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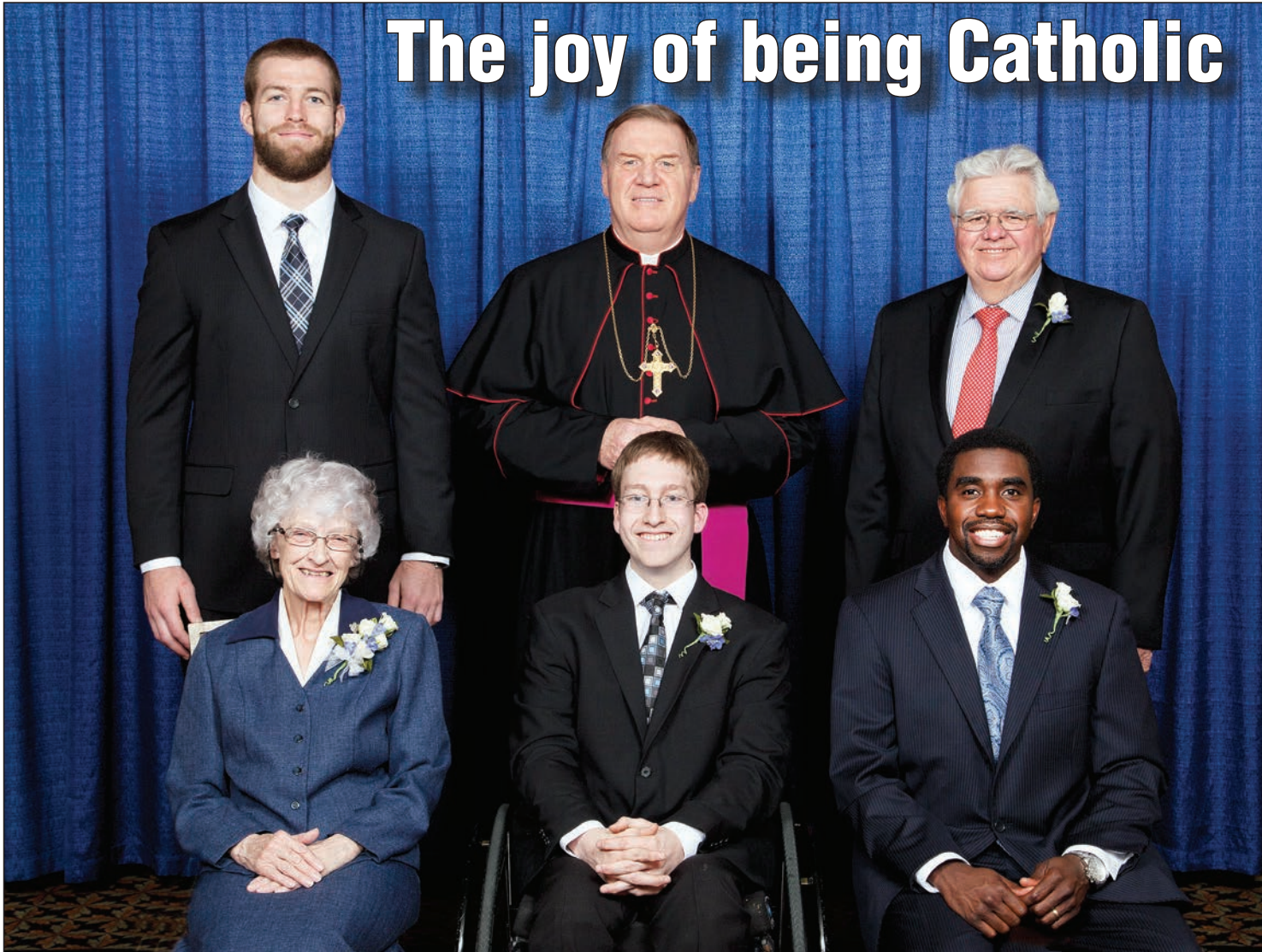
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Catholic Charities Indianapolis presented four individuals with Spirit of Service Awards during an April 30 dinner in Indianapolis. Award recipients, seated from left, are Francisca Sister Norma Rocklage, Zach Smith and Gene Hawkins. Standing, from left, are featured speaker Jack Doyle, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and award winner Steve Rasmussen. (Photo by Rich Clark)

Entertaining exchange between Colts leads to tales of football, faith and fun at Spirit of Service event

By John Shaughnessy

The memory of scoring his first touchdown in the National Football League is one that Indianapolis Colts' tight end Jack Doyle will never forget, especially considering what happened in all the excitement that followed the score by the 2008 graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

After catching the pass from quarterback Andrew Luck and diving across the goal line during the first game of the 2015 season, Doyle lost his grip

on the ball amid the celebration with his teammates.

"I come to find out later that the ball somehow made it back to the sideline," Doyle told the audience at the archdiocese's Spirit of Service Awards Dinner in Indianapolis on April 30. "I never knew how it got back there until I heard the story that [All-Pro wide receiver] Reggie Wayne had happened to grab it, knowing it was my first touchdown.

"He thought enough to grab the football for me. I thought that was a really cool thing, with him being a role model for me.

Him grabbing the ball for me really meant a lot to me."

Doyle shared that story during a question-and-answer session directed by his close friend, his teammate and his fellow Catholic—Joe Reitz. Sitting on stage in front of 600 people in the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis, the two Colts engaged in the kind of fun, free-wheeling, humorous exchange of stories, thoughts and good-natured jabs that mark the friendship of two guys who share a love of football, family and faith.

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Week after quake, trucks of aid begin reaching remote areas of Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nepal (CNS)—Truckloads of relief material organized by Church charities began moving across Nepal a week after the Himalayan nation was rocked by a magnitude-7.8 earthquake on April 25.

"I am glad that much-needed aid is finally beginning to reach remote areas," Greg Auberry, Catholic Relief Services' [CRS] regional director for East and South Asia, told Catholic News Service on May 4.



Greg Auberry

Auberry had just returned to Kathmandu from Gorkha—just 85 miles from the capital but five hours of rough mountain drive—where CRS and Caritas Nepal staff had distributed relief material like tarps, dry rations, hygiene items and

water purification tablets.

"Given the mountainous terrain, getting relief supplies to even the most convenient locations for people to collect them is not easy. It took CRS several hours with small tractors—one getting stuck—to get the tarpaulins and household supplies to the village of Bukrang near Gorkha," said Auberry, who oversaw relief distribution in the region on May 3.

"People walked miles to come," he added.

Nine days after the quake, the Nepal government revised the death toll to more than 7,200 killed and 14,300 injured, while thousands remain missing.

Father Pius Perumana, Caritas Nepal director, told CNS that besides the CRS contingent, officials of a dozen national Caritas affiliates like CAFOD, Cordaid and Caritas of nearly a dozen countries had reached Nepal to augment the Church relief work.

"While relief material is being sent to different remote areas, our assessment teams also have gone to the worst-hit areas. We are

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Sisters of St. Benedict offer powerful experience of community through prayer, work and hospitality



(Editor's note: The Church's Year of Consecrated Life began in late November, and will conclude on Feb. 2, 2016. During this time, The Criterion will publish a series of articles featuring the life and history of each of the religious communities based in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. This is the second article in that series.)

By Michaela Raffin

BEECH GROVE—Like so many others, Benedictine Sister Anne Louise Frederick

struggled to find balance in her busy life.

While receiving religious formation in preparation for her final vows, she also taught full time at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis. And she dedicated the little free time she had left to helping her father, who was battling Alzheimer's disease.

"My father, like some elderly people can, had given to every organization that mailed him something," Sister Anne recalled. "I would take all these solicitations and put them in a bag and think, 'I will contact the places when I have a chance,' and I didn't know when that was going to happen. However, a couple of the sisters that knew about this took that bag, and then one by one contacted those places."

Sister Anne never forgot the kindness of the sisters during that difficult time. In 2012, the same year that she professed

perpetual vows as a Sister of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, her father passed away.



Sr. Juliann Babcock, O.S.B.

"On that journey, I really felt the support of my sisters," she said. "There was one elderly sister. I remember her catching me one time, and she said, 'Anne, I keep your dad in prayer. I have Alzheimer's disease, too.' And that just struck me. I thought, 'Wow, those are some powerful prayers.' That's a powerful experience of community."

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This strong sense of community life is central to the Benedictine Sisters at Our Lady of Grace. Their charism is that of monastic life, and they live according to the values of prayer, work and hospitality established by St. Benedict.

“For us, I think what’s unique is community is primary,” said Benedictine Sister Juliann Babcock, the monastery’s current prioress. “Benedict’s idea was that you lived in common, and then you went out and ministered to the people according to the needs that were there.”

In 1953, Archbishop Paul C. Schulte recognized the need for a home for the aged in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. At the same time, the Benedictine Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, had grown to an unsustainable size and was looking to establish another community in Indianapolis.

“I had a new laundry number, and it was 385,” said Sister Phyllis Gronotte, a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery who became a Benedictine in Ferdinand. “We were getting close to 400. There just wasn’t room for that many people.”

After consulting with Archbishop Schulte, the decision was made to establish a community of Benedictines that would manage a home for the aged in Beech Grove. Construction began on a piece of property that the archdiocese owned and had given to the sisters. Little by little, the Ferdinand sisters began coming to Beech Grove.

“We had sort of a pioneer spirit. You know you moved up here, and you worked together, and you got things done,” said Sister Phyllis. “It was exciting just to be part of something that was beginning.”

The home for the aged was named St. Paul Hermitage in honor of Archbishop Schulte’s patron saint, Paul the Hermit. The sisters also built a secondary school for young women attached to the monastery. Our Lady of Grace Academy, a boarding high school for girls, opened in 1956. In addition to the Hermitage and the academy, the sisters began and have continued various ministries throughout the Indianapolis metropolitan area.

“We have a variety of works because we weren’t founded for a particular work,” said Sister Juliann. “Our ministries are varied. There are people in schools and parishes, in health care—librarians, pharmacists.”

In 1978, Our Lady of Grace Academy closed after 22 years of operation because of declining enrollment. The building was transformed into the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, which holds retreats and religious education programs year-round and continues to be a large ministry of the sisters.

Throughout its many ministries and activities, the purpose of the Benedictines is as clear as the words carved on the entrance to the monastery: Seek God.

“Benedict opens his rule with, ‘Listen with the ear of your heart,’ because he wanted to really seek God,” said Benedictine Sister Carol Falkner, who will be celebrating her 50th jubilee this



This photograph, circa 1963-64, shows the first group of Benedictine sisters who came from Ferdinand, Ind., to Beech Grove, and the first formation class that entered in Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. The sisters in formation are seated in the front row. (Submitted photos)



Above, Benedictine sisters volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse in 2013. Pictured are Benedictine Sisters Susan Nicole Reuber, left, Gayla Marie Aspromonte and Bernardine Ludwig.

Left, Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove participate in an All Souls Day remembrance of their deceased sisters, on Nov. 2, 2014. Each year, the sisters gather at the cemetery to remember deceased sisters, and then the prioress prays over each grave.

year. “And the way you do that is by going through the community, through your ministry, whatever you’re about. You really want to seek God and bring God to that environment.”

With a degree in teaching and administration, Sister Carol is an example of the great leadership found at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Her past roles in the community have included prioress, sub-prioress, assistant administrator and twice as director of the Benedict Inn. She credits some of these leadership skills to her education at the academy.

“It afforded me an opportunity to be me and not follow my brothers. I had two older brothers who were very good students, very bright. And then I get compared. But here I didn’t get compared. I loved it,” she recalled. “The education was very good and the sisters were very loving, and so it was a very comfortable environment.”

That loving environment allowed Sister Carol to realize her calling to religious life and to embrace that vocation at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. It’s also an environment where visitors are welcomed

with Benedictine hospitality by the sisters.

“Hospitality, that’s a very important Benedictine value, the way we share God’s love with others, the way that we offer hospitality to others,” said Sister Anne. “We offer space for them to come where they can feel connected to God. Our hospitality to each other is really that

mutual love that allows that presence of Jesus to be apparent among us. And as we live that, people can feel that when they come in.”

(For more information about the Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery visit www.benedictine.com.) †

Fundraisers to benefit foundation that supports children who have lost a parent

The family of Nathan Trapuzzano has established The Nathan Trapuzzano Memorial Foundation to honor the life of the 24-year old newlywed father-to-be who was murdered on April 1, 2014, near his home in Indianapolis.

The foundation’s purpose is to provide financial relief and support to children who have lost a parent.

Two fundraisers in May in central Indiana will benefit the new foundation.

The second annual Trapuzzano

Benefit Ride will begin at 10 a.m. on May 16 at Heavy’s Bar & Grill in Camby with kickstands up at noon.

On May 17, NateWalk is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. at Edna Balz Lacy Park in Indianapolis. Activities will include a memorial walk, auction, 50/50 raffle, food, vendors, live music and games.

Online registration and donation forms are available at www.thenathanfoundation.org/get-involved.html. †



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Graduations set for 12 Catholic high schools in archdiocese

By John Shaughnessy

As another school year comes to a close, 1,351 students are preparing to graduate this spring at Catholic high schools across the archdiocese.

For the graduates and their families, it's a time of looking back and looking forward with a mixture of pride, relief, nostalgia and celebration.

It's also a time to appreciate the impact of a Catholic education, says Gina Fleming, the superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese.

"The high school experience in our Catholic schools reaches far beyond course completion and mere attendance," Fleming says. "In our Catholic schools, students actively participate in a faith-filled journey that prepares them for college, career and heaven.

"With a significant focus on living the Gospel values, providing service to the community, and seeking to encounter God through prayer, sacred Scripture and relationships with others, our graduates approach post-secondary education and careers as an opportunity to give back and to glorify he who first loved us."

In saluting the seniors, Fleming also praised a number of people who were there for them during their high school years.

"It is because of the immense dedication of our religious leaders, Catholic educators and school leaders that students witness Christ daily," Fleming notes. "Paired with the commitment of parents, the generosity of benefactors, and the positive attitude and work ethic of the students themselves, the mission of our Church is lived, and the vision for tomorrow's leaders is realized."

Here is a listing of graduation-related information for the 12 Catholic high schools—seven archdiocesan and five private—in the archdiocese.

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 165 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 21 at the school.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 22 at the school.
- The class valedictorian is Brian Ball, the son of Dr. Michael and Mary Ellen Ball of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.
- The class salutatorian is Gabriella Benko, the daughter of Zolton and Marguerite Benko of St. Luke Parish.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Fleming.

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 179 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on May 31 at the school.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 4:30 p.m. on May 31 at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Mary McCoy, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools.

Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School has a graduating class of 123 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 p.m. on May 28 at St. Malachy Church in Brownsburg.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 29 at the school.
- The class valedictorian is Luke Schepers, the son of Mark and Vicki Schepers of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.
- The salutatorian is Anneliese Legge, the daughter of Michael and Christina Legge of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Fleming.

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 296 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 10 a.m. on May 16 at the school.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 1 p.m. on May 17 at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University in Indianapolis.
- There are six class valedictorians:
 - Rynelle Castellino is the daughter of Dinesh and Cherissa Castellino.
 - Nelson Conteh is the son of Swaray Conteh and Beth Pope.
 - Natalie Jacobson is the daughter of Jon Jacobson and Julia Carpenter of Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.
 - Mary Ellen Kempf is the daughter of George and Susanna Kempf of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.
 - Joseph LaMagna is the son of Joseph and Mary LaMagna of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.
 - Claire Marks is the daughter of Thomas and Robin Marks of Holy Spirit Parish in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.
- There are four class salutatorians:
 - Andrea Alatorre is the daughter of Carlos and Hortensia Alatorre of Holy Spirit Parish at Geist in Fishers, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese.
 - Madison Dolan is the daughter of Mark and Denise Dolan of St. Michael Parish

in Greenfield.

- Kynneddy Kelly is the daughter of Kevin and Veronica Kelly.
- Caroline Kress is the daughter of David and Karen Kress of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. William F. Stumpf, vicar general.

Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison has a graduating class of 24 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 p.m. on June 5 at the school.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 2 p.m. on June 7 at the school.
- Two students are in contention for valedictorian and salutatorian honors as the school year draws to a close: Rebekah Israel, the daughter of Dr. Michael and Miller Israel; and Paulette Koronkevich, the daughter of Dmitry and Yelena Koronkevich.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Rob Rash, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools.

Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 86 students.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 p.m. on May 21 at Holy Spirit Church in Indianapolis.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 22 at the school.
- The class valedictorian is Robert Leszczynski, the son of Bobby and Beth Leszczynski of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.
- The class salutatorian is Caroline Sausser, the daughter of Mark and Julanne Sausser.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin.

Lumen Christi High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of three seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 5:45 p.m. on May 21 at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis. The graduation ceremony will immediately follow the Baccalaureate Mass in the church.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Stumpf.

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg has



Scott Hoyland, class co-salutatorian, is pictured with school president Joan Hurley after receiving his diploma at Our Lady of Providence Jr.-Sr. High School in Clarksville on June 1, 2014. (Photo by Steve Koopman)

a graduating class of 49 seniors.

- The graduation ceremony will be at 1 p.m. on June 7 at the Chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg.
- Three students are in contention for valedictorian and salutatorian honors as the school year draws to a close: Luke Wukusick is the son of Pete and Marlene Wukusick.
- Brooke Siefert is the daughter of Wayne and Annette Siefert of St. Louis Parish in Batesville.
- Matthew Hurm is the son of Robert and Autumn Hurm of St. Louis Parish in Batesville.
- The archdiocese will be represented by McCoy during a Senior Mass and Awards Day luncheon at the school on May 15.

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville has a graduating class of 113 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 7 p.m. on May 29 at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Church in Floyd County.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 5 p.m. on May 31 at the school.
- The class valedictorian is Ryan Mueller, the son of Patrick and Mary Mueller of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in

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Msgr. John M. Wright, priest who served as Navy chaplain for 30 years, dies

By Sean Gallagher

Msgr. John M. Wright, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and U.S. Navy chaplain, died on April 11 at his home at Nazareth House, a Catholic retirement facility in San Diego, Calif.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 16 at the Nazareth House chapel. A memorial Mass for Msgr. Wright will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on June 19 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Indianapolis.

Burial of Msgr. Wright's cremated remains will take place at a later date in a family plot at the Stilesville Cemetery in Stilesville, Ind.

Msgr. Wright served for 30 years as a Navy chaplain from 1967-97, retiring with the rank of captain.

Early on in his service, he ministered as a chaplain in the Vietnam War.

"When you have been in combat, you appreciate what it is to be alive," said Msgr. Wright in a 2013 interview with *The Criterion*. "I administered many, many last rites, and it increased my faith. I knew that what I was doing was very important."

Msgr. Paul Richart, a retired archdiocesan priest and U.S. Air Force chaplain, entered the armed forces at the same time that Msgr. Wright did.

In 1967, Archbishop Paul C. Schulte assigned both priests to serve in the U.S. Archdiocese for

Military Services.

The assignment surprised both priests, and set them on a course of service that affected them for the rest of their lives.

"God often works in ways that we don't think of," Msgr. Richart said.

At the same time, he recognized the great value of the service that he and Msgr. Wright gave to the men and women in the armed forces.

"His was a special ministry to people who were often away from home, away from their families on ships and in different areas," Msgr. Richart said of Msgr. Wright. "I'm sure it was a very meaningful ministry for him and a service to the people he served.

"It's a calling. It's not a job."

John M. Wright was born on Sept. 23, 1936, in Huntington, Ind., to Dennis and Mildred Wright. The family moved to Indianapolis in 1941.

After his father died unexpectedly of a heart attack at age 45, his mother was received into the full communion of the Church in 1948 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis. Msgr. Wright was baptized the following year on Dec. 1, 1949, at Our Lady of Lourdes.

After spending two years at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Msgr. Wright became a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and enrolled at the former Saint Meinrad High School in St. Meinrad.

He graduated from the former Saint Meinrad College in St. Meinrad in 1958, and completed his priestly formation at the Theological College of the Catholic University of America in Washington. He was ordained a priest by Archbishop Paul C. Schulte on May 6, 1962, at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in

St. Meinrad.

He celebrated his first Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on May 13, 1962.

Msgr. Wright's first pastoral assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Pius X Parish and as a teacher at Bishop Chatard High School, both in Indianapolis, serving at both from 1962-65. He then served as assistant pastor of Holy Spirit Parish and as a teacher at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School, both in Indianapolis, from 1965-67.

In 1967, Msgr. Wright began his service as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

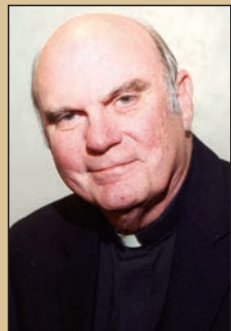
During his 30 years in the Navy, he served in Vietnam, on an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean Sea, and at Navy installations in Arlington, Va., Honolulu, Norfolk, Va., and Orlando, Fl.

In 1994, St. John Paul II named Msgr. Wright a prelate of honor, which was ritually conferred upon him on Feb. 19, 1995, at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

After retiring from the Navy in 1997, Msgr. Wright settled in San Diego where he provided part-time sacramental assistance at parishes in the San Diego Diocese.

Surviving is Msgr. Wright's sister, Phoebe Alfke of Highland Ranch, Colo.

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Pope Francis speaks during his general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on April 29. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

May we never lose hope

On April 30, Pope Francis “tweeted” a simple message: “Amid so many problems, even grave, may we not lose hope in the infinite mercy of God.”

This is a powerful message. It affirms the reality of evil in the world, and the grave sinfulness that distorts God’s plan for humanity and for creation itself. But it also reminds us that no matter how great the sin, God’s mercy is infinitely greater.

The beheading and massacre of Christians that the world has witnessed at the hands of ISIS is not a new phenomenon. Brutal martyrdom is a constant in 2,000 years of Christian history. Think of St. Jean de Brebeuf and the other Jesuits missionaries who preached the Gospel to native peoples in Canada in the 17th century. Their stories are horrifying but at the same time hopeful.

As described in *Magnificat* magazine in an article on April 23, “In 1649, the warlike Iroquois tribe captured and brutally killed Jean and his fellow missionary Gabriel Lalemont. Jean was bound to a stake. His flesh was torn off and roasted before him. Hot irons were plunged into his body. His lips were cut off. He was ‘baptized’ with boiling water. Jean died without uttering a single moan. The Iroquois had never known one so courageous. They cut out his heart and ate it, hoping to gain some of his power.”

This is a real-life horror story every bit as evil and repugnant as the brutal, inhuman acts we have witnessed in the Middle East in recent days, every bit as unconscionable and, we would say, unforgivable as the Holocaust perpetrated by the sophisticated savages of the Third Reich.

And yet, Pope Francis reminds us that we have hope in the infinite mercy of God.

St. Jean de Brebeuf experienced God’s mercy by growing close to Jesus and his Mother, Mary, in prayer. While on retreat in France, Jean begged God to return him to the missions in North America. At the end of the retreat, “Jean received a series of visible consolations that ended with an appearance of Mary, ‘as though in an azure cloud, nursing the Child Jesus.’ A year later, Jean made a private vow to serve God to the point of death.” Closeness to Jesus and Mary was the source for St. Jean de Brebeuf’s courage and his hope.

In his weekly columns for this newspaper, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin has pointed out more than once the consistent theme of “closeness” in the writing and talks of Pope Francis.

Closeness to God connects us with his infinite mercy and gives us hope—no matter how grave the problems are all around us. That’s why daily prayer, regular reception of the Eucharist, frequent confession and the willingness to move beyond our “comfort zones” to serve the needs of others, especially the poor, is so important. Unless we are close to Jesus, the sin of the world is overwhelming. Unless we cling to the one whose death and resurrection have set us free, we have no hope.

Cardinal Francis E. George, who returned to the Lord last month after a long battle with cancer, once offered a foreboding prophecy: “I expect to die in my bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square.” The cardinal’s words were not intended to discourage us. On the contrary, he sought to affirm the enduring witness of the Church’s hope in the face of social evils that continue to threaten our religious freedom even now in 21st-century America.

Human history, including the history of the Church, recounts the savagery of man’s inhumanity to man. The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus did not end the kind of brutality that the Lord himself experienced on the *via crucis* (the way of the cross).

But the great victory of Jesus over sin and death, which we celebrate this Easter season, opened the floodgates allowing the “infinite ocean of God’s mercy” to pour out over the whole world and all of human history—past, present and future. We have hope not because evil has been eliminated, but because its power has been overwhelmed by love.

Amid so many grave problems, in our personal lives and in the world we live in, we should not lose hope. If we stay close to Jesus and Mary, they will console us and give us courage filled with hope. Whether we die in our beds, in prison for our faith, or as martyrs in the public square, God’s infinite mercy sustains us.

Father of mercies, through the intercession of St. Jean de Brebeuf, draw us very close to Jesus and Mary. May our hearts be one with theirs in the moment of trial.

—Daniel Conway

Reflection/Sean Gallagher

Nurturing a ‘sense of decency’ in marriage debate is the duty of all Christians

In 1953-54, Wisconsin Sen. Joseph McCarthy led a series of Senate committee hearings that investigated the possible infiltration of government agencies and the armed forces by communist sympathizers.

The fierceness with which McCarthy sought to reveal supposed sympathizers was so strong that the term “McCarthyism” is commonly used today to describe practices which seek to engender a blanket rejection of people simply on the basis of the political, social or religious ideas they hold. This term also implies an effort by the opponents of these people to present them as unacceptable by society as a whole.

McCarthy’s hearings largely came to a halt through the testimony of Joseph Welch, then the chief counsel of the U.S. Army. One of his staff members had been accused of having previously belonged to a legal organization with communist ties. After McCarthy doggedly pursued his questioning, Welch replied in frustration, “Let us not assassinate this lad further, Senator. You’ve done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?”

That question—“Have you no sense of decency, sir?”—seemed to open the eyes of the general public to see that, in McCarthy, the emperor had no clothes. People who had earlier bought into the “red scare” now saw McCarthy’s hearings for what they really were, a demagogic attempt to ruin people’s reputations for his own political gain.

Welch’s role in McCarthy’s quick downfall came to mind recently when



I read a column by Damon Linker in *The Week* regarding the way in which many advocates of redefining marriage to include couples of the same sex seek to demonize their opponents and shun them from society.

Linker, who supports redefining marriage, specifically commented on the reaction to a *Washington Post* article about Ryan Anderson, a prominent defender of marriage defined exclusively as between one man and one woman. Anderson is an alumnus of a Quaker elementary and high school in Baltimore, a fact which was highlighted in the article.

Matthew Micciche, the head of the school, posted a link to the article on the school’s Facebook page to highlight the accomplishments of one of its graduates. Within a day, however, the link was taken down after many people connected to the school had vociferously expressed the offense they had taken simply because of the posting of the link.

Micciche later acknowledged in another Facebook post—which was itself later deleted but which Anderson later posted elsewhere—that simply linking to an article about Anderson and his marriage advocacy was wholly unacceptable.

Linker argued in his column that it is one thing to reject long-held ideas regarding marriage, but that “relegating them to the category of the foulest prejudice is something else entirely. It’s reckless to break so quickly with the past and jump so easily to moral condemnation.”

Linker also asked if those who seek to have marriage redefined “really want to win by stamping out dissent and driving into the wilderness every person who holds a contrary position? Apparently many of them do.”

Now I’ll be upfront and say that I believe with the Church that marriage is

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Letters to the Editor

We must utilize the graces of Divine Mercy to fullest extent, reader says

I would like to make some comments on Divine Mercy.

In the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, our Lord told St. Faustina, “I desire that the first Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy. Tell the whole world of my great mercy; that whoever approaches the fount of life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment” (#299-300). Our Lord is granting us many great graces with his Divine Mercy.

Our Lord gave St. Faustina the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. He states that “when they say the chaplet in the presence

of the dying, I will stand between my Father and the dying person not as a just judge but as a merciful Savior” (#1541). “At the hour of their death, I defend as my own glory every soul that will say the chaplet, or when others say it for the dying person, the pardon is the same” (811).

Our Lord told St. Faustina to “speak to the whole world about my mercy; let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy. It is a sign of the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of mercy” (#848).

Divine mercy is about the many graces that our Lord is giving us in this time of human history. We need to utilize these graces to the fullest extent.

Paul Fuller
Richmond

Like pope, leaders must demonstrate moral courage in fight against evil

In the May 1 issue of *The Criterion*, Editor Emeritus John F. Fink wrote in the editorial about Pope Francis’ speaking out and recognizing the mass slaughter of Armenian Christians by Ottoman Turks which started 100 years ago this April.

This was the first genocide of the 20th century, which was followed by many more leading to the deaths of tens of millions of innocents.

Pope Francis has shown a courage that is lacking in our presidents. Both President Barack H. Obama and former President George W. Bush have failed to recognize the Armenian slaughter as

genocide, despite both men referring to it as such when running for the office. The reason is thought to be strategic to avoid “offending” the current Muslim leaders of Turkey.

Today, 100 years later, genocide is occurring in Syria and Iraq in which Christians and Yazidis are being slaughtered because of their faith by Islamic fundamentalists in ISIS. Although some action is being taken, the world is not taking the actions it could to stop the murder.

If our leaders cannot demonstrate the moral courage to officially recognize a historically documented event from a century ago, how will they ever be able to fight against the evil that is happening today?

Dr. Stephen O’Neil
Indianapolis

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REJOICE IN THE LORD

ALÉGRENSE EN EL SEÑOR

Love is the source of Easter joy

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you” (Jn 15: 9-13).

In the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Jn 15:9-17), Jesus shares with us the secret to complete joy. It is love. Specifically, it is love made possible (and fulfilled) by keeping the Lord’s commandments. What are these commandments? To love God wholeheartedly, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Jesus says to each one of us: “Love one another as I love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love” (Jn 15:12, 10).

The key to love is self-sacrifice,

surrendering my will to the will of God. That’s why Jesus tells us, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). The ultimate form of sacrificial love is to surrender our very lives for the lives of others. “This I command you,” the Lord tells all who would follow him, “love one another” (Jn 15:17).

There are paradoxes here. Joy comes from sacrifice. Love results from keeping God’s commandments, obeying his laws. This is not our contemporary point of view. We prefer to think that joy comes from the satisfaction of human desires. And we seek love by casting off all restraints, and embracing the freedom to do as we please.

This is not the way to “complete joy,” or to an authentic experience of love. In fact, concupiscence, our natural inclination to pursue those things that we both need and want, can only take us so far. Complete happiness must come from transcending our own needs and desires in order to respond to the needs of others.

Pope Francis calls this moving beyond our comfort zone, the borders of self-interest, to reach “the peripheries,” or the margins, of human society. Jesus teaches

us by his words and his example that only those who are able to love in selfless and courageous ways can experience true joy.

All during the Easter season, we proclaim our joy. This is what the resurrection of Jesus is all about. By keeping his father’s commandment, the Son of God showed us the way to “lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” In other words, he showed us how to willingly sacrifice our own needs and wants for the good of others and, so, make our joy complete.

He didn’t say it would be easy—or painless—but he promised us that if we follow him, we will find the satisfaction of our deepest hopes and desires. We will “remain in [his] love,” which means we will become one with God, the source of all love and joy.

What does this teaching mean for us, practically speaking? Quite simply, it means that looking out for number one, protecting our turf, and pursuing our own interests at the expense of others, is a dead end. That road leads to loneliness, self-pity and resentment. It does not lead to joy. Or genuine love.

The road to joy is the one that requires

us to put God first, and to sacrifice even legitimate desires for the good of others. This is the road followed by Jesus himself, by his Blessed Mother and by all the saints.

It’s a very wide and diverse road (even if it is sometimes described as “the narrow way”) because every person who follows this way does so according to his or her own gifts and historical circumstances. The way St. Alphonsus Liguori denied himself in order to follow Jesus was different from the path taken by many other saints, but each found joy by exchanging self-interest for the good of others.

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Pope Francis frequently reminds us that there are countless saints and martyrs throughout history, and even today, who have accepted this teaching as the answer to all our searching for the meaning of life.

This Easter season, let’s find ways to deny our own interests out of love for God and our neighbor. Let’s find joy beyond our comfort zones, as Jesus did, “in the peripheries.” †

La alegría pascual emana del amor

“Así como el Padre me ha amado a mí, también yo los he amado a ustedes. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si obedecen mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he obedecido los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que tengan mi alegría y así su alegría sea completa” (Jn 15: 9-13).

En la lectura del evangelio del sexto domingo de Pascua (Jn 15:9-17), Jesús nos revela el secreto para la alegría plena: el amor. Más específicamente, es el amor que es posible (y que se consuma) mediante la obediencia de los mandamientos de Dios. ¿Y cuáles son estos mandamientos? Amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos.

Jesús nos dice a cada uno de nosotros: “Ámense los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si obedecen mis mandamientos, permanecerán en mi amor, así como yo he obedecido los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor” (Jn 15:12, 10).

La clave del amor es la abnegación, someter mi voluntad a la de Dios. Es por ello que Jesús nos dice que “nadie tiene amor más grande que el dar la vida

por sus amigos” (Jn 15:13). La forma suprema del amor abnegado es entregar la propia vida por los demás. “Este es mi mandamiento:—dice el Señor a todos sus seguidores—que se amen los unos a los otros” (Jn 15:17).

Esto encierra una paradoja. La alegría proviene del sacrificio; el amor se desprende de cumplir con los mandamientos de Dios, de obedecer sus leyes. Sin embargo, nuestra perspectiva contemporánea es otra. Preferimos creer que la alegría proviene de la satisfacción de los deseos humanos. Y buscamos el amor derribando a nuestro paso todas las restricciones y acogiéndonos a la libertad de hacer lo que nos plazca.

Este no es el camino para alcanzar la “alegría plena” ni para vivir el auténtico amor. De hecho, la concupiscencia, es decir, nuestra tendencia natural a ir en pos de todo lo que necesitamos y queremos, no nos llevará muy lejos. La alegría plena debe provenir de trascender nuestras propias necesidades y deseos para atender las necesidades de otros.

El papa Francisco llama a esto “abandonar nuestra comodidad,” sobrepasar los límites del egoísmo para llegar a “la periferia,” a los márgenes de la sociedad humana. Jesús nos enseña mediante sus palabras y su ejemplo, que solo aquellos que sean capaces de amar

de forma abnegada y valiente, podrán experimentar la alegría verdadera.

Durante todo el tiempo de la Pascua proclamamos nuestra alegría, pues esa es la esencia de la resurrección de Jesús. Al cumplir con los mandamientos de su padre, el Hijo de Dios nos mostró el camino para “dar la vida por sus amigos.” En otras palabras, nos enseñó cómo sacrificar voluntariamente nuestras propias necesidades y deseos por el bien de otros y, de esta forma, lograr que nuestra alegría sea plena.

No dijo que sería fácil o que no conllevaría dolor, pero nos prometió que si lo seguimos, alcanzaremos la satisfacción de nuestros anhelos y deseos más profundos. “Permaneceremos en su amor,” lo que significa que seremos uno con Dios, la fuente de todo el amor y la alegría.

Pero, ¿qué significa esta enseñanza para nosotros en la práctica? En términos muy sencillos, significa que ocuparse de ser número uno, proteger nuestra parcela y atender nuestros propios intereses a costa de los demás, es un callejón sin salida; es un camino que conlleva a la soledad, a la autocompasión y al resentimiento. No lleva a la alegría ni al amor genuino.

El camino a la alegría requiere que pongamos a Dios en primer lugar y

sacrificar incluso los deseos legítimos por el bien del prójimo. Este es el camino que recorrió el propio Jesús, su Santa Madre y todos los santos.

Se trata de un camino muy amplio y muy diverso (aunque a veces lo llamen “el sendero estrecho”) porque cada persona que lo recorre lo hace de acuerdo con sus propios dones y circunstancias históricas. La forma en la que San Alfonso Liguori se privó para poder seguir a Jesús fue distinta al camino que tomaron muchos otros santos, pero cada uno de ellos halló la alegría al intercambiar su egoísmo por el bien de los demás.

“Nadie tiene amor más grande que el dar la vida por sus amigos” (Jn 15:13). El papa Francisco nos recuerda a menudo que a lo largo de toda la historia—e incluso hoy en día—han existido numerosos santos y mártires que aceptaron esta enseñanza como la respuesta a nuestra búsqueda del significado de la vida.

En este tiempo de Pascua, encontremos formas para negar nuestros intereses, por amor a Dios y al prójimo. Hallemos el amor más allá de nuestra comodidad, en “la periferia,” tal como lo hizo Jesús.

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Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/events.

May 8
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Priori Hall, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. **Pro-Life ministry and the Sanctity of Life Committee of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Pro-Life film, "Eggsplotation,"** 6:30-8:30 p.m., admission is free, simple supper will be served. Registration: 317-408-0528 or holyrosary.prolife@gmail.com.

May 9
St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holliday Drive, Indianapolis. **Indiana Regional Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priests (MMP),** Mass noon, Cenacle following Mass, Father Charles Becker presenter, bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Information: 317-709-6095.

SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi School, 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. **5K and 1-Mile Fun Run,** 1-Mile Fun Run 9:30 a.m., 5K run/walk 10 a.m., \$10 students and teachers, \$20 adult, \$50 families of five or more. Information: ss-fc.org/race.

Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Drive, Mt. St. Francis. **Wine tasting,** 4 p.m., \$45 per person. Information: 812-923-8817 or retreats@mountsaintfrancis.org.

May 10
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Mass in French,** 1 p.m. Information: acfadi2014@gmail.com or 317-523-4193.

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **Class of '63 monthly gathering,** 6 p.m. Mass, optional dinner afterward. Information: 317-408-6396.

O'Shaughnessy Dining Room, Providence Spirituality and Conference Center, 1 Sisters of Providence Road, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Mother's Day Brunch,** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., \$22.50 adults, \$20.50 ages 65 and older and military personnel, \$12.25 ages 4-11, children 3 and younger free. Advance tickets available by calling

Sodexo at 812-535-4285 or at the Sisters of Providence's Linden Leaf Gifts store. Information: 812-535-4285 or ProvCenter.org.

May 12
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild,** meeting, 12:30 p.m. Information: 317-888-7625 or vlgmimi@aol.com.

Plum Creek Golf Club, 12401 Lynnwood Blvd., Carmel, Ind. (Diocese of Lafayette). **Catholic Radio, golf outing,** \$125 per person or \$450 foursome. Information: 317-870-8400 or CatholicRadioIndy.org.

May 13
Sisters of St. Francis, 22143 Main St., Oldenburg. **Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, May devotions,** 6:30 p.m. Information: 812-933-6460.

Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Carmel (Diocese of Lafayette). **Women's Club, spring luncheon and style show, "We Are Looking Good This Spring,"** 11 a.m.,

\$25 per person. Information: 317-846-3850.

May 14
St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Cenacle (house on parish grounds), Indianapolis. **Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide support group,** 7 p.m. Information: 317-851-8344.

10-01 Food and Drink, 1001 Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap, trivia night,** 7 p.m., \$5 per person. Information: 317-592-4067 or ksahm@archindy.org.

May 14-16
St. Joseph Parish, 125 E. Broadway St., Shelbyville. **Parish festival,** food vendors, rides, children's games, beer/wine tent, raffles for cash prizes and gift cards; Thurs. 5-10 p.m. with Mass at 5 p.m. and fish fry at 6 p.m.; Fri. 5-11 p.m. with pork chop dinner at 6 p.m.; Sat. 3-10 p.m. with pulled pork barbecue dinner after 4 p.m. Mass. Information: 317-398-8227.

May 15
Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E.

71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange Mass,** breakfast and program, "Faith, in the Face of Tragedy," Danny O'Malia, 7-9 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

May 16
St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Helpers of God's Precious Infants,** Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30 a.m., followed by prayer at a local abortion center, and continued prayer at the church for those who wish to remain.

Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Road, Indianapolis. **Katie's Run/Walk for Hope,** 5k walk/run and one-mile Kiddie Romp, 8:30-9:30 a.m. registration, walk/run and Kiddie Romp 10 a.m., \$25 per person, \$15 for students or \$100 for a family. T-shirts available if register by May 8. Registration: www.katieshope.org. Information: Marty or Kathleen Lynch at 317-783-7119.

Mount Saint Francis Center for Spirituality, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mt. St. Francis. **New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries, 5K Friar Run, 1 Mile Family Walk,** 8 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. run. Information: 812-923-8355 or sandy@nadyouth.org.

May 17
Holy Cross Central School, 125 N. Oriental St., Indianapolis. **Holy Cross and St. Philip Neri, 19th annual Health Fair,** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information: 317-637-2620, 317-631-8746 or jerlenbaugh@holycrossindy.org.

All Saints Parish, 25743, Guilford. **Ladies Sodality (Dearborn County), breakfast buffet,** 7:30 a.m.-noon, free-will donation. Information: 812-623-2349.

Knights of Columbus, 413 E. South St., Shelbyville. **Fried chicken dinner,** includes mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, noodles, dessert and drink, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$10, meal available for eat-in and carry-out. Information: 317-398-9914. †

Retreats and Programs

(For a complete list of retreats as reported to The Criterion, log on to www.archindy.org/retreats.)

St. Mary Parish in North Vernon to host vocations evening on May 22

All fifth- through 12th-graders and young adults in the archdiocese are invited for a night of fun with priests and men and women religious on May 22 at the Parish Center at St. Mary Parish, 629 Clay St., in North Vernon. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and activities begin at 7 p.m. Desserts will be provided. A hospitality room will be available for parents. Please RSVP to kahunter20@gmail.com or send a text message to 812-350-4631. †

Former St. Agnes Academy will host all-class brunch on June 7

A brunch for students of the former St. Agnes Academy in Indianapolis—an all-women college preparatory high school located in downtown Indianapolis until it merged with Ladywood School, then with Cathedral High School in the 1970s—will be held at the Riviera Club, 5640 N. Illinois St., in Indianapolis at noon on June 7. The brunch will be preceded by Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis at 10:30 a.m. Every year, the brunch honors graduating classes of distinction. For this year's brunch, the honored classes

are 1945, 1955 and 1965. Any attendees of St. Agnes, even those who are not a St. Agnes graduate, are welcome. Bring yearbooks, class pictures and other memorabilia to share. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required, and would be appreciated at least five days prior to the event. Send a check, including maiden name and graduation year, to Pat Douglass, 7550 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46240. For more information, call Pat at 317-340-7550, or send an e-mail to padouglass@padlaw.net. †

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods offers Taizé prayer service on May 12

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods of St. Mary-of-the-Woods and faith communities of the Wabash Valley for an ecumenical Taizé prayer gathering in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, 1 Providence Place, from 7-8 p.m. on May 12. The theme for the monthly Taizé gatherings in 2015 is, "For the life of the world: The many virtues of Saint Mother Theodore Guérin." Each month will have a specific focus. For May, it will be "Joy and Humor." The hour-long service includes prayer, music, time for silence, spoken and silent prayers.

The prayer is quiet and reflective, peaceful and joyful. The prayer space is lit primarily by candlelight. The services are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The prayer service is free, but donations are accepted. Each month, donations gathered during the Taizé service are given to various organizations. The donations gathered for May will go to The Happiness Bag, a non-profit United Way agency that offers recreational and educational opportunities for children and adults with mental and/or physical disabilities. For more information, call 812-535-2952 or log on to Taize.ProvCenter.org. †

VIPs



Bud and Mary (Aust) Galbo, members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 9. They were married on May 9, 1945, at Holy Cross Church in Indianapolis. They are the parents of four children: Mary Margaret Evans,

Janie Landon, Jim and Joe Galbo. They also have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. The couple will renew their wedding vows on June 20 during the wedding of their youngest granddaughter at Holy Cross Chapel in Indianapolis. †

Former St. Mary Academy invites faculty and alumnae to all-class reunion on June 13

The St. Mary Academy Alumnae Association is planning an all-class reunion for faculty and alumnae to be held at The Atrium, 3143 E. Thompson Road, in Indianapolis on June 13. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. For any faculty or alumnae

who have not received a save-the-date card and/or an invitation and would like more information, please contact Maggie (Pella) Zapfe at 317-750-0876 or by e-mail at mmzapfe@gmail.com, or Alice (Brackney) Mader at 765-894-2822 or by e-mail at alicedeanmader448@yahoo.com. †



Fundraisers for Life

In this April 9 photo, members of Roncalli High School's Pro-Life Club and school principal Chuck Weisenbach present a check for \$12,000 to Priscilla Kamrath, director of community relations for St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis. The students and faculty of the south side Indianapolis archdiocesan high school raised the funds during their Lenten Almsgiving Project, a Seniors versus Faculty basketball game, and the math department's sale of Pi Day T-shirts. Pictured in this photo are junior Haley Peeler, left; junior Liam Hosty; Chuck Weisenbach; Priscilla Kamrath; sophomore Micah Attai; sophomore Courtney Smith; and moderator of the Pro-Life Club Scott Boyle. (Submitted photo by Kory Marks)

Aid groups urge more humanitarian response to migrant crisis

OXFORD, England (CNS)—As the European Union (EU) announced tough measures to curb the flow of migrants and refugees across the Mediterranean Sea, Catholic aid groups urged a more humanitarian response.

“We’re disappointed by the EU’s proposals—although changes have been promised to stop people dying on our borders, these policies are insufficient,” said Karolina Babicka, an advocacy officer with Caritas Europe. “Catholic agencies like ours have warned the EU for years about this crisis, but its leaders haven’t responded seriously.”

She told Catholic News Service that EU governments were “at least partly responsible” for conditions in Libya and other countries, because of past interventions, and should be doing more to deter refugee flights by promoting stable development.

More than 3,600 migrants were rescued at sea in 17 operations in just one day in early May, according to the Italian coast guard. On April 20, Caritas reported more than 1,500 people had drowned in the Mediterranean so far this year. The number of refugees and migrants attempting the crossing to Europe have increased sharply with growing violence in the Middle East and North Africa.

On April 23, the European Union announced measures to deter boat refugees. It said it would strengthen sea patrols by its Frontex border agency and destroy human traffickers’ boats, as well as increase the speed at which it processed asylum applications. It also announced a pilot project on migrant resettlement.

But Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican’s representative at the United Nations in Geneva, said priority should be given to “rescuing threatened human life,” rather than “economic questions or immediate state interests.”

“Europe needs to go beyond the normal methods of control,” Archbishop Tomasi was quoted as saying by France’s Catholic *La Croix* on April 24. “If the European Council doesn’t deal with this problem in a radically new way, there’ll be a risk of merely leaving things as they are.”

The Brussels-based Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions said European policy should “prioritize life-protecting and migrants’ human rights” rather than “controls, vigilance and border blockades,” and called on the United Nations to act if Europe failed to stop the mass deaths.

Babicka told CNS that tripling Frontex’s budget was “a small step in the right direction.” However, she added that the border agency had no mandate to conduct search-and-rescue operations and said Catholic representatives had been “surprised and shocked” by the EU’s proposal to destroy smugglers’ boats.

“If you start destroying boats, as the EU has tried to do against pirates off Somalia, it’s likely you’ll destroy the people in them too, and this raises legal and moral questions,” said Babicka. “The smugglers are there because there’s a demand—from desperate people who’ve no other way to reach safety. If you sink them, other even more dangerous routes will be found instead.”

An Amnesty International official also called for a search-and-rescue operation.

“Merchant vessels and national coast guards have again responded valiantly to the immense and growing challenge of saving the lives of vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers off Europe’s southern shores. But that’s far from enough in the face of this growing humanitarian crisis,” said Gauri van Gulik, Amnesty’s deputy director for Europe and Central Asia. “Without a European search-and-rescue operation, the European Union’s approach looks increasingly haphazard and negligent.”

Last October, Catholic bishops and aid agencies condemned a European Union decision to wind up a search-and-rescue operation launched in 2013 and replace it by a more limited border operation run by Frontex.

The World Council of Churches has urged Europe to take “collective responsibility,” rather than leaving the problem to border services in Greece, Italy and Malta, and to recognize the need to tackle “poverty, social instability



Migrants wait to disembark from a tug boat in the Sicilian harbor of Pozzallo on May 4. More than 3,600 migrants were rescued at sea in 17 different operations in just one day in early May, according to the Italian coast guard. (CNS photo/Antonio Parrinello, Reuters)

and conflicts” in the migrants’ countries of origin.

Meanwhile, the president of the German bishops’ conference said the drownings represented “a defeat for everything that makes the European Union a community of values,” and called on the EU to reinstate its search-and-rescue operation and stop treating the saving of lives as a “mere political issue.”

“It is clear the EU attracts refugees, and traffickers exploit the willingness of EU border control to rescue their victims—and it is regrettable that sufficient action isn’t taken in countries of origin to counter the reasons which make them feel they must leave,” said Cardinal Reinhard Marx, who also heads the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Community.

“But all of this does not justify ignoring the humanitarian tragedy unfolding in the Mediterranean. Politicians in Europe have often deplored the deaths of refugees

without drawing conclusions. This tragedy is now pushing European countries to take drastic measures. Europe’s response will be a litmus test for European values.”

Babicka said Church agencies were urging humanitarian visas for refugees from Syria and Libya, as well as legal “humanitarian channels” for labor migrants and a better system for family reunifications.

She added that Catholic groups had found a strong ally in Pope Francis, who warned in a November address to the European Parliament against allowing the Mediterranean “to become a vast cemetery.”

“How we treat migrants and refugees reflects the state of basic rights in the EU,” Babicka said. “But the problem is worsening, and major states aren’t doing enough to combat it and uphold the Christian values which provide the foundation for EU values.” †

Mideast’s future depends on dialogue, development, Vatican official says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The future of the Middle East will depend on nations coming together to promote dialogue and development in the region and on local Christians staying active in society and politics, a top Vatican official said.

The international community cannot remain “inert or indifferent before the dramatic situation” unfolding in the Middle East because it has a special responsibility to “guarantee the presence of Christians and other minorities” in the region, said Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, the Vatican’s foreign minister.

Countries “must go to the root of the problems, even recognize the mistakes of the past and try to promote a future of peace and development” by putting the human person and the common good before all else, he said on April 30 during an ecumenical conference on “Christians in the Middle East: What Future?” *L’Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, published the archbishop’s speech on May 2.

History has shown that choosing violence over dialogue and negotiations only multiples people’s suffering, he said at the conference, which was organized by the Sant’Egidio Community in Bari, southern Italy, on April 29-30.



Rawan Al Kurdi, 5, holds her brother Ahmad at the Mafraq Refugee Center and Latin School in Mafraq, Jordan, in October 2014. The Syrian children fled to Jordan with their mother in 2012. Catholic Relief Services supports the center, which helps 40 children of Syrian refugees. (CNS photo/Kim Pozniak, Catholic Relief Services)

In addition to needing more diplomatic efforts and development, more also must be done to stop the trafficking of arms to the region, he said.

The region’s Christians, who are experiencing increasing hardship and persecution in the area, are an important presence as they can “offer everyone a sign of hope and comfort,” and build together with their fellow citizens “a more just and human society,” he said.

“From this perspective, the role of the family and laypeople in general is very important,” he said, emphasizing that greater formation in Church teaching is needed so they can “take on responsibilities in the fields of politics and economics.”

While the lay faithful in every nation must be active in their communities and government, the archbishop said, the very difficult situation in the Middle East means remaining there “must be seen as a unique vocation.”

This is why Christians “must be encouraged to stay,” and the Church must offer all kinds of support, including spiritual and economic.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U.S. bishops’ relief and development agency, has been working to support the Catholic Church in the Middle East so it can improve and expand the help it offers to those fleeing the violence and insecurity in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere.

“We support the Church and its institutions, like schools and clinics, so they can play a bigger role in society,” and help rebuild their country and assist those in need, said Kevin Hartigan, CRS’ regional director for Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia.

It is important that people not see Christians as helpless victims; “the Church is not shriveled up in a corner,” hiding in fear, but is courageously present and offers an enormous amount of assistance considering its small size, he told Catholic News Service by phone from Baltimore on May 4.

“The Church has always played a huge role, especially in civic leadership,” education and health care, and now, during a time of such great need, it has been taking the lead and proving “its continued relevance,” he said.

“The solidarity between communities is very strong, there is a lot of mutual support and protection,” especially between displaced Christians and the Yezidi religious minority in northern Iraq, for example, he said.

Christians found refuge with Yezidis after Islamic State fighters swept through Mosul, and the Yezidis are now being cared for by Christians further north after their communities fell into militants’ hands, he said.



Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher

Hartigan said people in Iraq and Syria “grew up in a multifaith context, and they have a lot of nostalgia for that” time when people of all faiths lived neighbors in peace.

“Now their exile is multifaith, and they are really taking care of each other” once again, but this time in their mutual suffering and need, he said.

CRS is able to provide critical educational programs—something many international aid organizations do not do “either because they don’t have the skills or they lack the long-term presence” that building a school or running such a program would involve, he said.

The Church, religious institutes and the local Caritas are part of local communities and not dependent “on a six-month grant” that expires, he said.

CRS “plays on the strengths of the local Church, especially by focusing on education. These are societies that really value education,” he said, and parents are particularly anxious about their children missing school, being uprooted and facing psychological distress.

Providing schooling and other programs for kids helps families achieve a little bit of “normality,” he said, and helps parents have some time away from their kids so they can try to earn some money or “manage life in exile.”

Hartigan, who has been with CRS for more than two decades, said “it’s a total pleasure to represent the U.S. Catholic Church” in these nations in need.

“The level of hospitality from really destitute people is really humbling,” and the fact that they receive such a warm welcome by people of so many different faiths shows “how much respect people have for the Catholic Church.”

It goes to show “how much the Catholic Church has played such a positive role” in these countries, he said. †

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The humor shined through in a moment when Reitz poked fun at himself after complimenting Doyle for drawing 600 people to the event that benefits Catholic Charities Indianapolis.

“Jack, if I was [the featured speaker] at this dinner, there would be like six people here,” said Reitz, an offensive lineman who is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese. “My wife Jill would be here, and a couple of buddies asking, ‘Is there free beer?’ *There are 600 people here* to listen to you.”

In response, Doyle looked at the crowd and cracked, “The great thing about being from Indianapolis and the Catholic community is that I’m probably related to half of them.”

Their exchange took a more serious turn when Reitz asked Doyle to “talk about the role faith plays in your life.”

Doyle mentioned the influence of growing up in the Catholic community of Holy Spirit Parish on the city’s east side. He also saluted his parents, John and Nancy, for raising him and his three sisters “in the right way.” And he talked about his gratitude “to be in a locker room that the

Colts have, where faith is so accepted and almost encouraged.”

“Coach [Chuck] Pagano happens to be a strong Catholic man,” Doyle noted. “I don’t know if every team is like this, but we actually offer Mass before home and away games on Saturday nights.

“It’s a really meaningful thing to me because it’s something I’ve done since my time at Cathedral. We went to Mass on Fridays before games. To have that at this level—where I didn’t really necessarily expect it—meant a lot to me personally. I get a lot of joy from being able to do that.”

Reitz followed with another question that was connected to the theme of this year’s Spirit of Service Awards Dinner, “Changing Lives, Influencing the Future.” Reitz asked Doyle, “Who has changed your life and influenced your future?”

“The obvious answer would be my parents,” Doyle began. “But there are so many role models that I can’t even name them all. One that always pops in my head is Coach Jim O’Hara. He was my coach at Cathedral. He’s the guy you strive to be, the guy you admire. I wanted to teach. I wanted to coach. I wanted to be him. He’s been a huge influence on me.”

Reitz finished the session with this question for Doyle, “How would you like to influence

the future?”

In his response, Doyle referred to his upcoming marriage in June to Casie Williford, his college sweetheart from Western Kentucky University, where he graduated in 2013. He also praised the influence that Reitz has had on him.

“Joe’s a role model for me,” Doyle told the audience. “It’s just simple things—bring a buddy home with you and teach them to live the right way, as you’ve shown me with how great a husband you are to Jill. I want to be that with Casie. And how great a father you are to your three kids. I want to be that guy. And hopefully one day, I can show someone that, too.”

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin also focused on that theme of personal connection during his remarks at the dinner, especially the connection that “Catholics, as well as all people of good will,” should have with people in poverty.

The archbishop referred to the pastoral letter that the Catholic bishops of the five dioceses of Indiana published earlier this year, “Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church’s Response to Poverty in Indiana.”

“In the first part of the pastoral letter, what we’re inviting people to do is to see,” the archbishop told the audience. “And I don’t know about you, but one thing that



Indianapolis Colts teammates, close friends and fellow Catholics Jack Doyle, left, and Joe Reitz share a humorous moment during the Spirit of Service Awards Dinner on April 30 in Indianapolis. Living his dream as “a game-show host,” Reitz asked Doyle a series of serious and offbeat questions about his life, his faith and his football career. (Photo by Rich Clark)

gets me nervous when I read the Gospel is that Jesus isn’t going out of his way to condemn people who oppress the poor. He rather has really harsh words for those who don’t see them.

“Because one thing poverty does is it makes us invisible—except under eruptions like [recent protests and riots in] Baltimore, of course. I think we need to see that this could happen here if we’re not successfully reaching out to people who feel they have no hope, that they’re feeling left behind, that there’s no way out.”

The archbishop views the pastoral letter as “the beginning of a conversation” with people—to have people consider what it means to be poor in Indiana, and how the Church should respond “with the great generosity of our

faith and our commission.”

“We seem to follow Jesus, not just admire him, because faith is not a spectator sport,” the archbishop said about the faithful.

“Jesus himself never acted as if the plight of the poor and the outcast wasn’t his business. God’s heart has a special place for the poor—so much so that God himself became poor. So anyone who would want to be a disciple must love the poor as Jesus did. We just can’t talk about it. We have to walk the talk.”

In closing, the archbishop thanked people for their goodness and generosity in helping Catholic Charities Indianapolis make a difference to the poor and vulnerable.

“Your faith strengthens my faith,” he said. “So I thank you.” †

Spirit of Service honorees help ‘transform the world’

By John Shaughnessy

Reflecting on a year when 62,000 people were helped by the staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities Indianapolis, David Bethuram said the agency couldn’t begin to make a difference without two major realities.

Having the trust of the people they serve.

And having the generosity of the people who support their efforts to help others.

“We are in the position where we hear the stories of people who are suffering, in need,

vulnerable or at-risk,” Bethuram told an audience of about 600 people at the annual Spirit of Service Awards Dinner on April 30 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

“Working with many of you as our community partners, we at Catholic Charities have been able to design programs and services that develop the full potential of individuals and families through education, socialization, and personal and physical development.”

The director of Catholic Charities Indianapolis, Bethuram noted that the agency’s staff members and volunteers work to transform the lives of people who have been affected by poverty, job loss, domestic violence, mental illness and homelessness. The 62,000 people that were helped in the past year represented an increase of 14,000 people who were assisted from the previous year.

“I appreciate your willingness to take this journey with us,” Bethuram said, “to build a stronger community by helping us help more families and children, and by creating promising futures for them and for the city of Indianapolis.”

That focus on making a difference is evident in the four individuals who received this year’s Spirit of Service Awards during the dinner.

Consider the young life of Zach Smith, who was honored with the archdiocese’s Youth Spirit of Service Award.

‘A sense of peace and fulfillment’

Since he was born, 18-year-old Zach Smith has been challenged by a physical condition that has made him rely on crutches and a wheelchair to get around.

During his childhood, he also struggled with questions about his abilities and his place in the world: “Can I do this? Am I physically capable of being impactful?”

At 13, his life changed when his orthopedic doctor recommended that he take part in a program that takes youths with disabilities for a scuba-diving-certification trip to the Cayman Islands.

“That trip drove me to expect more of myself and do more in my community,” Zach says.

He has served on the inclusiveness committee and taught in the vacation Bible school at his parish, St. Mark the Evangelist in Indianapolis. He’s given talks at schools and churches about his life and his relationship with God.

During his years at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, the senior has mentored other students with

disabilities, helped at the school’s day care center, and participated in a club that helps at an animal shelter.

He plays violin during the school’s Masses and theater productions. He’s also a member of the youth board for Anna’s Celebration of Life Foundation, a group that focuses on children with special needs. And he’s part of the planning team for the Midnight Mile, a run that raises money for children with disabilities.

“That’s huge to me—to be helping kids similar to what I’ve been through,” says Zach, the son of Jeffrey and Rebecca Smith. “Doing things for others has brought me a sense of peace and fulfillment.”

Those qualities also mark the life of Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage, who received the Community Service Award.

‘We can help transform the world’

“Our whole community’s mission is to reach out where there’s a need,” says Sister Norma, who entered the Oldenburg Franciscans in 1951. “Our foundress, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier, exemplified ‘the courage to venture.’ That’s the spirit that guides us.”

It’s a spirit that continues to overflow from Sister Norma at 81. Striving for peace and justice as a member of Pax Christi of Indianapolis, she fasted for 72.5 hours in March in the hope of convincing the Indiana legislature to increase the state’s minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour.

That effort in solidarity with the poor reflects the approach she takes as the executive director of education formation outreach for Marian University in Indianapolis. Sister Norma strives to connect Marian’s students, faculty and staff in interfaith efforts to improve the lives of the vulnerable.

She’s followed that path in her own life. Starting in 1953, she taught for three years at St. Mary School in North Vernon. From 1965 until 1974, she served at Marian as an assistant professor of classical language, dean of academic affairs and director of scholastics.

From 1974 to 1982, Sister Norma was a member of the general council for the Oldenburg Franciscan community. She was also the community’s novice director for two years. In 1989, she returned to Marian as acting president for six months and then served as vice president for mission effectiveness until 2001.

“It’s the idea of really living out the call of God to help others,” she says. “The service we do helps us to come close to God and experience God. We can help transform the world.”

‘That’s what we were raised to do’

Gene Hawkins has tried to transform the world by mentoring youths through the Big Brothers program and the National Society of Black Engineers.

He has been changing the lives of young people since he graduated in 1992 from Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y. It’s his way of giving back.

“I remember the older guys in the neighborhood looking out for me,” recalls Hawkins, who grew up in Queens, N.Y. “They spent time with me, let me be the sixth man on the

basketball team, and told me about the guys to stay away from. And I saw they went to church.”

Hawkins also credits his parents for his selection as a Spirit of Service Award recipient.

“My mom is deceased now, but she was like the neighborhood mayor. My dad is 82, and he still volunteers. That’s what we were raised to do.”

Hawkins has followed that example with amazing dedication, especially since he became a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis in 1995. He’s served as an usher, a lector, a confirmation catechist, a member of the parish council, and the executive director of the parish’s capital campaign.

“I chose my home up the block from Holy Angels,” says Hawkins, a father of two who has been married to his wife Michelle for 15 years. “I’ve been in everything I can think of at Holy Angels. It’s good for me, my family and my kids.”

Hawkins also helps with voter registration and voter education programs through the NAACP. He calls his Catholic faith the driving force in his efforts.

“I’ve always equated my faith to being one of service to others.”

‘I just like helping people’

Steve Rasmussen also knows what it means to give his heart to helping others.

For 37 years, he dedicated his life to serving others as an Indianapolis firefighter. The Spirit of Service Award recipient now tries to give a new life to families who never would have had a chance to own a home.

His volunteer efforts began by doing projects for people in need. Already handy with tools from his second job as a landlord of rental houses, he put in railings and wheelchair ramps for shut-in members of his parish, St. Monica in Indianapolis.

Those volunteer projects reached a whole new level for Rasmussen when he and his wife Nancy occasionally went to Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Indianapolis, the parish where she attended school as a child. That’s where Rasmussen met Father John McCaslin, the now closed parish’s pastor, who had an idea of trying to transform the struggling neighborhood by buying run-down homes, rehabilitating them, and then helping poor families buy them.

That idea became a non-profit organization called Hearts & Hands of Indiana. Rasmussen has been involved from its start, even loaning the money to purchase the first home. Since then, five families have moved into these houses. Another four houses are being rehabbed.

Members of Hearts & Hands praise him for his “passion” and “his tireless work.” Rasmussen deflects the praise.

“I’ve been blessed,” says the father of eight and grandfather of 22. “I just like helping people. That’s been my life for the past 30 years, and I thank Nancy for that. God’s given me the ability to do things, people call, and Nancy volunteers me for everything. This whole thing has been a partnership.” †



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meeting on a daily basis to coordinate the relief work," Father Perumana said.

"Relief materials are being already procured from wherever we can," said Albert Grasse Hokamp, coordinator of Caritas Germany for East Asia.

Hokamp, who has spent several years in Nepal with international charities, said food and other relief supplies have been ordered from India, tents from Pakistan and Dubai, and medicines from Europe.

"We are working as a team and need to coordinate and plan our relief work," he added.

While top Church workers plan out the strategies, Church centers and parishes in Kathmandu are a beehive of volunteers and buzzing with activity. Even Hindu volunteers have joined Catholic youth and others to prepare parcels of tea, sugar and lentils for distribution in the villages.

"My friend in Caritas [Nepal] invited me. I am happy to be here instead of idling the time at home with our college shut because of the earthquake," Usha Thapa, a Hindu undergraduate student, told CNS on May 1 while filling lentil packets for distribution at Assumption Catholic Church in Lalitpur.

Neeru Shreshta, another young Hindu woman, said she came to the church prompted by Thapa and enjoys the work.

"I have been coming here for two days and left last night at 9 p.m.," Thapa said proudly.

Three dozen Western tourists also were preparing relief packets at a frantic pace as if they were working in a factory.

"We came here as tourists. But we can't do much in the present situation. When we were invited to come here, we joined gladly," said Tave Teloye of the Canadian province of Ontario. He and his children, Alan and Juliet, formed a packing unit at the Assumption Church hall.

Doren Graham, a university student from New Zealand, was in his hotel room in Kathmandu when the quake hit, a day after he arrived in Kathmandu.

"I came for trekking. Though it is not possible now, I will extend my stay to be a relief worker after witnessing the devastation and the suffering," Graham said.

Meanwhile, Catholic communities in



Earthquake survivors are seen amid aid supplies from Catholic Relief Services near a village in Gorkha, Nepal, on May 3. (CNS photo/Jake Lyell, CRS)

Nepal were mobilizing all of their resources.

"We have eight mobile health clinic vans scattered in Nepal. We have directed all of them to the disaster areas," Jesuit Father Boniface Tigga, Jesuit provincial of Nepal, told CNS on May 4. He said they also had sent out truckloads of supplies.

Good Shepherd Sister Taskila Nicholas told CNS that "the situation in the villages is very bad."

"People have to walk for five and six hours to reach the roads to get food or any help. I am worried about the old and the injured in the mountains. What can they do?" said Sister Nicholas while traveling to Kathmandu to collect relief material for distribution.

"On Sunday, some of our sisters and others walked seven hours to reach relief material for the people in some of the villages," she said.

(To financially contribute to the earthquake relief effort online through Catholic Relief Services, log on to their Web page at www.crs.org.) †



St. Joseph Sister Monique Niraula joins two other women in packing relief material for earthquake victims at Assumption Catholic Church in Lalitpur, Nepal, on May 1. (CNS photo/Anto Akkara)

What was in the news on May 7, 1965? Protests against a downtown Indianapolis highway, and accusations of immorality among Selma protesters

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*.

Here are some of the items found in the May 7, 1965, issue of *The Criterion*:

- Pope Paul urges prayer for world peace
- Freedom statement seen brotherhood aid
- I.U. center fund plans announced
- ACCW parley features vital issues, elections
- Stimming is honored by NCCM
- Do you want a Chinese Wall?

"A public hearing on master land use in Marion County will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, in the auditorium of the City-County Building, Indianapolis, under auspices of the Metropolitan Plan Commission. It is hoped that opponents of the Interstate highway loop around downtown Indianapolis will be given a chance to be heard. The *Criterion* opposes the State Highway Commission's planned loop as does a new citizen's organization, *Livable Indianapolis for Everyone [LIFE]*, which has called it a 'Chinese wall of dirt' which will do untold harm to this city's future."

- Vatican, World Council name dialogue members
- Pope adds six to Bible Commission
- San Jose Mission is link with past
- 'She's not the type'
- Guardian Angel Guild to meet, elect new officers
- Radio-TV Foundation launched
- Ambitious project: Space age Thomism is Dominican goal
- Cautions clergy on assessing U.S. policy
- Foster public opinion in Church, laity told
- Stress the spiritual, pontiff urges labor
- Pius VII's library is given to abbey
- The Christian conscience needs prodding
- Upsurge of interest in Scriptures seen
- Fourth Degree K of C to admit 110 members
- Five St. Meinrad monks to observe jubilees
- New liturgy offers music challenge
- Religious deny orgy by Selma marchers

"WASHINGTON—The sister and two priests who went the full route of the Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march have flatly denied an Alabama congressman's charges of immorality during the 50-mile march. They joined congressmen and clergymen in defending Selma demonstrators after an hour-long attack against

them on the House floor by Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama. Dickinson spread on the House record allegations of moral misbehavior by demonstrators, including ministers, priest and nuns." ... "I saw nothing of an improper nature," [Sister Mary Patrice of San Mateo, Calif.] said. "Everyone was so dedicated. For example, I never even once smelled liquor on anyone's breath. The only bad language I heard was from white spectators." "

- United Nations office opened by NCWC
- Easter a week late
- 187 Catholics win Merit scholarships
- Papal diplomat gets cease fire in Latin nation



Read all of these stories from our May 7, 1965, issue by logging on to our archives at www.CriterionOnline.com. †

GRADUATIONS

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Clarksville.

- There are two class salutatorians:
 - Erin Embrey is the daughter of William and Allison Embry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.
 - Nathan Shumate is the son of Charles and Marilyn Shumate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Msgr. Stumpf.

Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 31 seniors.

- The graduation ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 27 at Marian University in Indianapolis.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by McCoy.

Roncalli High School in Indianapolis has a graduating class of 274 seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 6 p.m. on May 22 at the school.
- The graduation ceremony will be at

9 a.m. on May 23 at the school.

- The class valedictorian is Abigail Whalen, the daughter of Rob and Liz Whalen of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood.
- The class salutatorian is Sarah Elam, the daughter of Matt and Kim Elam of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Annette "Mickey" Lentz, chancellor.

Seton Catholic Jr./Sr. High School in Richmond has a graduating class of eight seniors.

- The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 6 p.m. on May 29 in St. Andrew Church in Richmond.
- The graduation ceremony will be at 2 p.m. on May 31 at the school.
- The class valedictorian is Matthew Westjohn, the son of Bennett and Linda Westjohn of Holy Family Parish in Richmond.
- The class salutatorian is Patrick Marsee, the son of David and Jody Marsee of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond.
- The archdiocese will be represented at the graduation by Rash. †

Generations of love at heart of families' stories



(Editor's note: As the archdiocese and the Church prepare for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, The Criterion is inviting readers to share their stories of how their faith has made a difference in their families. Here are three stories.)

By John Shaughnessy

Phyllis Fieber says she has never shied away from asking God for special requests in her life.

And every once in a while, she believes that God blesses her with a wonderful gift she didn't request.

That was her belief on Feb. 15 when the 85-year-old woman received what she calls "my own private miracle."

"It was one day past Valentine's Day," notes Fieber, a member of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Danville. "I am something of a 'pack rat,' someone who saves useless stuff. I needed to mail a note, so I had to find an envelope. I went to the closet and pulled a box of approximately 350 'saved and still good' envelopes. There was quite an assortment—white, blue, pink, red, green, large and small.

"Flipping through the tops, I pulled a red one, just the right size. As I opened the envelope, I could see there was a paper inside. It was a homemade Valentine from my husband Marion, who died 14 years ago. For that Valentine's Day, he had lost the Valentine that he had purchased so he made one for me."

That evening, Fieber inspected all

the other envelopes in the box. There wasn't anything inside any of them. She considered the odds of choosing the envelope she did.

"I pulled the one envelope—from a box of 350 empty ones—that had a Valentine for me from my husband, on the day after Valentine's Day. Yes, I did thank God. And I did cry. I think of my husband every day."

Thoughts of love, faith and a father

The image of an outstretched hand from one person to another can evoke different feelings and responses.

For Mary Jean Wethington, that image always leads to intertwined thoughts of love, faith and her father, William Boehle.

"I am 69 years old, and I still call him Daddy," says Wethington, a member of All Saints Parish in Dearborn County. "I always remark that I learned the Catholic faith kneeling between my parents. But every time we were seated during Mass, Daddy would pause for a moment, then determinedly stretch out his huge right hand into my lap and wait for me to place my little girl's hand into his.

"The warmth of love by Daddy was consistently conveyed as my tiny child's hand—nestled within my father's strong hand of faith—soaked up the love every time we, as the gathered assembly, sat down at Mass."

Wethington also remembers how her parents' faith reached another level after Vatican II.

"Everything changed for both my parents at age 70," she recalls. "Daddy now held in both hands a missalette and watched with great pride as Momma assumed her new place in the sanctuary as a lector. Then, as I gazed at him leaving our pew, Daddy reverently took his place, with folded hands, as an [extraordinary



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—Phyllis Fieber

minister of holy Communion] of the body and blood of Christ. No words really can describe my faith experience the first time I received holy Communion from the hands of my Daddy."

The connection of hands behind father and daughter created another poignant moment in their lives—when he was dying.

"I sat beside his hospital bed and held his hand in mine in prayer, until very gently and peacefully he passed over into the hands of the Father.

"To honor both Daddy and Momma, I assumed their roles as lector, [extraordinary minister of holy Communion] and sacristan. My hands now carry forth my beloved parent's faith-gift ritual handed down to me."

Tests of faith, answers in prayer

Joseph and Judy Hagedorn have experienced tests of faith that bring people to their knees.

"We buried our two first granddaughters—Tiffany at 3 months and Andrea at 6 weeks from Pompe disease [a rare, inherited neuromuscular disorder]," Joseph Hagedorn recalls. "When the best doctors in Indianapolis told us nothing could be medically done—to take them home—each girl died in the arms of our daughter JoAnn and her husband Mike.

"That is testing faith. JoAnn and Mike adopted a daughter, Samantha, from St. Elizabeth's Home. They now have three grandchildren."

Their daughter JoAnn also was diagnosed several years ago with a brain tumor. Initially, doctors didn't want to operate on the egg-sized, fast-growing tumor behind her left eye because of the risks involved in the surgery.

"They agreed to operate because it was going to push her eye out of its socket," notes Hagedorn, a member of St. Mark Parish in Perry County. "Our faith was once again tested. But she has perfect eyesight now, and she's living a normal life. Yes, we believe in prayer."

A third test of faith involved their



Joseph and Judy Hagedorn

daughter Theresa.

"She was having severe abdominal pain," her father says. "All the high-tech medical procedures found nothing. A senior surgeon at Jasper Memorial Hospital took a look at the test results and ordered surgery. He found a twisted gut, with gangrene, ready to burst. He removed about 10 to 12 inches of intestines. After her recovery, the surgeon told Theresa, 'You were saved by the grace of God.' Today, she is healthy, feisty and enjoying her granddaughter."

Through all those tests, Hagedorn says he has always relied on the Serenity Prayer, asking God to give him "the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."

"I also believe," he says, "that God gives meaning and purpose to human life."

(Has faith made a difference in your family's life? Has it deepened your relationships as a parent, a grandparent, a sibling, a son or a daughter? Do you have rituals and experiences of faith that have helped to make your family more Christ-centered? If so, we'd like to hear about it. Please send your responses and your stories to assistant editor John Shaughnessy by e-mail at jshaughnessy@archindy.org or by mail in care of The Criterion, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202. Please include your parish and a daytime phone number where you can be reached.) †



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May is a month to honor Mary and all women in the Church

By Daniel S. Mulhall

A few years ago, a survey was conducted around the world of parents of young children. The survey asked these parents what qualities they would like their children to have when they grew up.

The researchers were surprised to learn that in every country and culture, parents wanted their children to grow up having the same types of positive qualities: honesty, integrity, courage, religiosity and the like.

As the researchers reported, no parent said they wanted their children to be liars or cheats. The researchers did find wide divergence over what methods parents would use to raise their children to have the qualities they named.

What this research illustrates is that people everywhere have an ideal for what makes a fully authentic human being.

Similarly, if you ask people what qualities they love about their mothers or fathers, you would probably generate answers suggesting the ideal mother or father: kind, generous, encouraging, strict, etc. We have an ideal in mind when we speak of a good mother or father, and all parents are judged against that ideal.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, has been recognized and honored from the earliest days of the Church for her role in salvation history. She is honored with a myriad of titles by the faithful around the world because of her many appearances, and the various qualities of her role as the first disciple of Jesus, for which she is rightly known as the Mother of the Church.

Because little is actually known about Mary from the Scriptures, most of the attributes that have been given her over the years reflect archetypal thinking. This means that Mary has been given all of the qualities that we would expect to find in the ideal mother.

Over the centuries, it has been easy to place Mary upon a pedestal and honor her above all other women, making her perfect in the process. But in these efforts to honor her, might we have missed an important lesson by not looking at her as the real woman that she was?

Might we have forgotten that she was human, that she struggled as all mothers struggle, that she might have had doubts

and fears, that she may not have always felt she lived up to the ideal image of the perfect mother?

Pope Francis has recently made a number of comments along this line. He noted that it was important that we remember that Mary was fully and truly human. She was a woman who by her courageous and faithful actions accomplished extraordinary things.

Mary had a husband. She had a child. She cared for the family and made the family home just as any other Jewish woman would have done in her time, and as mothers all over the world still do today. As Pope Francis has also pointed out, Mary was wonderfully humble.

Nowhere in Scripture is there a suggestion that she thought that she was worthy of the honor bestowed upon her, or that she had lived a perfect life and so deserved God's favor. Rather, the message Mary sends is the opposite. She is blessed by her husband and blessed by her son, and blessed by God's favor. She is an ordinary mother touched by God's grace. Mary's attitude seems very similar to the attitude of so many mothers throughout history and still today.

When the Church offers Mary as Christ's first disciple or as the image of the perfect disciple, maybe it would help if we saw those titles through the lens of ordinary women. Mary's life was lived by accepting the will of God and the mystery that God had in mind for her.

As Pope Francis recently said, Mary's faith was special because she lived it out every day. She engaged in conversation continually with God. She understood the world through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Mary's faith, Pope Francis said, was "nourished by her experience as a mother and by her close relationship with her son."

While emphasizing the special role Mary plays in the Church, Pope Francis continues to speak about the important role that all women have, especially when it comes to the joyful news of the Gospel. "A world where women are marginalized is a sterile world," the pope said.

Women not only bring new life into the world; they also "transmit to us the capacity to see otherwise," and to "understand the world with different eyes, to feel the most creative, most patient,



Pope Francis touches the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima after entrusting the world to Mary at the end of a Mass in her honor in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Oct. 13, 2013. The pontiff has encouraged the faithful to be devoted to Mary and value her humanity. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

most tender things with the heart." It is through our mothers, the pope says, that most people are introduced to the faith.

When we honor Mary throughout May, let's also honor the gifts that all women bring to the Church and how we come to know and experience the saving love of God through women.

Let us give thanks for everyone who says "yes" to God's invitation, for those who bring forth new life and especially for those who, like Mary, share the gift of faith with the rest of us.

(Daniel S. Mulhall is a catechist. He lives in Laurel, Maryland.) †

Mary is a spiritual mother who tenderly cares for all the faithful

By Marge Fenelon

We remember our mothers because they gave us life. They nurtured us within their wombs, cared for us as infants and did what they could to get us to where we are now. Without them, many of us wouldn't be here.

As Catholics, however, we have another mother who



Members of the Cenacolo Community from St. Augustine, Fla., perform a living Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala., on March 20. The Church teaches that Mary cares for all the faithful like she cared for Jesus her son. (CNS photo/Mary D. Dillard, One Voice)

is important. Mary isn't just a mother. She is the ideal mother, the ideal woman, but also the ideal for all the faithful to live up to when it comes to grace, obedience and strength.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "by her complete adherence to the Father's will, to his Son's redemptive work and to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity" (#967). It continues and says that she is a "pre-eminent and ... wholly unique member of the Church" (#967).

The catechism also says that "her role in relation to the Church and to all humanity goes still further," and we have to look at how "in a wholly singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the Savior's work of restoring supernatural life to souls" (#968).

That's a lot to live up to.

But we have to keep ourselves from being kept from looking up to Mary because she sets forth an ideal that seems almost impossible to reach. Look at her unconditional yes to the archangel Gabriel, look at how she became truly, and in a very human way, everlastingly, our mother on a profoundly spiritual level.

Can we act with trusting faith and perhaps accept God's will instead of being upset that our plans didn't

work out the way we wanted? Can we give our entire being to another? Are we capable with the help of God's grace of helping to nourish the faith of others?

We can embark on Mary's human journey of giving our consent to accept God's will, to help nourish the faith of others and to serve, with charity, those who need of us.

The catechism continues: "This motherhood of Mary in the order of grace continues uninterrupted from the consent which she loyally gave at the annunciation, and which she sustained without wavering beneath the cross" (#969).

Like a natural mother who carries her child within the womb of her body, Mary carries her children in the womb of her heart. As a natural mother does with her children, Mary also nourishes, tends and protects us.

She often does so in the care of our souls and by interceding for our physical and material needs. That kind of attentiveness, one that never stops, began the day we were conceived and will continue for the rest of time. Mary is a mother who never stops giving, and who teaches us to do likewise.

(Marge Fenelon is a freelance writer from Milwaukee and author of *Imitating Mary: Ten Marian Virtues for the Modern Mom.*) †

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Early Church: The importance of St. Paul

(Fifth in a series of columns)

A series about the early Church absolutely must include something about St. Paul because the Church as we know it wouldn't exist if he hadn't labored so hard, despite horrendous obstacles and sufferings, for 34 years, from the time of his conversion around 33 until his martyrdom around 67 at age 73.

However, I hesitate to write too much about him now because I wrote a series of 19 columns about Paul back in 2005. Yes, that was 10 years ago, but I don't think I should repeat myself. Nevertheless, his importance deserved those 19 columns—and then some.

Most Catholic Bibles include maps that show Paul's three missionary journeys, detailed in the Acts of the Apostles. The first was to cities in a province (then known as Galatia) in modern Turkey where he established his first communities. During the second, he crossed west into Greece, and during the third he revisited his churches in Greece and along the

coast of Galatia.

He returned to Jerusalem to take a collection for the Church there, but ended up in prison in Caesarea for two years. The Roman government then shipped him to Rome, where he spent another two years under house arrest.

When he was freed, he seemed to have gone to Spain but that mission would appear to have been a failure because he couldn't speak the Latin that was spoken there; he spoke Greek. He revisited some of his communities, but returned to Rome during Nero's persecution and was beheaded.

Modern readers really can't appreciate the length of time it took for things to happen during Paul's lifetime. Paul traveled great distances by foot when going west, or by ship when headed east because of prevailing winds. He couldn't travel much of anyplace during winters, so he always had to plan where he would spend those months.

He endured great hardships, some of which he wrote about: "Far more imprisonments, far worse beatings, and numerous brushes with death. Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty

lashes minus one. Three times, I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep" (2 Cor 11:23-25).

Paul kept in touch with his communities and with his collaborators—Timothy, Titus, Apollos, Aquila and Prisca—by writing letters, sometimes from prison. Of course, those letters took months to be delivered. Thirteen of the 21 letters in the New Testament are attributed to Paul, although four of them may have been written by his disciples. In them, we learn how he constantly had to defend his teachings about the way he was preaching to the gentiles.

His opponents were Jewish Christians who insisted, even after the Council of Jerusalem, that converts to Christianity had to be circumcised and observe Jewish laws. He could be tough at times, at one time saying about those who insisted on circumcision, "Would that those who are upsetting you might also castrate themselves!" (Gal 5:12).

Ultimately, of course, his views prevailed, but it was a mighty struggle that we modern Christians need to understand and appreciate. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Believe me, mothering is not an exact science

The first sentence I wrote many years ago for this column was, "Sentimental motherhood never appealed to me." It

still doesn't. Time and experience have proven the truth of that opinion to me.

By "sentimental motherhood" I mean that stereotypical sugary version of being a mother. You know, the kind of mother in ads or soap operas or novels who is too nice to be believable. She never raises her voice or musses her hair or embarrasses her kids. My question is, do such mothers really exist?

Maybe I've only seen bad examples of motherhood or something. My mom, whom I love fiercely to this day, was not your greeting card mom. She would lose her temper and swear once in a while, always admonishing me afterward not to repeat anything she said. As I've said here before, the fly swatter was her discipline tool of choice.

Mom had an identical twin sister whose mothering method was exactly the same. Apparently the twin thing carried over in more ways than one. She, too, had one daughter, and my cousin and I would

often commiserate. On the other hand, my mom and my aunt were both hands-on affectionate and funny and thus could be forgiven anything.

My Aunt Midge was still another kind of mom. The story was, she'd been a chorus girl in New York City before marrying my uncle, and she still had that dramatic presence. She smoked and drank and wore a lot of makeup, but she was also an excellent cook and extremely funny.

My three cousins were treated to her and my uncle's alcoholic escapades, but also to her vast affection and support. I loved staying overnight with them because we'd make taffy and stay up way past my bedtime playing board games, and if we spilled anything on the floor no one cared.

My Norwegian aunts were still another kind of mother. They were calm and non-judgmental, not funny but having a good sense of humor. They took after their mom, my Grandma Oare. She'd let you go down some naughty path until you finally realized how dumb it was. And when you reformed, she'd give you a cookie even if it was 10 minutes before dinner.

Over the years, through observing friends' and schoolmates' mothers, I learned about other kinds of mothering. One instructive scene I remember to this

Bruised, Hurting and Dirty/George Kane

Seeing how God never tires of reaching out to us

Every day before the missionaries go out, we spend an hour in prayer asking the Lord what to say and who to visit.

Often, names and faces of people we know will come to mind, but sometimes we don't recognize the image of the person we see. This happened one day when my mom, Andrea, was visiting and doing mission work with us.

In prayer, she saw in her mind's eye an elderly black woman wearing an old-fashioned duster coat. She had a sense that God wanted us to teach her a song called, "The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases," which is based on Lamentations 3:22-23.

When my mom shared what she'd received in prayer with the other missionaries, Mary smiled in surprise. She knew exactly who my mom had seen! Connie was an elderly black woman who lived alone in a large apartment complex, and she always wore a duster. That year, we had given her our Christmas card and wrote a personal

message on the back, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!" (Lam 3:22-23)

I was particularly excited to share this song with Connie because of the sobering incident that had brought us into her life. A few months ago, Connie had startled her neighbors by knocking at their door asking incoherently for some food. It turned out she hadn't eaten for two weeks.

Mary, my mom and I decided to visit Connie first that day. Though she'd been there for months, Connie's tiny apartment was completely bare. There was no soap by the sinks, nothing in the cupboards, and plastic sheeting still on her mattress. Her only decoration was our Christmas card taped to the wall, featuring 15 smiling missionaries.

Connie welcomed us in, but looked morose. She told us that she'd been struggling and feeling down all day. When we told her about how the Lord had sent us there, though, she cracked a big smile. We sang the song my mom had mentioned earlier, and the smile grew bigger.

When we finished, she said quietly, "Before I met you, I thought nobody cared about me. ... It feels so good to

know that somebody cares."

When God gave that amazingly accurate image of Connie and song to my mom, he didn't do it to advance some big important project that would change the course of history. God, a true Father, desired to comfort his daughter who was feeling low that day. He also must have known how it would build up our faith as missionaries to see his hand so clearly at work in our friend's life. Truly, as Pope Francis has said, "God never tires of reaching out to us."

While I'm still troubled by Connie's circumstances, seeing God work in power that day has me convinced that, "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39).

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Twenty Something/

Christina Capecchi

Answering God's call: A rising '30 Under 30' honoree reflects

On Sunday night, the e-mail landed in Mike Foss' inbox: He had been named to *Forbes'* "30 Under 30," the business magazine's annual list of rising stars younger than 30.

Mike Foss, the soccer player from Springfield, Va., the kid who had been homeschooled through 12th grade. This sent Facebook abuzz: bold-faced evidence that homeschooling actually works.

Once the announcement was made on the first Monday of January, inquiring minds began lobbing questions at Mike's mom, Elizabeth. How did she do it? What curriculum had she used? What colleges did she recommend? What was the exact formula of devotions, multivitamins and Mozart?

"Y'all," she wrote on her blog that Friday, "I have no idea!"

But when pressed, the mother of nine reflected on her news-making firstborn, a 26-year-old Catholic. "Michael learned his most important lessons at the dinner table. All I really did was cook the meal. His daily repartee on Twitter? Totally sounds like banter among my boys. His brothers are as much behind that award as I am," Elizabeth wrote. "Iron sharpens iron."

She credited her husband, a sports broadcaster and mentor, and mused about "the effect of having nursed [Mike] in nearly every college sports venue up and down the East Coast," elaborating: "We hung together. The lot of us. Every day. All the time. That's being educated by his real life."

Mike's first post-college job brought him to *USA Today*. He was working as a senior social media editor when he began developing a new sports website intended to be an entry point to the paper's main website. During a coffee-fueled period of eight months, he hired 10 people, reserved some 20 web domains, and got married.

"It was insane," Mike told me. "I don't remember sleeping."

The vision was to create a site with a delicate mix of original sports features and aggregated articles—journalistic standards plus blogging agility—chronicled in a more earnest voice than the average sports story and aimed at a broader audience.

"For The Win" launched on April 22, 2013, and became one of the fastest growing mobile websites in history.

"We won," Mike said, "big time."

He believes his entrepreneurial spirit was fostered by the countercultural decision to homeschool—why do things like everyone else?—and the freedom to customize his education.

He's now a sought-after tech star and, for better or worse, a serious contender in the frenetic pursuit of online popularity. "There's always a score, in terms of performance," he said. "I'm competitive."

That results in long work days perched behind a 30-inch computer monitor with an iPad and iPhone at his side, and a flat-screen TV mounted above alternating between CNN and ESPN.

The blinking, linking 24/7 digital world can render the mind a hamster wheel. Mike tries to counteract it by unplugging every evening. He loves comic books and C.S. Lewis, and just finished his fifth read of *Mere Christianity*.

The twin pillars of his life, faith and family, keep his ego in check. "I don't get absorbed in any of it. That plays into family unity. You sit around a table at a Foss family dinner and it doesn't matter who you are: We roast each other."

Attending Mass, he said, quiets any pressure to continue on a headline-making career path. "You listen to a homily or look up at the cross, and it puts things in perspective. It makes it easier to be present in the faith and to be present in your life."

And if you ask his mom, who became a grandma one year ago when Mike's daughter, Lucy, was born, her son's over-30 work will be even more significant. "He's only just begun to answer God's call in his life."

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Sixth Sunday of Easter/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

Sunday Readings

Sunday, May 10, 2015

- Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- 1 John 4:7-10
- John 15:9-17

The Acts of the Apostles once again provides the first reading for a weekend in the Easter season.



In this reading, the Apostle Peter enters the house of Cornelius, who falls to his knees to give homage to the leader of the followers of Jesus. Graciously, Peter lifts Cornelius to his feet and insists that he has no partiality

among persons of various ethnic and national backgrounds because God has no such partiality.

At the moment of this testimony of faith and true discipleship, the Holy Spirit descends into the group present, including the gentiles. Peter says that anyone so prompted by the Spirit cannot be denied baptism by water.

To set the stage for this reading, Cornelius was not Jewish. He was a gentile. Moreover, he was a Roman, a representative of the detested occupying pagan power. His associates were gentiles.

Despite all this, Peter entered the home of Cornelius, unbelievable for a devout Jew such as Peter. But he went anyway, insisting that all should have access to God and that God welcomes all. Finally, God, in the Holy Spirit, comes into the hearts of all. The Spirit is with Peter. At last, Peter brings all into the company of faith by baptizing them.

The First Epistle of St. John is the source of the second reading. It is a moving passage that offers an especially descriptive message about God's love. God is love. God is in Jesus. Love is in God. Marvelously, God shares this divine love with the faithful.

God's love and living according to God's love brings joy, indeed a joy unequalled by anything on Earth.

The test of loving God is in obeying his commandments. God revealed his commandments, and he perfectly revealed his divine plan for salvation through

and in Jesus.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Echoing the message of the second reading, this Gospel passage centers upon the love of God.

It celebrates God's love. God's love was proven by the Lord's willing, sacrificial death on Calvary. "There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13).

Disciples are friends of God when they are united with Jesus in faith and love. For the ancient Jews, as well as others in the Mediterranean world, the notion of friendship was much more powerful in its meaning than it is today. It meant an intense bond, a loyalty.

Truly loving God means to love others. The image of the vine occurs again. Disciples are the branches. Christ is the vine. Disciples produce much fruit if they remain true to Christ.

The reading closes with the wonderful admonition, and command, of Jesus to "love one another" (Jn 15:17).

Reflection

The Church is leading us carefully and deliberately forward to the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is as if we Christians had been standing beside the Apostles in the days following the Resurrection, hearing with them the words of the risen Jesus, seeing as they saw the wonder of life victorious over death.

Now, the mood slightly shifts. The Church is preparing us for the Ascension, telling us that while the presence of Jesus on Earth changed, discipleship did not change.

Jesus calls us "to love one another" (Jn 15:17). He is the model. Considering the depth of the divine love displayed in the crucifixion, it is a challenge for mere mortals. Yet it is possible.

It is possible because strength and insight come to any true believer from the Holy Spirit. It is insight that brings peace and joy. It reaches out in compassion and service.

And it comes to anyone who earnestly seeks God, even if they are tempted by sin. Strength is found in God's love. We are called as disciples to bear this love to others. †

Daily Readings

Monday, May 11

Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 12

St. Nereus, martyr
St. Achilles, martyr
St. Pancras, martyr
Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Friday, May 15

St. Isidore
Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-7
John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 16

Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10
John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 17

The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
or Ephesians 4:1-13
or Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Mark 16:15-20

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

Catholics who are divorced but not remarried can still receive sacraments

QI have read your column, and you seem to make appropriate clarifications.



Here is the situation of my friend, who lives in the Philippines. (By the way, divorce is not legal in the Philippines.) Some time ago, she was married in a Catholic Church wedding; that marriage has now been annulled civilly, but not yet by the Church.

She later married a different man in a civil wedding, and that second marriage is now in the process of civil annulment.

I am only concerned about her standing in the Church. In the Church's eyes, is she still married to her first husband? Does this mean that she has two husbands at the same time? And finally, can she receive Communion in the Catholic Church? (City of origin withheld)

AIt is true that the Philippines, where 86 percent of the population is Catholic, is one of the few countries in the world where divorce is not recognized legally. However, that fact is extraneous to your question, which regards only your friend's status in the Church.

Her first marriage, which took place in a Catholic Church, was and still is recognized by the Church. It sounds as though a petition for a declaration of nullity from the Church (commonly known as an annulment) may have been filed, but until that process is decided, the first marriage is still valid in the Church's eyes.

The second wedding "did not count" in the view of the Church; not only were they married outside the Church, but also because your friend was still married to her first husband and therefore was not eligible to marry again with the Catholic Church's blessing. So she doesn't have "two husbands" in the Church's view, only the first one.

Where does this leave your friend right now? I assume that she is no longer living with her second husband, since you said that the marriage is in the process of being civilly annulled. So your friend is in good standing in the Church and eligible to take holy Communion provided that she is in a state of grace.

In any case, I would recommend that she go to confession and tell the priest about her marriages—especially the second civil marriage, which would have been objectively sinful.

It will be good for you to pass this information on to your friend; there is a common belief that a failed marriage by itself (apart from a second marriage) separates one from the community of the Church and the grace of the sacraments.

That is not necessarily true—a spouse might be relatively blameless in the collapse of a marriage and may (and should) continue to receive the sacraments.

QI read recently that, during the consecration at Mass, the blessed Savior is most present to us—and that if we have a special prayer request, that would be the best time to make it. Can you tell me if that is correct, or is there a more appropriate time? (Missouri)

AIt is true that when the words of consecration are pronounced by the priest, Jesus himself becomes present on the altar under the appearance of bread and wine. This makes that moment, of course, an especially sacred one. I have noticed that even when a congregation has seemed fidgety and distracted, a reverent hush descends at the time of consecration.

If you feel a particular closeness to Christ right then, by all means go ahead and make your request—although the primary focus at that moment should be gratitude to the Lord for coming so near.

Finally, I need to point out that, in listening to our needs, God has no "office hours." I believe, and the teaching of the Church holds, that Jesus' invitation to "ask and you shall receive" applies in any circumstance and in every setting (Mt 7:7).

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

My Journey to God

A Mother's Love to Behold

By Thomas J. Rillo

God's benevolent love is like no other to behold
His unconditional love that really has no equal
Except a mother's love of family accepted as a role
God puts his great love into mothers' souls ever regal.

God's immense love never falls nor does it ever falter
A mother's love is similar and full of sacrifice and pain
A mother's love is forgiving and much like living water
A mother's love is something that no one can ever explain.

Nothing can destroy a mother's love nor take it away
Only God's love and of His Son can match a mother's love
A mother's love is endless and unselfish each and every day
It is a mystery of creation that is God's gift from above.

On this day we pay homage to all mothers who endure every day
They are wondrous evidence of God's benevolent guiding hand
In imitation of His only begotten son they never let us lose our way
Mothers are God's gift of life though some can scarcely understand.

(Thomas J. Rillo is a member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Bloomington and a Benedictine Oblate of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad.)

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BARNES, Ken, 62, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 6. Husband of Mary Barnes. Father of Sarah and Alex Barnes. Son of Raymond Barnes. Brother of Christa Nicklaus.

BARR, Deeva E., 65, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 18.

DICKMAN, Mary Margaret, 85, St. Paul, Tell City, April 26. Mother of Michaela Sims, Christie, Marybeth and Marty Dickman. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of three.

ENNEKING, Rita, 86, Holy Family, Oldenburg, April 5. Mother of Nancy Hue, Vicki Huffman, Jane Kramer, Leon and Tom Enneking. Sister of Louis Simmermeyer. Grandmother of 22. Great-grandmother of 19.

FARRELL, Becky Ann, 70, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 13. Sister of Ricki Chastain and John Farrell. Aunt of several.

FARRELL, Charles R., 82, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, April 25. Father of Shannon Fox, Molly Tuttle, Kelley, Charles, Mike and Stephen Farrell. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of one.

GUTIERREZ-AGURRIEDO, Martha, 70, St. Gabriel the

Archangel, Indianapolis, April 14.

HAMMANS, Jolietta Rose (Ash), 79, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 21. Mother of Rosemarie Alley, Mary Qualls, Lori Tobin, Margaret Warman, Francis II, Michael, Thomas and William Hammans. Grandmother of 27. Great-grandmother of 32.

HOFFMAN, Paul, 67, St. Paul, Tell City, April 21. Husband of Darlene (Coyle) Hoffman. Father of Lori Hoagland and Amy Shields. Brother of Steve Hoffman. Grandfather of five.

KERN, Robert F., 86, St. Monica, Indianapolis, April 21. Husband of Joanne (Lauber) Kern. Father of Jeanmarie Chenette, Rosemarie Megraw, Christopher, David, Michael and Richard Kern. Brother of Rita Moravec and Sister of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Rose Kern. Grandfather of 18. Great-grandfather of 21.

KLEEHAMER, Kenneth, 91, St. John Paul II, Clark County, April 19. Husband of Bernice (Rake) Kleehammer. Father of Patricia Allen, Jenny Balentine, Jackie Lemmon, Carol Tyler and Donald Kleehammer. Brother of Luella Rauck. Grandfather of 12. Great-grandfather of 17.

McCURDY, Mary R., 88, St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, April 25. Mother of Maureen Haas, Daniel, David, Joseph, Kevin, Michael and Robert McCurdy. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 10.

MEIRANS, Leons, 68, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, April 19.

METZ, Mary Ann, 85, St. Michael, Brookville,



Blessed are the peacemakers

Women dance on March 28 during a conference on peacebuilding in Abyei, a contested region along the border between Sudan and South Sudan. Catholic workers in the contested region of Abyei say the world has lost interest in the unresolved border feud between Sudan and South Sudan, so they are launching new efforts to make peace between the two ethnic groups that claim the isolated region. (CNS photo/Paul Jeffrey)

March 25. Mother of Karen Patterson, Diane Widolff, Alfred, Jerome and Timothy Metz. Sister of Dennis Suttmiller. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 11.

PULSKAMP, Harold L., 88, St. Mary-of-the-Rock, Franklin County, April 23. Husband of Dolores Puskamp. Father of Lois Israel, Donna McQueen, Darlene Obermeyer and Melvin Puskamp. Stepfather of Stephanie Binz, Mary Sue Cook, Regina Davidson, Kristina Schneider, Jerome and Thomas Spaeth. Brother of Shirley Laker and Elvira Timke. Grandfather of 15. Step-grandfather of 10. Great-

grandfather of 24. Step-great-grandfather of 10.

STEFFEY, Patricia Joyce, 88, St. Roch, Indianapolis, April 18. Mother of Garry Steffey.

STRUNK, Helen Mary, 91, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, April 13. Mother of Donna Adams, Mary Buckman, Lisa Davis, David, James and Stephen Strunk. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 16.

TORPHY, James L., 92, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, March 25. Father of Kathy Avant and Bill Torphy. Brother of Dave Torphy. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of seven.

VISSING, August M., 90, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, April 22. Husband of F. Ann Vissing. Father of Mary Beth and Nancy Hughes, Sally Sowder, L. Kay, Susan and William Vissing. Brother of Rita Gavin, Rose Scott and Mary Young. Grandfather of 14. Great-grandfather of 16.

WAYWOOD, Daniel, 78, St. Michael, Brookville, April 15. Husband of Alma Waywood. Father of Sandy Cox, Ruth Miller, Robert and Tony Waywood. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of six.

WEST-JACKSON, Sarah H., 82, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, March 21. Mother of Virginia

Jackson-Volbrecht. Grandmother of two.

WISSEL, James C., 68, St. Louis, Batesville, April 29. Husband of Anita Wissel. Father of Christine Gerdowsky, Angela Hartman and Jennifer Laker. Brother of Diane Bentfield, Marcia Riehle, Dennis, Herbert and Marvin Wissel. Grandfather of nine.

ZUTTARELLI, Mary Catherine, 100, St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, April 20. Mother of Sarah Bryant, Mary Louise Morgan, James and Ralph Zuttarelli. Half-sister of Theresa Carter. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of nine. †

Sister Mary Ann Walsh, woman of faith, writer, spokeswoman, dies at 68 after battle with cancer

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS)—Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, who went from hometown schoolteacher to Vatican correspondent, lived out her drive to be a writer even in her last days. She died on April 28 in her hometown of Albany, N.Y., after a battle with cancer.



Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, S.M.

Sister Mary Ann, 68, had stepped down last summer from her role of 21 years in media relations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the last six years as director. Just as she began a transition to a new job she quickly came to love—writing for *America* magazine as the Jesuit publication's U.S. Church correspondent—she learned that she had fast-growing metastatic cancer, and moved home to the motherhouse in Albany where she had entered the Sisters of Mercy 50 years earlier.

Over the next nine months as her health declined, Sister Mary Ann wrote obliquely about her own impending death, such as in a piece about the “underutilized sacrament of anointing of the sick,” shortly after she hosted a gathering of friends as she received the sacrament herself.

Her articles included observations about journalism, politics, civility in society, the effects of youth sports schedules on families that attend church, and many other topics. In her last blog, published on March 25, Sister Mary Ann tackled the topic of the need for mercy, as Pope Francis declared a jubilee year of mercy beginning in December.

In interviews with Catholic News Service and for the Sisters of Mercy, she talked frankly about the progression of her cancer and the inevitability of its outcome, though never complaining, and always with appreciation for the outpouring of support she was getting.

As word spread of her death, tributes were effusive from people who knew and worked with Sister Mary Ann.

Reporters, colleagues and bishops praised her deep faith, her determination, her trail-blazing as a woman and a nun and her abiding friendship.

In addition to being a good friend and gifted writer, said Susan Gibbs, a public relations professional who was formerly spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Washington, Sister Mary Ann “helped break the marble ceiling for women in the Church.”

Archbishop John Wester, bishop of Salt Lake City, who will become archbishop of Santa Fe, N.M., in June, visited Sister Mary Ann in March, presenting her with the St. Francis de Sales Award, the highest honor given by the Catholic Press Association. He is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Communications.

Archbishop Wester said he had “the deepest respect for her integrity and her love for the Church. She was a clear thinker who could write persuasively and in a captivating manner.”

Like many others, he commented on her “clever wit” and her ability to “read people’s hearts with ease.”

Sister Mary Ann was born in Albany on Feb. 25, 1947, the only daughter of Irish immigrants. After attending local Catholic schools staffed by the Sisters of Mercy, she entered the order as a 17-year-old. She earned degrees in English at the College of St. Rose in Albany and began teaching elementary and then high school.

But the writing bug, which had led her as a child to stay up late, scribbling beneath the bedcovers under the light of a gooseneck lamp, soon led her to a reporting job at *The Evangelist*, newspaper of the Albany Diocese.

She went on to become a Vatican correspondent for Catholic News Service and then its media editor. In those roles, she traveled the world with Pope John Paul II and sat down for interviews with movie stars, including Raul Julia, Gene Hackman and Bruce Willis.

“Rome taught me how to cover Hollywood,” she told CNS in interviews in January. “They’re both complete bureaucracies.”

Her career path led her to the media relations staff of the USCCB, where she managed arrangements for press coverage of World Youth Day in Denver in 1993, for several other visits to the U.S. by St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and for the ins and outs of news about the U.S. Church, from the sex abuse crisis to the annual meetings of the U.S. bishops.

Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, retired archbishop of Denver, who was there at the time of World Youth Day, said in a note to CNS that he was impressed by her quick grasp of the potential of the event, especially “of the human and spiritual attractiveness of Pope John Paul II among young people. On both counts, she was among the early few. I felt that the pope and Sister Mary Ann were kindred spirits. They were both hopeful for the future.” †

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Volunteers at Catholic Charities epitomize love of neighbor

By Mike Krokos

Linda Hegeman calls herself the “hello lady,” greeting people coming to the Catholic Charities’ Crisis Office in Indianapolis looking for assistance.

While her cheerful demeanor provides a welcoming atmosphere, she says she enjoys the interaction and “wouldn’t trade that job for anything.”

“Not only do I enjoy the volunteers I work with, I really, really love the clients. They have taught me to be more grateful because they are so grateful,” says Hegeman, who has been a Crisis Office volunteer for five years.

“Their gratitude is so simple, but it’s so sincere,” she continues. “They minister to me. There’s not a day that someone doesn’t come through that I don’t really pray about or pray with for the rest of the week, because in some way they’ve touched me and I have touched them—and sometimes it’s more than one [person]. ... What I’ve learned is it’s a very mutual feeling of giving.”

Hegeman, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis, was among the Catholic Charities’ program volunteers honored during a dinner on April 13 at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis.

The clients, Hegeman says, truly appreciate the gifts of food, clothing, financial assistance and other resources

that Catholic Charities provides them, and she says assisting brothers and sisters in need adds to her life.

“I’m getting pleasure from the experience of actually meeting and helping those I would never meet and help in any other way,” she says. “It’s a great opportunity. If everyone knew what a wonderful opportunity [this is], there’d be lines out the door to volunteer.”

“It’s just a wonderful way to spend a day,” she added, “and it gives me a balance to my life that nothing else could.”

Michael Itoka sees his volunteer efforts as a way to assist his brothers and sisters in need as well.

A new RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) volunteer, Itoka says, “I happened to see one young man and his wife being serviced by [the Society of] St. Vincent de Paul,” and that spurred him on to help there.

“I thought I would give back,” says Itoka, who survived a civil war in Liberia and knows the challenges that refugees of conflict face.

“You didn’t know where you were going to eat during the day,” says Itoka of the tumultuous time in the West African country.

“There are so many possibilities for victims of war here,” adds Itoka, who became a U.S. citizen in 2006.

Itoka’s wife, Linda, says her husband, who suffered a stroke in November of



Among those recognized for years of service during the Catholic Charities’ volunteer dinner on April 13 at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis are, front row, Karen Boyer, left, (10 years); Florine Harrington (10 years); Linda Hegeman (five years); and Fran Doyle (10 years). Second row: Richard Moore (10 years); David Bethuram, agency director of Catholic Charities Indianapolis; Jim Schutter (five years); and Ed Doyle (10 years). Not pictured is Jane Keller, who was recognized for five years of volunteer service. (Photo by Mike Krokos)

2013, was eager to volunteer at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

“He just wanted to give back so much. It’s his way of saying ‘thank you,’” she says, “instead of ‘give me something,’ I want to give back.”

Catholic Charities’ program volunteers are a committed group who take the Gospel mandate of love of neighbor to heart, noted David Bethuram, agency director of Catholic Charities Indianapolis during an address to the volunteers.

“We have over 1,000 people every year who volunteer through our programs,” he said. “And they have an impact on what we do.”

According to Bethuram, the agency depends so much on volunteers that there is a monetary value to their efforts.

“In kind, in volunteer services, are close to \$100,000 a year for us, so thank you so much for all that you do in line with that,”

he noted.

Volunteers’ efforts are much more valuable than money, Bethuram continued.

“You’re valuable because you decide to give of your time and talent to what we do,” he said, “so we’re here to recognize your volunteerism, but also to recognize the spiritual component to what you do.”

Volunteering and serving others is a form of discipleship, Bethuram added, and for many people, it makes them more complete, “by being in relationship with others, to be able to give back, being able to go beyond just being able to say that ‘I’m doing something,’ [but to say] that ‘we’re doing something to help others,’ that I’m a part of something larger than myself.”

(To learn more about volunteer efforts with Catholic Charities, please visit its website, www.archindy.org/cc/indianapolis/.)



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—Michael Itoka

Notre Dame awards Knights of Columbus Evangelium Vitae Medal

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS)—Praised for their “heroic and tireless efforts” to affirm a culture of life, the Knights of Columbus received the University of Notre Dame’s Evangelium Vitae Medal.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson received the award for the Knights during ceremonies at the university on April 26.

The Knights were acknowledged

for contributing tens of millions of dollars and volunteer hours to worthy causes and ongoing support for various pro-life initiatives.

The medal, and its \$10,000 prize, has been awarded annually since 2011 by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture to honor individuals or organizations for outstanding work affirming and defending the sanctity of human life. It is named for

St. Pope John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical “The Gospel of Life.”

Anderson said the prize money would be donated to Notre Dame’s Charles E. Rice Fellowship program. The fund is named for the late law professor that Anderson described as a good friend and “tireless advocate for life.”

The Knights’ leader urged participants at the award banquet to take bold action

in efforts for “a new evangelization of American freedom,” and stressed that Catholic institutions must be allowed to fulfill their mission of treating each human person with dignity.

The free exercise of religion must be preserved, he stressed, for “the autonomy of our religious institutions is not extrinsic to the missionary nature of Christianity; rather it is essential to it.” †

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Pope defends Blessed Junipero, prays for missionary zeal

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—People seem to enjoy finding the shortcomings of candidates for sainthood like Blessed Junipero Serra, but they should ask themselves if they would have his generosity and courage to leave everything behind to care for the poor and bring them the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

Visiting the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, Pope Francis insisted Blessed Junipero fits into a host of saints who shaped the history and culture of the Americas, particularly by spreading Christianity, caring for the poor and defending the oppressed.

The pope's Mass on May 2 with 250 seminarians from more than 100 U.S. dioceses, including the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as well as Australia and Canada, came at the end of a symposium on Blessed Junipero organized by the seminary, the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus.

Although the college is on the Janiculum Hill overlooking the Vatican, Pope Francis' was the first papal visit to the campus since 1980, when St. John Paul II visited.

Pope Francis is scheduled to canonize Blessed Junipero, an 18th-century Spanish missionary to California, during his September trip to the United States. "This meeting at your college and around the eucharistic table is a beautiful and meaningful introduction to my apostolic trip to the United States of America," he told the students, staff, bishops and cardinals at the Mass.

Giving his homily in Italian, Pope Francis noted how Spanish missionaries in the 16th century had preached the Gospel across what is now the southern and southwestern United States from Florida to California. "This was long before the pilgrims of the Mayflower reached the North Atlantic coast," he noted.

While critics of the canonization have claimed that Blessed Junipero was part of a system that destroyed native cultures and that he abused Native Americans at his missions, Pope Francis said Blessed Junipero, like other Catholic missionaries in the Americas, "defended the indigenous peoples against abuses by the colonizers."

Referring to the Franciscan missionary as "*Fra Junipero*,"—"Fra" is a shortened Italian word for "brother"—Pope Francis said the Spaniard was motivated by a desire to share the Gospel with the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

"He was filled with joy and the Holy Spirit in spreading the word of the

Lord," the pope said. "Such zeal excites us, it challenges us!"

People study the lives and works of the missionaries, he said. They look at their strengths and, unfortunately, especially "their weaknesses and their shortcomings."

"But I wonder if today we are able to respond with the same generosity and courage to the call of God, who invites us to leave everything in order to worship him, to follow him, to rediscover him in the face of the poor, to proclaim him to those who have not known Christ and, therefore, have not experienced the embrace of his mercy," the pope said.

The witness of Blessed Junipero, he said, is a call for all Catholics to get personally involved in missionary activity across the Americas, motivated by "the joy of the Gospel."

Referring to Blessed Junipero as "one of the founding fathers of the United States"—his missions were settlements that grew into some of the major cities of what is now the state of California—Pope Francis said the Franciscan is a reminder of the important role the Spanish had and their descendants continue to have in the U.S. Catholic community.

Blessed Junipero is part of a long line of holy men and women who preached and lived the Gospel of charity in the Americas, he said, listing two dozen male and female saints who ministered everywhere from Canada to Chile. He included the indigenous "humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord, like Juan Diego and Kateri Tekakwitha," as well as "martyrs like Roque Gonzalez [a Jesuit killed in Brazil in 1628], Miguel Pro [a Mexican Jesuit killed in 1927] and Oscar Arnulfo Romero," the assassinated archbishop of San Salvador, who is scheduled to be beatified on May 23.

"There has been holiness in America—much holiness," Pope Francis said. "May a powerful gust of holiness sweep through all the Americas during the coming extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy."

Pope Francis, the first pope from the Americas, prayed that "the life of our American continent may be rooted ever more deeply in the Gospel it has received; [and] that Christ may be ever more present in the lives of individuals, families, peoples and nations, for the greater glory of God.

"We pray, too, that this glory may be manifested in the culture of life, brotherhood, solidarity, peace and justice, with a preferential and concrete love for the poor," he said.

As is customary, Pope Francis asked



An image of Blessed Junipero Serra, right, is seen as Pope Francis celebrates Mass at the Pontifical North American College in Rome on May 2. It was the first papal visit to the U.S. seminary since 1980. At the end of Mass, Pope Francis said the visit to the seminary was "a beautiful and meaningful introduction to my apostolic visit to the United States of America." (CNS photo/Paul Haring)



Pope Francis kisses a relic of Blessed Junipero Serra presented by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles at the conclusion of Mass celebrated at the Pontifical North American College in Rome on May 2. It was the first papal visit to the U.S. seminary since 1980. The pope said that while some people seem to relish the idea of listing Blessed Serra's defects, he wondered how many would have the courage he had to leave everything and preach the Gospel. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

the congregation at the college to pray for him, and he entrusted his July trip to South America and his September trip to

Cuba and the United States to the protection of "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fra Junipero and all the American saints." †

Interested in helping at World Meeting of Families? Volunteer



PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—For the past year, the question most often heard by Donna Crilley Farrell, executive director of the World Meeting of Families, was "How can I help?"

Now there is an answer and a way anyone can lend a hand to the four-day conference and events surrounding the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September.

Registration for volunteers is now open at the World Meeting of Families 2015 website: www.worldmeeting2015.org.

The meeting runs from Sept. 22-25 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The papal events following the congress are expected to include a visit from Pope Francis to the Festival of Families on Sept. 26, and the large outdoor Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway that he is expected to celebrate for up to 1.5 million people on Sept. 27.

Some 10,000 volunteers will be needed at the congress and to welcome Pope Francis to the city, Farrell said. Tasks include giving directions to visitors, welcoming them to Philadelphia International Airport or 30th Street Station and even acting as "digital diplomats," volunteers posting all manner

of information on social media platforms.

"Whatever your talent, whatever your passion, there is a role for you," Farrell said during a news conference on April 27 announcing the call for volunteers.

She encouraged people to bring "all the pride and hospitality that we know exist here" to support September's events that will be remembered for years to come, "just as we talk of the visit of Pope John Paul II—now saint—36 years ago in Philadelphia."

Security is a major concern for event organizers, so volunteers will be screened through a criminal background check. After visitors register their personal information initially on the website, they will receive a confirmation e-mail. Farrell emphasized the importance of waiting

for a second e-mail message, after 24 to 48 hours, for confirmation that they have been accepted for volunteer duty.

Volunteers will also be invited to indicate specific preferences for service, or talents that would be better served in one role over another. For instance, a person with the skills to translate a foreign language or a person with artistic abilities may be assigned to serve in those roles.

All of the volunteers for the effort will be recognizable in unique and colorful uniforms to be supplied by Aramark Corp.

The Philadelphia-based food services giant is one of a contingent of companies that will provide volunteer support. Others included Independence Blue Cross and Campbell Soup. †

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a relationship exclusively between one man and one woman. I also hold that this definition can be discerned wholly from natural law, which can be grasped by people of any faith or none at all. But I'm not interested on this occasion in arguing for this position.

What I am interested in—and what I have focused on almost entirely in

dialogues I've had with people of opposing views on marriage—is promoting civility and mutual respect between people of differing viewpoints on this controversial topic.

Linker encourages these healthy signs of a civil society in his column by showing that everyone loses when advocates of either side of the marriage debate frame their opponents in the manner of Joseph McCarthy, and see showing the slightest sense of decency toward them is somehow the same as accepting their beliefs.

Christians of various traditions in the U.S. today hold different beliefs regarding the definition of marriage. I regret that this is so. But it cannot be denied.

That certainly was on display in Indiana during the recent debate regarding the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and in the way the public responded to the oral arguments on marriage redefinition cases heard on April 28 by the U.S. Supreme Court.

I would hope, however, that all Christians would see that treating people

who disagree with them with civility and respect is rooted in the fundamental belief that all people are created in the image and likeness of God.

If, in faith, we hold on to this belief which serves as a foundation for society itself, then hopefully we can help all people move forward as one toward the fullness of God's kingdom.

(Sean Gallagher is a reporter for The Criterion, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.) †