@indy.rr.com).

St. Christopher Parish, Damascus Room, 5301 W. 16th St., Speedway. **Fall Scripture Study: Where is God in Times of Crisis**, Tuesdays through Nov. 14 (except Sept. 12, Oct. 17 and Oct. 31), 7-8:45 p.m., \$75 (\$100 includes spring semester, The Gospel of Mark), registration required by Aug. 21.

Information and registration: Lois Jansen, 317-241-9169 or [mlj986@gmail.com](mailto:mlj986@gmail.com).

## August 23

Bent Rail Brewery, 5301 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap Catholic Speaker Series: "Marriage Panel, Dating Authentically,"** 7 p.m., free admission, food and drink available for purchase, registration not required. Information: [www.indycatholic.org/indytot/](http://www.indycatholic.org/indytot/), [mkinast@archindy.org](mailto:mkinast@archindy.org).

Ike and Jonesy's, 17 W. Jackson Place, Indianapolis. **Cursillo After Work Talk Series**, (first of four, Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and Sept. 13), Deacon Brad Anderson presenting, 6 p.m., free will offering. Information: 317-222-9215, [jerry@catholicalpha.com](mailto:jerry@catholicalpha.com).

## August 24

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Monthly Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service**, sung prayers, meditation and readings. 7-8 p.m. Information: 317-926-7359 or [rectory@saintmichaelindy.org](mailto:rectory@saintmichaelindy.org).

## VIPs



**Ralph and Alberta (Matern) Biehle**, members of St. Mary Parish in North Vernon, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17.

The couple was married at St. Ann Church in Jennings County on Aug. 17, 1957.

They have seven children: Dorothy Bailey, Marie Baurle, Donna Gerringer, Ed, Marvin, Tom and the late Judy Biehle.

The couple also has 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. †



**Richard and Kathryn (Stoligrosz) McNutt**, members of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24.

The couple was married at St. Michael Church in Brookville on Aug. 24, 1967.

They have six children: Shannon Lake, Lisa Walusek, James, Michael, Scott and Steven McNutt.

The couple also has 16 grandchildren. †

## Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic communities meeting set for Aug. 27 regarding Ethiopian Rite

A meeting for the Eritrean and Ethiopian Catholic communities in the archdiocese will take place in the St. John Room of the Parish Life Center at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 3354 W. 30th St., in Indianapolis, from 2-4 p.m. on Aug. 27.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the possibility of a monthly Mass in the Ethiopian Rite at St. Michael the Archangel Church.

For more information, contact Samson at 317-869-5230 or by e-mail at [akbe\\_g@yahoo.com](mailto:akbe_g@yahoo.com). †



## Heart of Gold

Father John McCaslin, administrator of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis, receives Hearts and Hands of Indiana's first-ever Heart of Gold Award from Hearts and Hands of Indiana, at a fundraising event in Indianapolis on Aug. 5. In 2009, while pastor of St. Anthony and the former Holy Trinity parishes on the near-west side of Indianapolis, Father McCaslin helped found the non-profit organization that purchases, refurbishes and resells homes in the Haughville and Hawthorne neighborhoods to help families and individuals attain affordable, long-term housing. He received the award for his service and dedication to the organization. (Photo by Natalie Hoefer)

## Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk for Providence Food Pantry set for Sep. 9, register by Aug. 22 for T-shirt

The 6th Annual Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk, sponsored by St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish, will take place on the grounds of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, 1 Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, in St. Mary-of-the-Woods, at 10 a.m. on Sept. 9, with registration between 9-9:45 a.m.

All proceeds from this event go directly to the West Terre Haute Providence Food Pantry to purchase food for those in need. The pantry, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Providence, has served low-income families since 1994. Last year,

more than 3,000 families were provided food by the pantry.

The walk/run is on a paved path, so wheelchairs and strollers are welcome.

The entry fee is \$10.

For registration information, email [jrichey75@gmail.com](mailto:jrichey75@gmail.com); call 812-535-3048; download a registration form at Facebook: Hunger Bust Fun Run/Walk; or register the day of the event.

Those whose registration is received by Aug. 22 will receive a free T-shirt at the event. †

## Cantor workshop scheduled for Aug. 26 in Indianapolis, deadline is Aug. 21

A retreat for archdiocesan cantors co-sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Worship and the Voice Clinic of Indiana will be held at Knights of Columbus McGowan Hall, 1305 N. Delaware St., in Indianapolis, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Aug. 26.

The event, which will be led in part by Andrew Motyka, director of archdiocesan and cathedral liturgical music, will include morning praise and sessions on learning music, vocal health and medical information, warm-ups and exercises, the cantor as psalmist, the cantor as song leader and animator,

a review of Mass parts and proper postures and protocol, microphone work and general sound and mic technological information, Gregorian chant (plainsong) and solfege, and Q & A time.

The cost for the event, which includes lunch, is \$40 per person or \$200 per parish plus \$10 per person.

The deadline for payment is Aug. 21. For information or to register, call 919-412-6764 or e-mail [adorationfriend@gmail.com](mailto:adorationfriend@gmail.com). There is a limit on the number of participants, so register early. However, if demand is high enough a second event will be scheduled. †

## Retreat for separated and divorced Catholics will be held on Oct. 6-8

"Being and Belonging...A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics" will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street, in Indianapolis, on Oct. 6-8.

Retreatants are invited to relax as they journey with others, listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen an understanding of the healing process, increase a sense of belonging, and help

participants discover and affirm that God is with them in their struggles and hope.

The retreat is open to those of all faiths.

The cost for the weekend is \$168 for a shared room or \$185 for a private room.

For additional information, contact the Pro-Life Family Life Office at 317-236-1586 or e-mail [dvanvelse@archindy.org](mailto:dvanvelse@archindy.org).

To register, call Fatima Retreat House at 317-545-7681. †

# Organization helps business leaders grow in, integrate faith values

By Katie Rutter

Special to *The Criterion*

Ken Konesco's eyes sparkled with pride. He explained that, as president and CEO of the Indianapolis-based Harrison College, he rejected the modern standard of "work before family," and always encouraged his employees to think of their loved ones first.

"If there is a birthday party or if there is a graduation for your grandson or your son or daughter, that is a priority! Forget about work, you need to be there," Konesco related.

Before Konesco retired five years ago, he set the standards for about 7,000 employees.

Konesco was seated in a room with dozens of other people who also led businesses, their collective employees numbering in the tens of thousands. These leaders were well aware that their daily decisions could ripple out to influence these employees, their families and their community.

"If the chief executive officer is one that has a sense of values, it creates a whole atmosphere of that type in the company," said George Maley, who, when he retired from being president of National Underwriters Inc., employed 235 people.

"On the other hand, if he's a free-spending, free-wheeling guy, the tone of that will produce the same type of company," he told *The Criterion*.

For 28 years, business leaders have gathered for monthly meetings in Indianapolis. They comprise the Indianapolis chapter of Legatus, an organization founded to help Catholic business leaders grow in their faith and integrate the values of Catholicism into everyday decisions.

"You just constantly see people doing things the right way," said Jerry Jones, the current president of the Indianapolis chapter. "It's a room full of people that you just admire, just good people doing the right things."

Tom Monaghan, a well-known Catholic businessman and founder of Domino's Pizza, created Legatus 30 years ago. He wanted to influence those who had the greatest ability to impact the world.

"Legatus takes people who are already leaders and helps them to be better Catholics," Monaghan said in a recent interview with the *National Catholic Register*.

Maley was one of the first to join the newly-founded organization in 1987, and remains the second-oldest surviving member of Legatus. Monaghan asked him to help found the Indianapolis chapter in 1989.

Today, with 130 members, the Indianapolis chapter is the fourth-largest of 185 charter chapters, and is considered by Monaghan to be a "vibrant" example for his organization.

"We have an incredibly good reputation," Jones said. "We have some very strong civic leaders that are part of our organization."

Legatus uses a very specific set of criteria to bring together leaders with a similar ability to influence. Members must have a title such as CEO, president, chairman or owner and employ at least 49 people with \$6.5 million annual revenue, or, for a financial service company, at least 10 people and \$275 million in assets under their care.

"These folks who fit into this category have many of the same concerns, the same problems, the same pressures that they're under so that's what makes it successful," related Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, who has spiritually guided the Indianapolis chapter as chaplain for 23 years.

Once a leader qualifies, the membership is also extended to his or her spouse. Longtime attendees say that all those belonging to the Indianapolis chapter feel like a family. Some even say that being part of the organization has strengthened their marriages.

"It gives you a basis for communication and discussion of things that you may not have discussed before," said Mary Ellen Konesco, who has been married to Ken for 48 years.

"It's hard, like your business and faith, sometimes they don't seem on the same level, but in this group it is, and no one is afraid to talk about it, which is good," she said.

Monthly meetings follow a format established by Monaghan. The evening starts with a group rosary, the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and the celebration of Mass. Dinner and fellowship follow, then a speaker will present on a topic related to faith, family or business.

The Indianapolis chapter meeting on July 20 began with a Mass celebrated by Msgr. Schaedel at St. Luke. Then the group moved to the Meridian Hills Country Club where the room buzzed with lively conversation and camaraderie. Visitors were welcomed with smiles, hearty handshakes and friendly conversation.

Tom Monaghan himself was scheduled to address the Indianapolis chapter for this July meeting, but had to stay in his hometown of Ann Arbor, Mich., due to an illness. Instead, the organization sent Stephen Henley, its executive director, who read a greeting from Monaghan and congratulated Indianapolis on



Longtime members of Legatus smile for a photo during social time before the Indianapolis chapter meeting on July 20. Pictured are B.J. Maley, left, John Brand, L.H. Bayley and Dianne Bayley.

(Photos by Katie Rutter)



Theresa and Kevin O'Brien, new members of the Indianapolis chapter of Legatus, attend Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Church before the Indianapolis chapter meeting on July 20. The organization extends membership to business leaders and their spouses.



Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, longtime chaplain of Legatus and pastor at St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, gives Communion to a Legatus member during Mass on July 20 at St. Luke.

the success of their group.

"They're a phenomenal chapter," he told *The Criterion*.

Henley remarked that Catholic business leaders have a large role to play in the new evangelization, which calls on every person of faith, not just the clergy, to bring the Gospel to others.

"Your responsibility as a Catholic and a Christian is to live out your faith and do it ethically. Treat others well, treat your employees well, and have your business dealings treated well," he explained.

"You're a role model," said Jones, who strove to demonstrate Catholic values while interacting with his employees as president of the printer-distributor company Cannon IV in Indianapolis. "I want them to understand that I'm willing to walk the walk, and practice my faith on a daily basis."

Henley related that, by providing Catholic business leaders with extra formation and challenging them to live out their faith, Legatus is following an example set by Jesus himself. The Gospels show that Jesus often spent extra

time teaching those who would eventually lead his Church, the 12 Apostles.

"He spent time with his sheep, but he also spent time with his leaders," Henley said. "We're taking the talents that they have as leaders and the skills that they have as leaders and applying the Catholic faith."

The Indianapolis chapter has already added six members to its ranks this year. The group aims to continue growing their influence and challenging Catholic business leaders to live out their faith.

The message from Monaghan congratulated Indianapolis on a 96 percent renewal rate and an 11 percent growth rate.

"This is truly commendable," Monaghan wrote.

(Katie Rutter is a freelance writer and member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington. For more information on the Indianapolis chapter of Legatus, visit [legatus.org/chapter/indianapolis/](http://legatus.org/chapter/indianapolis/).) †

## USCCB president urges Trump to quickly act to ease contraceptive mandate

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called on President Donald J. Trump to ease the "onerous" contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under the Affordable Care Act because it violates religious freedom.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said in an op-ed piece in *The Hill* on Aug. 3 that the mandate, which requires most employer-offered health insurance programs to cover contraceptive and abortion-inducing drugs and devices, "has tested this country's commitment to a healthy pluralism."

Citing Trump's pledge to ease the mandate during a White House signing ceremony on May 4 for an executive order promoting free speech and religious liberty, Cardinal DiNardo lamented that after three months no steps have yet been taken to erase the HHS mandate for organizations that object to it for faith reasons.

Religious charities, schools and pro-life advocacy organizations, the cardinal wrote, could face millions of dollars in fines from the federal government for not complying with the mandate.

"The president's promises were not just in his speeches," Cardinal DiNardo said. "The text of the executive order itself directs the secretary of Health and Human Services to 'considering issuing amended regulations, consistent with applicable law, to address conscience-based objections to the preventive-care mandate."

"Yet the onerous regulations that are still on the books have not been amended," he said.

Cardinal DiNardo called on Trump to act so "that the government give us the space to fully participate in American life."

"Religious freedom is a fundamental right, not a political football. Freedom belongs to us by human nature, not by government dictate. A government that serves its citizens is one that respects the right to religious

freedom," the cardinal added.

The column follows recent failed efforts by Congress to pass a law to repeal the Affordable Care Act. It also comes two months after the May 31 leak of a draft rule from HHS exempting religious groups from the mandate. The draft was welcomed at the time by Church officials and attorneys representing the Little Sisters of the Poor, one of the groups that challenged the mandate in the courts.

The 125-page document remains under review by the White House Office of Management and Budget. It details objections to the Affordable Care Act's requirement that employers cover contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization in their employee health plans despite their moral objections to such coverage.

It would leave in place the religious accommodation created by President Barack Obama's administration for nonprofit religious entities such as Church-run colleges and social service agencies that are morally opposed to

contraceptive coverage and can file a form or notify HHS that they will not provide it. The draft rule also would broaden this exemption to cover employers with religious or moral objections to providing coverage for some abortifacients. The new rule also makes it clear that insurers may issue separate policies to women whose employers are exempt from the mandate.

The HHS mandate has undergone numerous legal challenges from religious organizations including the Little Sisters of the Poor and Priests for Life. A combined lawsuit, *Zubik v. Burwell*, made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices in May 2016 unanimously returned the case to the lower courts with instructions to determine if the contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization insurance coverage could be obtained by employees through their insurance companies without directly involving religious employers who object to paying for such coverage. †

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To do this, he said, “We must dare to go beyond our comfort zones, our facades of security, surrendering ourselves to the wisdom and understanding of God.”

Before the close of the Mass, Archbishop Thompson relayed words of thanks to concelebrants retired Father William Ernst and Father Eric Johnson, Our Lady of Perpetual Help’s pastor, as well as Deacon Jeffrey Powell, who assisted with the Mass, and the choir.

“I was humbled to hear [his compliment],” said parish music director Katelyn Stumler at a reception following the Mass. “It’s always wonderful to know when someone appreciates what you do, and for all those hard-working choir members, I know that meant so much to them.”

Stumler also sang in the archdiocesan choir for the installation Mass, and led practices for other archdiocesan choir members who live in the New Albany area.

“No matter how far away parts of the archdiocese are, we are all connected,” she said. “I feel like we’re all part of the body of Christ together, and that’s pretty incredible.”

“And the fact that he was able to come down here was just such a privilege.”

Father Johnson agreed, saying that “we feel very blessed for him to come to this part of the archdiocese to celebrate. I

think the community feels very honored by it.”

Among those greeting Archbishop Thompson at the reception were people who knew him and people meeting him for the first time.

“He seems very down-to-earth, and I’m looking forward to his leadership,” said Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner Mary Zahler, who had just met the archbishop. “I was very surprised and flattered [that he chose New Albany for his first Mass].

Sometimes southern Indiana feels left out of the circle, and it’s nice for him to start down here. I was very thrilled.”

Greeting the archbishop was a bit of a reunion for Jack Richards. Although a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Richards serves as principal of Holy Trinity School, a pre-kindergarten through eighth grade parochial school in Louisville.

“He took a chance on me as a young principal,” said Richards, who was hired by then-Holy Trinity pastor Father Charles Thompson 12 years ago. “I’ve been



Kathy Springston, left, and Judy Young, both members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, pray after receiving Communion on July 30. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Charles C. Thompson elevates the Eucharist as Deacon Jeffrey Powell looks on at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany on July 30. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)



A choir performs during Mass on July 30 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany. (Photo by Sean Gallagher)

blessed he’s been a mentor of mine for many years. We have stayed in contact throughout the years when he was bishop of Evansville and now archbishop of Indianapolis. I continue to admire his holiness, his intelligence and the way he interacts with people on a really personal level.”

He noted the archbishop is “really good with kids,” greeting them each day in the cafeteria when he was pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, and “making sure they knew he was praying for them.”

Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner Ann Steiner said the archbishop will have her prayers.

“We’re looking forward to his ministry, and whatever we can do to help him and pray for him, we’ll do that,” she said.

And that is precisely what Archbishop Thompson requested.

“Please, please pray for me,” he asked of the congregation at the end of the Mass. “If you like me, pray for me, and if you don’t like me, pray even harder for me.” †



Archbishop Charles C. Thompson smiles at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioner Max Hasenour while receiving the offertory gifts from Max’s mother, Betsy, as Ivy and Henry Hasenour, both partially obscured, look on. The Hasenours brought up the gifts during Mass on July 30. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)



More than 500 Catholics worship with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in New Albany on July 30 during his first Mass in an archdiocesan parish. (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)



# Criterion staff honored for excellence in journalism

## Criterion staff report

Staff members of *The Criterion* were recently honored for excellence in journalism by two organizations.

The recognition included awards from the Catholic Press Association (CPA) and the Women's Press Club of Indiana (WPCI).

The recognition for work completed in the 2016 calendar year started in June when staff writer Natalie Hoefler was honored by WPCI. She garnered two first-place awards: one for her story on the local Mass celebrating the canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and the other for photos from the farewell Mass celebrated for Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin last December. Both first-place honors advanced to the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest for further judging.

Hoefler received a second-place award in writing for her profile of 82-year-old Maria Moko, who fled the Soviet invasion of her home country of Hungary in 1956. She also earned a third-place award in enterprise reporting from the WPCI for her story on a "shocked" Cardinal Tobin discussing his new role in the Church.

The staff received more recognition on June 23 in Quebec City during the Catholic Press Association's annual awards program.

Reporter Sean Gallagher was awarded first place in the Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate for his package of stories: "Six brothers enter more deeply into family, faith through the priesthood;" "Siblings in priesthood, religious life support each other in ministry;" and "Brother priests offer advice to parents to foster vocations in the home." The stories featured three sets of brothers who were ordained to the priesthood for the Church in central and southern Indiana in recent years, two sets of brothers and sisters who are archdiocesan priests and religious sisters, and advice from the priests on how to foster vocations in the home.

"Brotherly love. The importance of family. The power of regularly attending Mass as a family. Prayer," judges wrote. "It's all here in this warm, fuzzy examination of three sets of brothers who are now priests—and two priests whose sisters are also Church sisters. And the message is presented beautifully by writing that avoids chronology and instead focuses on telling a story."

Editor Mike Krokos was awarded first place in the Best Editorial on a Local Issue category for "Prayers are needed to help our nation's wounds and divisions," which focused on how our nation needed to come together after another shooting aimed at law enforcement—this one in Dallas, Texas—resulted in the death of five policemen.

"Vivid descriptions of the violence and devastating

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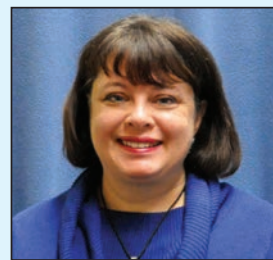
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God really does care for you, writes columnist Debra Tomaszak, page 26.

**John Shaughnessy**  
When Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin issued his resignation, he shocked the people of the archdiocese. He had not specified exactly what would happen next, but he had not ruled out the possibility of a return to the priesthood. He had not ruled out the possibility of a return to the priesthood. He had not ruled out the possibility of a return to the priesthood.



Sean Gallagher



Natalie Hoefler



John Shaughnessy



Mike Krokos

Staff writer Sean Gallagher's package of stories: "Six brothers enter more deeply into family, faith through the priesthood," "Siblings in priesthood, religious life support each other in ministry," and "Brother priests offer advice to parents to foster vocations in the home" was awarded first place in the Best Reporting on Vocations to Priesthood, Religious Life or Diaconate in the Catholic Press Association's (CPA) 2016 awards competition. The newspaper recently won a total of 11 awards from the CPA and Woman's Press Club of Indiana (WPCI).

interactions between law enforcement and citizens bring the editorial's message to life," judges wrote. "The plea bridges the gap by calling for deeper understanding and prayer for all."

Assistant editor John Shaughnessy was awarded second place in the Best Sports Journalism: Sports Feature category for his story, "A father's lesson, a son's gift: Magical moment at baseball game strikes to the heart of a beautiful relationship." The piece focused on a special moment at a baseball game between two school-age students that resulted from one of the young boy's loving relationship with his late father.

"This highly touching piece touches on the innocence of youth and how children at any age can be raised with a faith foundation that stresses kindness and selflessness," judges wrote. "The writer's style and judicious use of quotes create an emotionally compelling story. A true gem of a story that many of us can relate."

Hoefler received a third-place award in the Best Original Poetry category for several "My Journey to God" entries: "The Love of Christ"; "Marriage Reflection"; "Pilgrimage Pondering"; and "The Hoosier Cardinal."

"Effectively evoked emotional response," judges wrote. "Mostly good word choice and structure. Good awareness of targeted audience."

Shaughnessy also received honorable mention recognition in the Best News Writing on a National or International Event by a diocesan newspaper for his series of stories in Rome on Cardinal Tobin's installation into the College of Cardinals last November.

As a staff, *The Criterion* also received two honorable mention awards for a special farewell issue dedicated to Cardinal Tobin and his four years of ministry to the archdiocese.

The awards came in the Best Supplement or Special Issue: Best One-Time Special Issue category, and the Best Supplement or Special Issue: Best Special Supplement on a Bishop's Transition category.

"The support of the people across the archdiocese is critical to the success of *The Criterion*, and everyone in the Church in central and southern Indiana can take pride in the high quality of journalism produced by our staff," said Greg Otolski, associate publisher of *The Criterion*. "As these awards demonstrate, *The Criterion* is one of the leading newspapers in the country in helping people understand what is happening in the local Church as well as the larger Church throughout the world. The stories we tell are often ignored by the secular media and need to be heard." †

# New film recalls faith, sacrifice of Maryknoll chaplain killed in Vietnam

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (CNS)—Fifty years after he put himself between a wounded Marine and fatal enemy gunfire, the story of Maryknoll Father Vincent Capodanno's faith and sacrifice is being retold in a new movie.

His memory is cherished by those who knew him, his cause for canonization is promoted by

those with whom he served, and a new generation of young Catholics in his old neighborhood has come to know the Staten Island native.

Father Capodanno's story may reach its largest audience yet when *Called and Chosen*, a 90-minute movie of his life, premieres on Aug. 30 on EWTN.

The priest was serving a second tour of duty in Vietnam as a Navy chaplain ministering to Marines when he was wounded during a North Vietnamese ambush in the Que Son Valley on Sept. 4, 1967.

Despite his injuries, he went to the aid of a fellow corpsman who was pinned down by an enemy machine gunner. While he administered medical and spiritual attention, the unarmed chaplain was struck by 27 bullets and died at age 38.

He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 1969, in addition to the Purple Heart, Navy Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

"He was an amazing man. You couldn't talk to him and ever forget it," George J. Phillips told Catholic News Service (CNS). Phillips, a retired Marine Corps captain, was with the chaplain's Marine unit and "on the knoll when Father Capodanno was killed."

He is chairman of the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild, an association established in 2013 to promote the chaplain's cause for canonization.

Father Capodanno was born in New York in 1929, the 10th child of Italian immigrants. He was ordained a Maryknoll missionary in 1958, and served in Taiwan and Hong Kong before asking permission from his religious superiors to join the Navy Chaplain Corps. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the spring of 1966 and went to Vietnam.

"He always referred to us as 'my Marines,'" and he lived, ate and slept in the same conditions as the men, Phillips said.

"At the end of his first tour, Father Capodanno still saw the need for his work with 'his Marines' and asked for an extension through the Christmas holidays," Phillips said.

In 2002, Father Capodanno's sainthood cause was officially opened, giving him the title of "servant of God." In 2004, initial documentation was submitted to Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes.

In 2013, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services presided over the formal

renewal of the opening of the cause and announced at that time that the newly established Father Vincent Capodanno Guild would serve as the petitioner.

The archdiocesan phase of the cause was closed this past May at an annual memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The findings of the local tribunal were sent to the Congregation for Saints' Causes at the Vatican for review.

The idea for a movie about Father Capodanno's life came from the guild, according to Phillips. "We wanted to tell his whole story, from growing up as a child of dedicated, practicing Catholics, through his high school and college years, to his priesthood and Vietnam experience," Phillips said. The guild partnered with EWTN to produce and distribute the film, which Phillips said cost approximately \$750,000.

James Kelty was chosen to produce, write, direct and edit the movie. Since 2010, Kelty has produced docudramas for EWTN about Sts. Isaac Jogues, Junipero Serra and Kateri Tekakwitha, among others.

Kelty said he started with a lot of archival photos and a few minutes of Marines video, and determined the most compelling way to tell the story was to intersperse interviews with family members and former Marines with dramatizations of key events in Father Capodanno's life.

This included re-enacting battle scenes from Vietnam at the Sanna Ranch in Santa Clarita, Calif., and filming parishioners at St. Bridget Chinese Parish in Los Angeles.

Actor James Hutson portrays Father Capodanno as an adult. Kelty identified him through a traditional audition process. Damien Ferreira plays the priest as a young boy; Kelty discovered him while leading a pilgrimage tour along the Father Junipero Serra Trail.

"It's important that the actors look somewhat like the people they play. While I was giving the talk, I noticed that a boy in the group looked like picture I had seen of the young Capodanno," Kelty said. Damien had no previous acting experience.

At St. Adalbert School on Staten Island, Father Capodanno is part of the daily life of the student body.

"We pray to him every morning, and there's a picture of him in each classroom. We feel a bond with him. He grew up in this neighborhood and walked the same streets we do," said Diane Hesterhagen, who is beginning her 21st year as principal of the school.

"We consider him a true hometown hero. He's such an impressive role model of Christ-like sacrifice," she said.

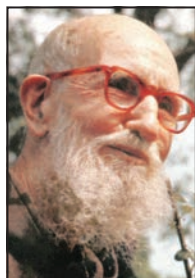
Father Capodanno's late brother James helped the students make a documentary on his life for Instructional Television of the New York Archdiocese, Hesterhagen told CNS. "Jim let them see the Medal of Honor and touch the chalice he used in Vietnam. It created a real memory for the children and strengthened their faith," she explained.

(The website of the Father Vincent Capodanno Guild can be found at [www.capodannoguild.org](http://www.capodannoguild.org).) †

# Friar's remains exhumed, relics collected ahead of beatification Mass

DETROIT (CNS)—The remains of Father Solanus Casey were exhumed on Aug. 1 as part of the canonical process that precedes the saintly Capuchin Franciscan friar's beatification Mass in November.

The purpose of the exhumation, according to the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Detroit, was to both officially identify the body and to collect relics that will be used to venerate Father Casey after he is beatified on Nov. 18.



Fr. Solanus Casey, O.F.M.

Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron presided over the private exhumation service, which was limited to a handful of individuals, including three medical professionals who were on hand to examine the remains and report on the condition of the body.

"Presiding at the process for opening the tomb of Father Solanus and confirming the identity of his earthly remains was a time of significant personal

prayer for me," Archbishop Vigneron said afterward. "I especially give the Lord Jesus thanks for the gift of Father's service to our community, above all to the least among us, and for his example of loving our neighbor with nothing less than the sacrificial charity of Christ himself.

"This day is a clear milestone on our path to Nov. 18 and Father Solanus' beatification at the Mass to be offered in Ford Field," he said. The stadium in downtown Detroit will be configured to accommodate 60,000 people for the ceremony.

"God is sure to give great blessings to all of us through this confirmation of Father Solanus' holiness. For this, 'let us thank God ahead of time,'" the archbishop said, repeating Father Casey's oft-quoted refrain.

Capuchin Franciscan Father Michael Sullivan, provincial minister for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, was among the few Capuchins present for the solemn occasion.

"It was an honor and a joy for me to be prayerfully present," Father Sullivan said. "For me, it was an occasion to pray for all the friars, especially the sick and those who minister here in Detroit as well as for vocations to our way of life. I am deeply grateful for all the ways God continues to work through the presence and ministry of the Capuchins."

The Aug. 1 ceremony marks the second time Father Casey's body has been exhumed—the first was in 1987, when his remains were moved from the friars' cemetery to their current resting place in the north transept of the

St. Bonaventure Monastery chapel.

The exhumation also took place one day after the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Father Casey's death on July 31, 1957.

A priest known for his great faith, humility and compassion and for his ministry as a spiritual counselor, Father Casey worked for two decades in the Harlem section of New York City.

In 1924, he was transferred back to Detroit, where he joined the Capuchin order, and began working as the porter—or doorkeeper—of St. Bonaventure Monastery. He also helped establish the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929 to feed the hungry during the Great Depression, a work that continues in Detroit today. He was declared venerable in 1995.

Exhumation of the body of a sainthood candidate is part of the formalities of the beatification process and includes very strict guidelines, said Capuchin Franciscan Father Larry Webber, who along with Brother Richard Merling, also a Capuchin Franciscan, has served as vice postulator of Father Casey's sainthood cause since 2012.

After permission was received from the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes—as well as local civic officials—to exhume the body, the metal casket in which Father Casey was buried was raised from its resting place on the evening of July 31, but remained unopened until the next morning.

Leading a prayer, Archbishop Vigneron broke the wax seal that was left on Father Casey's casket when it was last opened under then-Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka, and two witnesses who were present at the 1987 exhumation helped verify the body. Medical examiners were then asked to report on its condition.

Church officials then oversaw the collection of



Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and Capuchin Father Michael Sullivan pray on May 4 at the tomb of Father Solanus Casey before the announcement of the friar's beatification at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. (CNS photo/courtesy Archdiocese of Detroit)

first- and second-class relics—including pieces of bone, hair or clothing—which were secured inside vials to be sent to Rome, where they will be cataloged, authenticated and prepared for distribution. The body was then reinterred in a new casket, along with an authentication document signed by those present, before Archbishop Vigneron led a closing prayer.

Father Webber called it a "very powerful spiritual experience" to be able to see and venerate the remains of Father Casey.

"Many mixed feelings filled the hearts of our Capuchin community today," Father Webber said. "We are well aware that Father Solanus is now part of something greater than just our Capuchin community. He belongs to the whole Church, and we pray that his eventual canonization might make him another model of holiness in following Jesus Christ in the universal Church." †

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# Parish celebrates unity as a 'sign' of the times

By John Shaughnessy

Father Carlton Beever was on vacation in Virginia when the colorful yard sign caught his attention.

Divided into three sections of green, blue and orange, the sign offered a message of unity in Spanish, English and Arabic—a message of unity embraced in the English translation that declares, “No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.”

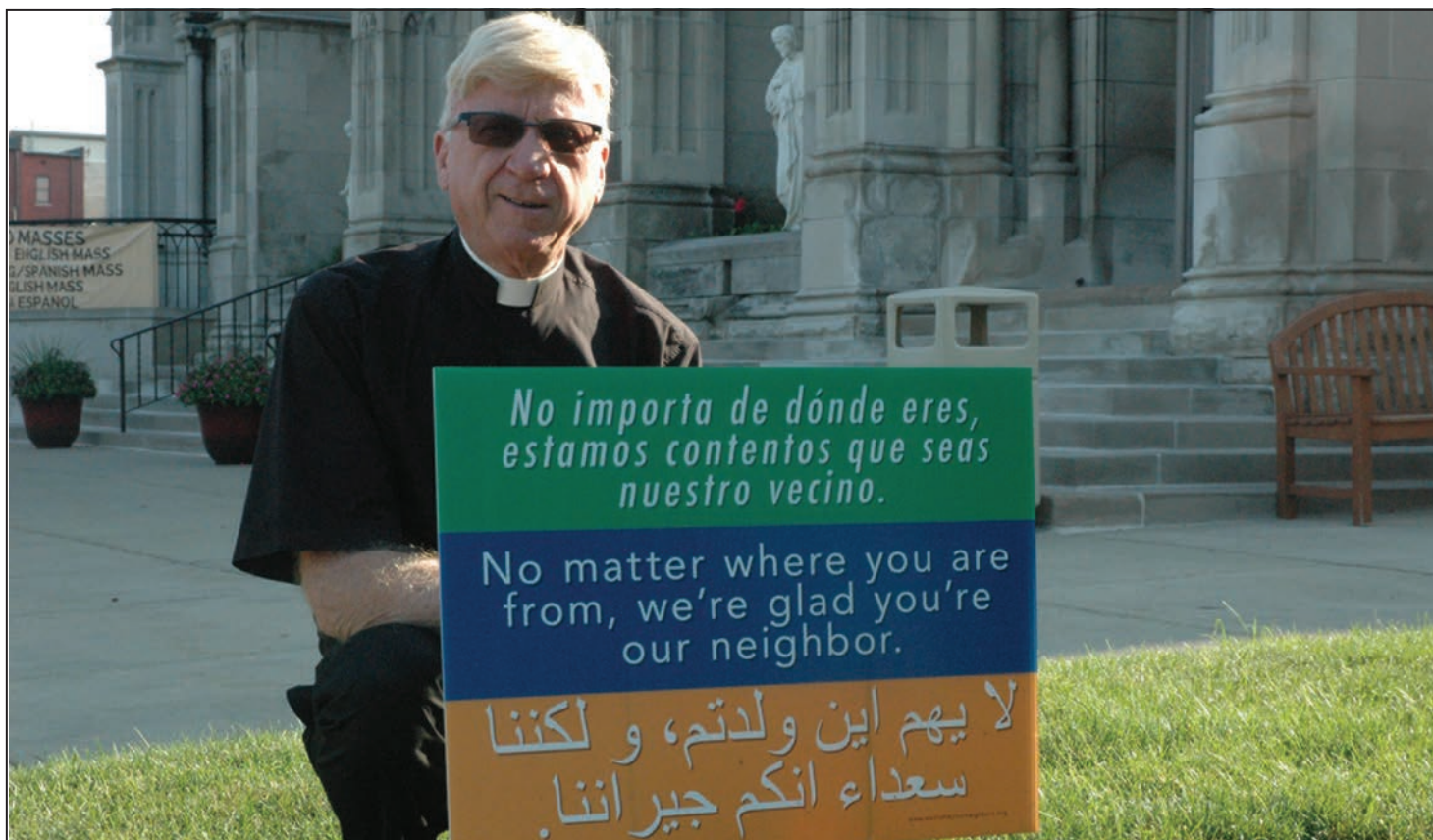
As he absorbed that message, Father Beever felt it struck to the heart of the atmosphere of “acceptance, tolerance and welcome” that he believes marks St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, the faith community he serves as pastor.

After researching the origins of the yard sign, Father Beever returned from vacation and asked his parish council to approve buying 200 of them—an approval that came quickly.

“We’re in a very diverse area—downtown,” Father Beever says. “More and more people are coming from different backgrounds and countries. We’ve had a strong Hispanic presence, and there are people from Korea, Japan, China, Nigeria, Holland and Poland.

“We have homeless people who come here to worship, white members, black members, professional people, poor people. Our parish is kind of a melting pot.”

It’s also a parish whose members quickly dotted their yards and the downtown area with the signs, which were made available at cost.



As the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis, Father Carlton Beever has led his parish in displaying signs of “acceptance, tolerance and welcome” throughout the downtown area. (photo by John Shaughnessy)

“Anything we can do to reach out to others and make them feel welcome is important,” Father Beever says. “Our parish is known for immigration. First it was the Germans, who originally founded and built the church. The second wave was the Hispanic community. And now

the third wave is multi-cultural and multi-country.”

The pastor is also encouraged that similar signs have appeared in other areas of Indianapolis. He believes the message on the sign is an important one at this time in American society. He’s also proud

that St. Mary Parish is trying to live that message.

“It really shows hope for the world—that people can accept each other and worship together with each other. We’re open to anyone who wishes to be here, and we’re trying to share that sense with others.” †

# Ladies’ clubs continue to share their gifts at parishes

By Cynthia Dewes

Special to *The Criterion*

GREENCASTLE—We often hear that ladies’ clubs are the backbone of a parish. That’s because they tirelessly raise funds, sponsor events, keep up the church and generally serve the members of their spiritual family and the wider community.

In earlier times, when women did not often work outside the home, they had more time to volunteer for such work. And there is more competition today from social media and recreational activities, so that social and service groups like ladies’ clubs and the Lions clubs, Elks and others are losing membership.

But the Ladies’ Guild of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle proves that it can still be done, and done well. Although it’s the only Catholic parish in Putnam County and not the largest one

in the Terre Haute Deanery, it provides continuous support to both. At monthly meetings, members hear speakers on current subjects, socialize and plan their many activities.

St. Paul Parish was established in 1853, and with it the St. Ann Ladies Altar Society, as it was then known. Its purpose was to procure necessary things for the altar and the celebration of the Mass. They purchased a monstrance and thurible for the church, as well as altar linens, cassocks and surplices, candles, incense, altar wine and so on. They cleaned the church regularly, and also contributed money to maintaining the church building with new wiring, light fixtures and other renovations.

Now, more than 160 years later, the Ladies Guild still does all those things, as well as prepare food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas,

and decorate the church for Christmas and Easter liturgies. They provide gifts for first Communion and confirmation candidates and for the parish staff at Christmastime.

The guild manages Lenten soup suppers and offers support to community groups such as the Family Support Services, Care Net and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Their scholarship committee each year awards a \$1,000 scholarship and two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors.

At Christmastime, the Guild helps the Terre Haute Deanery with Catholic Charities efforts and the deanery’s Christmas Store. They provide the Christmas Store with items for each child, including new outfits,

new socks and underwear donated largely by St. Paul parishioners, and a toy.

Twice a year, the Ladies Guild holds rummage/bake sales to help support its activities. They also have an annual Christmas Bazaar which features handcrafted items and baked goods, as well as gently used toys and clothing.

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(Cynthia Dewes is a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle.) †

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Study some of Indiana's early history in Vincennes

If you're a history buff, August is a good time to visit Vincennes, Ind. This was by far the most important city in early Indiana history. You can do it in one day, but I suggest two days because there's so much to see.



Connie and I did it last summer. We drove straight to the Old Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier.

This is the oldest church in Indiana, built in 1826. It was the first cathedral for the Diocese of Vincennes, which became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in 1944. It was Bishop Simon Bruté's cathedral. It's an attractive little church, 60 feet wide by 115 feet long. There are several large murals. We walked down to the crypt where Bishop Bruté and his three successors are buried.

The Old Cathedral Library and Museum is behind the church. It contains more than 5,000 volumes of Bishop Bruté's personal library, but only a few of them are on display. It's sort of amazing that he was able to ship that many

volumes, all of them large tomes, as they were in 1838, from Baltimore. President John Adams called Bishop Bruté "the most learned man of his day in America."

Many artifacts from Indiana's early history are displayed, and the books show Bishop Bruté's wide range of interests. He was born in Rennes, France, in 1779. He studied to be a doctor, but then decided to be a priest. He came to the United States in 1810. He was a seminary professor at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore for most of his life. He was also St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's confessor.

He was appointed to the wilderness of Indiana when he was 55. He wasn't here long, though. He died in 1839, only five years after being named the first bishop of Vincennes. He accomplished a great deal in those five years, though.

The Old Cathedral is right next to the magnificent George Rogers Clark Memorial, high above the Wabash River. It's the largest national monument outside of Washington. It's where Fort Sackville once stood. Before visiting it, though, you should watch a 30-minute film that tells about Rogers' capture of the fort during the Revolutionary War. It resulted in the United States adding the

Old Northwest.

In another part of town is Grouseland, the mansion that William Henry Harrison built after he was named the first governor of the Indiana Territory, created on July 4, 1800. It consisted of the Old Northwest, the future states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and the eastern part of Minnesota. No other governor ever governed such a vast area of the country. Harrison later became the eighth president of the United States, but died after only a month in office, the first president to die in office.

Three historical buildings have been moved to an area beside Grouseland: Indiana's first capitol building, the first school and the first printing press that published the first newspaper. These all stretch back to the early 19th century.

Next week, I'll write about the Catholic connections to Vincennes history at the time of George Rogers Clark.

*(John Fink's recent series of columns on Church history is now available in book form from Amazon. It is titled How Could This Church Survive? with the subtitle, It must be more than a human institution.) †*

Twenty Something/Christina Capecchi

## Embracing our ancient faith

Nicholas Owen was canonized 364 years after his death.

Such is often the case with the Catholic Church, charged with curating a 2,000-year treasure trove of saints and stories, rovers and relics.



Owen's tale is unlike any other. Born in Oxford in the mid-16th century, his devout family prepared him well for his remarkable

life's work. His father was a carpenter who taught him the trade. Two older brothers became priests, bringing the sacraments to a hungry community.

There was much to be done in Elizabethan England, a dark and frightening time when Catholics were persecuted and priests were incarcerated or hanged. A "papist" caught converting an Anglican could be charged with high treason.

Owen was determined to do his part to defend his beloved faith despite considerable physical limitations: He was slightly taller than a dwarf, suffered from a hernia and had a crippled leg. Still, he embarked on the most dangerous of missions, building priest holes into Catholic homes across the country.

For 18 years, he constructed these hiding places to conceal priests from "pursuivants," as they were called—priest hunters who collected tips and searched exhaustively for men in Roman collars. Owen built priest holes in walls, under floors and behind wainscoting. He hid them in fireplaces, attics and staircases. Some took the form of an apartment or chapel in a secluded part of the house or in the roof space, where Mass could be celebrated, vestments could be stored and a priest could retreat in case of emergency.

The work demanded everything of Owen—the strength of his mind, his muscles and his convictions. He broke through massive structures and thick stones. He climbed through underground passages and discovered impenetrable recesses, enmeshing the priest holes in labyrinths.

He worked by night to reduce the chances of being caught, always alone. He used the alias "Little John," and accepted only staples of food or clothing as payment. He kept each place a secret, never disclosing any location.

Eventually, in 1606, Owen was captured and tortured to death.

Father John Gerard, a Jesuit priest whose escape from the Tower of London was masterminded by Owen, wrote fondly of the martyr: "I verily think no man can be said to have done more good of all those who labored in the English vineyard. He was the immediate occasion of saving the lives of many hundreds of persons, both ecclesiastical and secular."

No one knows just how many priest holes Owen made. Some may still be undiscovered.

Pope Paul VI canonized him in 1970. Today, his name pops up randomly online, trending on places like Reddit's "Today I Learned" tab.

We can honor him simply by attending Mass, especially by taking advantage of the availability of daily Mass. To learn Owen's story is to appreciate Catholicism anew, to crack open its rich history and astounding breadth.

My friend Eileen made a concerted effort to do this by enrolling in the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute in St. Paul, Minn. For two years, she and some 200 classmates met every Monday night to unpack the catechism, absorb guest lectures and engage in small-group discussion. "I'm more sure that the Catholic faith is true," she told me, "that I'm Catholic because I really believe it, not just because I grew up in the Church."

What a journey: teachings that underpin tales like Owen's, faith and reason together, stirring the soul while igniting the intellect, prodding us toward our better, braver selves.

*(Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) †*

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

## Trying to 'find ourselves' in an ever-changing world

Like Popeye said, "I yam what I yam." We're all the products of many influences over a lifetime. There's



input by parents, or lack of it, and from teachers and other authority figures, from education and reading, from geography, genetics, you name it.

It's no wonder then that the current game of "finding oneself" is so popular. Indeed, it takes almost an entire lifetime to decipher all the clues to who we really are. Some of us never give this a thought, and just go with the flow, but others are so introspective that they almost become unable to function.

Not only people affect who we are, but also events and popular culture. The slapstick kind of humor that amused everyone in the early 20th century is now considered corny. The music that inspires us has gone from ragtime to jazz to swing to rock and roll and rap, with others thrown in. The Great Depression and World War II, Korea and Vietnam have influenced us, as has the Cold War.

Even our ideas of wonder and fun may affect us. When most people rarely traveled beyond their hometown or state, viewing the world's wonders remained in movies and local amusement parks. You could visit Wisconsin Dells and see a Mayan temple, an upside-down White House, and even a Trojan Horse. For thrills, there was the roller coaster or tilt-a-whirl ride, while today we have space travel and bullet trains.

Changes in shopping practices affect our conceptions of money, style or value. We have many more choices in what to buy without many practical comparisons. Our individual taste may be trumped by what the magazines say is "in," or what others admire. Today fitting in, in more ways than one, is often different than it used to be. What gains approval by others is not based on a fixed standard.

The way we eat, personal hygiene, and other individual practices affect who we are, often literally. We can be chronic overeaters or dieters, those who bathe religiously and those who wait to be told. And certainly, our health determines much about us. We may be silent sufferers or whiners, hypochondriacs or terminally ill, but all of it helps make us who we are.

That's a lot of "stuff," and we certainly can't spend time thinking about all of it. But whatever results from our analysis, it's our behavior and responses that count in the long run. Whether they're overtly religious or not, I believe that most people are innately good and will try to do the right thing. After all, we're made in the image of God. But if we've been skewed somehow along the way, we will need help to get right again. We must learn to make good choices, which is not easy when we're trapped in self-interest and greed and self-importance.

It's no surprise to us who've been given the gift of faith that the path to peace and true self-knowledge comes in practicing the Christian ethic of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us. Having been made in the image of God, that's our real identity. We should act like it.

Instead of spending so much time, money and effort to "find ourselves," maybe we should just pray for understanding and settle for the person we really know ourselves to be.

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

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

## Thoughtfulness is key for creating character, destiny

"Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."



This maxim, often attributed to American essayist and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson, raises the question: "When, if ever, have we conducted a thought check, and why is it so important?"

As a result of truncated thoughtfulness, we are seeing an increase in prominent leaders making clarifications or retractions because of poorly stated off-the-cuff comments. It also hampers the action and character needed for making progress.

Here are some thought checks to consider:

When did an inspiring thought last energize you? Why was it moving? How lasting were its effects?

Have there been thoughts you visit repeatedly to guide you through life? From where did they emanate: a spouse, a book, a teacher, a friend, a movie? Or did they come while you were at church or just while you were musing? What made them classic?

American essayist and poet Henry David Thoreau said, "As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives."

What thoughts most direct your life?

A quote sometimes attributed to the Greek philosopher Aristotle reads: "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." How often have you rejected certain

thoughts, or chose one thought over another? How discerning are you on a regular basis?

Indian spiritual leader Sai Baba stated, "All action results from thought, so it is thoughts that matter." How many memorable thoughts have led to desired outcomes? What in them moved you into action?

On the front steps of the Supreme Court sits a woman holding a blindfolded figure of justice and leaning on a book of laws. Her name is Contemplation of Justice, showing that justice requires meticulous thoughtfulness.

Life is filled with innumerable thoughts that take us in untold directions. When last have you eluded distractions, gone deeply within yourself and assiduously focused your thoughts?

Thoughtfulness is the golden key for creating character and our destiny.

*(Father Eugene Hemrick writes for Catholic News Service.) †*

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

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, August 13, 2017

- 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:22-33



The First Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first reading. The two Books of Kings highlight the kings of the united kingdom of Israel, Saul, David, and Solomon, but neither book is a political history. Both books are religious works. The chief purpose of these writings is to call the people to be loyal to God.

Thus, along with the kings, and often more emphatically and extensively than the kings, these books tell the stories of prophets, who spoke for God.

For example, this weekend's reading centers on the prophet Elijah. He tries to hear God, believing that God will speak to him. But looking for God in all the wrong places, Elijah expects to hear the Almighty in raging storms and in natural upheavals.

Such are not the means through which God seeks to communicate with Elijah. At last, Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound. It is the voice of God.

Several lessons are in this reading. First, God communicates with humanity in ways that they can perceive.

Second, in communicating with humans, God does not always meet their expectations. Elijah looked for God in great outbursts of nature, in a storm and earthquake. Elijah believed that God is supreme over nature, as indeed he is.

As the New Testament eventually would specifically teach, God's ways are not human ways. Not acting in human ways, God appears in places and events and forms least expected, such as in tiny whispering sounds in the middle of storms and earth tremors.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans again furnishes this weekend's second reading.

In this passage, Paul verified his status as an Apostle, and his truthfulness. He had to identify himself. He faced

imposters. His writings made clear the fact that some disputed Paul, questioning his vocation as an Apostle.

He also mourned that many of his kin did not accept God. Despite the fact that some walked away from the Gospel, however, Paul insisted that he would remain true to his calling as a Christian and as an Apostle. He urged the Romans also to be faithful.

For its last reading this weekend, the Church turns to St. Matthew's Gospel.

In this story, the Lord literally walked across water to reach the boat from which the Apostles were fishing. Peter, impulsive as was his personality, leaped from the boat attempting to meet Jesus. Indeed, Jesus had invited Peter to come forward.

As often happened, Peter's initial impulsiveness gave way to uncertainty and doubt. When these feelings took hold, Peter's own ability to walk on the water failed. He began to sink.

Jesus, not at all outdone by Peter's lack of faith, pulled the Apostle from the water, rescuing him from death.

## Reflection

It is a truism today that God's ways are not our ways. Of course, they are not. We are limited. Our perceptions are blurred. Selfishness and fear lead us astray.

Life cannot be measured just by earthly standards. It must be measured by its totality, in other words, with attention given to the fact of eternity.

Jesus is the Son of God. He walked on water. He is the source of life. He is the only security. He alone gives eternal life.

The greatest practical lesson to learn from these readings is that we are only human. Our outlook is not necessarily on target. Our wishes are not always pure. We may love the Lord, and we may attempt to be with the Lord, but at times we try to find happiness by relying upon ourselves. We try to walk on water. We always will fall into the water as did Peter.

We need God's strength. First of all, we must humbly realize who and what we are. †

## My Journey to God

### The Assumption Icon of Hope

By Natalie Hoefler

The year was 1985, and I was 15. I stood in a centuries-old orthodox church in the Soviet Union, mesmerized by the candles, icons and paintings adorning every inch like a blanket of holiness. I looked up and saw an image so unusual, so striking that I can see it clearly in my mind to this day. Across a portion of the ceiling was an image of Jesus as if ascending toward his Father in heaven. Cradled in his left arm was a swaddled baby—his own mother, Mary.

I puzzled over the image. Why was Mary shown as an infant? Why wasn't she depicted being taken to heaven as a beautiful young woman, like all of the Assumption images I had ever seen?

I carried the image in my mind and reflected on it over the years. As both I and my faith matured, I came to see it as a depiction of "death as rebirth," with Christ himself taking his most beloved "reborn" mother—the purest of all souls—to her heavenly home.

I didn't see a similar image again until 30 years later when I visited another foreign land—the Holy Land. When we entered Dormition Abbey in



Old Jerusalem, I wondered . . . I searched the walls, and there it was. Jesus wasn't ascending in this image, but rather standing over the deceased body of his mother. Still, he held in his arms the pure soul of the reborn Mary in swaddling clothes, like the Madonna and Child reversed.

I learned that this image is called the "Assumption Icon of Hope" (a search on the Internet returns several variations of this image). And it does give me hope: hope in the intercession of a mother so pure, her soul was assumed straight into heaven by her Son; and hope that, if I follow her example, proclaim my "Yes" and live for Christ, I too might one day be carried to heaven by his strong, beautiful arms as a joyful child, anxiously waiting to meet my Father. †

(Natalie Hoefler is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and a reporter for The Criterion. In the "Assumption Icon of Hope" in Dormition Abbey in Old Jerusalem, Christ is shown holding the newborn soul of Mary—represented as an infant in swaddling clothes—in an iconic variation of the Assumption. The Feast of the Assumption is on Aug. 15.) (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)

## Daily Readings

### Monday, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr  
Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20  
Matthew 17:22-27

Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2  
Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14  
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57  
Luke 11:27-28

### Tuesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Psalm 45:10-12, 16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

### Wednesday, August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17  
Matthew 18:15-20

### Thursday, August 17

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17  
Psalm 114:1-6  
Matthew 18:21-19:1

### Friday, August 18

Joshua 24:1-13  
Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24  
Matthew 19:3-12

### Saturday, August 19

St. John Eudes, priest  
Joshua 24:14-29  
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11  
Matthew 19:13-15

### Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

## Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

### Yoga postures can be helpful, some of its principles conflict with Church teaching

**Q**A deacon speaking at a meeting of my wife's prayer group recently



told its members that yoga involves communicating with the devil.

While neither of us practice yoga, his comments were concerning because our adult daughter does. Is what the

deacon said true, and is there any Church teaching on the matter? (New Jersey)

**A**The issue is a bit complex and has been the subject of a fair amount of controversy. Classic yoga is a discipline that grew out of Hindu mysticism; it seeks enlightenment through a series of exercises designed to align the body, mind and spirit.

Simply because it has its origin outside the Christian tradition doesn't necessarily mean that it conflicts with Catholic teaching.

The Vatican pointed this out in a 1989 document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith called "Some Aspects of Christian Meditation," stating: "Genuine practices of meditation that come from the Christian East and from the great non-Christian religions, which prove attractive to the man of today who is divided and disoriented, [can] constitute a suitable means of helping the person who prays to come before God with an interior peace" (#28).

The bodily postures assumed during yoga as well as the breathing techniques are themselves morally neutral.

The real issue lies in what these techniques are designed to accomplish—what they are supposed to connect you to—and herein lies the difficulty with certain forms of yoga: They assume a basic pantheism, the goal being for the person to become "one with the divine."

A classic yoga mantra that the user is encouraged to repeat, is "So'ham," which can be translated "I am the universal self." That is a far cry from orthodox Christian theology, which holds that we humans are created beings and the triune God is not.

I have no idea what particular type of yoga your daughter is involved with, so the safest course might be for her to discuss this with a knowledgeable priest.

**Q**I have been attending the same parish for 25 years. My three children were

baptized in its church, had their first reconciliation and first Communion there, and two of them were confirmed in it. I myself have taught Christian formation classes there for a number of years.

I have been married for 18 years, but a year ago my husband abandoned me and our children. Four months ago, I found out that he has been having an affair and has been living with the office manager of our parish.

Since then, I have not been able to return to this church without feeling deep shame. I have been searching for ways to move past this, but I find it difficult.

I know, too, that the sacrament of marriage is a serious matter, but how do I stay with a man who doesn't want me and wants a divorce? I fear that I am letting God down. I feel such pain, no matter what parish I attend.

I feel lost, pray for guidance and seek some closure. Can you help me understand how the Church looks upon my situation? (City of origin withheld)

**A**First of all, you are not letting God down and have no need to feel guilt or shame, although experiencing such feelings is understandable. If your husband does not want to be married to you any longer and insists on a divorce, you have no choice but to let that happen.

Have you tried making one last-ditch effort—telling him that you know what's been going on but are prepared to forgive, that you are willing to go with him to a counselor to try to put your marriage back together?

Sometimes a marriage can come apart even when one spouse is virtually without fault; the Church recognizes this, so I invite you to seek peace of heart and mind with the help of God's grace.

As for which parish church to attend, I would guess that it's going to be a long time before you'll feel comfortable in your home parish, with all the memories that it holds. Why not continue to explore other parishes where you might feel more at peace?

And finally, your pastor deserves to know of your suspicions about his parish manager, so that he can make a judgment as to whether that person is a suitable representative of the parish.

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Dr., Albany, New York 12203.) †

## 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.

**BEEN, Frank E.**, 87, St. Mary, Navilleton, July 29. Husband of Evelyn Been. Father of Kathy Byrn and Bruce Been. Brother of Norma Jean Willis, Roy and William Been. Grandfather of one. Great-grandfather of two.

**BRONNERT, M. Kay**, 78, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 23. Wife of Joseph Bronnert. Mother of Karen Shepherd, Craig Calmer and Kelly Bronnert. Sister of Marjorie Clark. Grandmother of one. Great-grandmother of one.

**COLLINS, Mary D.**, St. Mary, Navilleton, July 9. Mother of Madonna Gammel, Michelle Spooner, Connie, Ira and Ted Collins. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 17.

**CUAUTLE-AHUATI, Dominga**, 58, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, July 6. Wife of Jose Apolinar Ramirez Cortez. Mother of Antonia and Mario Ramirez.

**HAPAK, Charlotte (Haydon)**, 90, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 17. Mother of Holly Betz, Tracy Schick, Madeline, Susan, F. Haydon and Mark Hapak. Grandmother of 13.

**HEPPNER, Gerald F.**, 79, St. Louis, Batesville, July 28. Father of Debbie Hughes and Dena Heppner. Brother of Jim Heppner. Grandfather of five.

**KASHMAN, Carolyn**, 88, Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, June 29. Wife of William Kashman. Mother of Peggy, Chris, Dennis, Steve and Tom Kashman. Sister of Larry Smith. Grandmother of 13. Great-grandmother of 15.

**LANE, Clara A.**, 88, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 23. Mother of Emily McKinney, Patricia Raham, Kenneth and Walter Lane. Step-mother of Kristina Raham. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 13. Great-great-grandmother of one. Step-grandmother of one.

**MARTIN, Marlene R.**, 79, St. Gabriel, Connersville, July 25. Sister of John, Mark, Robert and William Pflum.

**MILLER, Dale**, 88, Annunciation, Brazil, July 17. Husband of Rosemary Miller. Father of Pattie Johnson and Terri Sophocleus. Grandfather of three. Great-grandfather of four.



## Honoring Mary

Pilgrims enter the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels after walking on their knees during a traditional pilgrimage in Cartago, Costa Rica, on Aug. 1. Thousands of worshippers make pilgrimages across the country annually to pay their respects and seek blessings from *Nuestra Senora de los Angeles*, Costa Rica's patron saint. (CNS photo/Juan Carlos Ulate, Reuters)

**NARVA, Audrey**, 69, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, July 29. Wife of Jeff Narva. Mother of Niome Baumeister. Sister of Laura Ptak, Marci Severson, Kevin and Randy Patterson. Grandmother of two.

**NEFF, James L.**, 78, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 8. Husband of Clona Neff. Father of Wendi Eyster and Nicholas Neff. Brother of Steven Neff. Grandfather of two.

**PACCIANO, Vincent W., Sr.**, 88, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, July 13. Father of Ann Chevalier, Lisa Morris, Joe, Stephen and Vincent Pacciano. Brother of Tony Pacciano. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of seven.

**ROSS, Theresa A.**, 85, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, July 19. Wife of Charles Ross. Mother of Betsy Galvin, Judy Linn, Jean Ozols and Andy Ross. Sister of Virginia Smith. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of two.

**SHREVE, Richard R.**, 70, Christ the King, Indianapolis, July 1. Husband of Pam Shreve. Father of Eric Shreve. Brother of Charlene Wilkins. Grandfather of two.

**SHUMAKER, Lee E.**, 70, St. Mary, Navilleton, July 22. Husband of Ruth Shumaker. Father of Stacy Mayfield and Crystal Schindler. Brother of Connie Becht. Grandfather of four.

**SIMON, Jane (Schilling)**, 56, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis,

July 23. Mother of Jean Simon. Sister of Sandra and Steve Schilling.

**SINKHORN, Lloyd**, 85, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany, July 23. Husband of Mary Therese Sinkhorn. Father of Ellen Linker, Ann Ryan, Paul and Robert Sinkhorn. Grandfather of four.

**WELCH, Francis T.**, 89, St. Anthony of Padua,

July 14. Father of Kathy Kruetzer. Grandfather of one. Great-grandfather of five.

**WILLHAM, Lorann E.**, 69, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, July 27. Wife of Mike Willham. Mother of Polly Reynolds, Doug and John Willham. Daughter of Doris Schultz. Sister of Mary Schaeffer, Kevin and Pete Schultz. Grandmother of 11. †

## Providence Sister Eileen Clare Goetzen served in Catholic schools for 40 years

Providence Sister Eileen Clare Goetzen died on July 26 at Mother Theodore Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 94.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 1 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse in St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed in the sisters' cemetery.

Mary Jane Goetzen was born on March 8, 1923, in Chicago. She entered the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on July 22, 1941, and professed final vows on Jan. 23, 1949.

Sister Eileen Clare earned a bachelor's degree at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree at Indiana University.

During her 76 years as a member of the Sisters of Providence, Sister Eileen Clare ministered in education for 40 years in schools in Illinois, Indiana, Texas and Washington, D.C. After retiring from teaching, she served for more than 22 years on the clerical staff at Guerin Preparatory High School in River Grove, Ill., returning to the motherhouse in 2008 and dedicating herself to prayer a year later.

In the archdiocese, Sister Eileen Clare served in the Sister of Providence's aspirancy program from 1961-62 and at the former St. Agnes Academy in Indianapolis from 1961-66.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Sisters of Providence, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN 47876. †

## Benedictine Father Barnabas Gillespie served parishes in the Tell City Deanery

Benedictine Father Barnabas Gillespie, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, died on July 28 in the monastery infirmary. He was 70.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 3 in the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at the monastery. Burial followed at the Archabbey Cemetery.

Father Barnabas was a jubilarian of monastic profession, having celebrated 43 years of monastic profession. He was also a jubilarian of ordination, having celebrated 37 years of priestly life and ministry.

Michael David Gillespie was born on April 3, 1947, in Cincinnati. He attended St. Francis High School Seminary in Cincinnati and Duns Scotus College before transferring to the University of Cincinnati.

Father Barnabas was invested as a novice at Saint Meinrad in 1972, professed simple vows on Aug. 24, 1973, and solemn vows on Aug. 24, 1977.

For two years after ordination, Father Barnabas served as the monastery's guest master before serving for four years at St. Benedict Parish in Evansville, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese. Over the next decade, he served in various roles in the monastery, including master of ceremonies, house prefect, director of the vestry and directing retreats.

In archdiocesan parishes, Father Barnabas served in the Tell City Deanery for a year starting in 1996 as administrator of St. Augustine Parish in Leopold and St. Mark Parish in Perry County. In 1998, he began a 14-year service as pastor of St. Michael Parish in Cannelton and St. Pius V Parish in Troy.

Returning to the monastery in 2012, Father Barnabas served as a spiritual director in its seminary, in its liturgical practicum program and as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in Tell City.

He is survived by his brothers, Kevin Gillespie of Amelia, Ohio, Patrick Gillespie of Crestwood, Ky., and Timothy Gillespie of Cincinnati.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577. †

## Mexican priest stabbed at Metropolitan Cathedral in May dies

MEXICO CITY (CNS)—Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera and the Metropolitan Cathedral said that Father Miguel Angel Machorro, stabbed at the altar while celebrating Mass on May 15, has died.

A series of tweets from the cathedral and the cardinal early on Aug. 3 said the priest had been declared brain dead on Aug. 2. The cardinal prayed for the priest's

soul and his family.

In May, media reported that Father Machorro was stabbed three times. He was rushed to the hospital and underwent emergency surgery. His condition initially was listed as "delicate, but stable."

The suspect was arrested at the scene. Mexico City security officials said the suspect identified

himself as John Rock Schild, an American citizen, "approximately 28 years old" and an artist.

The Metropolitan Cathedral is a popular stop for tourists. It faces Zocalo Square in Central Mexico City and dates back to the 1500s. The police presence there is heavy due to the traffic and frequent protests in the vicinity. †

## Serra Club Vocations Essay

# Sister helps student connect with God through prayer, study

By Catherine Jasper

Special to *The Criterion*

Anyone who knows of Holy Name School in Beech Grove has probably heard of a very important person with the school: Benedictine Sister Nicolette Etienne.



Catherine Jasper

I had the wonderful opportunity to have Sister Nicolette as my theology teacher from the fourth through the eighth grades. To me, she exemplified a disciple in everything she did.

First and foremost, great disciples are teachers. They spread the word of God and work to evangelize others. In each theology class, Sister Nicolette taught us something new about God's message. She tried her hardest to appeal to middle schoolers who were more concerned about their game after school than what God's teachings were.

She used everything from entertaining videos to hosting class discussions. Some of her phrases used to

memorize vocabulary words still stick with me to this day, an amazing testimony to Sister Nicolette's knowledge of God and willingness to share it with others.

She truly cared about everyone who walked through her classroom door. She even made an effort to connect with younger students, who eagerly awaited the year they could experience her class.

I never expected a teacher to allow us to take time for ourselves in class. Almost every Thursday, classes were lucky enough to experience adoration. Before her class, I had never had time to sit gazing on God, thinking about his impact in my life. For those 45 minutes, I tried not think about anything other than God.

This was my first time experiencing total submergence in him. The minutes spent within the church taught me more about my relationship with God than any other class. Through this reflection, I was able to discern God's presence and role in my everyday life.

The two greatest factors in Sister Nicolette's life were love and God. She understood the power of love and allowed it to fill her up and spread it to others. God was a major part of her love. She allowed him to guide her and shape her life.

After my time in Sister Nicolette's class, I felt my faith was solidified. I learned how to spread God's message through my daily life, mainly by emulating Jesus' love and acceptance of everyone.

I try my best to embody Sister Nicolette and allow my kindness to shine. Her class inspired me to love theology. It is just as important as any math, science or English class. She introduced me to my faith, and showed me new ways to connect with God.

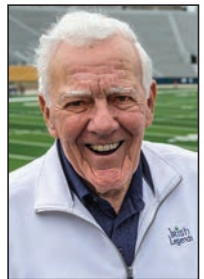
Sister Nicolette is a wonderful teacher. She is Holy Name's own personal sun, shining with positivity and love. I consider myself lucky to have been able to be her student and experience her gifts.

She taught one of the greatest qualities I ever learned: to have eternal faith in God. For this, I will forever be grateful toward Sister Nicolette.

*(Catherine and her parents, Rob and Lori Jasper, are members of Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove. She completed the 11th grade at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis last spring, and is the 11th-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2017 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †*

## Notre Dame great Ara Parseghian a supporter of school's Catholic faith

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—Though not a Catholic himself, legendary University of Notre Dame football coach



Ara Parseghian

Ara Parseghian had a notable respect for the school's Catholic faith as well as the Fighting Irish's gridiron tradition.

"There was always an underlying spirituality to whatever happened at Notre Dame,"

Parseghian told the *National Catholic Register* in 2013. "That was one of the main reasons I enjoyed being there so much."

Parseghian died on Aug. 2 at age 94. He led the Irish in the 1960s and 1970s to a 95-17-4 record and national titles in 1966 and 1973. He posted winning seasons in all 11 years, which included five major bowl game wins with the Catholic university in South Bend, Ind.

An afternoon Mass to celebrate the life of Parseghian was celebrated on Aug. 6, the feast of the Transfiguration, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at

the University of Notre Dame with the university's president, Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, as the principal celebrant.

Following Mass, family members and former players and colleagues of the late coach spoke at a memorial celebration at Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

Academic standards remained high during Parseghian's tenure, something many powerhouse college football programs skirted in the second half of the 1900s to get top talent on the field.

"The coaching staff knew that Notre Dame was first and foremost an institution of higher learning," Parseghian told the *National Catholic Register*. "The central purpose of attending the school was to become educated in a specific discipline. Football was strictly secondary."

A secondary priority turned out well in returning Notre Dame to gridiron glory. The Irish won their first national title since 1949. Parseghian arrived after the Irish's 2-7 season in 1963. It didn't look any prettier before that with three 5-5 seasons since 1959 and a 2-8 mark in 1960.

Parseghian had a solid run, 36-35-1, with a non-powerhouse program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.,

for eight seasons before joining the Irish. He coached the Irish to a pair of unbeaten seasons in the national title years, and his teams never lost more than three games in the season. They won two Cotton Bowls, two Orange Bowls and one Sugar Bowl in his tenure.

Putting academics first didn't slow down individual success for players either. Pro Football Hall of Famers he coached include Alan Page, Dave Casper and Joe Montana. Parseghian also coached 1964 Heisman Trophy winner John Huarte. The late coach also worked with the player known as "Rudy," Dan Ruettiger, in 1974. A film of Ruettiger's life, titled *Rudy*, was released in 1993.

Besides maintaining academic expectations, Parseghian provided opportunities for players to engage in the Catholic faith. The team stayed at Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame the night before home games, which began during Parseghian's first season in 1964. All Irish players attended Mass and received blessed medals the next morning, according to the *National Catholic Register*.

"I was pleased with this, because the atmosphere of the seminary was so

tranquil," Parseghian told the *Register*. "It was very conducive to getting a good night's rest."

Parseghian's Irish went unbeaten at Notre Dame Stadium in four of his 11 seasons at the helm.

He retired at 51 and lived near South Bend his remaining years. In 1980, he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Ara Raoul Parseghian was born on May 21, 1923, in Akron, Ohio. He enrolled at the University of Akron after playing high school football. Parseghian quit to enlist in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After serving for two years, he attended Miami University in Ohio, then went on to play halfback for pro football's Cleveland Browns. While with the team, the Browns won All-America Football Conference championships in 1948 and 1949. A hip injury ended Parseghian's pro career.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Kathleen; two children, Kris Humbert and Mike Parseghian; and a grandson. The couple's daughter Karan died in 2012 of complications from multiple sclerosis. †

## Archbishop Broglio backs transgender ban, but says human dignity must prevail

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services offered support for President Donald J. Trump's reinstatement of a ban on transgender people serving in any branch of the military.

In a July 28 statement, the archbishop said that "sexual orientation and gender identity issues reflect a rapidly increasing and incorrect societal attitude that individual behaviors in life should pursue immediate and personal choices rather than eternal truth."

He said that "personal choices in life, whether regarding the protection of the unborn, the sanctity of marriage and the family or the acceptance of a person's God-created biology, should be made not solely for a penultimate reality on this Earth, but in anticipation of the ultimate reality of sharing in the very life of God in heaven."

While supporting the ban, Archbishop Broglio

said that Trump's emphasis on military readiness and the cost associated with gender reassignment surgeries and therapies as reasons for the ban failed "to address the essence of

the issue—the dignity of the human person."

Citing St. John Paul II, Archbishop Broglio said that in upholding human dignity the Church offers "maternal care" to each person.

"This care extends from the time an individual is conceived, until natural death, and every point of life in between. It is offered regardless of personal choices or conditions

because Christ offers salvation to all people," the statement said.

The archbishop's statement explained Church teaching that human dignity is rooted

in the fact that people are created in the image and likeness of God, and that the Church "honors human dignity by drawing near in order to accompany people." †

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# Pope tells Belgian Brothers of Charity no more euthanasia for patients

MANCHESTER, England (CNS)—Pope Francis has given a Belgian religious order until the end of August to stop offering euthanasia to psychiatric patients.

Brother René Stockman, superior general of the order, told Catholic News Service (CNS) the pope gave his personal approval to a Vatican demand that the Brothers of Charity, which operates 15 centers for psychiatric patients across Belgium, must reverse its policy by the end of August.



Br. René Stockman, F.C.

Brothers who serve on the board of the Brothers of Charity Group, the organization that operates the centers, also must each sign a joint letter to their superior general declaring that they "fully support the vision of the magisterium of the Catholic Church, which has always confirmed that human life must be respected and protected in absolute terms, from the moment of conception [until] its natural end."

Brothers who refuse to sign will face sanctions under canon law, while the group can expect to face legal action and even expulsion from the Church if it fails to change its policy.

The group, he added, must no longer consider euthanasia as a solution to human suffering under any circumstances.

The order, issued at the beginning of August, follows repeated requests for the group to drop its new policy of permitting doctors to perform the euthanasia of "nonterminal" mentally ill patients on its premises.

It also follows a joint investigation by the Vatican's congregations for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Institutes

of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Brother René, who had opposed the group's euthanasia policy, told CNS the ultimatum was devised by the two congregations and has the support of the pope.

"The Holy Father was formally informed about it, and was also informed about the steps to be taken," he said in an Aug. 8 e-mail.

The ultimatum, he said, meant the group's policies must be underpinned by a belief that "respect for human life is absolute."

Brother René told CNS that if the group refused to bow to the ultimatum "then we will take juridical steps in order to force them to amend the text [of the new policy] and, if that is not possible, then we have to start the procedure to exclude the hospitals from the Brothers of Charity family and take away their Catholic identity."

He said if any of the brothers refused to sign the letter upholding Catholic teaching against euthanasia, "then also we will start the correct procedure foreseen in canon law."

The Belgian bishops and the nuncio to Belgium have been informed about the ultimatum, he added.

Brother René, a psychiatric care specialist, had turned to the Vatican in the spring after the Brothers of Charity group rejected a formal request from him to reverse the new policy.

The group also snubbed the Belgian bishops by formally implementing its euthanasia policy in June, just weeks after the bishops declared they would not accept euthanasia in Catholic institutions.

The group has also ignored a statement of Church teaching forbidding euthanasia. The statement, written and signed by Cardinal Gerhard Muller, former head of the doctrinal congregation, was sent to the



Activists of the collective Yellow Safety Jacket take part in an anti-euthanasia protest on Feb. 11, 2014, in Brussels. Pope Francis has given a Belgian religious order until the end of August to stop offering euthanasia to psychiatric patients. (CNS photo/Julien Warnand, EPA)

Brothers of Charity Group members. A copy of the document has been obtained by CNS.

The Brothers of Charity was founded in 1807 in Ghent, Belgium, by Father Peter Joseph Triest, whose cause for beatification was opened in 2001. Their charism is to serve the elderly and the mentally ill.

Today, the group is considered the most important provider of mental health care services in the Flanders region of Belgium, where they serve 5,000 patients a year.

About 12 psychiatric patients in the care of the Brothers of Charity are believed to have asked for euthanasia over the past year, with two transferred elsewhere to receive the injections to end their lives.

The group first announced its euthanasia policy in March, saying it

wished to harmonize the practices of the centers with the Belgian law on euthanasia passed in 2003, the year after the Netherlands became the first country to permit the practice since Nazi Germany.

Technically, euthanasia in Belgium remains an offense, with the law protecting doctors from prosecution only if they abide by specific criteria, but increasingly lethal injections are given to the disabled and mentally ill. Since 2014, "emancipated children" have also qualified for euthanasia.

The group's change in policy came about a year after a private Catholic rest home in Diest, Belgium, was fined \$6,600 for refusing the euthanasia of a 74-year-old woman suffering from lung cancer.

CNS has approached the Brothers of Charity Group for a comment. †

## St. Mary's Festival

# August 26-27

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

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In Memory of Steve & Denise Butz and Don & Barb Horan

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