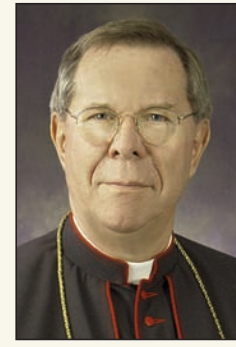




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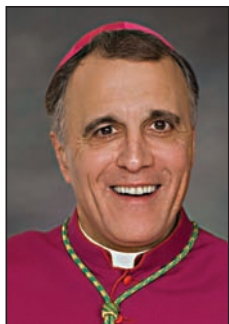
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Cardinal criticizes contraceptive mandate and calls exemption too narrow

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Department of Health and Human Services' proposed "religious exemption" to the requirement that new or significantly altered health insurance plans cover contraceptives and sterilization for women is "so narrow as to exclude most Catholic social service agencies and health care providers," according to the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston criticized the Aug. 1 announcement by HHS Secretary



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo

Kathleen Sebelius that she had accepted the recommendations of the Institute of Medicine on eight "preventive services" that must be included in any health plan under the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

One of the mandated services is

coverage of "all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity."

In announcing her decision, Sebelius also released an "interim final rule" that HHS said would "give religious organizations the choice of buying or sponsoring group health insurance that does not cover contraception if that is inconsistent with their tenets."

But in a footnote to the list of mandated services, HHS defined a religious employer as "one that: (1) has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose; (2) primarily employs persons who share its religious tenets; (3) primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets; and (4) is a nonprofit organization" under specific sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Those sections "refer to Churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of Churches, as well as to the

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CNS photo/Hanna Grabowska, courtesy of World Youth Day 2011



A powerful witness

The World Youth Day Cross is brought into the Cathedral of Our Lady of Almudena during a ceremony in Madrid on July 18. Although more than 92 percent of Spain's 46 million citizens are baptized Catholic, observers say the Catholic majority seems to have no or little impact on public life.

World Youth Day pilgrims' task: Help pope revive the Catholic faith in Spain

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI will visit Spain in late August, celebrating the youthfulness and vigor of Catholic faith in a country where the Catholic majority often seems to have little or no impact on modern public life.



Pope Benedict XVI

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero,

The primary focus on the pope's trip on Aug. 18-21 will be on Catholic youths from around the globe participating in World Youth Day.

But Pope Benedict also will meet with Spain's royal family and with Spanish

whose government has promoted several policies opposed by the Church, including relaxing Spain's divorce laws, easing restrictions on abortion, legalizing same-sex marriage and allowing gay couples to adopt.

Welcoming a new Spanish ambassador to the Vatican in April, Pope Benedict expressed concern that in certain sectors of Spanish society, "religion is considered socially insignificant, even troublesome," with the result that faith is marginalized "through defamation, ridicule [and] even indifference to obvious cases of profanation" of religious objects and monuments.

The situation is particularly worrying because more than 92 percent of Spain's 46 million citizens are baptized Catholic, and because the country has

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St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany and Louisville Archdiocese eyeing collaboration of services

By Patricia Happel Cornwell

Special to The Criterion

NEW ALBANY—When Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz visited St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany on July 27, agency director Mark Casper said, "We don't consider the Ohio River a barrier. It's just a little water we have to jump over."

New Albany, which is located in south central Indiana, is directly across the Ohio River from Louisville, Ky. Many residents live in one state, and work or shop in the other.

St. Elizabeth's-Catholic Charities is the only maternity home in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It provides housing, counseling and other services to teenagers and women with unplanned pregnancies, as well as transitional housing after delivery. It merged with Catholic Charities in 2003.

Casper said the agency gives women with unplanned pregnancies "an alternative to abortion."

The agency's other programs include adoption services, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Floyd and Washington counties, and supported living for developmentally-delayed adults.

Casper led a tour of the maternity and transitional homes for Archbishop Kurtz and other guests, including Father Anthony Chandler,

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Mark Casper, left, director of St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany, stands in a storeroom at St. Elizabeth's transitional home on July 27. He is describing to Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz and Father Anthony Chandler, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in LaGrange, Ky., the many interfaith contributions the agency receives, including baby clothes, diapers and car seats.

Memorial Mass for nuncio will be celebrated on Sept. 14 at national shrine

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the United States since early 2006, “enjoyed the highest respect and deepest affection” of the U.S. bishops and the nation’s Catholics, said New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Sambi, 73, died on July 27 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore apparently from complications of lung surgery performed approximately three weeks earlier.

A memorial Mass for Archbishop Pietro Sambi will be celebrated on Sept. 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Archbishop Dolan will be the main celebrant of the noon Mass, according to an Aug. 1 announcement by the USCCB.

On July 29 and 30, Archbishop Sambi’s body lay in state at the apostolic nunciature in Washington then was transported to Italy for funeral services.

In Washington, the memorial Mass will be on the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, and will coincide with the fall meeting of the USCCB Administrative Committee. Bishops from around the country will concelebrate, including Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington.

Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature, also will be a concelebrant.

In a July 28 memo to the bishops, Archbishop Dolan said the Mass for Archbishop Sambi will be an opportunity to express “gratitude for his priestly example and timeless service to the Holy Father and to the Church.”

The Mass also will be an opportunity for the diplomatic corps to pay its respects to Archbishop Sambi. As Vatican ambassador to the United States, he was a member of the corps.

In a separate statement, Msgr. Walter Rossi, the shrine’s rector, said the late archbishop was a familiar face at the national shrine, serving as the celebrant and homilist for Christmas, Easter and other Church feast days.

He said the shrine is honored to be the site of the memorial Mass because “in many respects, the national shrine serves as the nuncio’s cathedral.”

On July 22, the apostolic nunciature in Washington announced that Archbishop Sambi had been “placed on assisted ventilation to attempt recovery of his lung function” two weeks after undergoing “a delicate lung surgery.”

“Archbishop Sambi understood and loved our nation,” Archbishop Dolan said in a statement on July 28. “He traveled throughout the country, often to attend the ordination of bishops, always eager to meet the faithful, and to share with them the affection that the Holy Father has for them and their country.”

“He was open to the media as a conveyor of truth and welcomed journalists as representatives of the American people,” the USCCB president said. “He enjoyed everything from a stroll in the park near his residence in Washington to the diplomatic functions he attended as part of his service as the representative of the Holy See to the United States.”

Archbishop Dolan recalled “the indispensable role” the nuncio had during Pope Benedict XVI’s trip to the U.S. in 2008, saying he had “enabled our entire nation to see the wonderfully warm solicitude of the Holy Father



Italian Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., stands beside Pope Benedict XVI as the pope arrives at the nunciature in Washington during his 2008 visit to the United States. Archbishop Sambi, a veteran Vatican diplomat, died on July 27 in Baltimore following complications after lung surgery. He was 73.

for America.”

A veteran Vatican diplomat, Archbishop Sambi was named as papal nuncio to the U.S. by Pope Benedict XVI in December 2005. At the time of his appointment, he was the Vatican’s representative to Israel and Palestine, where he helped arrange Pope John Paul II’s historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2000.

After he arrived in the U.S. on Feb. 24, 2006, he said in an interview with Catholic News Service in Washington that that he was impressed by the vitality of U.S. Catholicism, the level of weekly Mass attendance among U.S. Catholics and their generosity toward others.

In Baltimore, Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien said the impact of the late nuncio’s work in the U.S. “will be felt for many years to come.”

“Both as a diplomat and a priest, Archbishop Sambi excelled through his gentle spirit and infectious goodness,” he said.

“A Churchman who served us with extraordinary spiritual insights, boundless physical energy and a compassionate generosity that reached out in all generations, Archbishop Sambi has been a great model to so many of us of full-hearted love for Christ’s Church and dedication to the Holy See and to the vicar of Christ,” Archbishop O’Brien said.

Cardinal Wuerl said everyone in his archdiocese felt “a particular bond” with Archbishop Sambi because of the

planning that led up to the papal visit in 2008 as well as the events themselves. He added that he personally will miss his friendship.

“We all recognize his extraordinary work as the pope’s personal representative and the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, his sense of humor, his friendly and open manner, and his clear love for the Church and our Holy Father.”

Among other messages of condolences was a statement from Rabbi David Rosen, international director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, who said the archbishop’s “untimely death” is “a loss for the Catholic Church and for Catholic-Jewish relations.”

Rabbi Rosen and Archbishop Sambi worked closely together on Israel-Vatican relations and the establishment of the bilateral commission of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Holy See, an initiative of Pope John Paul II.

“Archbishop Sambi was a consummate diplomat even though he could often be unusually forthcoming for someone in his profession,” said Rabbi Rosen. “He was a genuine friend of the Jewish people, and a devoted advocate of Jewish-Christian reconciliation and cooperation.”

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life/Gospel of Life Ministries, praised the archbishop for his efforts on behalf of the pro-life cause, saying, “At certain critical moments of our growth, he provided direct assistance and guidance to protect and strengthen our ministry.” †

Memorial Mass for military chaplain killed in Vietnam War is planned for Sept. 6

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services is



Fr. Vincent Capodanno, M.M.

scheduled to be the main celebrant of a memorial Mass on Sept. 6 in Washington for Maryknoll Father Vincent R. Capodanno, a chaplain who was killed while performing last rites for dying soldiers in Vietnam.

The Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of

the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is being celebrated in observance of the 44th anniversary of his death.

His sainthood cause was officially opened in 2006, and he received the title “servant of God.”

Fatally wounded by enemy sniper fire on Sept. 4, 1967, Father Capodanno was posthumously awarded the nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, “for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.”

While working in a Hong Kong school, Father Capodanno, a native of Staten Island, N.Y., requested an assignment as a U.S. Navy chaplain, according to his biography on the official

website of his cause for canonization, www.vincentcapodanno.org. He reported to a Marine unit in Vietnam in 1966. When his first tour was complete, he requested an extension to continue serving with his men.

According to the biography, Marines affectionately called Father Capodanno “the ‘grunt padre’ for his ability to relate well with soldiers, and his willingness to risk his life to minister to the men.”

“Grunt” is slang for a member of the U.S. infantry.

(More information about the Sept. 6 Mass and Father Capodanno is available on the military archdiocese’s website at www.milarch.org.) †

Correction

In the July 29 issue of *The Criterion*, an article about *Youcat*, a new youth catechism sponsored by the episcopal conferences of Austria, Germany and Switzerland, mistakenly noted that Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna authored *Youcat*. He supervised the writing of it by several bishops, theologians and youths. †



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Deacons take on leadership positions in archdiocese

By Sean Gallagher

When Deacons Kerry Blandford and Michael East were ordained with their 23 classmates in 2008, they made history as the first class of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



Deacon Michael East

But now with three years of life and ministry as deacons under their belts, the two men have been assigned as leaders among deacons and deacon candidates in the archdiocese.

“We’ve taken the training wheels off, so to speak,” said Deacon Blandford with a laugh. “We’re out there. It’s for real.”

Deacon Blandford is now serving as the director of deacon formation for the archdiocese, and is overseeing the 17 deacon candidates in the final year of their formation before they are ordained next June.

As archdiocesan director of deacons, Deacon East helps to optimize the mission of deacons already ministering in central and southern Indiana.

“I work with pastors and I work with deacons to make sure it’s a good fit for the parish, the deacon and everybody,” said Deacon East, who also ministers at St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour.

Deacons Blandford and East are succeeding Benedictine Father Bede Cisco, who led the archdiocese’s deacon formation program from the time it was launched in 2003. He also served as the director of deacons following the 2008 ordination.

“I can never say enough about the example he set for us, the time he spent with us, the degree of care that he gave us as a group and individually over the past, basically, eight years,” said Deacon East. “I don’t know that I have words to express

my appreciation of that.”

In a sense, Deacons Blandford and East had been in training for their new ministry for the past three years since they had served respectively as associate director of deacon formation and associate director of deacons since their ordination.

Working closely with the archdiocese’s future deacons in their formation program for the past three years has been helpful for Deacon Blandford, who also ministers at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

“As you see the call grow in these men, you begin to reflect more on your own call,” he said. “God has brought me to this point. Where does he want me to go from here?”

In working with the deacon candidates and other deacons, Deacon Blandford is in a good position to see how deacons are becoming more and more an integral part of the life of the Church in central and southern Indiana three years after his historic ordination.

“I think we’re beginning to reach a point where there is a basic understanding of it in the archdiocese,” he said. “And that’s reflected not only in what I hear from the guys in formation and the guys from my ordination class, but, frankly, from folks who call in and are expressing an interest in the next class coming up.”

Deacon East acknowledged that it wasn’t always that way. Average parishioners and parish staff members at first weren’t sure how deacons would fit into a faith community’s ministries.

“To some extent, that went across the board,” Deacon East said. “We weren’t sure what we were going to be doing. We were the first class.”

“The pastors weren’t sure what to do with us in some cases. There’s been a wonderful working together of deacons, pastors and the laity to bring it to where it’s at today as a viable service to the archdiocese.”

The integration of deacons into the life of the archdiocese is also symbolized,



Assisting Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, right, Deacon Kerry Blandford, left, elevates the chalice during the doxology of the eucharistic prayer during the March 2 episcopal ordination of Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, center, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

Deacon Blandford noted, by the fact that some deacons are now being reassigned to new parishes.

Upon their ordination in 2008, most of the deacons were assigned to minister in their home parish.

Now some are ministering in parishes that have not had deacons assigned to them in the past.

From the start, the deacons were also assigned to ministries beyond their parishes in such settings as jails, hospitals and nursing homes. This expansion of the reach of the archdiocese by deacons has brought with it a greater collaboration with lay Catholics in these areas.

“We have seen more people involved in jail ministry than we had before,” Deacon East said. “We also see a lot of nursing home and hospital calls. We have

deacons serving as chaplains in various organizations.”

Both Deacon Blandford and Deacon East are honored to be named to their leadership positions. They also know that these posts are ultimately defined by service, which is at the heart of the vocation of deacons.

“It’s an assignment of service,” Deacon East said. “It’s being of service to my fellow deacons. That’s what it amounts to.”

“I don’t look at it as a step up. Of course, it’s an honor. And I consider it that. But as far as it putting me above my fellow deacons, I don’t see it that way.”

(For more information on deacons in the archdiocese and the deacon formation program, log on to www.archindy.org/deacon.) †

Observer says shooter is not just anti-Muslim, against other faiths, too

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The man responsible for the July 22 Norway terror attacks, Anders Behring Breivik, is not only against Muslims but also anti-Jewish and anti-Christian, according to a longtime observer of Norwegian hate groups.

Breivik is at least philosophically allied with a loosely organized underground subculture of Norwegians who consider themselves “Odinists and neo-pagans,” said Jeffrey Podoshen, an associate professor of marketing at Franklin & Marshall College, a liberal arts school in Lancaster, Pa. He teaches classes in business, organizations and society, and Judaic studies.

Odin is an ancient Norse god sometimes better known these days as the father of another Norse god, Thor, but in Norse mythology is associated with war, battle, victory, death, wisdom, magic, poetry, prophecy, and the hunt.

This subculture, Podoshen told Catholic News Service in a July 26 telephone interview, is “looking at Christianity as Breivik looks at Islam.”

After confessing to the shooting massacre of youths at an island retreat and the bombing in Oslo, the Norwegian capital, which together took 77 lives, Breivik in an initial court hearing on July 25 pleaded not guilty to terrorism charges. He said he was acting to save Europe from what he described as “Muslim colonization.”

Terror activities associated with the neo-pagan



A picture and the casket of Bano Rashid, 18, are carried during funeral services near Oslo, Norway, on July 29. Rashid, 18, was one of the victims of Anders Behring Breivik’s massacre of 77 people. She had fled Iraq with her family and came to Norway in 1996.

subculture “has been going on in Norway for 20 years,” Podoshen said, largely in the form of church burnings. The neo-pagans’ assertion was that “the churches were deliberately built on pagan holy sites, they [church builders] had put a cross on top of the pagan holy site,” which then warranted its destruction, he added.

“Their version of Christianity is a lot different than everybody else’s definition of Christianity,” according to Podoshen. “It’s not the type of Christianity that you and I are going to be accustomed to. This is Christianity that has been twisted for their purposes.”

These groups also hate American imperialism as they define it, but “they certainly hate Islam more than anything else,” Podoshen said.

Podoshen said he stumbled onto Norwegian hate groups from his love of heavy-metal rock music. Norway’s brand of heavy metal is often referred to as “death metal” or “black metal,” with soundscapes on disc that made the listener feel it was “the end of the world,” he said.

Many of the performers, and some of their fans, subscribed to the neo-pagan thinking. “They just did not like the modern Norwegian way of life,” Podoshen said. For them, he added, “McDonald’s is American imperialism. For them, ‘building the new’ is actually going back to the old.”

“The scary thing is that Anders Breivik was influenced by anti-Muslim ideologues in the United States,” said Heidi Beirich, research director at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which tracks hate groups of all stripes operating in the United States.

Breivik’s 1,500-page manifesto was peppered with items pulled from several U.S. blogs, including those of Robert Spencer and Pamela Geller.

“We list their websites as hate sites because of their Muslim-bashing,” Beirich said. It’s not that the bloggers intend to incite violence, she added, but when bloggers repeatedly say “‘Muslims are coming here to destroy our country, Muslims are coming here to destroy our culture, Muslims are inspired by an ideology to kill you,’ someone makes them out to be the enemy—and then they want to take the enemy out.”

Similar organizations monitor hate groups that exist throughout Europe, Beirich told CNS. The problem takes on a different dimension in Europe as anti-immigrant political parties have sprung up and captured a significant minority of the vote in elections, she said. “Anti-immigrant parties in

Europe tend to be anti-Islam,” according to Beirich. “Most of the [U.S.] immigrant bashing is anti-Latino bashing.”

Randall Rogan, a professor of communication at Wake Forest University who over the past eight years has examined the language and discourse of terrorism, said that while Breivik “does his best to distance himself from neo-Nazism due to the political correctness of the issue ... he seems to be coming from that school of thought, which is pro-nationalism or pan-European Christian identify, but the entire anti-Marxist, anti-cultural imperialism, anti-jihadism thing.”

Norway was “very, very low” on terrorism observers’ watch lists, Rogan said, “because of the nature, the culture, the peace-loving tolerance, the elements characteristic of Norway ... simply because it’s the location of the Nobel Prize.”

Terror acts can change a nation’s psyche and alter its political culture.

In Israel, a radical right-winger in 1995 assassinated then-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, for having signed a peace deal the year before with the Palestinians—ironically, in Oslo—yet Israel today seems no closer to peace with the still-stateless Palestinians as it did then. But Rogan doesn’t see that kind of change happening in Norway.

“Conditions are completely different. [Israel is] responding to the daily threat of potential annihilation or bombings, not knowing if you’re going to get hit by a rocket from the north or the south,” Rogan said. “Norway is such a completely different culture and has not experienced the same kind of existential threat as Israel has.”

Still, Rogan asks about Breivik, “Did he win? Well, he’s winning to the extent that he gets recognition and coverage, which I think he seeks as part of his desire for acknowledgements of his belief system. He’s got what he’s wanted. People are talking about him. Will there be copycats? Will there be others who buy into his ideology? Possibly.”

Beirich is worried about copycats, noting the sharp rise in anti-Muslim sentiment from the controversy last year over the Park 51 project in New York City, an Islamic cultural center that became known in shorthand as the “ground zero mosque.”

“We’re very fearful about what the 9/11 anniversary is going to bring,” Beirich said. “We don’t want an Anders Breivik situation here as well.” †



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Youcat is vital for our teens

First it was the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, published in 1992.

Next came the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, adapted specifically for American adults, published in 2006. At least one of these books should be in the home of every Catholic family.

Now we have the *Youcat*, destined to be known as *Youcat*.

As we reported in an article in the July 29 issue of *The Criterion*, this new catechism, specifically for young people, will be launched in connection with World Youth Day, which is being celebrated in Madrid, Spain, on Aug. 16-21. A copy of *Youcat* will be included in each World Youth Day 2011 pilgrim's backpack.

Youcat was edited by Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, the Archbishop of Vienna. He was the chief editor of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, collaborating closely with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI. Cardinal Schoenborn was also close to Pope John Paul II. He conducted one of that pope's Lenten retreats.

Pope Benedict thinks so highly of this catechism that he wrote the foreword for it.

But can an 84-year-old pope and a 66-year-old cardinal really write a book that will appeal to modern young people?

Cardinal Schoenborn obviously was concerned about that, so he enlisted the help of young Catholics. The result is a well-written, contemporary expression of the Catholic faith written for high-school age people and young adults.

Teenagers and young adults will also appreciate the appealing graphics in this catechism. They will find questions and answers, highly readable commentary, Bible citations and thought-provoking quotations from saints and others in the margins.

Cardinal Schoenborn first presented *Youcat* to Pope Benedict at the Vatican this past April. Then it was translated into many languages. There was a brief controversy when the Italian translation seemed to endorse contraception, but it has been corrected. The English translation clearly teaches that contraception is morally wrong.

When the cardinal presented *Youcat* to the pope, he noted, "The young generation lives much more clearly and consciously in a multicultural and multi-religious society. The ability to give information about one's own faith has become markedly more urgent than it was in my generation, for instance."

He added, "In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which simply tries to restate Catholic teaching about the faith, the reader will find many things that are disagreeable and not so easy to accept. You will find some things that are strange, totally opposed to the current mentality. But I think that learning now to deal with what is disagreeable is one of the most important tasks of such a book and the work connected with it."

In his foreword, Pope Benedict observes that the success of World Youth Day clearly shows that



Pope Benedict XVI receives the official World Youth Day 2011 backpack from Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela of Madrid during a private meeting at the Vatican on Feb. 14. The backpack will contain, among other items, a rosary, a book of pilgrim's prayers, a city guide and a copy of *Youcat*, a catechism for young people. Spain is preparing to host World Youth Day in Madrid on Aug. 16-21.

young people "want to believe, are seeking God, love Christ, and want fellowship on their journey." That is why he thought that the catechism should be translated into the language of young people, he said.

However, he continued, "Many people say to me: The youth of today are not interested in this." His answer: "I disagree, and I am certain that I am right. The youth of today are not as superficial as some think. They want to know what life is all about. A detective story is exciting because it draws us into the destiny of other men, a destiny that could be ours. This book is exciting because it speaks of our own destiny, and so deeply engages every one of us."

The book explains what Catholics believe and why (doctrine), how Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments), how Catholics are to live (moral life) and how they should pray (spirituality).

The English-language translation is being published in this country by Ignatius Press (www.ignatius.com), which publishes most of Pope Benedict's books. Parents should consider buying a copy of the book for their teens.

We would like to see all Catholic teens in the archdiocese read this book. We believe it is that important for the future of the Church. It would be an excellent project for each of our Catholic high schools to raise enough money to purchase a copy for each student.

And perhaps at least some of our parishes could seek donors willing to subsidize the purchase of the books for teens who are not in Catholic schools.

—John F. Fink

Parish Diary/Fr. Peter Daly

Small miracles happen every day

Small miracles are all around us. Recently, they seemed to be popping up everywhere, reaffirming my faith in God and in people.

Miracle one that comes to mind was the multiplication of the fish.

A lady in our parish cleans houses for a living. Three of her adult children recently lost their jobs and, with their children, moved back home with her. Now she has 18 mouths to feed in her house.

A man from our parish has been helping her by catching fish to feed her family. He asked if he could take two teenagers from our Catholic Heart Work Camp out fishing.

He said that it was a service project. I said that it sounded more like recreation. He insisted that it would be work.

The teens, who are from Minnesota, were not experienced fishermen and had never fished that river. Our camp is in Maryland.

So they prayed before their trip. Then, in a little more than two hours, they caught 40 fish—one every three minutes. It was enough to feed all 18 people for a couple of days.

The incident called to mind how, in Chapter 5, Verse 4 of the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus told Simon (Peter) to put out into the deep and ready the nets for a catch.

Miracle two was the oil tank that did not run dry.

A man in our parish has been going through real rough times with a divorce and bankruptcy. He had to retire from his job. Now he works nights at a local motel for minimum wage. It is hardly enough to keep body and soul together. He is losing his house to foreclosure. He couldn't afford oil to heat his water, and the oil company won't give him credit.

When he came to see me, we prayed:

"Lord make a way here."

As it happened, the oil burner in our parish center went bad after 20 years. That very week we decided to replace it with a natural gas furnace. We no longer needed the fuel oil. Our oil tank still had more than 1,000 gallons.

What to do with the oil? Ah-ha!

Our maintenance man siphoned the oil into a tank mounted on his pickup truck and took it over to our struggling parishioner. It filled his tank. He was so ecstatic that he did a little "happy dance" in his driveway. Now he will have hot water and heat in the cold weather. It was a gift from God, by way of our parish.

Miracle three was a house. "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Ps 127:1).

A couple of years ago, an elderly woman moved to our parish to take care of her dying daughter and her three grandchildren. She sold her house in Michigan and spent her savings on the move to Maryland.

But after her daughter died, her ex-son-in-law moved on in life and no longer wanted her in his home.

Where could she go?

She had no house in Michigan. She had no money in the bank.

She applied to the local housing authority, which had a two-year waiting list for an apartment in its housing facility for the elderly.

We asked God to make a way.

Less than a month after she applied, an apartment opened up. For some reason, the other 20 people on the list ahead of her decided not to take the apartment. So Grandma was bumped right to top of the list and moved right in. Talk about "movin' on up to a deluxe apartment."

These things happen every day. They are signs of grace and little miracles.

(Father Peter Daly writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

Letter to the Editor

Story failed to mention local connection at musician convention's closing concert

The story on the National Pastoral Musicians Convention in Louisville was good.

But it failed to mention that the closing concert was presented by Voces Novae, a local semi-professional choir which has

members from the New Albany Deanery as well as the Louisville Archdiocese.

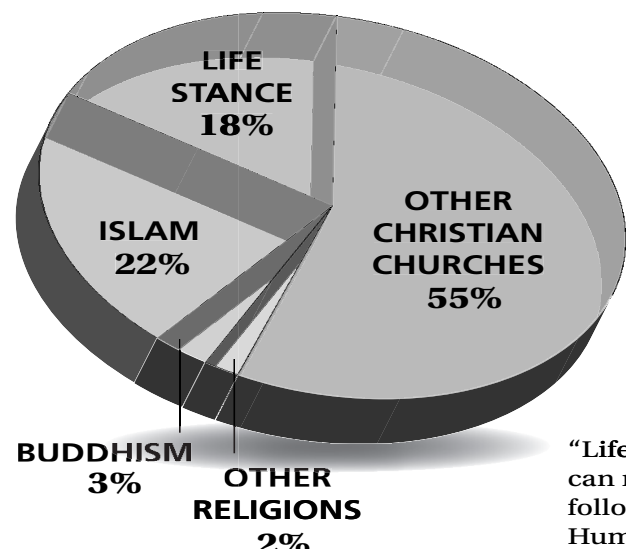
There were more than 1,000 people in attendance that evening.

Cary Dyson
Jeffersonville

Norway's Minority Believers

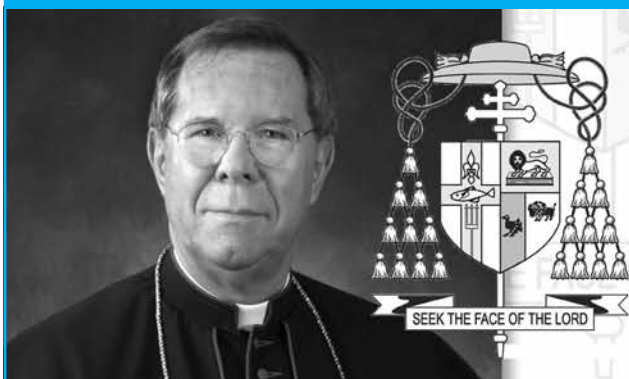
About 4 million Norwegians — more than 80 percent — belong to the Lutheran Church of Norway. Others are members of religious or "life stance" communities outside the state church.

MEMBERS OF BELIEF COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF NORWAY



"Life stance" can refer to followers of Humanism.

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



SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD

BUSCANDO LA CARA DEL SEÑOR

Priestly and episcopal ordinations are high points of summer

The month of June was the apex of my summer because of the priestly ordination of Father Dustin Boehm, and the episcopal ordination of Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville.

I have had numerous requests for the text of the homily on these two occasions, and so I am presenting them here. Because they are longer than my usual weekly column, they will be presented in serial form starting with the ordination instruction for Father Dustin.

Ordination Instruction Part 1

Dear Family and Friends of Dustin, Brother Priests, Seminarians, Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

One of the entrance antiphons for the Mass commemorating a holy priest reads: "I will raise up for myself a priest; he will do what is in my heart and in my mind, says the Lord." How might that be for Dustin?

Dustin, you know well that you are being ordained a priest to proclaim God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments and to serve God and the people of God humbly and generously and in the person of Jesus Christ, the High Priest.

Priestly ministry is awesome. You will be able to serve because of God's special grace which you receive in the sacrament of Holy Orders this morning. God's grace will accompany you all the days of your priestly life.

Dustin, you are realistic enough to know

that living your priestly commitment in the real world will also bring challenges. And so, we count on his grace, we trust in God's Providence.

In 2007's Chrism Mass homily, Pope Benedict said: "The theology of baptism returns in a new way and with a new insistence in priestly ordination. Just as in baptism an 'exchange of clothing' is given, and exchanged destination, a new existential communion with Christ, so also in priesthood there is an exchange: in the administration of the sacraments, the priest now acts and speaks in persona Christi. In the sacred mysteries, he does not represent himself and does not speak expressing himself, but speaks for the Other, for Christ."

In baptism, you received the white garment that symbolized your new existence in Christ. Today, you will be clothed with liturgical vestments that symbolize yet a radically new relationship with Christ.

Dustin, today you put yourself at Christ's disposal. You offer yourself to serve the people of our local Church generously in persona Christi, in the person of Christ the High priest and bridegroom of the Church. Today, we pray with you that Jesus will take you by the hand again and again and lead you in your priestly ministry. May he help you build your trust in him.

We pray that you will serve your sisters and brothers with an unwavering and enthusiastic missionary vision—like the two missionary pioneers of our local Church, Bishop Simon Bruté and St. Theodora Guérin.

They gave themselves entirely into the hands of Divine Providence; they devoted their lives entirely to Christ, especially to the poor and the people in the shadows. Like our pioneer founders, may your ministry be filled with a deep and heartfelt love. As it was for them, may it be a pure love nurtured before the tabernacles of the churches where you serve.

Through the imposition of the hands from Bishop (Christopher J.) Coyne this morning, the Lord himself lays his hands upon you. Some years ago, in your own way, you heard the Lord's call, "Follow me."

Perhaps, to start with, like all of us, you followed him cautiously, looking back and wondering if this really was the road for you. Maybe like St. Peter, you may have been frightened by your inadequacy so that you were tempted to turn back.

St. Peter said to Jesus, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8). Then, however, with kindness, Jesus took him by the hand. So he does for you, my brother. He will draw you to himself and tell you "do not fear. I am with you. I will not abandon you." Keep in mind, Bishop Bruté and Mother Theodore are courageous witnesses of Christ's companionship along our missionary journey.

Dustin, today you renew your promise of obedience and doing so you place your hands in the hands of Bishop Coyne. The Church tells us that the bishop, human as he is, is the "vicar and legate of Christ."

I like to recall the words of Benedictine Cardinal Basil Hume. He said: "Let us link two gestures together: the kiss of peace exchanged with the bishop and the promise of obedience. The sign of peace sets the tone for the promise; your promise is an expression of your willingness to be part of the Archbishop's responsibility for the people of God" (*Light in the Lord*, p. 47)

He also remarked: "I think obedience is very close to love, indeed it is an aspect of love" (p. 90). †

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

Archbishop Buechlein's
Prayer List
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

Archbishop Buechlein's intention for vocations for August

Parish Awareness: that all parishioners will be aware of their role in promoting all vocations and have the awareness especially to encourage our youth to consider the priestly and religious life.

Las ordenaciones sacerdotales y episcopales representan el punto culminante del verano

El mes de junio fue la cúspide de mi verano gracias a la ordenación sacerdotal del padre Dustin Boehm y la ordenación episcopal del obispo Charles C. Thompson de Evansville.

Se me ha solicitado mucho el texto de la homilía de esas dos ocasiones, así que lo presento aquí. Debido a que dichos textos son más extensos que mi columna semanal regular, los presentaré en formato de serie, comenzando con la Instrucción del padre Dustin.

Instrucción Parte 1

Queridos familiares y amigos de Dustin, hermanos sacerdotes, seminaristas, hermanas y hermanos en el Señor:

Uno de los himnos de entrada de la Misa de conmemoración de un sacerdote santo dice: "Pero levantaré para mí un sacerdote fiel que hará conforme a los deseos de mi corazón y de mi alma, dice el Señor". ¿Cómo se refiere esto a Dustin?

Dustin, sabes muy bien que se te ordena como sacerdote para proclamar la Palabra de Dios, para celebrar los sacramentos y para servir a Dios y a Su Pueblo de manera humilde, generosa y en el nombre de Jesucristo, el Sumo Sacerdote.

El ministerio sacerdotal es maravilloso. Podrás servir debido a la gracia especial de Dios que recibes en el sacramento del Orden en esta mañana. La gracia de Dios te acompañará todos los días de tu vida sacerdotal.

Dustin, eres lo suficientemente realista como para darte cuenta de que vivir tu

compromiso de ser sacerdote en el mundo real también te presentará desafíos. Y por ello, contamos con Su gracia, confiamos en la Divina Providencia.

En la homilía de la Misa Crismal de 2007, el papa Benedicto expresó: "Esta teología del bautismo se repite de modo nuevo y con nueva insistencia en la ordenación sacerdotal. De la misma manera que en el bautismo se produce un 'intercambio de vestidos,' un intercambio de destinos, una nueva comunión existencial con Cristo, así también en el sacerdocio se da un intercambio: en la administración de los sacramentos el sacerdote actúa y habla ya 'in persona Christi.' En los sagrados misterios el sacerdote no se representa a sí mismo y no habla expresándose a sí mismo, sino que habla en la persona de Otro, de Cristo."

En el bautismo recibiste un traje blanco que simboliza tu nueva existencia en Cristo. Hoy se te vestirá con túnicas litúrgicas que simbolizan una nueva relación, aún más definitiva, con Cristo.

Dustin, hoy te pones a disposición de Cristo. Te ofreces para servir generosamente al pueblo de nuestra Iglesia local in persona Christi, el Sumo Sacerdote y el prometido de la Iglesia. Hoy, rezamos contigo para que Jesús te tome de la mano una y otra vez y te gué en el ministerio sacerdotal. Que te ayudemos a construir tu confianza en él.

Rezamos para que sirvas a tus hermanos y hermanas con una visión entusiasta e inquebrantable, al igual que los dos misioneros pioneros de nuestra Iglesia local, el obispo Simon Bruté y Santa Theodora Guérin, quienes se entregaron por completo a las manos de la Divina Providencia; dedicaron sus vidas a Cristo, especialmente

a los pobres y a los que se encuentran en las tinieblas. Al igual que nuestros pioneros fundadores, que tu ministerio esté colmado de un amor profundo y sincero. Tal como nuestros antepasados, que el tuyo sea un amor puro que se alimente al postrarte ante los sagrarios de las iglesias en las cuales sirvas.

A través de la imposición de manos del obispo (Christopher J.) Coyne, en esta mañana el Señor mismo impone sus manos sobre ti. Hace algunos años, a tu manera, escuchaste el llamado del Señor que te decía "sígueme."

Quizás al principio, al igual que todos nosotros, lo seguiste con precaución, mirando hacia atrás y preguntándote si realmente ese era el camino que te correspondía. Tal vez, al igual que le ocurrió a San Pedro, hayas sentido temor debido a tus limitaciones y estuviste tentado a regresar.

San Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "¡Apártate de mí, Señor, pues soy hombre pecador!" (Lucas 5:8). No obstante, Jesús lo tomó de la mano con ternura, al igual que hace contigo ahora, hermano. Te acercará a él y te dirá "No temas. Estoy contigo. No te abandonaré." Recuerda que el obispo Bruté y la Madre Theodore son testigos valientes de la compañía de Cristo a lo largo de nuestro camino como misioneros.

Dustin, hoy renuevas tu promesa de obediencia y, al hacerlo, colocas tus manos

en las del obispo Coyne. La Iglesia nos dice que el obispo, pese a su naturaleza humana, es el "vicario y el legado de Cristo."

Me gusta evocar las palabras del cardenal benedictino Basil Hume, quien expresó: "Concatenemos dos gestos: el beso de paz del obispo y la promesa de obediencia. La señal de la paz marca la pauta de la promesa; tu promesa es una expresión de tu voluntad de tomar parte en la responsabilidad del arzobispo de velar por el Pueblo de Dios" (*Light in the Lord [Luz en el Señor]*, p. 47).

También señaló: "Considero que la obediencia está muy unida al amor, de hecho, es un aspecto de éste" (p. 90). †

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

Lista de oración del Arzobispo
Buechlein
Arquidiócesis de Indianápolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
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La intención del Arzobispo Buechlein para vocaciones en agosto

Conocimiento de la Parroquia: Que cada parroquiano sea consciente de su papel para fomentar todas las vocaciones y anime a nuestros jóvenes a considerar la vida sacerdotal y religiosa.

Events Calendar

August 5

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei Mass**, 6:30 a.m., breakfast following Mass at Sisters Place, 215 Terrace Ave., Indianapolis. Information: 317-435-3447 or e-mail macmac961@comcast.net.

August 5-6

St. Augustine Home for the Aged, Lanagan Hall, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **Rummage sale**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: 317-872-6420.

St. Joseph Parish, 2605 St. Joe Road W., Sellersburg. **Parish yard sale**, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 812-246-2512.

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

August 6

Most Holy Name of Jesus School, 21 N. 16th St. Ave., Beech Grove. **Rummage sale**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454, ext. 2.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Italian Night Under the Stars**, 6:30 p.m., \$35 per person includes dinner and entertainment. Information: 812-933-6437.

August 7

St. Lawrence School, 6950 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **Open house**, 1-3 p.m. Information: 317-543-4923 or saintlawrence.net.

St. Bernard Parish, 7600 Highway 337, Frenchtown. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., chicken and ham dinners, quilts. Information: 812-347-2326.

St. Boniface Parish, 15519 N. State Road 545, Fulda. **Parish picnic**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., famous

soup, food, quilts. Information: 812-357-5533.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Providence Center, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Sunday Brunch Live, Danny Wayne of The Valley 95.9 FM will broadcast live**, 10:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Information: 812-535-2946, 877-268-2946 or www.ProvCenter.org.

Queen and Divine Mercy Center, Rexville, located on 925 South, .8 mile east of 421 South and 12 miles south of Versailles, Mass, 9:30 a.m., on **third Sunday holy hour and pitch-in**, Father Elmer Burwinkel, celebrant, daily Mass, 9 a.m. Information: 812-689-3551.

August 9

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild**, Mass for deceased members, 11 a.m., meeting, 2:30 p.m.

Information: 317-885-5098.

August 10

Ale Emporium, 8617 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap series, "Do You believe in Miracles?"** Father Dustin Boehm, presenter, 7 p.m. Information: www.indytot.com or indytheologyontap@gmail.com

August 12

St. Rita Church, 1733 Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **Charismatic Mass**, praise and worship, 7 p.m., Mass, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-846-0706.

August 13

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **6th Annual Missions Helping Missions Bazaar and Family Picnic**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., buffet dinner, noon-7 p.m., \$10 per person or \$30 for a family of five, Mass, 4 p.m. Information:

317-545-7681, ext. 14 or www.archindy.org/Fatima.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Parish Pro-Life Ministry: Living the Gospel of Life Authentically, day of renewal and networking**, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., no charge. Information: 317-236-1569, 800-382-9836, ext. 1569 or parthur@archindy.org.

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

RomWeber Marketplace, 7 S. Eastern Ave., Batesville. **Oldenburg Academy, OASIS athletic booster club, Cornhole tournament**, registration, 4 p.m., tournament, 6 p.m., \$10 per person or \$20 per team.

Information: oldenburgacademy.org.

August 13-14

St. Paul Parish, 9798 N. Dearborn Road, Guilford/New Alsace. **Parish festival**, Sat. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, music, Sun. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., chicken dinner. Information: 812-487-2096.

August 14

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Disalced Carmelites Secular Order meeting**, noon. Information: 317-545-7681.

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

Retreats and Programs

August 8-12

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **"Franciscan Preached Retreat—Becoming a Dangerous Memory of the Gospel in the 21st Century,"** Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage, presenter, \$95 per day. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"Bringing to Life the Word of God in Song,"** session two, Benedictine Father Columba Kelly, presenter. Information: 800-581-6905 or MZoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

August 10-31

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center,

1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"A Thomas Merton Seminar: Bridges to Contemplative Living—Living Your Deepest Desires,"** Vol. 3, **four-session workshop**, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, Mass, 5:15 p.m., simple supper, 6 p.m., session 6:30-9 p.m., \$85.95 per person includes book and simple supper. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictinn.org.

August 16

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **"Catholic Identity and Doctrine—The B and b of Baptism,"** session one of four, Mary Lynn Cavanaugh, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., \$25 per person. Information: 317-788-7581 or www.benedictinn.org. †

Society of St. Vincent de Paul to sponsor benefit walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Indianapolis is sponsoring a fundraising walk titled "Friends of the Poor, Walk a Mile in My Shoes."

It will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 24 at George Washington Park, 3120 E. 30th Street in Indianapolis.

Participants will help raise funds for the society's ministry by seeking pledges. Pledges can be designated for ministries of the Indianapolis council such as the food

pantry, thrift store or distribution center or for parish conferences of the society.

To register or for more information, log on to www.SVDPfriendsofthepoorWalk.org, send an e-mail to info@SVDPIndy.org or call 317-924-5769, ext. 236. Registration and pledge forms can also be found at www.SVDPIndy.org.

Those who register for the walk before Aug. 8 will receive a free T-shirt. †

VIPs



Raymond and Barbara (Gallagher) Riley, members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 5. They were married on Aug. 5, 1961, at the St. Therese

of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church in Indianapolis. They have five children, Cindy Rosswurm, Jeanne Watson, Ann Marie, Dan and John Riley. They also have 14 grandchildren. †

St. Joan of Arc School to host Founder's Day Celebration

St. Joan of Arc School, 500 E. 42nd St. in Indianapolis, will celebrate its 90th anniversary at its first Founder's Day Celebration on Jan. 13, 2012.

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. with a reception following Mass in Doyle Hall.

An original icon of St. Joan of Arc, created by world-renowned iconographer Jan Isham, will be on display in the

church starting in September and available for auction at the event.

The school would like photographs of graduations, May crownings and first Communion displays in the Heritage Hallway.

For more information or to make reservations, call 317-283-1518 or send an e-mail to mpsharpe@sjoa.org or echrapla@sbcglobal.net. †



Secular Carmelites

Secular Carmelites in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis met on July 10 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center in Indianapolis for their annual commitment ceremony. Those attending included, in front row from left, Anna Minnick, Mildred Coglianese, Carmelite Sister Jean Alice McGoff, Kirth Roach and Annette Boyle. Middle row, from left, are Eileen Cassidy, Rita Schoentrup, Inez Hayes and Sally Meth. Back row, from left, Matthew Render, Cheryl Shockley, Dorothy Ward, Lisa Prince and Mary Fisher. In the ceremony, Roach made definitive promises, Coglianese made three-year temporary promises and Minnick and Christine Niles (unable to be present) received ceremonial scapulars, and were formally received into the community.

Four students earn awards in national prayer contest

Katey Blackwell and Casey Corsaro, both students at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, and Jenna and Jillian Conrad, two sisters who are homeschooled, earned awards in the 2011 "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest sponsored by Family Rosary, a program of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

Casey was awarded first place in the 11th-grade division for an essay that she wrote on how the Blessed Virgin Mary is a positive role model for her. Katey earned second place in the same category for a short story about how people need to listen to God and accept his direction.

Jillian was awarded first place in the 10th-grade division for a poem that she wrote about how she prays that God will direct and inspire her to do the right thing. Jenna earned third place in the sixth-grade division for a poem that she wrote about how she listens to God and prays for the grace to accept his will.

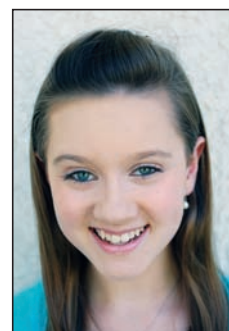
Katey and Casey are members of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove. Jillian and Jenna are members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis. †



Katey Blackwell



Casey Corsaro



Jenna Conrad



Jillian Conrad

Judge dismisses lawsuit against funding embryonic stem-cell research

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Attorneys for two scientists who use only adult stem cells in their work said they were “weighing all of their options for appeal” after a Washington judge ruled on July 27 that federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research may continue.

Chief Judge Royce C. Lamberth of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed a lawsuit that had briefly ended all federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research in August 2010. The ban lasted only until late September, and was permanently overturned in April.

In his latest decision, Lamberth said using federal money to pay for research involving embryonic stem cells derived using private funds did not violate the Dickey-Wicker Amendment. The amendment has been approved annually by Congress since 1996 to prevent federal funding of research in which human embryos are harmed or destroyed.

Lamberth said his court “has become a grudging partner in a bout of ‘linguistic jujitsu,’ ” and was compelled to conclude, as a federal appeals panel had in April, that the amendment’s wording was ambiguous in relation to research involving embryonic stem cells created using private funds.

Alliance Defense Fund senior counsel Steven H. Aden had been among the attorneys representing researchers Theresa Deisher of AVM Biotechnology in Seattle and Dr. James Sherley of the Boston Biomedical Research Institute, who said the Obama administration’s decision to expand federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research would harm their chances of obtaining funding for their own adult stem-cell research.

“Americans should not be forced to pay for experiments that destroy human life, have produced no real-world treatments and violate federal law,” Aden said

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—Steven H. Aden

in a July 27 statement. “The law is clear, and we intend to review all of our options for appeal of this decision.

“In these tough economic times, it makes no sense for the federal government to use taxpayer money for this illegal and unethical purpose,” he added.

The Catholic Church opposes any research that harms the human embryo, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has backed the goals of the lawsuit against federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research.

“We believe that the language and history of federal statutory law on embryo research fully supports a final ruling against” the National Institutes of Health guidelines that permit federal spending on embryonic stem-cell research, said Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, after a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia lifted the ban on such funding on April 29 and sent the case back to Lamberth.

The panel said at the time that opponents of embryonic stem-cell research were not likely to prevail in their suit against the federal funding.

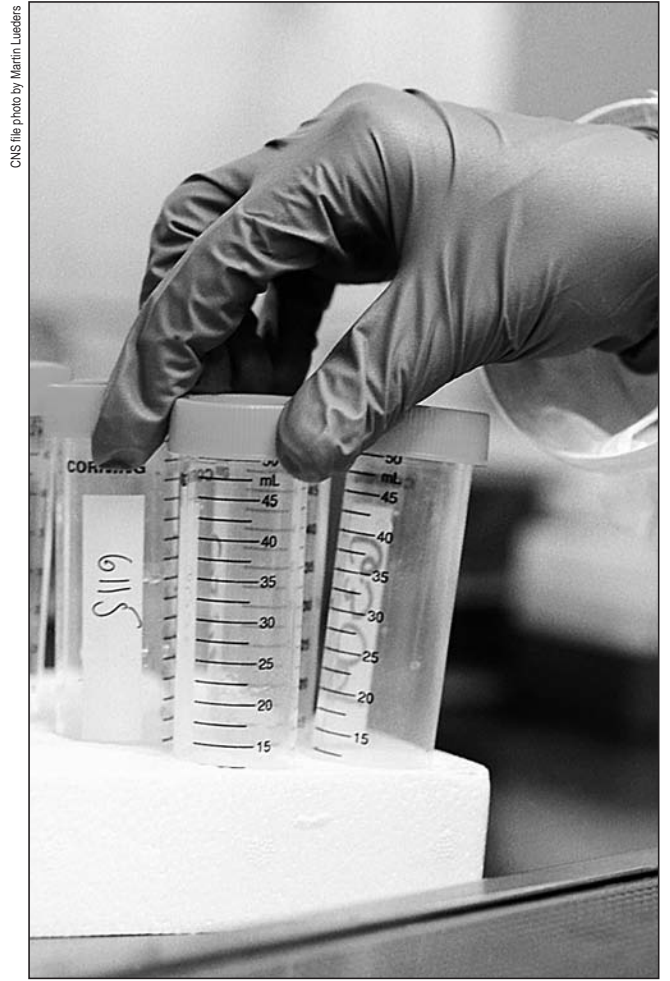
Doerflinger was not available for comment after the July 27 ruling.

When Lamberth issued his Aug. 23, 2010, injunction that temporarily stopped federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research, Cardinal Daniel N.

DiNardo called it “a victory for common sense and sound medical ethics.” †



Richard Doerflinger



A worker handles test tubes used in research at Osiris Therapeutics in Baltimore. The company conducts research using adult mesenchymal stem cells, hoping to develop therapies for a variety of medical problems. A Washington judge on July 27 dismissed a lawsuit that had briefly ended all federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, and ruled that it may continue.

Young people deserve to live free of violence, papal nuncio tells United Nations

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—The world’s young people deserve to live their lives free of violence and in stable family settings, the Vatican’s U.N. nuncio said on the last day of a worldwide meeting on youths.

“Each and every child, for the full and harmonious development of his or her personality, should grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding,” Archbishop Francis Chullikatt said on July 28 at the conclusion of the U.N. General Assembly’s high-level meeting on youths.

A main part of the meeting was a series of round tables on July 25-26, followed by a couple of days of debate.

The archbishop said a safe, loving and peaceful environment for children will promote responsible citizenship, an essential characteristic for the common good of humanity.

Highlighting the role of family as the fundamental unit of society, Archbishop Chullikatt urged world leaders to support the concept of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

“The family ... must be guaranteed protection by society and the state,” he said.

Archbishop Chullikatt also called upon delegates to the meeting to develop programs benefiting young people that take into account the special role parents have in the development of children. Parents he said, cannot withdraw from their essential role to help children become “virtuous citizens and leaders.”

Cautioning that the philosophy of relativism is becoming more widely embraced, the nuncio suggested that not having absolute points of reference upon which to build society will lead to “instability, confusion and blind

conformity to the fads of the moment with which certain cultures around the world tempt our youth.

“Young people are entitled to receive from previous generations solid points of reference to help them make choices on which to build their lives,” he said.

He pointed to the upcoming World Youth Day festivities on Aug. 16-21 in Madrid as an event where young people can foster the importance of the spiritual dimension in their lives “rooted in the truth of the human person.”

Archbishop Chullikatt concluded his presentation by encouraging the delegates to uphold and implement the principle that young people should be brought up in the spirit of peace, justice, freedom, mutual respect and understanding as enshrined in the U.N.’s Declaration on the Promotion of Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding Between Peoples adopted in 1965. †

NATIVITY'S AUGUST TRAGANZA
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pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in LaGrange, Kentucky. Father Chandler's congregation is one of several in that state that contribute to the New Albany agency.

Both Catholic and non-Catholic faith communities contribute funds and supplies. Casper showed the archbishop and other guests two storage rooms full of donated diapers, diaper bags, car seats, baby clothes and toys. Some individuals and groups have also decorated bedrooms in the homes.

Others present to welcome the archbishop were David Siler, executive director of the Indianapolis archdiocese's Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries, and several members of the St. Elizabeth advisory board.

The purpose of Archbishop Kurtz's visit, according to Jevaline Johnson, St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities development director, was to explore how the two communities can coordinate delivery of services to women and families.

"We want to collaborate with Catholic Charities in Louisville," Johnson said. "They offer some services we don't, and we offer some they don't. We want to eliminate duplication of services."

St. Elizabeth's-Catholic Charities is already affiliated with Kentucky Adoption Coalition, and licensed to handle adoptions in both Kentucky and Indiana.

While most of their clients are from Indiana, 30 percent of their clients and 27 percent of their financial support come from Louisville. Some clients have come from as far away as Tennessee, North Carolina or Alabama.

The maternity home does not have a service area restriction. "Some women find us on the Internet," said Leslea Townsend-Cronin, social services director. "They like what they see, and don't care how far away it is. If they can find us, we take them."

The agency's various programs served 700 clients in 2010, including 70 women and 50 children in its residential facilities. The maternity home opened in 1989, the transitional home in 1996.

Since opening, the maternity home has assisted in more than 400 births. Women who have had their babies, and who are at least 18, can stay in the transitional house for up to two years—with their children—while going to school or finding employment.

"Before this [program]," Casper said, "parents used to send a pregnant girl off to Aunt Becky in Nebraska."

At St. Elizabeth's, he said, young women receive a full gamut of services, from health care and labor coaches to counseling, parenting skills and money management.

"It's a safe place for these girls to live," Casper told Archbishop Kurtz. "Many of them come from bad situations with boyfriends or family members. Here, they know they are safe."

Archbishop Kurtz remarked, "This [visit] is good timing." He noted an upcoming annual meeting in his archdiocese at which he plans to encourage more Louisville parishes to become involved with St. Elizabeth's. This summer, one group of Louisville high school students volunteered at the New Albany agency, painting, mulching gardens and organizing a clothes closet.

"We are sensitive to the fact that St. Elizabeth's is part of the Indianapolis Archdiocese," Archbishop Kurtz said, "but we are really just one community here."

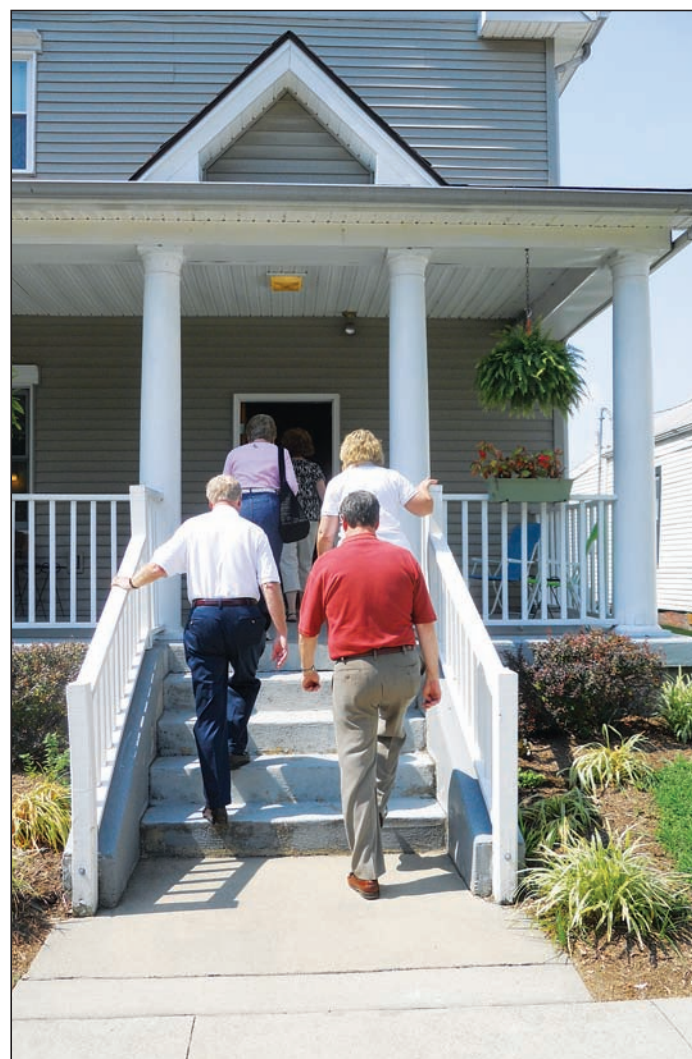
The archbishop closed the gathering with a prayer that,



On a July 27 tour of St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities' facilities in New Albany, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, left, and agency director Mark Casper visit one of the bedrooms occupied by a client and her baby.



Above, Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, left, St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities director Mark Casper, and Father Anthony Chandler, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in LaGrange, Ky., listen to Leslea Townsend-Cronin, social services director, explain aspects of the agency's programs.



Right, members of the St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities advisory board tour the agency's facilities in New Albany on July 27. Shown are a group of board members entering the transitional house, where young mothers reside while going to school or working after their babies are born.

"through the intercession of St. Elizabeth, God might bless all those young people who come here, that they may come to lead good and fruitful lives."

(Patricia Happel Cornwell is a freelance writer and a member of St. Joseph Parish in Corydon. For more information on St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany, log on to www.stelizabethcatholiccharities.org.) †

WORLD YOUTH DAY

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a long and proud Catholic history. Spain has given the Church some of its greatest saints and mystics, and Spanish members of religious orders continue to serve as missionaries around the world, particularly in Latin America.

The organizers of World Youth Day 2011, which kicks off on Aug. 16, hope the throngs of young Catholics descending on Madrid not only will energize each other's faith, but that they will also be powerful witnesses to the lukewarm among Spain's Catholics.



Pope Benedict XVI will hold two special meetings at the Augustinian monastery complex in El Escorial, Spain, when he visits the country for World Youth Day on Aug. 18-21. He will meet there with religious women younger than 35, and also with young university professors.

"I think the impact will be huge; at least I hope so," Yago de la Cierva, WYD Madrid director, told Catholic News Service on July 28. "Spain is suffering through a process of secularization that is very deep and moving very fast."

"Many young people in Spain have no religious training at all, and we have to shake up this situation," he said in a telephone interview.

"Also, we have a very aggressive, anti-Catholic press in Spain. We hope World Youth Day will be effective in presenting Jesus Christ and the Church in a more accurate way, in a light that shows our joy. We aren't crazy or sad or twisted, and we want people to come and see that," De la Cierva said.

Part of the challenge facing the Church everywhere, but particularly in Spain and other parts of Europe, is to help people see that religion isn't simply part of their cultural history, but can have a positive impact of their personal and social lives today.

One way the pope will demonstrate that is by holding two special meetings at the Augustinian monastery complex in El Escorial, north of Madrid. One of the appointments will be with about 1,500 nuns and other religious women younger than 35. While the sisters come from a number of countries, the idea behind the event was to demonstrate that although Spanish Catholicism faces some real challenges, there are some bright spots, too.

As the WYD organizers reported, Spain "is home to several orders of sisters who have experienced an upsurge of young vocations in recent years, much to the surprise of almost everyone." The organization gave the example of the "Iesu Communio" order, based in Lerma, Spain. The average age of its 177 members is just under 30.

The second meeting at El Escorial will be with 1,100 young university professors—specialists in a variety of academic subjects, but all under the age of 40. They must hold a doctoral degree, and be registered as World Youth Day pilgrims.

It is not unusual for the pope, who was a theology professor before becoming a bishop and cardinal, to address professors on the road or at the Vatican. In an age focused so heavily on education, technology and the rational and empirical, the pope has emphasized the importance of teachers and professors being open to truths they might not be able to prove in a laboratory.

Meeting with university students and professors at the Vatican in 2009, he said that whether studying math, science, art history or literature, a truly Christian scholar conducts all of his or her research trying to catch the glimpses of divine wisdom present in everything.

Of course, Pope Benedict also is traveling to Spain to pray with young people and help them solidify their relationship with God through the Mass and the sacraments.

World Youth Days always have been marked by the sight of thousands of young people lining up in fields, squares or pavilions to go to confession. But WYD Madrid will mark the first time that the pope will become one of the hundreds of priests hearing confessions.

Names will be drawn by lot from potential penitents among the corps of international volunteers working for WYD, De la Cierva said.

When the pope was told he would have an opportunity to offer the sacrament to three or four young people, "his response was 'so few?' But his schedule is very full," so that is all the time Vatican trip planners set aside, he said. †

Monuments, museums not only sites drawing tourists to Washington

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As the nation's capital, Washington has been visited by millions since its official founding on July 16, 1790.



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With sites such as the Washington Monument, White House, the Capitol, Library of Congress, the

National Archives, Smithsonian museums, and countless monuments and cultural happenings, tourists from across the world come to Washington for a taste of U.S. history.

Lesser known perhaps, but no less fascinating, are the Catholic historical sites around the city that attract pilgrims.

Catholicism in the U.S. was born in the Washington region, and the area still plays a vital part in the U.S. Catholic Church. The District of Columbia is home to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, seminaries, religious houses of prayer, and three prominent Catholic universities—The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University.

In 1634, Jesuit Father Andrew White celebrated what is believed to be the first Mass to be said in the original 13 English-speaking colonies. The Mass was on St. Clement's Island, now a Maryland state park, about 60 miles outside of Washington.

The site of the first Mass, marked by a large cross, can still be visited. Inside the St. Clement's Island Museum, one can read the firsthand account written by Father White about his voyage and landing on the island with the first colonists of Maryland. He had accompanied Catholics on their voyage from England, where they had been persecuted.

Perhaps the most famous and recognizable Catholic pilgrimage site in Washington is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Construction of the national shrine began in 1920 and was completed in 1959. It is

the largest Roman Catholic Church in North America, and one of the 10 largest churches in the world.

It houses one of the greatest concentrations of 20th-century art in the world. Its treasures include two mosaics from Ravenna, Italy, a relic of Pope Pius X, papal jewels, a golden rose given to the shrine by Pope Benedict XVI, Venetian glass mosaics and glittering gold ceilings.

In 1979, Blessed John Paul II visited the shrine and declared that it "speaks to us with the voice of all America. ... These people, speaking different languages, coming from different backgrounds of history and traditions in their own countries, came together around the heart of a mother they all had in common."

Pope Benedict visited the shrine in 2008 and said in an address to a group of bishops: "I commend the Church in your country most particularly to the maternal care and intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of the United States. May she who carried within her womb the hope of all nations intercede for the people of this country, so that all may be made new in Jesus Christ her son."

In the summer of 2010, the shrine had more than 60,000 people attend Sunday Mass, gave 542 guided tours to visitors and hosted 7,000 pilgrims visiting the shrine with a pilgrimage group.

Veteran shrine tour guide, Sal Mazzuca, told Catholic News Service that these days around

20 percent of the visitors he shows around are non-Catholics, compared with the 100-percent Catholic audiences he had when he first began giving tours 53 years ago.

"You're looking at one of the shyest people you'll ever meet in your life, until I walk into this place," Mazzuca said about his love for the shrine.

Mazzuca's favorite part is the Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel because "it's so quiet in there and when you need just a spiritual kick in the pants, as I call it, I go sit in there and it helps things go away."

Another draw for pilgrims to the capital city is the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. The complex, the brainchild of Franciscan Fathers Charles



A man prays during a pilgrimage by Asian Catholics at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington last year. Group pilgrimages are popular at the nation's largest Catholic church that hosts thousands of visitors each year.



Asian Catholics gather for a pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington last year.

Vassani and Godfrey Schilling, was constructed in 1898 as a place for people who were unable to make the long journey to the Holy Land itself.

The grounds of the monastery feature dozens of replicas of significant Christian sites from the Holy Land as well as from Europe, including many related to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The site now receives about 25,000 visitors a year, from as close as Alexandria, Va., to as far away as China, Russia and Australia. "We really do have

an international house here," Father Jeremy Harrington told CNS during an interview at the monastery.

Father Harrington, guardian and commissary, explained that the monastery is owned by the Holy Land Franciscans, to whom the Catholic Church entrusted the guardianship of the Holy Land 800 years ago. "We're the supply chain for the Holy Land," he said.

"A lot of people say this is an oasis in the middle of Washington—places of prayer, solitude. So they come here and walk through the gardens." †

Miss Teen USA will use platform to promote girls' self-esteem and modesty



Danielle Doty is crowned Miss Teen USA 2011 by her predecessor, Kamie Crawford, at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas on July 16. Doty is a parishioner at St. Anthony Church in Harlingen, Texas, in the Brownsville Diocese.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (CNS)—When Danielle Doty, Miss Texas Teen USA, arrived in the Bahamas to compete in the Miss Teen USA pageant, she surrendered to God's plan for her life, the Harlingen native said.

"I let go and let God," Doty told *The Valley Catholic*, newspaper of the Brownsville Diocese, in a telephone interview from New York City. "I was there, I had prepared, I had worked out, gotten in shape and from that point on, it was really in God's hands. I knew he would do what was best."

Doty, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Harlingen, was crowned Miss Teen USA 2011 on July 16 at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas.

"As soon as they called my name, I think you just go on pause," Doty said a couple of weeks after her win. "You don't hear anything, you're not thinking of anything. You're just taking in the moment."

After winning the Miss Teen USA title, Doty went from being a Harlingen resident to living in New York City. Almost as soon as she was crowned, she was whisked away for interviews and appearances. During her reign as Miss Teen USA, she will attend the

New York Film Academy and study broadcast journalism.

"It's absolutely fantastic," she said. "I am loving New York right now and having a blast. I still can't believe it."

Doty graduated from Harlingen High School South in May, finishing in the top 10 of her class. She is the daughter of Kevin and Liz Doty and has an older brother, Dylan, 22.

Doty was baptized, received her first Communion and was confirmed at St. Anthony Church. Her faith has given her the courage to face many challenges throughout her life, said her mother.

"We brought up both of our children with the belief that with God in your life, you will make the right choices and you will always have someone with you," Liz Doty said.

Danielle Doty said that she feels a responsibility to make the most of this blessing that the Lord has bestowed upon her. She feels called to help others, especially girls.

"His putting this in front of me is giving me an open door to take full action," Doty said. "It's not for me by any means."

"I've always said she is as pretty inside and she is outside," said

Father Tom Pincelli, who was pastor at St. Anthony Parish for 14 years and remains a family friend of the Dotys.

"Beauty pageants can be beauty pageants, but Danielle deserved to win on so many different levels simply because of the fact that she has her act together."

As Miss Teen USA, Doty will promote several charitable alliances, including Best Buddies, which assists people with intellectual disabilities; Sparrow Clubs USA, which assists children in a medical crisis; Girl Talk, a student-to-student mentoring program for middle-and-high-school age girls; Project Sunshine, which provides free educational, recreational and programs for children facing medical challenges and their families; and DARE—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—which teaches school children how to live drug and violence-free lives.

Doty also plans to expand the charitable organization that she started called Modest is Hottest, which teaches girls about self-respect and self-esteem.

"I want girls to know that people will like you and you will have friends when you are comfortable in your own skin," she said. †

Attackers plant car bombs in front of churches in Kirkuk, Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A car bomb exploded outside a Syrian Catholic church in the northern Iraq city of Kirkuk leaving at least 20 people injured.

The early morning attack on Aug. 2 was the first time the Holy Family Syrian Catholic Church had been a target, Vatican Radio said.



Archbishop Louis Sako

Police defused two other car bombs—one in front of a Christian school and another in front of a Presbyterian church.

Chaldean Archbishop Louis Sako of Kirkuk told Vatican Radio that the blast set nearby cars on fire and damaged not only the church, but also about 30 surrounding homes.

Most of those injured were in their homes at the time of the blast.

The archbishop said he visited the injured in

the hospital.

"It's terrible," he said, as both Christians and Muslims were wounded in the attack. Many of the injured had been released by the end of the day, according to reports.

Reports said on Aug. 2 that a nun and two priests were among those injured.

"We hope this is the last act of violence,"

Archbishop Sako said.

The bombing and planned attacks caused a great deal of sorrow because it happened just after the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, "a holy time of fasting and prayer and conversion," Archbishop Sako told the Rome-based AsiaNews on Aug. 2.

"Christians are sad and in shock" because such a sacred place and innocent people were targeted, he said.

He said, "We are shocked because Christians play no role in the political games" in Kirkuk—an oil-rich city rife with tensions between ethnic Arabs, Turkmen and Kurds.

"We are always for what is good, for dialogue, and we have good relations with everyone," he added. †



A man stands amid debris inside Holy Family Syrian Catholic Church in central Kirkuk, Iraq, north of Baghdad, on Aug. 2. A car bomb and two unexploded bombs targeted three churches in northern Iraq in coordinated attacks that wounded more than 20 people in the ethnically and religiously mixed city.

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exclusively religious activities of any religious orders," the interim final rule says.

Cardinal DiNardo said that under that rule, "our institutions would be free to act in accord with Catholic teaching on life and procreation only if they were to stop hiring and serving non-Catholics.

"Could the federal government possibly intend to pressure Catholic institutions to cease providing health care, education and charitable services to the general public?" he asked. "Health care reform should expand access to basic health care for all, not undermine that goal."

In a news release on the proposed exemption, HHS said it is "modeled on the most common accommodation for Churches available in the majority of the 28 states that already require insurance companies to cover contraception."

But Michael F. Moses, associate general counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told Catholic News Service on Aug. 2 that most state mandates to cover contraception do not include self-insured health plans, plans under the Employee Retirement Income

Security Act of 1974 and plans that did not cover prescriptions at all.

"This is the narrowest religious exemption [that] we've ever seen proposed in federal law," Moses said, noting that it doesn't cover any individual, any religiously affiliated plan offered to the general public, any religious employer whose purpose is other than the inculcation of religious values, any religious employer that serves the public or any religious organization that doesn't primarily employ persons who share the organization's religious tenets.

"It's certainly narrower than the exemptions in existing federal law" on other matters, he added.

HHS said "the requirements to cover recommended preventive services without any cost-sharing do not apply to grandfathered health plans."

But, Moses said, "you can't be a grandfathered plan forever." If significant changes are made to a plan, the plan will "lose grandfathered status" and be required to cover all FDA-approved contraceptives, including some that can cause an abortion, as well as female sterilization and education and counseling about them.

In its Aug. 1 announcement, HHS also said new health plans or those significantly altered after

Aug. 1, 2012, must include without co-pays or deductibles annual well-woman visits, screenings for gestational diabetes, breastfeeding support and supplies, domestic violence screening and counseling, and testing for human papillomavirus, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.

"These historic guidelines are based on science and existing literature and will help ensure women get the preventive health benefits they need," Sebelius said.

Cardinal DiNardo said the Obama administration's "failure to create a meaningful conscience exemption to the preventive services mandate underscores the need for Congress to approve the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act," H.R. 1179.

The bill, introduced by Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., and Dan Boren, D-Okla., would allow health insurance plans to exclude procedures that violate the moral or religious convictions of those providing or purchasing the plan.

"HHS says the intent of its 'preventive services' mandate is to help 'stop health problems before they start,'" the cardinal said. "But pregnancy is not a disease, and children are not a 'health problem'—they are the next generation of Americans." †

Kenyan bishops challenge government to improve food security during crisis

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS)—A Catholic bishop has heavily criticized the Kenyan government on what he described as its ineffectiveness in handling the hunger crisis developing in the East Africa nation.

Bishop Cornelius Arap Korir of Eldoret said he was disturbed to see that some people in Kenya are starving, while in other parts, such as his diocese, people are harvesting plenty of produce with some vegetables reportedly rotting in fields.

"This, for me, would seem to mean that the left hand of the government is not aware of what its right hand is doing, which is very unfortunate," the bishop said during a July 29 news conference the Catholic Church called to announce an appeal for food on behalf of Kenya's growing hunger crisis.

Archbishop Zacchaeus Okoth of Kisumu, chairman of the Kenyan bishops' Commission for Justice and Peace joined Bishop Korir, the commission's vice chairman, at the conference and said the crisis was worsened by the rise in basic food prices, deteriorating drought conditions for farmers with livestock and the high rate of inflation.

"There has been reported deaths due to famine in various parts of the country," the bishops said in a prepared statement.

The current debate in the Kenyan parliament on food security and allocations for national intelligence should not only be guided by social structures, but also by the immediate need to protect and promote human life and dignity, the bishops said. †

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World Youth Day opens month after Spain marks 75th anniversary of war

WASHINGTON (CNS)—World Youth Day 2011 will open after the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, a national event that many millennials may know little about, though it profoundly impacted the Catholic Church in Spain.

During the bitter three-year struggle between the Nationalist forces, led by Gen. Francisco Franco, and the established leftist Republican government, nearly half a million Spaniards were killed over ideological differences that had increasingly divided the country.

“Everyone was forced to take sides, whether they knew much about the causes of the war or not,” said Jose Sanchez, an expert on the Spanish Civil War and professor emeritus at St. Louis University.

“The Church hierarchy was faced with the most intense crisis in Spain’s history, and for the most part supported the Nationalist cause, primarily because of the anticlericalism that occurred when the war broke out,” he said.

With the establishment of the leftist Second Spanish Republic in 1931, discriminatory laws against Catholics were put in place—nationalizing Church properties, instituting obligatory public education, which would ban nuns and monks from teaching by 1933, and forbidding public displays of Catholicism. Convents were burned in Madrid, Malaga, and elsewhere in the early 1930s, followed by the dissolution of the Jesuits and sporadic killings of religious.

From 1936 to 1939, thousands of Catholic institutions—churches, monasteries, convents and schools—were burned and destroyed. Close to 7,000 bishops, priests and nuns were martyred, along with thousands of laity for the simple fact they were

Catholic. Carrying religious objects, such as a medal, crucifix or rosary, was enough of a reason to be killed.

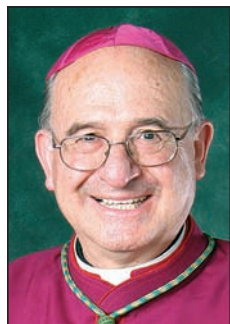
Nearly 1,000 of the Spanish Civil War martyrs have been beatified during the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Auxiliary Bishop Rutilio J. del Riego of San Bernardino, Calif., grew up in a small northern province in Spain. Born a year after the war ended, Bishop del Riego told Catholic News about the challenges growing up in a post-civil war Spain.

“Even after the war you knew who was on which side in the village,” Bishop del Riego said. The bishop had two uncles who fought in the civil war, both on the side of the Nationalists “because that’s where we lived,” he said. He was named after his father’s brother, who died in the war.

Bishop del Riego said it took time for a country torn by contrasting ideologies to find healing and unity again. Nevertheless, a strong secularism and anti-clericalism still pervade the country, the bishop said.

According to a recent study by Georgetown’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, only



Bishop Rutilio J. del Riego

19 percent of Spanish Catholics attend Mass weekly. The numbers have waned especially in the past 15-20 years.

“I have seen that process, and it has pained me,” Bishop del Riego said. “I have verified it every time I have gone home [to Spain]. It is a different world.”

Pope Benedict commented on the



During a 2007 beatification at the Vatican, Spanish students hold portraits of clergy killed in the Spanish Civil War. Nearly 1,000 Spanish Civil War martyrs have been beatified during the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

crisis of secularism in Spain on his last trip to the country in 2010. He made a trip to Santiago de Compostela last November.

“Spain has always been, on the one hand, a foundational country for the faith,” the pope said in a press conference aboard the papal plane. “But it is equally true that in Spain a laicism was born, an anti-clericalism, a strong and aggressive secularism, as we saw precisely in the 1930s, and this dispute, more, this conflict between faith and modernity, both very lively, occurs today too in Spain.”

Despite the challenges it faces, Bishop del Riego said he maintains hope for the Church in Spain.

“Although I know we need to do the best we can, I am not in panic,” the bishop said. “In the great scheme of things ... the one who is in charge is God, the Lord of history.”

One hopeful sign can be seen at one Spanish convent. *Iesu Communio*, a community formerly associated with the Poor Clares of Lerma, two hours north of Madrid, has experienced a steady increase in vocations since the 1980s.

Most of the women entering are in their 20s and early 30s, and have college

degrees. Some are doctors, lawyers, engineers and the like. A large number of them have said their vocations were inspired at or through World Youth Day.

This year’s World Youth Day in Spain is set to kick off on Aug. 16 with a Mass in Madrid’s Cibeles Square. It is the 12th international gathering since the initiative was instituted by Blessed John Paul II in 1985.

Pope Benedict XVI will arrive in Madrid on Aug. 18. It will be his third visit to Spain.

That 75 years later Catholic youths from across the world will be celebrating their faith openly in the streets of Madrid this August, where at least 4,000 clergy were martyred during the civil war, is perhaps another sign of hope for the Spanish Church.

Bishop del Riego will be traveling to Spain with more than 250 youths and families from the San Bernardino Diocese for what will be his first World Youth Day.

He said he has “no doubts” that the pope and Spanish bishops hope the gathering will help foster a resurgence in the Catholic faith among Spanish youths.

“I think it is an excellent opportunity,” he said. †

Catholic clergy join 10,000 people in demonstrating for dalit rights in India

NEW DELHI (CNS)—A rally by Christians and Muslims demanding equal rights for their dalit members blocked traffic in the main streets of the capital for several hours on July 28.

More than 10,000 people, including a Catholic cardinal, bishops, priests and religious women from across India braved intense heat to march more than three miles from a park to the Indian parliament.

The march capped a four-day protest that began on July 25 with a fast organized by the National Coordination Committee for Dalit Christians, a joint program of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India and the National Council of Churches in India.

Dalit means “broken open” in Sanskrit, and denotes people formerly known as untouchables in India’s multitered caste system.

In 1950, the government made Hindu dalits eligible for free education and quotas in government jobs to improve their social status. The statutory benefits were extended to Sikh dalits in 1956 and to Buddhist dalits in 1990.

However, the benefits continue to be denied to Christian dalits, who account for two-thirds of the 27 million Christians in India. Repeated protests have not swayed the Indian government. The same benefits are denied to Muslim dalits.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias was among the clergy who joined the rally. He has urged the government to grant full rights—called

scheduled caste status—to dalit Christians and Muslims.

The prelate said excluding dalits from receiving the same benefits as people of other religions is “blatant discrimination, and in violation of the Indian constitution, which guarantees equality.”

Cardinal Gracias also asked the government to follow the recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, which said in a 2007 report that denying the quota right to Christian and Muslim dalits violated justice. The Indian parliament tabled the report in 2009.

The National United Christian Forum, comprising the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India, the National Council of Churches in India and the Evangelical Fellowship of India issued a statement on July 27 supporting the rally and hunger strike.

The forum called the demands of Christian and Muslim dalits “genuine.”

“The NUCF strongly believes that it is only just and fair that the Christians and Muslims of scheduled caste origin should get the legal protection and other educational and employment benefits given to their counterparts in other religions,” the statement said. “The NUCF is convinced that change of one’s religious faith does not alter one’s social status in India, and the dalit Christians and dalit Muslims in India have been victims of social and economic exploitation for centuries.” †

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

The wisdom of the saints: St. Cajetan

St. Cajetan, whose feast is celebrated on Aug. 7 when that date doesn't fall on a Sunday, lived from 1480 to 1557, a time when the Church was badly in need of reform. (Martin Luther started what became the Protestant Reformation in 1517.)



Cajetan was a lawyer who worked for the Roman Curia under Pope Julius II. When that pope died, he joined the Oratory of St. Jerome, dedicated to caring for the sick, and was ordained a priest.

In 1520 he, and three others—one of which was the future Pope Paul IV—founded the Theatines, which tried to reform the Church from within. He also continued to work for the poor in both Venice and Naples.

He was always a humble man. In one of his letters he wrote, "I am a sinner and do not think much of myself." However, he wrote, "I have recourse to

the greatest servants of the Lord, that they may pray for you to the blessed Christ and his Mother."

He went on to say that we must remember that all the saints cannot endear us to Christ as much as we ourselves can. "It is entirely up to you," he said. "If you want Christ to love you and help you, you must love him and always make an effort to please him. Do not waver in your purpose, because even if all the saints and every single creature should abandon you, he will always be near you, whatever your needs."

We are pilgrims in this world, he said, on a journey to our true home in heaven. We must strive to gain eternal life, he said, but we cannot achieve that by ourselves since we have lost it through sin.

However, Jesus Christ has recovered it for us, he said. "For this reason we must always be grateful to him and love him. We must always obey him, and as far as possible remain united with him."

Christ has offered himself to be our food, he said, and "woe to the man or

woman who does not care enough to receive him."

In the letter, which was written to a woman, he continued: "My daughter, I want what is good for myself; I beg the same for you. Now there is no other way to bring this about than to ask the Virgin Mary constantly to come to you with her glorious Son."

He told the woman, "Be bold! Ask her to give you her Son, who in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar is truly the food of your soul. Readily will she give him to you, still more readily will he come to you, giving you the strength to make your way fearlessly through this dark wood."

He warned her, though, that she must not receive Jesus simply as a means to further her own plans. "I want you," he wrote, "to surrender to him, that he may welcome you and, as your divine savior, do to you and in you whatever he wills."

He concluded the letter very strongly: "This is what I want, this is what I beg of you, this, as far as I can, is what I compel you to do." †

Faith, Hope and Charity/

David Siler

God's perfect plan

I recently watched the movie *The Adjustment Bureau* that gives



human form to what were referred to as "agents."

These "agents" might be more appropriately referred to in our Catholic tradition as "angels." The Adjustment Bureau was headed by the

"chairman"—God—who we never physically see.

The bureau's agents create minor adjustments in the lives of human beings to keep them on track for their predestined plan—the plan put in place by the chairman. These minor adjustments might be seen as coincidences or accidents by the individual experiencing them, but are just enough to ensure that the plan written by the chairman for each person's life is followed exactly.

I enjoy most movies that stimulate thought and reflection, and *The Adjustment Bureau* did just that. The movie seemed to bring to the big screen the question that many of us ponder regarding our own free will, the role of God, and perhaps God's angels in our lives.

I have had many conversations with people who insist that everything happens for a reason or who say there are no accidents. I just have never been able to reconcile this principle with what I have come to know of the nature of God.

For instance, how do you tell the family of Lauren Spierer, the Indiana University student missing in Bloomington, that there is a reason for their sister or daughter to be taken from them, or how does a child physically abused by her father find consolation in that philosophy?

I have adjusted this philosophy just slightly, but in a way that makes a significant difference by saying "it isn't so much that everything happens for a reason, but if you look hard enough you can find reason in everything that happens."

Following the movie, as I pondered the idea of what God's plan for me—and for all us—really is, it occurred to me that God's whole plan can really be summed up in the principle of love. Since God's own essence and nature is love, and we are made in that same image and likeness, there can really be no other plan.

If all of us operated solely on the principle of love, made all of our decisions based on love, "the plan" would operate beautifully—without wounds being inflicted from one person to another. Like we are reminded by Jesus, the entire law can be summed up in the command to love God, our neighbor and ourselves. No other laws would be necessary if "the law" is kept.

Of course there is pain, suffering and evil alive and well in the world. But to say that these things are part of God's plan does not fit with God's essence.

Sin entered the world at the beginning of creation and will always be with us, but we can always choose love as we draw ever closer to God, the source of love.

And when we do, the plan works perfectly.

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It's All Good/Patti Lamb

Small acts of love have a way of multiplying

The other night, I caught a few snippets of the nightly news and the news, I can assure you, was not good. There was talk of violence, famine, disease and other unsettling topics.



At times, the world seems so big and the picture appears so bleak. It's easy to feel

overwhelmed and small and helpless. I turned off the television feeling like there is little I can do to make a dent in society's problems.

But that same evening, I was reminded of the reality of the ripple effect and how any good act, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, can gain momentum and make a difference for the better.

Months ago, my friend gave me a recipe for one of the most delicious snacks I have ever eaten. And the best part is how easy it is to make.

Delighted by the recipe, I made the dessert for my sister and dropped it off at her home in hopes of making her smile. My sister enjoyed it so much that she made some, and took it to her friend who had suffered a tremendous loss.

That evening, my sister called to tell me that the simple dessert she delivered to her grieving friend put a bright spot in that friend's day.

My sister said, "She tasted it, and smiled for the first time in weeks." For a few seconds, her grief was lifted and she let in a little bit of joy. It was a step in the right direction.

Now you might think I am simple to find such grace in something as ordinary as a recipe or an overdue visit to a friend or relative.

But I think love, and even the smallest good works done in the spirit of love, have a way of multiplying.

I witnessed this phenomenon yesterday when a man held the door at a bookstore for a woman carrying a baby. Then that woman, despite having her hands full, held the door for the next person. I saw the same kind of thing happen in traffic when several lanes had to merge into one lane on a heavily-traveled road. One kind driver would let another car in. Other drivers continued this trend until all cars weaved into the flowing lane.

I remember a quote from Blessed Teresa of Kolkatta: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

Too often, I approach life as if it's all or nothing. Because I may not be able to write a big check to a worthy cause or

volunteer the better part of my time to a worthwhile effort, I sometimes think I can't do much to help things.

But I think that's the wrong outlook. Instead, if we just do what we can, wherever we are, to help someone or some cause, then we are on the right track. Our actions to help the world don't have to be big and showy. They can be humble and quiet.

Blessed Teresa also said, "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

If we can bring comfort to a struggling soul or lift someone's burden—even if only temporarily—that is doing something to help. We may never see the way our kindness has the ripple effect, but we must be confident that

acts of love multiply.

I think of the way a simple recipe shared with love by my sister helped re-introduce joy into the heart of her friend, and I am convinced that love grows.

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

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The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

The deadly potential of half-truths and outright lies

Here we go again with the run for the U.S. presidency and other public offices in 2012. And here we go again, enduring outright falsehoods and unscrupulous tactics.



Accomplishments of hopeful candidates will inundate the media, along with notices of their failures to achieve desired goals. Statistics will abound, and character assassination will be one of the main weapons of choice for defeating an opponent.

The crux of elections will revolve around truth—half-truths that will make a statement sound believable when it is not accurate, and whole truths that will make a statement indeed valid.

Twisting the truth by taking information out of context is another favorite among unscrupulous strategists.

Phrases of opponents that can be used against them will be selected without including the whole text that clarifies what was said.

There will be arguments that will claim to be on the side of logic. However, when they are examined closer, more often than not they will reveal that the rules of logic were either broken or sidestepped.

In a day of images that can be doctored, we can bet on never seeing the best side of an opponent. Heaven forbid he or she should be energetic, intelligent and looking good.

Is the disemboweling of truth something that we should take for granted during election times? Is this a practice that has always been an acceptable part of politics or should it be disregarded the way one would a joke?

All of the above is unacceptable.

Throughout the psalms, living the truth is lauded as the ultimate achievement in life. When truth is

missing, the psalmist tells us, "The words of [the wicked man's] mouth are empty and false; he has ceased to understand how to do good" (Ps 36:4).

In the Scriptures, God repeatedly tells us that he longs for a wise people in whom truth reigns.

In the U.S. Supreme Court, a frieze representing the works of good and evil faces the justices. Among the works of evil is deceit, echoing the psalmist who says happy is the man whom the Lord does not accuse of doing wrong, and who is free from all deceit (Ps 32:2).

Why, then, is political deceit unacceptable and not to be taken lightly? Because it goes against God's desire that nations be wise.

Because deceit recently brought down a large part of the U.S. economy.

Because lies mutate, and, like a plague, they have the ability to destroy a nation.

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

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

The Sunday Readings

Sunday, August 7, 2011

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

The first reading this weekend is from the First Book of Kings. First and Second Kings



prominently mention the kings of the united kingdom of Israel, but they are not political histories.

The chief purpose of these writings is to reveal God's mercy, justice and identity.

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

So principal in the reading is the prophet Elijah. God speaks to him. Elijah learns that God will be visible and audible before him. Looking for God, Elijah is in the midst of a raging storm, but God was not in the wind. Next came an earthquake, never an unusual event in the Middle East. Elijah cannot find God in the earthquake.

At last, Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound. It is the voice of God.

Several lessons emerge from this reading. First, God communicates with humanity, and the communication is conveyed to humans by humans. Elijah, after all, was a human.

Second, Elijah looked for God in these great outbursts of nature, in the storm and in the earthquake. God is supreme over nature, it is true.

But the ancient Hebrew concept was that God did not so much punish wayward humanity, even through disasters, as much as that by sin humanity brought misery upon itself. Sin so disrupted the order of life that even nature was askew, bringing terrible events such as storms and earthquakes. God is not in such revenge.

Finally, 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 is the source of the next reading. Paul verifies his own status as an Apostle, and his own faith. He mourns that his kin do not accept God, admitting his own humanity. He would like to be with his own. But Paul insists that he will remain true to his calling as a Christian and as an Apostle.

For its last reading this weekend, the Church gives us a passage from St. Matthew's Gospel. It is a familiar story.

In it, the Lord literally walks across water to reach the boat from which the Apostles were fishing. Peter, impulsive as was his personality, leaped from the boat in an attempt to meet Jesus. Indeed Jesus invited Peter to come forward.

However, also as often happened, Peter's rashness 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, however, not outdone by Peter's lack of faith, pulled Peter from the water, rescuing Peter from death.

Reflection

Jesus alone is the source of life. He possesses the power of God. This is the central point in this weekend's Gospel.

The Lord literally walks on water. The reaction of the disciples is a crucial lesson in itself. Understandably, they are mystified, overwhelmed, and even frightened, as they watch Jesus walk on the water. This, however, is not the end of the story.

Peter's response is the end of the story. When Jesus calls Peter also to walk on the water, Peter does as directed. He has faith, but human nature overtakes him. His faith weakens. He begins to sink. Jesus rescues him.

Peter then exclaims that Jesus is the Son of God! The final note is on Peter's faith. Paul gave evidence of his own faith. It is on the faith of the Apostles that the Church stands, and it is their testimony that the Church painstakingly repeats.

Still, important to the lesson is the pause in Peter's faith. He was human. Jesus saved his life, and Peter realized it. †

Daily Readings

Monday, Aug. 8
Dominic, priest
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, Aug. 9
Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr
Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9, 12
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, Aug. 10
Lawrence, deacon and martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2, 5-9
John 12:24-26

Thursday, Aug. 11
Clare, virgin
Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17
Psalm 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, Aug. 12
Jane Frances de Chantal, religious
Joshua 24:1-13
Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, Aug. 13
Pontian, pope and martyr
Hippolytus, priest and martyr
Joshua 24:14-29
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday, Aug. 14
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 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

Baptism during Mass: A good practice, but not required by the Church

Q Could you tell me if having baptisms during Mass is a practice that is required by papal edict? Years ago, all baptisms were on a Sunday afternoon. Having a baptism—or sometimes several baptisms—during Mass can result in a parking problem for the following Mass. (Williamsburg, Va.)



A There is no "papal edict" or directive of the Church requiring that baptisms be done during Mass. The introduction to the Church's official ritual book (in concert with Canon #856 in the *Code of Canon Law*) recommends that baptisms be done either at the Easter Vigil or on a Sunday since it is at those times in particular that the Church remembers Christ's resurrection, the central belief of our faith.

As to the context of the baptism ceremony, that is, whether it should be within a Mass or outside of Mass, there is no fixed rule. That same introduction to the ritual states simply that "on Sunday, baptism may be celebrated even during Mass, so that the entire community may be present."

Significantly, though, the text goes on to say that baptism within a Sunday Mass "should not be done too often."

In offering that caution, I'm not sure that the authors of the ritual were thinking of the "parking problem" that you mention. Perhaps, instead, they felt that the entire congregation is most impacted when they witness a baptism occasionally rather than every Sunday.

In our own parish, we offer families the option. If they specifically request to have their child baptized during a regular Sunday Mass—and this generally happens no more than once or twice a year—we do that. Otherwise, our baptisms—80 or 90 annually—are celebrated early on Sunday afternoons when the parish's Masses are over.

There is great wisdom, I think, in having a baptism from time to time in front of the whole Sunday congregation. First of all, baptism signifies the child's entrance into an entire parish community of believers who will help that child to grow in holiness.

Second, witnessing a baptism reminds the congregation of the mission that each member undertakes at his or her baptism and of God's pledge to accompany them along the way.

Q When I was in grammar school, I vaguely remember a rule that excused parishioners from Sunday Mass after the age of 65. I mentioned this to a daily

communicant last week, and was looked at as though I were crazy. I am now 80. Is there such a rule? (Norfolk Beach, Va.)

A There is no such rule. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#2042) states as the first precept of the Church, without any reference to age, the obligation of the Catholic faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

I believe that your memory may have confused this obligation with the rule on fasting. That rule requires Catholics to eat only one full meal, and not to eat between meals, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But it applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

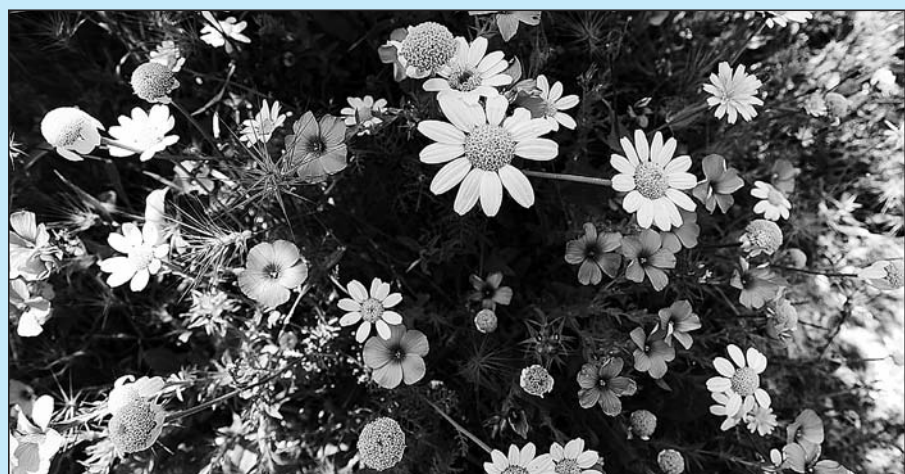
It's important to clarify, though, that the obligation to be present at Mass does not apply to those for whom—because of age, infirmity or disability—attendance at Mass would be a grave burden. I am regularly amazed—inspired, really—by people who are elderly or unwell and who risk life and limb by coming to Mass even on winter's worst days, and I am continually telling them that they don't have to.

Many people, though, are uncomfortable excusing themselves so they probably would do best to speak to a priest who could put them at peace. When excused by such circumstances, they can, at home, unite themselves to the Mass by reading the prayers and scriptural passages for the day, watching Mass on television, and, in many parishes, by having Communion brought to them by parish volunteers.

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at askfatherdoyle@gmail.com and 40 Hopewell St., Albany, NY 12208.) †

My Journey to God

A Heavenly Garden



When my time does come, to God I pray,
That in His heavenly garden I may stay.
To plant a seed with tender care,
And grow a heavenly blossom fair.
A blossom of velvet petals and brilliant hue,
And sweetly kissed with delicate dew,
A perfect flower for God I'll grow,
In this eternal garden, my seeds I'll sow.
On bended knee, to Him I pray,
I'll be your heavenly gardener if I may.

By Carol Mappes

(Carol Mappes is a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis. Wildflowers bloom on Mount Precipice in Nazareth, Israel, on April 14.)

Readers may submit prose or poetry for faith column

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

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

Send material for consideration to "My Journey to God," *The Criterion*, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367 or e-mail to criterion@archindy.org. †

Rest in peace

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

ABBOTT, Armond G., 79, Holy Family, New Albany, July 26. Husband of Dolores (Jacobi) Abbott. Father of Diana Huber. Stepfather of John Lozon. Brother of Carolyn Dean and William Abbott. Grandfather of five.

ANDERSON, Earl Raymond, 70, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, July 18. Husband of Vicky (Simpson) Anderson. Father of Julie, Brian and Darrell Anderson. Son of Larry and Della Marie Bayly. Brother of June Casteel and Art Smith. Grandfather of two.

BOSLER, Dr. Bernard J., 88, St. Paul, Tell City, July 6. Husband of Cora (Walter) Bosler. Father of Gretchen Lyons, Ann Raibley and Bruce Bosler. Brother of Luanna Cole. Grandfather of two.

BROWN, Ruth Maxine, 87, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 15. Mother of Nancy Coblter, Debbie Meadows, Mark and Richard Brown. Sister of Martha Davis, Donald and James Buell. Grandmother of 16.

COLE, Judy, 63, St. Paul, Tell City, July 2. Mother of Aaron, Mark and Matt Haller. Daughter of Charles and Ethel (Briggeman) Kleeman. Sister of Peggy Huebner, Ann Pryor, Amy Strobel, Jane Yancy and Randy Kleeman. Grandmother of three.

COLEMAN, Virginia D., 69, St. Paul, Tell City, July 3. Mother of Christa Ng, Joy Stiver, Joan, Susan, Marion and Matthew Coleman. Sister of Margaret Kegley, Joyce Seib, Robert, Stephen and William Daming. Grandmother of nine.

DANCEL, Remedios A., 85, American Martyrs, Scottsburg, July 14. Wife of Dr. Manual

Dancel. Mother of Michelle Dancel-Light and Clarissa Dancel-Warren. Sister of Banna Ilocos Norte and Rosario Sanchez.

FINDLAY, James K., Sr., 65, St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis, July 21. Husband of Kathleen Findlay. Father of Alisha, Joan, James Jr. and Michael Findlay. Brother of Deborah Baker, Diane Broering, Judy Hines, Mindy Hodges, Theresa Pfannig, David and Stephen Findlay. Grandfather of six.

FINLEY, Margaret, 92, former member of Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Indianapolis, July 1. Mother of Kathy Evans, Judy May and Margot Palamara. Sister of Joseph Smerdel. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of 16.

GENGELBACH, Robert E., 71, St. Pius V, Troy, July 9. Husband of Anita (Sparks) Gengelbach. Father of Michelle Knable, Stephanie Schaefer and Tim Gengelbach. Brother of Mildred Hagedorn, Margie Knaebel and Edward Gengelbach. Grandfather of one.

HARPENAU, Esther M., 94, St. Paul, Tell City, July 5. Mother of Vernie, Gerald and Stanley Harpenau. Sister of Mary Ann Jochem, Marcella Lindauer, Claude and Cletus Boehm. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 32. Great-great-grandmother of one.

HARTMAN, Byron, 24, St. Martin, Yorkville, July 11. Son of Eric and Donna Hartman. Brother of Dan and Justin Hartman. Grandson of Gilbert Hartman and Sam Roberts.

HAUSER, Ruth M., 83, St. Paul, Tell City, July 10. Mother of Janet Kitchen, Janice Weaver, Danny, Larry and Patrick Hauser. Sister of Linda Hannah and Dorothy Simpson. Grandmother of several. Great-grandmother of several.

HERBERT, Ruth Marie, 86, St. Mary, Greensburg, July 18. Mother of Sue Burkhart, Barb Greiwe, Roberta Harpring, Lynn Redelman, Rosemary Ward, Ruth Williams, Catherine Wilson, Wilma Young, Bill, Don, Jim, Joe, Richard and Walt Herbert. Sister of Betty Sandhage, Joan Tebbe, Don and Frank Schreiner.

Grandmother of 42. Great-grandmother of 44. Great-great-grandmother of one.

HIRT, Helen F., 89, St. Louis, Batesville, July 25. Mother of Franciscan Father Alan Hirt and Dennis Hirt. Sister of Herbert Moenter. Grandmother of eight. Great-grandmother of two. Step-great-grandmother of three.

KIEFFER, Carl F., 88, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, July 1. Husband of Janet Kieffer. Father of Pamela Adkins, Barbara Dunn, Rita Osborne and Patricia Kieffer. Brother of Kathleen Chovanic and Leo Kieffer. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of five.

KLAIN, Frances M., 82, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, July 15. Husband of Eliner Klain. Father of Lorrie Klain. Grandfather of two. Great-grandfather of three.

LaMANTIA, Marian B., 83, St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, July 26. Wife of Carl LaMantia. Mother of Jean Kiesel Janet Sanders, Ann Sidener, Anthony, Carl, Joseph and Peter LaMantia. Sister of Ethel Bruegge, Marcella Preston, Franciscan Sister Edna Martini, Eugene and Wilbur Martini. Grandmother of 11. Great-grandmother of four.

McGILL, Catherine A., 97, St. Jude, Indianapolis, July 15. Mother of Maureen Fullerton and Michael McGill. Sister of Harriet Barker, Amelia Tully and John Sullivan. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of four.

QUINN, Francis Bernard, 91, St. Luke the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 23. Father of Libby Hahn, Katy Kelley, Lolly Quagliarello, Mary Williams, Barney, John, Mickey, Patrick, Terry and Timothy Quinn. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of seven.

SCHEIBLE, John Robert, 59, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, July 19. Father of Amy and Joshua Scheible. Brother of Jane Mathews.

THOMAS, Carolyn S., 64, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, July 20. Wife of Jerry Thomas. Sister of Fred and Ray Anspaugh.

VanNATTA, Ralph W., 81, St. Joseph, Shelbyville, July 21. Husband of Nora VanNatta. Father of Karla Myers, Bobby, Bruce and Jim VanNatta. Half-brother of Jacquie, Jan, Jane, Joyce, June, John, Jorge, Justin and Royal VanNatta. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of 10. †

Landmark cathedral in Grenada rededicated seven years after storm

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (CNS)—With the blessing of the bells and the anointing of the walls and the altar with holy oil, Church officials rededicated the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in St. George's, Grenada, on July 16, nearly seven years after a powerful hurricane nearly leveled the landmark church.

Hundreds joined the three-hour liturgy and ceremony led by Bishop Vincent Darius of St. George's and Archbishop Thomas E. Gullickson, papal nuncio to Ukraine and the former papal nuncio to the island nations of the eastern Caribbean.

The cathedral's roof collapsed, destroying large sections of the church's interior when Hurricane Ivan battered Grenada in September 2004. Only the cathedral walls, the tower and the apse where the crucifix was located remained standing after the storm, one of the most intense ever recorded by weather observers in the Atlantic Ocean.

Bishop Darius said the rededication of the cathedral, located on a hill overlooking the scenic Grenadian capital, also marks a time for renewal of the local Church.

"It is important to have a



Bishop Vincent Darius, center right, concelebrates a Mass of rededication of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in St. George's, Grenada, on July 16. At right is Archbishop Thomas E. Gullickson, papal nuncio to Ukraine, who formerly served as papal nuncio to the island nations of the eastern Caribbean. The cathedral was severely damaged by Hurricane Ivan in September 2004.

new mindset, a new attitude, a new perspective. ... We cannot come back with the same old attitude. The lessons we have learned from Sept. 7, 2004, to now, we must practice it," Bishop Darius said.

Archbishop Gullickson recalled in his homily that despite the destruction, the Church in Grenada did not despair.

"Nobody here has forgotten God's law or grown up ignorant of their Catholic faith because the cathedral was in ruins," he said. "We can say, however,

that having this house of worship, this house of prayer back again, gives to you all a special point of reference for your life and identity as Catholic Christians, as a diocese, as a local Church."

Bishop Darius admitted that "it has been a long road to raise funds" for the cathedral. In remarks near the end of the liturgy, he described the rededication as "a celebration of the generosity of many," and thanked God that the cathedral and other churches across the diocese were able to recover. †

Franciscan Sister Marie Kathleen Maudlin ministered in education in the archdiocese

Franciscan Sister Marie Kathleen Maudlin, formerly Mary Jane Maudlin, died on July 16 at St. Clare Hall, the health care facility for the Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg. She was 89.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 20 at the motherhouse chapel in Oldenburg. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Sister Marie Kathleen was born on Dec. 15, 1921, in Greensburg, Indiana.

She entered the Oldenburg Franciscan community on Sept. 8, 1940, and professed her final vows on Aug. 12, 1946.

Sister Marie Kathleen taught at elementary and secondary schools and at the college level in Indiana and Ohio.

In the archdiocese, Sister Marie Kathleen taught at the former St. Francis de Sales School, the former Holy Trinity School,

Father Thomas Seccina Memorial High School and Marian University, all in Indianapolis, and at St. Louis School in Batesville.

She was congregational minister for the Oldenburg Franciscan Community for four years, and also spent eight years as a pastoral associate in Hobbs, New Mexico. Sister later returned to the motherhouse, and managed the health insurance office and Medicare for the sisters.

She retired in 2010 and returned to the motherhouse in Oldenburg, where she resided at St. Clare Hall.

Surviving are two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Mary Jane Maudlin of Indianapolis and Mrs. Yoshiko Maudlin of California; a niece and several nephews.

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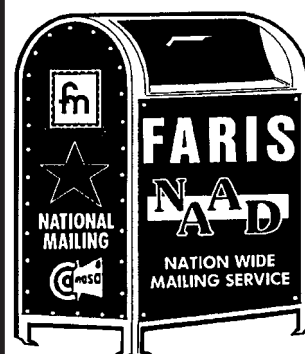
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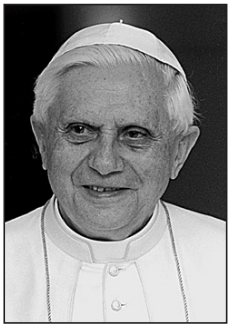
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Pope calls for compassion, sharing with hungry of Africa

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Christians cannot be indifferent to the suffering of hundreds of thousands of people starving in the Horn of Africa, Pope Benedict XVI said.



Pope Benedict XVI

"It is inadmissible to be indifferent in the face of the tragedy of the hungry and thirsty," the pope said, speaking in Polish after reciting the Angelus on July 31 with pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo.

When Jesus fed the multitudes by miraculously multiplying

loaves and fishes, he gave his disciples an example to follow, the pope said.

"He encourages us to give them something to eat and to share bread with the needy. Following Christ, we must be sensitive to people's poverty," he said.

Commenting on the day's Gospel passage, the pope said it was natural to read the story of Jesus' miracle and think of "our many brothers and sisters who, in these days, in the Horn of Africa, suffer from famine aggravated by war and the lack of solid institutions."

He told the 3,000 people gathered in the courtyard

that Jesus set an example of meeting material needs while also addressing the deeper hungers of the human heart.

"The love of God is present in the bread of Christ; encountering him, we feed on the living God, so to speak, and we truly eat the bread come down from heaven," the pope said.

"In the Eucharist, Jesus makes us witnesses to God's compassion for every brother and sister," the pope said.

He prayed that people would open their hearts with compassion for their neighbors and would share with those in need.

Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, reported on July 30 that Catholic charities are deeply involved in meeting the needs of people suffering from the famine in Somalia, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Kenya.

Suzanna Tkalec, who works for the U.S. bishops' Catholic Relief Services, is assisting Bishop Giorgio Bertin of Djibouti and Somalia.

She told Fides that they are working in the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya about 50 miles from the border with Somalia.

"On average, 2,500 people arrive at this camp every day; 80 percent are mothers with young children," she said. †



Somali women sit in a line outside a food distribution center at a refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya, near the border with Somalia on July 31. More than 3 million Somalis were at risk of starvation in the country, where a deadly mix of drought and conflict has caused mass movements of people seeking help.

What was in the news on Aug. 4, 1961? Religion helps deter mine a family's size, and Finland plans for its first priestly ordination since the Reformation

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we continue to examine what was going on in the Church and the world 50 years ago as seen through the pages of *The Criterion*, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Here are some of the items found in the Aug. 4, 1961, issue of *The Criterion*:

• **Red press prints data showing Polish youth remain Catholic**

• **Find religion determines family size**
 "PRINCETON, N.J.—Religion provides a better forecast than economic class or status in determining how many children a young American couple desire to have, a survey completed by Princeton University's Office of Population Research disclosed here. ... Formerly it was thought that as nations progressed from agricultural to an industrial economy, and from a rural to an urban society, the birth rate would drop. This has certainly not been true in the United States, according to the authors."

• **Protestant Journal: Salutes new encyclical**
 • **Catholic Intellectuals: Say 'yes' to present age**
 • **Church feels Pope's loss of Cardinal**
 • **Economists talk against health plan**
 • **Train for the simple life, Pope advises seminarians**

• **Nuns' story: Little food, no privacy in Cuba**

• **Dutch prelate hits nationalism**
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• **Latin Viewpoint: Upholds right of poor to choice of schools**
 • **Dallas gets integration without fuss**
 • **Congo Catholic U graduates natives**
 • **Lutheran women decry obscenity**
 • **National Review versus Pope's encyclical**

• **Labor, industrial leaders praise social encyclical**
 • **Moslems visit Marian shrine**
 • **Mexico denies threat to schools**
 • **Around the Archdiocese: Parish picnics, dinners fill weekend calendar**

• **First ordained since Reformation**
 "HELSINKI, Finland—The first priestly ordination in Finland since the Reformation will take place in September. ... Finland has only some 2,200 Catholics in a total population of

4,400,000. They are served by 20 priests, 16 of whom are Religious, through five parishes."

• **Respect other faiths, African bishops order**
 • **Questions modern morality**
 • **California gets strict smut law**

• **Need centuries to solve the mystery of creation**

"The universe may have been created all at once with a great cosmic explosion which sent matter flying in all directions, [Rev. Francis J. Heyden, S.J., director of the Georgetown University observatory] said, or the creation of matter may be a continuous process going on all the time in distant nebulae. But it will probably take man at least 20 or 30 centuries of research and space exploration to determine the final answer, the priest suggested."

• **Religious groups seek new policy for immigration**
 • **Religious leaders back long-term foreign aid**
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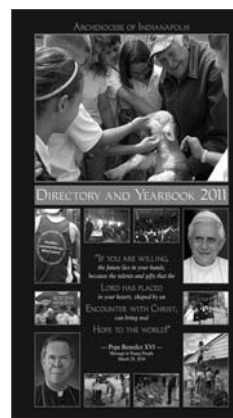
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Statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln dedicated at cemetery

By Alea Bowling

At Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis, a new statue is now watching over the circle of priests who have been laid to rest there.

On July 16, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, dedicated a new bronze statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln that was installed at the priest's circle in the cemetery.

Father Joseph Newton, who led the project, was among those in attendance, along with Beth and Dave Martin, members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and the parents of Father Justin Martin, who is buried at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

A member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, where Father Newton is the associate pastor, funded the project.

"A generous, anonymous parishioner came to me one day and wanted to do something for the archdiocese in thanksgiving for the service of priests," Father Newton said. "The parishioners [at St. Luke] have a great dedication to their former priests."

Three priests who ministered at St. Luke are buried at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery—Father Paul Courtney, Msgr. Francis Tuohy and Father Martin.

Father Newton consulted several other priests about the project, and they collectively decided to establish a monument dedicated to the priests buried at Our Lady of Peace.

Our Lady of Einsiedeln was chosen because the cemetery is Marian-themed, and "since the priest section was already named after Our Lady of Einsiedeln, it seemed the most appropriate tribute," Father Newton said.

There are deep connections between many priests who have ministered in central and southern Indiana over the past 150 years and Our Lady of Einsiedeln.

Over that time, many archdiocesan priests went to seminary at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad.

This seminary is operated by the Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, a daughter house of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland.

The shrine of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at that historic Swiss abbey has been a prominent pilgrimage site for more than 1,000 years. Devotion to her was brought to southern Indiana by the monks who founded Saint Meinrad.

July 16, the day on which the statue was dedicated, is celebrated in the universal

Church as the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In Einsiedeln and Saint Meinrad, however, it is marked as the Feast of Our Lady of Einsiedeln.

The image of Our Lady of Einsiedeln is that of a black Madonna holding the Christ child in one hand and a scepter in the other. The dark color of the original statue was the result of candle soot collecting on the image for many years.

The statue was crafted in Ortisei, Italy, by the same sculptors who make wooden statues of Our Lady of Einsiedeln for the Benedictine Abbey of Einsiedeln in Switzerland. †



Above, Father Joseph Newton, left, Loral Tansy, and Bishop Christopher J. Coyne conclude the dedication ceremony for the statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln. The project was funded by an anonymous member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

Top right, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne incenses the image of Our Lady of Einsiedeln. The statue was dedicated on July 16 at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Bottom right, a small crowd braved the summer heat on July 16 to attend the dedication of the new statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis. Dave Martin, left, Beth Martin, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, Msgr. Fred Easton, Joyce Seffrin and Tom Seffrin were among the people who attended the ceremony.

Photos by Alea Bowling



Belleville Diocese joins lawsuit against Illinois over foster care

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS)—The Diocese of Belleville's Catholic Charities agency has joined three other Illinois Catholic Charities agencies in a lawsuit against the state seeking to continue operating their foster care and adoption programs since the passage of a law legalizing civil unions for same-sex couples.

The law stipulates same-sex couples have the same rights and benefits as married couples in the state, including the right to adopt children and provide foster care.

Officials with the Belleville diocesan agency, called Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois, took legal steps on July 26 in Springfield, the state capital, to join the suit filed by the Catholic Charities agencies of the Springfield, Peoria and Joliet dioceses.

The suit seeks to stop efforts by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to prevent Catholic agencies from continued participation in state foster care and adoption programs.

Earlier in July, state officials announced plans to pull contracts with the Church agencies since they will not place foster children or adopted children with same-sex couples.

Sangamon County Circuit Judge John Schmidt issued a preliminary injunction on July 12 preventing the state from ending contracts with Catholic Charities agencies pending the outcome of the suit. The next hearing in the case is set for Aug. 17.

The judge also ruled on July 18 that the state's Department of Children and Family Services must allow Catholic Charities agencies to operate as they had before the fiscal year 2011 contract expired on June 30, meaning

the agencies could receive new referrals and continue foster applications.

The Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based public interest law firm representing the Catholic agencies, announced on July 26 that the agencies planned to file another complaint against the state for violating their right to due process of law by terminating their rights to contract with the state without any substantive basis.

It also said the agencies were suing the state for not complying with the exemption for religious practice included in the Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, which took effect on July 1.

The law firm said the agencies want the court to declare they have been and continue to be in compliance with Illinois law in their foster care and adoption practices. They are also seeking a permanent injunction against any further action by Illinois government officials.

The Catholic agencies only place children with married heterosexual couples or single people who are not cohabiting. State officials have said the law would not allow the agencies to refer same-sex couples to other agencies, as they have done for decades.

In earlier reaction to Schmidt's preliminary injunction, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria said he was encouraged by the judge's recognition of the "grave harm that would result if Catholic Charities was forced out of its long-standing mission of serving children in foster care and adoption."

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield said he was grateful "for the sake of the children in our Catholic Charities foster care program" that the services will be allowed to continue.

In a statement he said the state of Illinois was

violating the law by forcing agencies to act against their religious beliefs.

The law specifically says that "nothing in this act shall interfere with or regulate the religious practice of any religious body," he noted.

Discontinuing the foster care and program supervised by the Illinois Catholic Charities agencies would affect 1,997 children in foster care, including some in the process of being adopted, said Kendall Marlowe, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

He said approximately 15,000 children are presently in foster care in Illinois.

"We cannot enter into a contract with anyone who has publicly, affirmatively stated that they will not follow the law in performing services under the contract," Marlowe told Catholic News Service before the preliminary injunction was granted. "These agencies have made their choice, and we must now plan to transition these cases with the least disruption possible for the kids."

But Bishop Paprocki said in his statement that "it is the state of Illinois that is violating ... the law by seeking to force us to act against our religious beliefs." †



Bishop Daniel R. Jenky



Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki