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A nation still remembers

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U.S. President John F. Kennedy and first lady, Jacqueline Kennedy, arrive at Love Field in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Later that day, President Kennedy was killed by an assassin's bullet while riding in a car on the streets of Dallas. To this day, he is still the first—and only Catholic—to be elected president of the United States. Fifty years later, many readers of *The Criterion* still have vivid memories of that tragic day.

50 years later, local Catholics reflect on President Kennedy's assassination

By Sean Gallagher

For people who are old enough to remember Nov. 22, 1963, the memories associated with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are often etched in their minds, still vividly clear 50 years later.

This can be especially true since Kennedy was the first—and still only—Catholic elected to the highest office in the land.

Some of those Catholics who have shared their memories of that tragic day with *The Criterion* were Catholic grade school or high school students at the time. Another was a young priest.

The following is an edited version of their recollections of Kennedy's death, the days that followed and the meaning of it in their life of faith.

'The silence and sadness of our city'

Renee Lange, now a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, was a seventh-grade student in the fall of 1963 at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Dallas.

"I remember it like it was yesterday. It started out as such an exciting day because the president was coming to town," she wrote. "Everyone was talking about it!"

"Later in the morning, we were in the middle of math class when the loud speaker came on with the principal announcing that President Kennedy had been shot coming out of the triple underpass downtown.

"Each student immediately knelt

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Washington cathedral, site of Kennedy funeral in 1963, is 'holy ground'

WASHINGTON (CNS)—On Nov. 25, 1963, a television audience of millions of people around the world prayerfully bid farewell to President John F. Kennedy, as his flag-draped coffin was placed before the sanctuary of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, during the funeral Mass for the slain president.

Today, almost 50 years later, people come to the cathedral from across the country and around the world, with many wanting to stand at that very spot, where an inlaid marble plaque is inscribed with the words, "Here rested the remains of

President Kennedy at the Requiem Mass, Nov. 25, 1963, before their removal to Arlington, where they lie in expectation of a heavenly resurrection."

On a recent weekday, Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, the cathedral's rector, stood beside that plaque. "Many people who come here, come because of that," he said, noting that many talk about "the sense of hope that his presidency brought the nation."

"They see the plaque, and it brings back memories," the

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Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation, 'Evangelii Gaudium,' to be published on Nov. 26

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican will publish Pope Francis' first apostolic exhortation on Nov. 26, two days after he formally delivers it to the Church at a Mass concluding the 2012-13 Year of Faith.



Pope Francis

The Vatican announced on Nov. 18 that "*Evangelii Gaudium*" ("The Joy of the Gospel") will be presented at a news conference featuring Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization; Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, secretary general of the Synod of Bishops; and Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

Apostolic exhortations, one of the most authoritative forms of papal writing, are often based on deliberations of synods of bishops. "*Evangelii Gaudium*" is expected to take into account the October 2012 synod on the new evangelization, held at the beginning of the Year of Faith.

However, last June, Pope Francis told the ordinary council of the Synod of Bishops, which is normally responsible for helping draft post-synodal apostolic exhortations, that he would not be working from their draft.

Instead, the pope said, he planned to write an "exhortation on evangelization in general and, within it, refer to the synod," in order to "take everything from the synod but put it in a wider framework."

Pope Francis will formally deliver the document on Nov. 24 in St. Peter's Square, at the concluding Mass of the Year of Faith, giving copies to a Latvian bishop, a Tanzanian priest and a deacon from Australia. The pope will also give copies to members of men's and women's religious orders, and to representatives of other groups of faithful, including seminarians, families and members of ecclesial movements. A visually impaired Catholic will receive the document in the form of a CD-ROM allowing for audio reproduction.

A Japanese sculptor and a Polish painter will receive the apostolic exhortation on behalf of the artistic world, Archbishop Fisichella said, and two journalists will do likewise on behalf of the media. †

Nuns help debrief stressed typhoon victims arriving in Manila

MANILA, Philippines (CNS)—The grandstand of Villamor Air Base was buzzing with teams of workers trying to help people displaced by the super typhoon that struck the central Philippines 10 days earlier.

Evacuees, fresh off the military planes that took them here, could make free phone calls, register for transportation to meet loved ones in Metro Manila, get help to start their lives over and receive some much needed stress-debriefing. That was where some local religious sisters stepped in.

Nymiah Pateros told Catholic News Service she was thankful for help from Assumptionist Sister Anna Carmela Pesongco.

"She said she would contact our family here," said Pateros, who is from the town of Palo, just south of Tacloban. "She helped us, she has a cell phone. I don't have a cell phone now. It got washed out and filled with salt water."

Pateros was holding her 1-year-old daughter in her arms, giving her juice from a small box. The 29-year-old, her husband, their daughter and 3-year-old son, and her father all survived the typhoon's howling winds and fast-rising water brought by a massive storm surge that smacked Leyte province.

She said her husband "was drifting in the water. And we clung to the branch of a tree. It was hard with two small

children. I was so traumatized. That tidal wave, oh, the water was so strong!"

Pateros, a Catholic, said she also prayed hard that no flying debris like loose corrugated metal roofs would hit her head as she huddled to protect her children.

"When the storm slapped my back, it really hurt," she said. "I just kept praying that my head would be fine."

The family was able to stay in a house that was still standing and they had plenty of water, but there was little food. They were able to get some rice from a storehouse but it was wet, so they dried it in the sun.

"It was already starting to smell sour. But we cooked it and ate it instead of dying of hunger," said Pateros. "We just withstood it as best we could, but the children developed diarrhea."

The family survived the storm and the hunger, but Pateros said hungry inmates who broke through a wall in the prison started to loot the remaining houses, and they went after the family's neighbors.

"So we left. We ran away and we just came here," she said.

Sister Anna Carmela, president of Assumption College in Makati, said the sisters from various orders are debriefing the survivors like the Pateros family to find out how traumatized they are, what they need and to facilitate finding



A 6-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy hold their soft toys on Nov. 19 in the devastated waterfront shanty town of Guiuan, Philippines, in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. Ten days after one of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded, some residents of remote villages where the storm made landfall in the central Philippines said they were still waiting for aid.

their relatives in Manila.

She said counselors are particularly concerned for the children, "so that they find a home in the midst of all this because the kids need a certain sense of security ... that they know people can welcome them and offer them, not just food, but a home. All these are simple things, but they're very important."

Sister Pesongco said they also

help the survivors strengthen their faith.

"We pray for them, all these people that we don't even know their names, and reassure them that there is a God," said Sister Anna Carmela. "In all the disasters that we go through, it's the strengthening of their faith that will make them go on, that will make them find meaning in their pains and their sorrows and

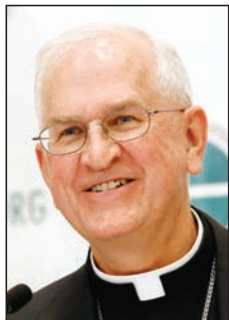
a hope that really, beyond all this, God is greater. God continues to be a loving God."

(Donations for Super Typhoon Haiyan, which devastated the Philippines, are being taken online at www.crs.org. Donations also can be sent to CRS, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Md., 21297-0303 or via phone by calling 1-877-435-7277.) †

Highlights of U.S. bishops' annual fall general assembly in Baltimore

BALTIMORE (CNS)—During the Nov. 11-12 public sessions of the annual fall general assembly of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Baltimore, the bishops:

- Elected Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., to succeed New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan as president of the USCCB, and elected Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston as vice president.



Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz

- Approved the development of a pastoral statement on the dangers pornography poses to family life that would serve as a teaching tool for Church leaders. The Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth will develop the statement, providing a draft to the bishops in 2015.

- Nearly unanimously approved several steps toward adapting the Mexican *Misal Romano* for use in the U.S. The Mexican translation of the missal will have Mass propers for the U.S. calendar included, with publication possible as soon as fall of 2015.

- Approved adaptations for the *Order of Celebrating Marriage* and OK'd a new translation of the *Order of Confirmation* for use in U.S. dioceses.

- Heard a report on the USCCB's efforts to promote and defend traditional marriage, which stressed that recent laws have placed the legal defense of marriage "at a critical point in this country."

- Heard a report on the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which highlighted what the agency is doing for survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan. The agency has

already committed \$20 million in emergency aid, with the funds expected to come from a second collection CRS asked U.S. bishops to take in their dioceses before the end of the year.

- Approved a budget for 2014 and approved a 3 percent increase in diocesan assessments starting in 2015.

- Heard a report on "important progress" being made in bishops' priorities for 2013-16 in their efforts to protect the life and dignity of the human person, to strengthen marriage and family life, to promote religious liberty, and to improve faith formation and sacramental practice.

- Approved adding a new staff person to the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities to work on a national level with the post-abortion ministry Project Rachel funded by a Knights of Columbus grant.

- Approved the advancement of the sainthood cause of Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, who founded the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, an order focused on contemplation and door-to-door, personal ministry.

- In a "special message" released on Nov. 13, the U.S. bishops reiterated their objections to the Affordable Care Act's requirement that employee insurance include contraceptive, abortifacient and sterilization coverage, and said they remain "united in our resolve to resist this heavy burden and protect our religious freedom."

The message was released one day after the conclusion of the public portion of the USCCB's fall general assembly. The bishops met in executive session on Nov. 13.

A media release with the message explained that USCCB regulations regarding statements and publications define a "special message" as a statement, only issued at general meetings, that the general membership considers appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. It was passed unanimously. †

Readers are invited to share favorite Christmas memories

The Criterion invites readers to submit a brief story about a special holiday memory for possible inclusion in our annual Christmas issue, which will be published on Dec. 20.

Your favorite Christmas story may be written about a humorous or serious topic related to your faith, family or friends.

Submissions should include the writer's name, address, parish and telephone number.

Send your story to *The Criterion*, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46206 or by e-mail to critterion@archindy.org by the Dec. 11 deadline. †

Corrections

School Sister of St. Francis Diane Drufenbrock's last name was misspelled in the headline for her obituary in the Nov. 15 issue of *The Criterion*.

Also, the wrong date was published for testimony given by Archbishop William E. Lori before a congressional committee. He gave the testimony on Feb. 16, 2012, when Archbishop Lori was the Bishop of Bridgeport, Conn.

The error occurred in an article about a federal appeals court ruling upholding the challenge of a Catholic family from Madison to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration's abortifacient, sterilization and contraceptive mandate. †



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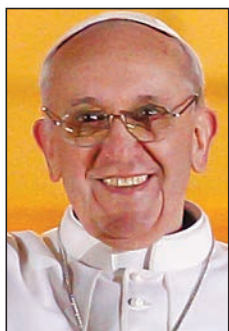
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Year of two popes leaves indelible mark on Year of Faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The goal of the Year of Faith, which concludes on Nov. 24, has been to educate Catholics about basic Church teachings, strengthen their faith and inspire them to share it with others. If it has succeeded, as organizers say it has, the credit ultimately lies less with its special projects and events than with the historic



Pope Francis

Council for Social Communications, told Catholic News Service.

Both Pope Benedict XVI, who opened the celebration in October 2012, and Pope Francis dedicated their Year of Faith talks to explaining the creed, looking at modern cultural challenges to faith, recognizing faith as a gift, and urging Catholics to proclaim God's love and share the Gospel.

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even when teaching or preaching on the same themes. In addition, a new pope tends to draw more visitors to the Vatican because many Catholics are eager to meet their new shepherd.

Eight months after Pope Francis' March 13 election, the number of visitors to the Vatican continues to be higher than usual, which most observers attribute to his easy rapport with a crowd and his touching focus on children and the sick.

By Nov. 13, more than 8 million Catholics had come to Rome and officially

registered as Year of Faith pilgrims at a visitors' center just down the street from St. Peter's Basilica. But Father Francesco Spinelli, an official at the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, said the real number of participants in Year of Faith events at the Vatican is far higher "because most come without registering at all."

Pope Francis will close the Year of Faith with Mass on Nov. 24, the feast of Christ the King. The evening before, he will preside over the Rite of Acceptance, a brief ceremony in which adults who had been inquiring about the Catholic faith officially become catechumens preparing for baptism.

The pope also plans to publish an apostolic exhortation on the new evangelization (see related story on page 1), promoting what he calls a "culture of encounter" between Christ and humanity and among believers themselves. The document and the ceremony with future Catholics will underline a key point of Pope Francis' teaching: Christ not only knocks on hearts to get inside, he knocks on the doors of churches asking to be let out into the world.

At his general audience on Oct. 16, the pope asked the crowd: "Are we missionaries by our words, and especially by our Christian life, by our witness? Or are we Christians closed in our hearts and in our churches: 'sacristy Christians'?"

Archbishop Jose Octavio Ruiz Arenas, secretary of the new evangelization council, told Catholic News Service that Pope Benedict proposed the Year of Faith "to give a strong push to the new evangelization," and to help Catholics "recognize the joy that comes from the great gift of faith" and from knowing that God loves them so much that he sent his Son to save them.

Pope Francis' election during the Year of Faith can be seen as "providential," the archbishop said. "The personality of Pope Francis, his closeness, his use of language that is simple and profound, his desire to go out and meet people, has captivated people's hearts.

"The Holy Spirit knew what he was doing," Archbishop Ruiz said. "He wanted to be sure that in the Year of Faith many

worried about its possible uses—to get around laws that restrict abortion, that require equal employment for women or racial minorities, or that prohibit employing children, for example.

"Absolutely nobody thought that a private, for-profit company" would claim a protected religious right, Laycock said.

Three of the suits on the court's Nov. 26 conference calendar question whether for-profit companies may be required by the federal government to pay for contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization in employee health insurance in spite of the owners' moral objections. A fourth case involves the Christian-run Liberty University and its employees.

Laycock said he is not sure how he feels about whether the companies suing over what's known as the Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate should be found to have religious rights. He said it helps the argument of businesses such as Hobby Lobby, the craft store chain in one of the suits, that they are family run, closely held companies with a history of operating under faith-led principles.

On the other hand, Laycock said, "the government has gone to remarkable lengths to protect religious institutions" from having to comply with provisions of the health law that such institutions say are morally objectionable.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and others, say the exemptions don't go far enough in covering a range of faith-based employers.

In another panel, Dan Mach, director of the Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief at the American Civil Liberties Union, said the ACLU—one of the advocates for RFRA in 1993—backs the government in the HHS cases because that's also a matter of some people's religious freedom.

"The ACLU cares about many rights, including religious freedom," Mach said. "And while that's a crucial right, it is not absolute. We believe it should not be used to infringe on the rights of others." In the HHS lawsuits, he added, the "others" are the employees of the companies that are suing.

Lori Windham, senior counsel at the Becket Fund, which represents many of the organizations suing the federal government over the HHS mandate, said in the same panel that the government is on shaky ground in arguing



Pope Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate a Mass opening the Year of Faith in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this Oct. 11, 2012, file photo. Pope Benedict and his successor, Pope Francis, have both used the Year of Faith to explain basic Church teachings and encourage people to practice their faith more seriously.

people who had been far from the Church would hear an invitation to respond to the Lord," and, from what bishops and pastors around the world are reporting, it seems to have worked, he said.

Both popes have insisted that being an authentic Christian isn't simply about one's private prayer life. It must be evident in the way a person interacts with others and with the world.

A month before he stepped down, Pope Benedict said that believing in God "makes us harbingers of values that often do not coincide with the fashion and opinion of the moment. It requires us to adopt criteria and assume forms of conduct that are not part of the common mindset.

"Christians must not be afraid to go 'against the current' in order to live their faith, resisting the temptation to conform," he said.

Pope Francis, in a Year of Faith talk in April, said, "Being Christian is not just about obeying orders, but means being in Christ, thinking like him, acting like him, loving like him. It means letting him take possession of our life and change it, transform it and free it from the darkness of evil and sin.

"This is a precious service that we must

give to this world of ours, which all too often no longer succeeds in raising its gaze on high, no longer succeeds in raising its gaze to God," Pope Francis said.

The two popes naturally brought distinctive styles to the Year of Faith, Archbishop Ruiz said, but it is "only a hypothesis" to think, for example, that Pope Benedict would have used the pro-life celebration in June to denounce abortion, or the family life celebration in October to denounce redefining marriage. "Pope Benedict's magisterium wasn't concentrated just on that," Archbishop Ruiz said, and the retired pope designed the Year of Faith celebrations to be expressions of "joy and happiness," not protests.

Msgr. Tighe said, "One of the particular achievements of Pope Benedict was showing—with strong philosophical and theological arguments—the legitimate claim of faith to having a place in the public square and in public debate.

"In a simpler, more directly pastoral way, Pope Francis is almost literally bringing faith to the public square, particularly in and through the media," he said. "We see especially in social media a huge desire on the part of people to share his words and deeds." †

20 years later, religious rights law being tested in ways not foreseen

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Supreme Court on Nov. 26 will consider whether to accept one or more of four cases it is being asked to review that deal with faith-based objections to provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Part of what's at stake is a couple of centuries' worth of history for the Free Exercise clause of the First Amendment, as well as the durability and reach of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

RFRA, as the 1993 law is known, was the result of concerted lobbying by an interfaith coalition allied to repair what was seen as damage to religious rights from a 1990 Supreme Court ruling.

As noted by panelists at a Nov. 7 conference sponsored by the Freedom Forum, in the 20 years since RFRA passed, the debate over religious liberty has shifted in ways its advocates never anticipated.

Indeed, some of those who worked side-by-side to pass RFRA now are on opposite sides of those lawsuits over the ACA.

In short, they disagree about what's more at risk: the right of people of faith to be free from laws that clash with their religious beliefs, or, the right of people to be protected from laws that affect them being shaped by religious beliefs they don't hold.

In a session on the Free Exercise clause at the conference sponsored by the Freedom Forum, Doug Laycock, a University of Virginia First Amendment professor, said in some ways the state of religious rights has improved since RFRA became law, but "in some ways it's worse."

RFRA was written following the Supreme Court's 1990 ruling in *Employment Division v. Smith* that said a Native American tribe in Oregon had no right to use the illegal drug peyote in a religious ceremony.

The court said judges only had to determine that a law applying to all citizens reasonably advances a legitimate government policy. Previously, the standard for reviewing a religious claim required finding a "compelling" interest in restricting religious freedom.

RFRA was written to restore the higher "compelling interest" standard.

The law was subsequently ruled by the Supreme Court to apply only to the federal government, not states or municipalities.

Twenty years ago, those involved in crafting RFRA

that there is a compelling reason to disregard religious beliefs in requiring employers to cover contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization.

RFRA refers to restoring the compelling interest test for when the government may "substantially burden a person's exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability."

Windham said various exemptions from the health law—such as for plans that are grandfathered in—diminish the government's claim that there is a "compelling interest" to provide contraceptive insurance.

"There are 109 million employees on grandfathered plans that are not required to comply" with the contraceptives provisions, she said, though they still have to comply with other parts of the law, such as to cover pre-existing conditions.

Laycock cautioned that "the whole debate on sexual morality and religious rights is turning the country against religious liberty."

Just as the sexual revolution of the 1960s and 1970s opened the door to more common acceptance of abortion and divorce, a comparable cultural shift is now happening over same-sex marriage, Laycock said. "One side views it as a grave evil, and the other side views it as a fundamental civil right."

He said both sides should be willing to negotiate over how civil laws and religious beliefs can accommodate each other.

"Polarization is a real problem," he said. Unlike the relatively collegial negotiations 20 years ago on how RFRA should be written, Laycock said, "there's a tendency on both sides to resist" any negotiation until all legal challenges have run their course.

"Liberty on our side but none for them is a very bad trend," he observed.

Kim Colby, senior counsel for the Christian Legal Society's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, said instead of the dug-in partisans that Laycock portrayed, "we're seeing a country that has turned its back on pluralism. It's no longer enough to agree to disagree."

Now, she said, everyone is supposed to accept the sexual morality standards of a changing society, which she attributed to "tone deafness" on the part of those who want same-sex marriage legalized, for example. †



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Church is facing a profound change

He has been called the closest thing the Church has to a vice pope. He was personally selected by Pope Francis to be the chairman of the Council of Cardinals, the eight cardinals Pope Francis chose to help him govern the Church.

So people listen when Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, speaks. Therefore, it's not surprising that more than 3,000 people turned out to listen to his 5,500-word address at the University of Dallas Ministry Council on Oct. 25. He spoke about the new atmosphere we are experiencing within the Church.

"Pope Francis has arrived," the cardinal said. "I do not find it naively optimistic to say that we are in the beginning of a new and dynamic period in the history of Catholicism."

He spoke about the necessity of a reform of the Church, saying, "There is no possible reform of the Church without a return to Jesus," and, "To discern what constitutes abuse or infidelity within the Church we have no other measure but the Gospel."

The Church, the cardinal said, is rising and is facing "the most profound change in her history since primeval times." It's changing from a European Church, culturally uniform, to a universal Church, culturally polycentric.

The Latin American cardinal said that it's symbolic that the last three popes have not been Italians. "The temptation of Europeanizing and Italianizing the Church has always been one tied to pretenses to power. Fortunately, things have changed."

He gave notice that Pope Francis is going to follow the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, "which emphasized truths such as these: The Church is not the hierarchy, but the people of God," and, "Within the people, there is not a dual classification of Christians—laity and clergy, essentially different."

As for the first truth, he said, "The hierarchy has no purpose in itself and for itself, but only in reference and subordination to the community. ... The hierarchy is a ministry that requires lowering ourselves to the condition of servants."

For the second truth, he said, "Neither the clergy are 'the men of God,' nor are the laity 'the men of the world.' That is a false dichotomy. To speak correctly, we should not speak of clergy and laity, but instead of community and ministry."

Vatican II, he said, didn't make the foundations of the Church into a polarizing outline of two extremes, clergy-laity. He said that a presbyter is, above all, a minister of the Word "who must communicate to all the life that emanates from Christ, and for that reason devotes himself primarily to the altar and to the celebration of the sacraments. No one can replace him in this regard."

However, he said, "The field of the



Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, the chairman of the group of cardinals advising Pope Francis on reforms of the Roman Curia, among others areas of the Vatican, gives the keynote address at the seventh annual University of Dallas Ministry Conference on Oct. 25 in Irving, Texas. The two-day conference on Oct. 25-26 was co-sponsored by the University of Dallas and the Dioceses of Dallas and Fort Worth.

laity offers plenty of spaces, alternatives and scenarios where he still does not make his presence felt in an incisive, decisive and courageous manner."

Making equality among the members of the Church a reality, he said, we must go back to the life of Jesus, "who, despite being a layman, caused 'a change in the priesthood' (Heb 7:12). Jesus' entire life was a priestly life, in the sense that he became a man, was poor, fought for justice, criticized the vices of power, identified himself with the most oppressed and defended them, treated women without discrimination, clashed with the ones who had a different image of God and of religion, and was forced by his own faithfulness to be prosecuted and to die crucified outside the city."

Cardinal Rodriguez emphasized that the Church must follow Jesus. "If the Church has a mission at all, it is to manifest the deeds of Jesus. The Church has never been her own goal. Salvation comes from Jesus, not the Church. The Church is mediation."

In the past, he said, the Church gave the impression of "having too much certitude and too little doubt, freedom, dissension or dialogue." No more, he said. "No more excommunicating the world, or trying to solve the world's problems by returning to authoritarianism, rigidity and moralism, but instead keeping always the message of Jesus as her sole source of inspiration."

We believe that Cardinal Rodriguez's address was a significant one. †

—John F. Fink

Reflection/John F. Fink

Remembering the apologist C. S. Lewis

C. S. Lewis died 50 years ago today, on Nov. 22, 1963—the same day that John F. Kennedy and Aldous Huxley died.



He was 64.

Lewis has been called the most beloved Christian apologist and storyteller of the 20th century. It's remarkable that his numerous books, including those

on Christianity, his novels, science fiction and children's books, continue to be best-sellers.

I admit to having been influenced greatly by Lewis's writings. When I down-sized after I remarried and moved to a smaller home 16 months ago, I donated 52 boxes of books and personal papers to Marian University's library, but I couldn't part with my books by and about Lewis. I return to them frequently.

Clive Staples Lewis, who called himself Jack from an early age and was thus known to his friends, was a convert from atheism to belief in God in 1929 and then to Christianity in 1931. He never moved on to Catholicism, probably because his Northern Ireland roots were too strong. Nevertheless, Blessed John Paul II was one of his admirers, and the Catholic publishing company Ignatius Press sells many of the books by and about him.

Lewis's "day job" was as a don (professor) of English literature at Oxford University in England, where he tutored students. One of his many writings about English literature was *English Literature in the Sixteenth Century Excluding Drama*, a volume of the Oxford History of English Literature, which Lewis nicknamed OHEL.

He was also president of the Oxford Socratic Club from 1942 to 1954, when Lewis left Oxford for Cambridge University. It sponsored weekly debates on the relevance of Christianity in a modernist world.

Lewis began publishing his religious writings and science fiction in the 1930s, but it wasn't until the World War II years that he became widely known in the United States. That began with the publication of his book *The Screwtape Letters* in 1942. These are 31 imaginary letters from an elderly devil named Screwtape to a younger

devil, Wormwood, on the art of temptation. Before its publication as a book, it was serialized in *The Guardian* during 1941.

During World War II, Lewis—who had been wounded in combat during World War I—was asked to give four series of radio talks about Christianity over the BBC. These talks were published as separate books, but later combined into one book called *Mere Christianity*.

After the war, Lewis published *Miracles: A Preliminary Study* in 1947. By this time, he had come to the attention of *Time* magazine, where he was featured on the cover of the Sept. 8, 1947 issue. Inside was an article that included him among "heretics" who actually believed in Christianity—T. S. Eliot, W. H. Auden, Dorothy Sayers and Graham Greene.

Lewis then became prolific in his writings. He wrote his seven children's books, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, from 1950 to 1955. They, like everything else he wrote, were invigorated by his faith.

Lewis was a man of prayer and, in his devotional life, was guided by Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of Christ*. He prayed morning and evening prayer from the Anglican Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. One of his books was *Reflections on the Psalms*. And uncommon in the Anglican Church, he regularly went to confession to an Anglican priest.

For people not familiar with Lewis's work, I suggest you begin with his spiritual autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, which ends with his conversion to Christianity in 1931, although the book wasn't published until 1955.

Then I suggest *Mere Christianity*. In it, Lewis teaches the fundamental truths of Christianity, finding common ground on which all Christians should agree. (In my book *Mere Catholicism*, I tried to find common ground on which all Catholics should agree.)

I like *Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer*, and admit that that's where I got my inspiration for my book *Letters to St. Francis de Sales: Mostly on Prayer*. And those who are mourning over the death of a spouse can benefit by reading *A Grief Observed*, which Lewis wrote after the death of his wife, Joy.

Of course, there's also *The Screwtape Letters*.

(John F. Fink is editor emeritus of The Criterion.) †

Letter to the Editor

Story was biased piece on immigration reform, reader says

I am writing out of exasperation that once again *The Criterion* presented a biased piece on illegal immigration.

While I doubt anyone would defend the current U.S. immigration system as coherent, effective or fair, to argue that the only solution is the massive piece of legislation referenced in the Nov. 8 article ("Pathway to Citizenship") is intellectually dishonest. Moreover, to imply that not supporting said legislation is anti-immigrant, anti-poor or anti-Catholic is reprehensible.

I support immigration reform generally, and would have enjoyed an article analyzing the bill. While I presume Kevin Cullen, the author of the story, read the entire 1,137-page document, I am disappointed that the article fails to include any pertinent information thereto. In fact, the only mention of the bill's contents came not from the proposed bill itself, but the interpretation of a 16-year-old boy. I wonder why the author never mentioned the millions of people waiting for admission to the U.S. Is it not injustice that others broke the rules and now demand citizenship?

Any changes to the immigration system will have far-reaching repercussions. This isn't 1900. The flood of uneducated workers

into a country that no longer needs bodies to settle vast swaths of wilderness or armies of manual labor to drive the motors of industry hurts poor American citizens.

The jobs of television pundits, politicians, and well-educated Americans like the assistant dean at Anderson University are not threatened by uncontrolled immigration. The poor and working class are not so fortunate. They will bear the burden of amnesty, a burden *The Criterion* neglects to acknowledge. Catholic solidarity should not be so selective.

The irony of *The Criterion* placing this article next to a story regarding abortion coverage in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) is rich. Many advocated for the ACA in the name of the Catholic Church, only later to realize the voluminous bill empowered the government to force the Church to fund abortion services. Cure-all bills with lofty names and even loftier goals rarely, if ever, meet expectations.

There is a long Catholic tradition of robust intellectual inquiry. This pure emotional appeal, devoid of any rigorous analysis, is an affront to that tradition.

The immigration system needs reform, but the wrong reform could hurt many more people than it helps. I believe in God, but from man I need facts. I expect better from *The Criterion*.

Jack Murtha
Indianapolis

Second collections: 'Our people are extremely generous'

By Natalie Hoefler

Frequently during the year, many Catholics make a leap of faith at Mass—they put money in a second collection with faith that it gets to where it needs to go and helps who it needs to help.

The second collection may come in the form of envelopes for such causes as "Collection for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe," "Peter's Pence" or "Catholic Campaign for Human Development."

Or it may come from a foreign missionary speaking about his or her order's works.

It could also come as a result of a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, tornado, flood or Super Typhoon Haiyan, which earlier this month devastated the Philippines.

Regardless of the nature of the second collection, those within the archdiocese who direct the funds laud the Catholics in central and southern Indiana for their generosity.

This article will look at who initiates the various second collections, where the money goes, and how generosity to these collections benefits members of the archdiocese as well as the global community.

"[We] benefit from our generosity"

"I want to be transparent about the collections, and let the people of the archdiocese see just how giving they are," said Father Gerald Kirkhoff, director of the archdiocesan Mission Office, which collaborates with the National Collections Office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

His office coordinates the missionaries who solicit at Masses, including the number of missionaries and when and where they will speak.

"We get about 200 letters a year from missions requesting to solicit here," said Father Kirkhoff. "We only schedule them from May to about September or October. Unfortunately, we can't help them all."

But those who are given permission to speak are helped greatly by Catholics in the archdiocese, he said.

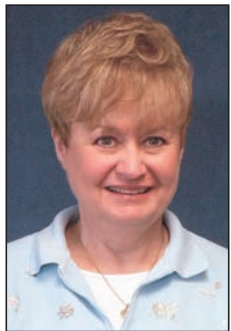
Dana Danberry, office manager of the Mission Office, keeps track of the donations among other responsibilities.

"Over the last four years, [Catholics in central and southern Indiana] contributed an average of over \$423,000 per year to the foreign missions who solicited here," she said.

As for the second collection envelopes that many Catholics receive with the packet of envelopes from their parish, Father Kirkhoff explained that those are coordinated by the USCCB National Collections Office. (See sidebar below.) Each parish determines which of those collection envelopes to include and participate in.

But the archdiocese benefits from those as well, said Father Kirkhoff, who is also pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis.

He cited the national collection for Black and Indian Missions as an example.



Dana Danberry

"We have parishes with a high percentage of blacks that get some of those funds. [Archdiocesan Catholics] benefit personally from our own generosity."

Another example is the annual December collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

"That [collection] benefits those religious priests, sisters and brothers in our archdiocese who belong to an order,"

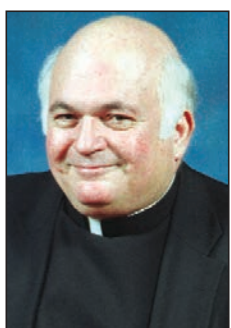
Father Kirkhoff noted. "Money collected in our archdiocese goes to

orders located here, such as the Sisters of Providence and the Sisters of St. Francis.

"Last year, the people of the archdiocese contributed nearly \$209,000 [to that collection], and that benefits all of us by helping the religious orders who help us," he said.

As for archdiocesan priests, the Mission Office helps cares for them, too.

"We have over 40 retired archdiocesan priests who say Mass on a daily basis if they're able," Father Kirkhoff



'Whether it's to help the work of the Missions Office or to help out in a disaster, our people are extremely generous.'

—Father Gerald Kirkhoff, director of the archdiocesan Mission Office, which collaborates with the National Collections Office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

File photo by Sean Gallagher



Members of the Indiana National Guard and other rescue workers load ice on March 3, 2012, into a refrigerated truck parked next to St. Francis Xavier Church in Henryville, Ind., while workers attach a tarp to the church's damaged roof that resulted from a tornado the previous day. Archdiocesan Catholics were generous in helping those affected by the storm, raising nearly \$250,000 in a special collection.

explained. "Anyone can send the Mission Office a check and names of people who they want Mass offered for. We spread those out [among retired priests and priests in smaller parishes]. All of the money goes right to the priest."

Generosity to Catholic Charities collections

Two efforts of the National Collections Office are overseen by Catholic Charities rather than the Mission Office: the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and Operation Rice Bowl.

CCHD was established by the U.S. bishops in 1969 to address the root causes of poverty in America through the promotion and support of community-led, self-help organizations.

Of the money raised by this national collection, 50 percent stays in the archdiocese, said Theresa Chamblee, archdiocesan director for CCHD.

"In 2012, the members of the archdiocese contributed almost \$108,250, of which we got to keep half, which is used for local grants.



Theresa Chamblee

"With that money, we have funded such local efforts as the Indianapolis Congregation Action Network (IndyCAN), Hearts and Hands of Indiana and the Hispanic Ministry of the New Albany Deanery."

Chamblee addressed the concerns in recent years of allegations that CCHD money was being granted at the national level to organizations that do not adhere to Catholic moral teaching.

"The controversy in the last few years has overshadowed the tremendous work of the CCHD," she said. "But I also understand why the allegations would be a cause for concern."

"I would like to reassure those with concerns that all grantees must sign a contract stating that they will adhere to all teachings of the Church," she said. "There is also so much follow up that is done to make sure the grantees adhere to that contract. (See sidebar below.)"

"Locally, I closely monitor the grantees through required reporting [which they submit], and also by monitoring their activities and webpages. I do random site visits and attend their events."

It was through a random site visit of a national grant recipient two years ago that Chamblee found the organization to be in violation of their grant agreement to adhere to Catholic principles.

"Their grant was immediately pulled," she said.

Catholic Charities also oversees the second collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in the spring, as well as the CRS Operation Rice Bowl campaign during the Lenten season.

According to Chamblee, 53 parishes participated in the 2012 Operation Rice Bowl campaign, raising nearly \$32,700. The archdiocese retains 25 percent of that amount to use toward local hunger initiatives, such as soup kitchens and other efforts to feed the poor in the archdiocese.

"Whether it's the CCHD or CRS, the members of the archdiocese show extreme generosity," said David Siler, archdiocesan executive director of Catholic Charities.

Generosity in times of crisis

Collecting for those in need is not always something that can be planned. In times of natural disasters, the USCCB or local bishops can call for second collections to assist those affected in times of natural crises, as with the recent typhoon that struck the Philippines.

Danberry reported that, in second collections for



David Siler

victims of the earthquake in Haiti in 2010, members of the archdiocese contributed \$525,000. They gave nearly \$132,600 for survivors of the tsunami in Japan in 2011, and more than \$154,000 for those affected by the tornadoes in Oklahoma in 2013.

Sometimes disaster strikes closer to home.

According to Danberry, when floods inundated many parts of the archdiocese in 2008, nearly \$150,000 was

raised through second collections.

And when deadly tornadoes ravaged southern Indiana on March 2, 2012, the archdiocese raised nearly \$250,000 in a special collection.

While that money stayed in the archdiocese, Siler explained, "Whatever money is raised for [national or global] disasters, [the archdiocesan Catholic Charities office] just serves as a gathering point. All of that money, 100 percent, goes on to the Catholic Charities coordinating efforts for the disaster."

Siler and Father Kirkhoff agree—no matter the nature of the second collection, the members of the archdiocese give liberally.

"Whether it's to help the work of the Mission Office or to help out in a disaster," said Father Kirkhoff, "our people are extremely generous. I feel like they should know that." †

Second collection resources available from USCCB, CCHD

To learn about the national collections and where those dollars go, log on to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) website at www.usccb.org/about/national-collections.

For information on the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), log on to www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

For information regarding concerns about the national organizations that receive money from CCHD, log on to <http://origin.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/Who-We-Are/truth-about-cchd.cfm>.

For information on the local CCHD, log on to www.archindy.org/cchd. †

Events Calendar

November 22-23

St. Augustine Home, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. **Little Sisters of the Poor, rummage sale**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information: littlesistersofthepoorindianapolis.org.

November 23

St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Rosary procession**, following 12:10 p.m. Mass, pray and process through the streets of downtown Indianapolis. Information: faithful.

citizens2016@gmail.com.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Shop INNspired Gift Shop**, pre-Black Friday sale spectacular, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

November 28

Our Lady of Lourdes School, 30 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis. **Irvington Community Thanksgiving dinner**, delivered meals available, noon-2 p.m., volunteers needed. Information: 317-356-7291 or

parishsecretary@ollindy.org.

December 4

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6:30 p.m. Information: 317-370-1189.

December 7

St. Michael Church, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. **First Saturday Devotional Prayer Group**, Mass, exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament, rosary, confession, meditation and petitions, 8 a.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

December 7-8

St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **64th Anniversary weekend**, Sat. 5 p.m., Mass, Sun. 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, English Masses, 6 p.m. Spanish Mass. Information: 317-546-4065.

December 8

Seccina Memorial High School, 5000 Nowland Ave., Indianapolis. **Christmas music concert**, 3 p.m., no charge.

Information: 317-356-6377 or daglowinski@scecina.org.

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. **"The Signs from God-Miracles and Their Meaning,"** 7-9 p.m. Information: 765-647-5462.

December 9

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Advent dinner and concert**, 6-9 p.m., \$40 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or cmcsweeney@archindy.org.

December 13-14

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 126 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Christmas City Sidewalks, Christkindl Village**, Fri. 5-9 p.m., Sat. noon-9 p.m. Information: 317-765-561-2924 or mnfish25@gmail.com.

December 15

St. Michael Parish, 145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. **"The Signs from God-Miracles and Their Meaning,"** 7-9 p.m. Information: 765-647-5462. †

Retreats and Programs

November 23

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Vulnerability: Opening to the Sacred**, Franciscan Sr. Barbara Leonhard, presenter, 9-11:30 a.m., \$20 per person, \$30 for CEU credit. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

November 25

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Silent self-guided day of reflection**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., \$31 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or cmcsweeney@archindy.org.

November 29-December 1

Saint Meinrad Archabbey, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **"O" Antiphons Retreat**, Benedictine Fr. Columba Kelly, presenter. Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

December 2

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Advent Faith Building Institutions (FBI), "Preparing for Christmas in the Footsteps of St. Francis and Pope Francis,"** Father Chris Wadelon, presenter, 5:15 p.m., \$30 per person includes dinner. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 6-8

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **From Darkness to Light: A weekend retreat for those who grieve,** Fr. Jim Farrell, Mary Weber and Marilyn Hess, presenters, \$159 per person. Information: 317-545-7681 or cmcsweeney@archindy.org.

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Meditation, Contemplation and**

Creativity retreat, Lance Brunner, Ph.D., presenter. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

December 7

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Advent Thomas Merton Retreat**, Benedictine Sister Julie Sewell, presenter, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mass and Morning Prayer, 9 a.m., \$55 per person includes lunch. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 12

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Visio Divina: Birth of Christ**, Benedictine Sister Angela Jarboe, presenter, 6:30-9 p.m., \$30 per person includes dinner and reflection guide book. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 13

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Friday Night Film Series, "Les Miserables,"** 6:30-9 p.m., free-will offering. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com.

December 14

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Praying with Icons**, Rev. Karen E. Scherer, presenter, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$45 per person. Information: 317-788-7581 or benedictinn@benedictinn.org.

December 15

Oldenburg Franciscan Center, Oldenburg. **Coffee Talk: Called to Compassion**, Franciscan Sr. Clare Teixeira, presenter, 10:45 a.m.-noon. Information: 812-933-6437 or center@oldenburgosf.com. †

Expanded opportunities for reconciliation at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral during Advent

There will be expanded opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis, on Saturdays and Sundays during Advent.

Confessions will be heard in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 4:30-5 p.m. each Saturday, followed by the weekly anticipation Mass at 5 p.m. Additional time for confession,

if needed, will be available after the liturgy.

On the Sunday mornings of Advent, confessions will be heard from 10-10:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., and additional confessions, if needed, will be heard after Mass.

Daily Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m., and confessions are heard from noon to 1 p.m. each Friday. †

Archbishop Tobin to dedicate, bless new Catholic Radio Indy studio on Dec. 17

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin will lead a dedication ceremony and blessing of the new Catholic Radio Indy offices and studio at 8383 Craig St., Suite 280, in Indianapolis, at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 17.

The radio station, which broadcasts in Indianapolis on 89.1 FM and in Noblesville in the Diocese of Lafayette on 90.1 FM, leased space on the

northwest side of Indianapolis for nearly 10 years. As the lease ended, the decision was made to purchase space elsewhere in the city.

All are welcome to attend the ceremony.

For more information, contact the station office at 317-870-8400, ext. 21. †

Archbishop Lori to discuss HHS mandate on Nov. 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore will discuss "Concerns Over the Erosion of Religious Freedom in America" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Scheller Lane in New Albany, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Archbishop Lori is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. His talk will address the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate requiring employers to offer contraception, abortifacients and sterilization to employees, which is against Church teaching.

A native of New Albany, Archbishop Lori attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and Parish in his youth.

There is no cost for the talk, and refreshments will be available in the parish basement afterward.

For more information, call the parish office at 812-944-1184, ext. 5. †



Archbishop William E. Lori

African Catholic Ministry to celebrate 10th anniversary with Mass, reception on Dec. 1

The archdiocesan African Catholic Ministry will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a Mass and reception at St. Rita Church, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave. in Indianapolis, from 3-6 p.m. on Dec. 1.

The celebration will begin with an African Mass, featuring African drummers, an African choir and the Global Children, African Dancers group.

The Mass will be followed by a reception with refreshments in the Father Bernard Strange Family Life Center.

There is no charge to attend the celebration. However, free-will offerings are appreciated.

For more information or to become a member of the ministry, contact Sally Stovall at 317-269-1276. †



Fighting hunger

Jeannette Wrin, left, chair of the Hunger Bust Walk/Run event, hands a check in the amount of \$3,300 to Providence Sister Joseph Fillenworth, director of the West Terre Haute Providence Food Pantry. Also pictured is Providence Sister Joan Slobig, parish life coordinator for St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish. The presentation took place at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Church in St. Mary-of-the-Woods on Oct. 12. The second annual Hunger Bust Walk/Run event, sponsored by St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish to raise money for the West Terre Haute Providence Food Pantry, was held on the campus of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and the grounds of the Sisters of Providence motherhouse on Oct. 6. The West Terre Haute Providence Food Pantry is an outreach of the Sisters of Providence that has served the needs of the West Terre Haute community since 1994.

Parishioners say Year of Faith has helped them grow in faith, hope and love

(Editor's note: When Pope Benedict XVI announced a special Year of Faith from Oct. 11, 2012, to Nov. 24, 2013, he viewed it as an opportunity for Catholics to commit to a deeper relationship with Christ. As the Year of Faith nears its end, The Criterion is sharing stories of Catholics from the archdiocese whose faith has grown in the past year—and the people who have inspired them.)

By John Shaughnessy

The three words touched Becky Pinto's heart and deepened her faith.

Pinto never expected to hear those words as she approached the mother and daughter after Sunday Mass on Sept. 22 at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus.

It was the first time back in their parish church for Barbara and Katie Wesolowski following the tragic Aug. 11 auto accident that devastated their family.

On that August day, the Wesolowski family had traveled north toward Ball State University in Muncie where Katie was preparing to start the school year. On the return trip, Katie's mother, Barbara, her father, Joseph, and her sister, Michelle, were in an accident that left Joseph and Michelle dead and Barbara seriously injured.

"It was such a shock wave that went through the community and the youth ministry community," says Pinto, also a member of St. Bartholomew Parish.

That feeling of devastation is one that Pinto has known.

"I lost my mother in 2011," she says. "She knew me better than anyone. When I lost her, it was such a huge hole in my life."

So Pinto was among the many parishioners who reached out to Barbara and Katie following the Sept. 22 Mass.

"Barbara was wheelchair-bound, with Katie beside her," Pinto recalls. "When I went up to greet and hug the two of them, Barbara looked up at me and said, 'Isn't God wonderful?'"

Pinto was stunned—and moved. "Even after suffering this unthinkable family tragedy, which could have leveled the less faithful, Barbara was called to articulate for me the depth of her love of God. Her deep faith continues to inform me

as I continue on my faith journey."

'Fired up for going deeper'

Their commitment to God and their faith has always been a constant for the Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. Still, during this Year of Faith, some sisters have noticed an even greater energy around the monastery—thanks to the inspiration of Pope Francis.

"I am so grateful to God for sending us Pope Francis at this time of need in our world," notes Benedictine Sister Harriet Woehler. "I appreciate his

'common folk' way of relating to us. He seems so human, just like us. He seems so accessible, just like Jesus."

Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon adds, "He's given us the momentum to live the life we've already committed to. People are living a spirituality that is more visible. It's a huge transformation for us."

That transformation was apparent in the two times that Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray and take part in eucharistic adoration—on the feast of Corpus Christi in June and on the day of fasting and prayer in September regarding the threat of increased warfare in Syria.

"We were all together," recalls Sister Kathleen. "The unity and power you feel being together in eucharistic adoration is so amazing. And it filters down into other things in the monastery. Everyone passes out his sermons, and then we talk about them at the dinner table. You want everyone to be excited about their faith, and we are. It's just that rejuvenation. You're fired up for going deeper."

'Love never fails'

As his wife's primary caregiver, Norb Schott knows he's supposed to be the strong one at this point in their marriage.

Yet Schott insists that his faith is strengthened as he watches his wife, Marian, deal with a deadly respiratory disease.

"My wife, 66 years young, has shown such beauty and strength during her

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—Sister Harriet Woehler, O.S.B.



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Norb Schott said his faith has grown as he has watched his wife, Marianne, deal with a deadly respiratory disease.

suffering and discomfort," Schott notes. "Each day is a struggle to breathe for her, and the doctors have given her months to live. I trust God to be more generous.

"She is patient with me, her primary caregiver, and the daily work just to breathe, eat and bathe is hard to watch. She often says, 'Do not cry for me. I know now how difficult it must have been for Jesus to breathe from the cross.'

"My faith in Jesus has grown by watching my dear friend join her sufferings to Jesus on the cross."

While Marian inspires her husband, she also encourages him to take time for the online religion courses that he takes through the Satellite Theological Education Program of the University of Notre Dame.

"She knows I love to study," says Schott, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle. "She tells me, 'It is good for you. Get your mind off me.' So early in the morning, before the daily schedule begins, I read the Mass readings, pray and meditate, and go to the computer."

His courses have led him to Bible verses that guide him as he cares for Marian. Several verses from Chapter 13 of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians have especially resonated with him.

"Love never fails," he quotes. "Faith, hope and love remain, but the greatest of these is love."

He pauses and adds, "We've been together since 1979. Here in the last year or two, I've had to face the fact I won't have her. I've just come to accept that my faith tells me there's life after death. It's become very real for me. We're taking each day as we can."

The influence of different generations

For 22 years, Carolyn Doxsee served as an adviser for the youths who took part in a dramatic presentation of the "Living Way

of the Cross" on Good Friday at St. Mary Parish in North Vernon.

It was her way of sharing her faith with young people, to have them experience the poignancy of the Passion of Christ.

In return, the 50 youths who participated in the production usually did such a powerful job that they often moved Doxsee to tears.

Now, one of those youths during Doxsee's tenure is having an impact on her faith and the faith of others.

"Lance Treadway and his wife, Erin, had been doing a lot of Bible study with various groups," Doxsee says. "Lance

went to our pastor, Father [Jonathan] Meyer and said he wanted to do something deeper. He was turned on by his faith, and he wanted to turn on other people's faith."

In early 2013, Treadway started a "Bible Timeline" study program, a 32-week course that drew 31 people, including Doxsee.

"You could really see the fire he had to live his faith," she says. "That inspired the rest of us. After the first of the year, some of us are going to facilitate more groups for people."

For Doxsee, it shows the influence that different generations can have on each other—sharing the faith at some points and receiving that blessing at other times.

"I'm in my 60s. He's a young man near 40," she says. "He makes me want to study more, learn more and pray more. And then go out and help other people to be more open to our faith. His faith, love of God, vision and drive are making a difference. It's inspiring." †



Lance Treadway

Pilgrimage

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Boehner remarks raise questions on if, when House will act on reform

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Depending on how one interprets House Speaker John Boehner's recent comments on the prospects for immigration reform legislation to be passed in the House, it might be out of the question, or the measure might just take a different form than the bill already passed by the Senate.

Boehner said on Nov. 13 that he would not go to conference with the Senate to discuss how to get the House to accept the comprehensive reform bill senators approved in June.

Some advocates for comprehensive reform were quick to decry his comment as a death knell for any legislation that might repair what is widely acknowledged to be a broken immigration system. Some opponents of comprehensive reform were equally quick to applaud the interpretation that reform attempts are dead.

But at a news conference the next day, Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and other business, faith and law enforcement leaders insisted that all hope is not lost.

Instead, Donohue argued, Boehner was careful to also say that "it's time to get immigration reform done," just, apparently, not with the Senate bill. Boehner has long said he would not bring

the Senate bill to the floor of the House unless he had support from a majority of the Republican caucus.

Donohue said the House can instead move to the floor five separate bills that deal with aspects of immigration reform, which have already moved through relevant committees. Together the five bills "cover the waterfront" of the key pieces of comprehensive immigration reform, he said.

The Senate bill, which passed in a 68-32 vote, includes: billions of dollars of new spending on border security and addresses a wide range of problems in the current systems, including: family immigration; various types of worker visas; and legal status for people who were brought to the U.S. as children. It includes a 13-year path to citizenship for many of the estimated 11 million immigrants who lack permission to be in the country. They would be required to speak English, pay fines and any taxes owed and meet other benchmarks.

Additional legislation might be required to make sure the piecemeal approach addresses all the elements included in the Senate's comprehensive bill, but Donohue said "we're going to find a way to produce a stew that gets the

great majority of what we—the American people—want."

He said that unlike senators, who are elected on a statewide basis, some House members have a tough sell to persuade the people of their congressional districts that supporting immigration reform is a wise move.

"We've got to give them a little breathing room," Donohue said.

Others at the press conference included Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. bishops' communications committee.

"All of us in the country stand at a critical moment in history," Bishop Wester said. "The nation's leaders must decide if the country moves forward with immigration reform or continues to allow an immoral situation to prevail.

"Immigration reform is about human beings, and it's about their basic rights: life and dignity," he said. "Our country values these human rights enshrined in our Constitution, and it's really unacceptable that we make an exception when it comes to immigrants. Families are being separated through deportations, migrant workers are exploited and victimized by unscrupulous employers, and human beings are dying in our desert. This suffering must end. It is always time to do the right thing."

Bishop Wester recalled Pope Francis' pastoral visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa, where boatloads of immigrants pass in their voyage from North Africa to Europe. On that trip this summer, the pope decried the throwaway culture that devalues human beings.

That culture exists in the United States as well, he said. "We can no longer let partisan politics keep us from doing our duty to our fellow human beings."

A day earlier, President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and their



House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, gestures during a news conference in late October on Capitol Hill in Washington. Boehner said on Nov. 13 that he would not go to conference with the Senate to discuss getting the House to accept a comprehensive immigration reform bill the Senate approved in June, but he has indicated the House could take up its own version of a reform bill.

senior staff met with several religious leaders representing some of the most activist faith communities working for comprehensive reform.

They included Seattle Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, chairman of the bishops' migration committee, and leaders of Presbyterian, Baptist, evangelical and nondenominational churches.

The White House described the private meeting as a chance to discuss the shared commitment of the administration and the faith groups to persist in their efforts.

Meanwhile, on the National Mall participants in a "Fast for Freedom" continued their hunger strike to try to draw attention to the immigration reform battle.

Bishop Wester was among political and religious leaders who stopped by the site to encourage participants and to pray with them. †



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A banner made and given to the archdiocese in 2009 by Peruvian relatives of Jamie Torpoco, member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, is displayed during the St. Martin de Porres feast day Mass on Nov. 3.



Participants indulge in food from around the world after the feast day Mass on Nov. 3 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis.



Father Dustin Boehm offers a homily in English and Spanish on Nov. 3 amidst Hispanic and African decorations, including a statue of St. Martin de Porres, at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis. Father Boehm is associate pastor of St. Monica Parish.



A multicultural choir sings a hymn with verses in English and Spanish at the St. Martin de Porres feast day Mass on Nov. 3 at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis.



Dominican Father Cassian Sama discusses St. Martin de Porres' devotion to the rosary in a talk about the saint preceding a special St. Martin de Porres feast day Mass on Nov. 3.



Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez, at right, welcomes the congregation as seminarian Douglas Hunter, left, and Fathers Kenneth Taylor, Steven Schwab and Todd Goodson listen at St. Monica Church in Indianapolis on Nov. 3. Brother Moises is the director of the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, which sponsored the St. Martin de Porres feast day Mass.

St. Martin de Porres: 'A saint for everyone'

By Natalie Hoefer

He was a simple man of prayer who swept floors and performed other menial tasks in a Dominican friary.

There are stories of his ability to be in two places at once, levitating and exuding light while praying, having the ability to walk through locked doors, and having powers as a healer.

He went on to become the patron saint of hairdressers, race relations, innkeepers, African-Americans, public schools, interracial harmony, Peru, people of mixed race, social justice and more.

This gifted man is St. Martin de Porres, whose feast day was celebrated on Nov. 3 with a special Mass and presentation at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

"With his multicultural background, he really is a saint for everyone," said Dominican Father Cassian Sama, associate pastor of St. Paul Catholic Center in Bloomington during a presentation before Mass.

Father Cassian started with a sketch of the saint's life.

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579 to a Spanish father and a freed black slave.

"His father rejected St. Martin for his dark skin," said Father Cassian. "Because of that, his childhood was one of poverty. He experienced everything the poor went through—hunger, starvation, rejection, abandonment.

"Most who grow in poverty are bitter. But God had graced [St. Martin de Porres] at an early age. He allowed Christ's love to change his heart. His poor background enabled him to relate to others. Even as a child, he would give his scarce resources to beggars whom he saw as less fortunate than himself.

"He reflected Christ the humble servant, Christ who came to serve and not to be served. That is what made St. Martin de Porres unique. His whole life was an attitude of humility."

He was apprenticed to a barber at age 12.

"At that time, a barber meant not just cutting hair," Father Cassian explained. "It also meant medicine, doctoring, treating wounds and fractures, prescribing medicine, like a doctor and pharmacist.

"He became so good that people left his master and went to [St. Martin de Porres] instead. He became very successful and made a lot of money. But he gave it all to the poor."

In his mid-teens, St. Martin de Porres felt the call to religious life with the Dominicans, but did not deem himself worthy of becoming a priest or brother.

He joined the Dominicans as a third order lay person, performing menial tasks, sweeping and cleaning.

"It wasn't long before [the Dominicans] realized the person they had in their midst," said Father Cassian, and St. Martin was asked by the Dominicans to join the order.

"St. Martin de Porres surrendered to God with complete

humility. When you surrender to God, when you are humble, you allow divine providence to provide the means to become holy."

After decades of serving with the Dominicans in various capacities, St. Martin de Porres died on Nov. 3, 1639.

In an interview after his presentation, Father Cassian admitted that, being a Dominican like St. Martin de Porres, the saint is one of his favorites.

"I admire his zeal to make Christ known," he said. "He didn't just help others—he saw Christ in others and loved them. It comes through his humility and peace, prayer and devotion to Mary. He's just remarkable."

Because of St. Martin de Porres' designation as patron saint of intercultural harmony and relations, the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry sponsors a Mass each year to honor his feast day, changing the location of the Mass from year to year.

The Mass this year at St. Monica Church was concelebrated by Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis; Father Steven Schwab, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis; and Father Todd Goodson, pastor of St. Monica Parish. Father Dustin Boehm, associate pastor of St. Monica Parish, served as the principal celebrant.

Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez, director of the Office of Multicultural Ministry, reflected on the event.

"The St. Martin de Porres celebration is one of my favorite events the Office of Multicultural Ministry organizes," he said. "In fact, I'm very proud that the archdiocese organizes this event every year.

"St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of intercultural relations and

intercultural harmony, and that was what we saw happening at this year's celebration. We celebrated the diversity of our Catholic community in the archdiocese as one Church, one faith, one body, one Spirit.

"It was enlightening how we were able to incorporate our diversity in the liturgy and in the gathering afterward," he added.

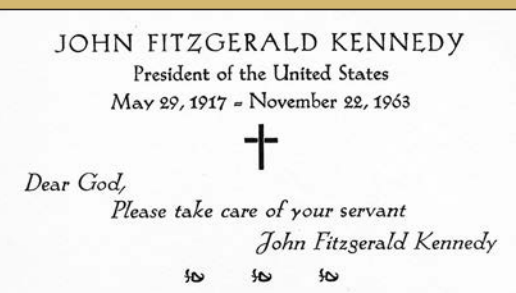
To honor the multicultural appeal of St. Martin de Porres, the readings, songs and homily were offered in English and Spanish, and the general intercessions were read in four languages. A pitch-in meal following the Mass featured foods from around the world.

"The joy present there was contagious," said Brother Moises. "But, to quote Pope Francis, 'The true joy that one experiences within the community ... is not something superficial. It does not stem from things or from favorable circumstances, but from a deep harmony between persons.'"

(For more photos of the St. Martin de Porres celebration, see the online story at www.CriterionOnline.com.) †



A floor marker where the casket of President John F. Kennedy rested during his funeral Mass is seen on Oct. 24 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington. It reads: "Here rested the remains of President Kennedy at the Requiem Mass, Nov. 25, 1963, before their removal to Arlington where they lie in expectation of a heavenly resurrection."



JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
President of the United States
May 29, 1917 – November 22, 1963

Dear God,
Please take care of your servant
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Now the trumpet summons us again—not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need—not as a call to battle, though embattled we are—but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation"—a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself . . .

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility—I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light the world . . .

With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own.

Left top, Robert F. Kennedy, Caroline Kennedy, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. are seen leaving the U.S. Capitol on Nov. 24, 1963. The following day a funeral Mass was celebrated for U.S. President John F. Kennedy at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

Left bottom, pictured is a prayer card from President John F. Kennedy's funeral Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington on Nov. 25, 1963.

What was in the news on Nov. 29, 1963? National and local coverage of the shocking assassination of President John F. Kennedy

By Brandon A. Evans

This week, we are forgoing our traditional way of sharing this article. Instead of presenting the Nov. 22, 1963 edition of *The Criterion*—which contained its normal coverage of the Second Vatican Council and other events of the day—we are presenting the issue from the following week, which covered a life-changing event that occurred 50 years ago this week: the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

As such, we will not publish a "50 Years Ago" column next week. Those who want to see the headlines from the Nov. 22 issue from "50 Years Ago" may do so by logging on to our local news archives at www.CriterionOnline.com.

Here are some of the items found in the Nov. 29, 1963, issue of *The Criterion*:

• **A world is in mourning: Cardinal officiates at President's rites**
"WASHINGTON—Requiem Mass for John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States and the first Catholic to occupy the Presidency, was offered while the nation and world mourned. Hundreds of dignitaries of Church and State filled St. Matthew's Cathedral here to pray for and honor the 46-year-old Chief Executive who was slain by an assassin's bullet in Dallas, Tex. Twenty-seven chiefs of state or heads of government were among the 1,200 persons at the low Mass. Other delegates brought the number of countries represented to 53. And throughout the country, Americans joined in prayer for Mr. Kennedy in response to President Lyndon B. Johnson's proclamation of a "nation day of mourning." "

• **Pope Paul cables his condolences**
"We are deeply grieved by this execrable crime, for the grief which has struck the great and civilized country and for the suffering which Mrs. Kennedy, her children and her relations suffer. We deplore this event with our whole heart. We express the hope that the death of this great statesman will not bring damage to the American people, but will strengthen its moral and civil sense and sentiments of nobility and concord. We pray God that the sacrifice of John Kennedy may help the cause promoted and defended by him of the liberty of peoples and of peace in the world." "

• **American Cardinals express their grief**
"I am terribly shocked, disgusted and depressed at the

assassination of President Kennedy,' said [Cardinal Francis Spellman,] the Archbishop of New York. 'His death is a tremendous loss to the world. My sympathy goes to his wife, to his father and mother, and to his family. It is a family of heroes.' Cardinal James Francis McIntyre of Los Angeles and Cardinal Joseph Ritter of St. Louis received word at the North American College in Rome. 'We were having dinner together when we received the terrible news,' the two Cardinals said in a joint statement. 'It grieved our hearts and shocked us deeply. We immediately called together the students and offered prayers together for the repose of the President's soul and the comfort of his wife and children.' "

• **Special rites are held in Archdiocese**
"Special requiem Masses were offered in all deaneries of the Archdiocese for the repose of the soul of President John F. Kennedy. Parishes held memorial services morning, noon and night as thousands of Catholics paid tribute to the assassinated President. The Apostolic Delegation in Washington granted special permission for the celebration of Requiem Mass on Sunday evening in parish churches. In nearly all churches the National Anthem was played and sung by the congregations at the close of services."

• **President Johnson asks God's help**
• **Editorial: Seeds of hate**
"The crime of assassination was so abhorrent to the genius of Anglo-Saxon civilization, so foreign to the spirit and practice of our republican institutions, that little danger was apprehended. 'Thus commented a friend of Abraham Lincoln shortly after John Wilkes Booth had fired the fatal shot in Washington's Ford Theatre that has echoed through the ages. It was a comment that bespoke the skeptical mood of 1865. Against the often dark history of the Presidency, and of our very own days, this was probably the complacent feeling of all of us in the early afternoon of Nov. 22, 1963. Now and for a long time, the echo of muffled drums and the staccato hoofbeats of a riderless horse will remind us of how wrong we were."

• **Audience of priests, nuns give Billy Graham ovation**
• **Asks all-out effort for racial justice**
• **Recalls JFK's surprise visit to CYO convention**
• **Administered Last Rites to stricken President**

(Read all of these stories from our Nov. 29, 1963, issue by logging on to our archives at www.CriterionOnline.com.) †

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down next to our desks, and we all prayed the rosary together. I remember afterward, the school was so quiet. Everyone was in shock that this actually happened in our very own city.

"As our parents picked us up from school that day, many went over to the church to pray. I will always remember the silence and sadness of our city on that day."

'A cold, rainy November day'

Judy Copeland was a young teacher at Little Flower School in Indianapolis on Nov. 22, 1963. Now living in California, Copeland recalls that momentous day.

"The message came over the public address system from our pastor, Father John Riedlinger, that our president had been shot in a motorcade in Dallas," she said. "Shortly after, another message revealed the sad news that our president was dead."

"I was working with a small reading group in my classroom when we received the news. We were told to immediately go to the church to pray, and then were dismissed."

"It was a cold, rainy November day, making this tragic news even sadder. There were people standing on the streets in downtown Indianapolis crying outwardly. The city was virtually shut down for several days as we were all home watching the news and the funeral on television."

'Like the walls themselves were praying'

Just blocks away from Little Flower School, students' attention at Father Thomas Sececina Memorial High School in Indianapolis turned from their studies to news from Dallas as the shooting was announced.

One of those students was Rosemary Ritchie, now a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Fortville.

"I was just settling into my journalism class when Father Harry Hoover came on the public address system and announced that there had been an incident in Dallas, and reports were that the president had been shot," she said.

"He connected the radio to the public address system for the whole school to listen to the news for several minutes. Then he turned it off for a while, but shortly came back on the public address system and announced that the president had died. He led the school in prayer for the repose of the soul of President Kennedy."

"I remember it sounding like the walls themselves were praying. There was a feeling that the joining of all the voices in prayer was certain to reach heaven. It was comforting at a time when we were completely devastated. There were many tears and stunned faces. It was immediately personal. He was ours! We knew that prayers were the best and only thing that would help."

Double tragedy

Now a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, Maria Wyrick was a sixth-grade student at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Indianapolis at the time of Kennedy's death. She had a double tragedy to cope with on Nov. 22, 1963.

"I went home from school feeling extremely sad [about the assassination]. I did not know if my dad knew about it yet," she wrote. "When I got home, I told Dad and he told me that our family had our own tragedy."

"My mom was eight months pregnant and in a coma. I thought

that if I told her about President Kennedy, she would wake up and console me.

"We kids went to my Aunt Martha's home that night, where we prayed for the Kennedys as well as for our family."

"My mother had brain surgery the next day, and gave birth to my little brother, Joe, on Nov. 24, at about the time that [Jack] Ruby shot [Lee Harvey] Oswald. Mom and my little brother survived their ordeal."

"Every year [around this time], I pray for the Kennedys and for my family."

'Our world changed that day'

On Nov. 22, 1963, Phyllis Tapscott was 13 and a student at St. Bartholomew School in Columbus.

Now a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, she recalls her memories of that day 50 years ago.

"When my mother woke me up to get me ready for school on the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, no one had any idea that the world would forever remember that date," she said. "As a 13-year-old, my world consisted of family, friends, school, riding my bike and playing with my Barbie doll. I knew nothing about politics. I did know that John Kennedy was our first Catholic president, but I was more interested in the fashionable Jackie Kennedy."

"I remember the day like it was yesterday. The day started out like any other day. We always started the day with morning Mass, and then went back to our classroom to continue our daily routine."

"Our day was interrupted when the pastor of our parish came on the school's intercom system to say that President Kennedy had been shot, but nothing else was known at that time," she remembered. "We did not know how bad it was. A short time later, the announcement came that he had died."

"There was stunned silence. We were all very young, but we knew that something incredibly big had just happened. Class was suspended for the day. The whole school went back into church for a Mass to pray for our president and for our country."

"Our world changed that day. And for me, even at that young age, I realized that for the rest of my life I would turn to God when I needed help understanding what was happening in the world."

'It was heartbreaking'

Father William Munshower was associate pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis on Nov. 22, 1963. Ordained in 1958, Father Munshower was attuned to political and social trends in society.

On Aug. 28, 1963, he had participated in the March on Washington in which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

At the time of the shooting in Dallas, Father Munshower was in the rectory of his parish.

"Our secretary always had a radio on, and was listening and doing her secretarial work," he said. "Then she let out a yelp and all at once said that the president had been shot down in Dallas. Well, we quickly turned on the television and were all glued to it."

"It was tragic. We were just hoping against hope that it wasn't fatal. But rather quickly, it came out that it was fatal. We called people together to the church that night. People turned out in droves," Father Munshower said.

"We were encouraged and consoled by the sadness of our fellow citizens over the death of a Catholic president. . . . We were certainly hurt by the fact that the first Catholic president had been gunned down. It was heartbreaking." †

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priest told the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese.

In an article in the Nov. 29, 1963, issue of the archdiocesan paper, reporter Valerie MacNees, who attended the president's funeral, recounted the emotions of that day in spare language: "The heart of the entire world shared the grief of the American people in the loss of their president."

"An emperor, a king, a queen, princes, princesses, presidents and premiers of foreign governments joined the American people Monday in paying their last respects to President John Fitzgerald Kennedy," she wrote.

"The great and the lowly of the world met on a common level in mourning the 46-year-old president who was slain by an assassin's bullet last Friday in Dallas." Kennedy was killed on Nov. 22, 1963.

Thousands of people crowded the streets leading to the cathedral, including Richard Schmidt, now the archivist and historian for St. Matthew's, who was then working as an administrative assistant for the Food and Drug Administration.

He watched as the president's flag-draped casket was moved on a caisson drawn by six gray horses, with the Kennedy family members and U.S. and world leaders walking behind in a solemn procession along Connecticut Avenue to the cathedral.

"The crowds were unbelievable. People just poured out to witness this," said Schmidt, who remembers the silence of the crowd, interrupted only by the sound of the drums and brass instruments solemnly played by military band members as the procession moved toward St. Matthew's.

Boston Cardinal Richard J. Cushing, a friend of the Kennedy family, was the celebrant at the Requiem Mass. He had officiated at the wedding of John and Jacqueline Kennedy. Also in the sanctuary were then-Washington Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle and Washington Auxiliary Bishop Philip M. Hannan, who had been attending the Second Vatican Council in Rome and rushed back to Washington after learning of the president's death.

In his 2010 memoir published by Our Sunday Visitor, *The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots*, then-retired New Orleans Archbishop Hannan noted that he had heard the terrible news at his

hotel lobby in Rome after he had helped conduct a daily press briefing during Vatican II. He said he then went to his room, closed the door, and "I wept silently and alone."

As a Washington auxiliary, then-Bishop Hannan was a close friend of the Kennedys, and was asked by the first lady to deliver the eulogy.

The eulogy also included favorite Scriptural passages that President Kennedy liked to quote, which the family provided to Bishop Hannan.

The responsibility for planning the funeral Mass had been given to Sargent Shriver, the husband of President Kennedy's sister, Eunice, and founding director of the Peace Corps established by the president.

In his 2012 biography of his father, *A Good Man*, Mark Shriver wrote that his father then took on the responsibility of organizing the funeral Mass and related arrangements with the same resoluteness, purpose and faith that marked his life of service to his country and his Church.

Later reflecting on the funeral Mass in a 1966 oral history interview for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Cardinal Cushing said, "It was a very, very simple funeral, following as close as possible the services in memory of the martyred Lincoln. No fanfare, everyone bowed in sorrow, tears flowed in abundance."

"On the way out, I was preceding the casket, and I went over to Jacqueline and shook hands with her. I kissed little Caroline and shook hands with her. John John was getting a little restless, so he was down in the rear of the church. Outside at the end of Mass, John John saluted the flag, the most touching thing I ever saw."

Outside of St. Matthew's Cathedral, that little boy's salute to his father's flag-draped casket, immortalized in a photograph by Stan Stearns of United Press International, remains perhaps the most poignant image from that day.

On a recent weekday at St. Matthew's, its rector reflected on its place in history as the Catholic cathedral in the nation's capital.

There crowds gathered in joy at the end of World War II in 1945, to attend Mass with Blessed John Paul II in 1979, in sorrow after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States—and 50 years ago for the funeral Mass for the nation's first and only Catholic president.

"This indeed is holy ground," the priest said. †

A WORLD IS IN MOURNING

Cardinal officiates at President's rites



American Cardinals express their grief

St. Meinrad slates Civil Rights seminar

St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana is planning a seminar on civil rights in the coming weeks. The seminar will focus on the challenges of racial discrimination and the role of the Church in promoting equality. It will feature speakers from various backgrounds and include a discussion of the recent events in Dallas.

See most crucial issues carried to 3d session

The Synod of Bishops is continuing its work on the most pressing issues of the day. The third session will focus on the challenges of the Cold War and the role of the Church in promoting peace and justice. It will also address the needs of the poor and the marginalized.



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President Johnson asks God's help

The President has expressed his deep faith and trust in God during these difficult times. He has asked for the prayers of all Americans and for the support of the Church.

As president, Kennedy faced challenges of fast-changing world at home and abroad

DALLAS (CNS)—A young first family, captivating and chipper, reinvented life in the White House during John F. Kennedy's 34-month presidency in the early 1960s.

The public image was vibrant: with first lady Jacqueline Kennedy's redecoration of the somewhat tattered White House and her posing for magazine covers in striking Oleg Cassini designs; the couple's two endearing children, Caroline and John-John, and their pet pony, Macaroni—a gift from Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The context for the idyllic scene contrasted vividly as the Cold War festered globally and social upheaval fractured the homefront.

As Kennedy, then 46, arrived in Texas in November 1963, the visit came against a backdrop of the Cold War, the space race and the nation's volatile civil rights scene.

In Kennedy, the nation's 35th president and first and only Catholic to hold the position, the populace got a war hero, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and visionary.

During his election campaign against Richard M. Nixon, Kennedy had to dispel the notion that his religious beliefs would translate to a U.S. ruled by the Vatican.

In a televised speech, the senator from Massachusetts said he was not "the Catholic candidate for president. I am the Democratic Party's candidate for president, who happens also to be Catholic."

Kennedy had commanded a Navy torpedo boat during World War II and earned a Purple Heart, yet the presidency brought management frustrations, according to Jeffrey Engel, director of Southern Methodist University's Center for Presidential History.

Engel told *The Texas Catholic*, newspaper of the Dallas Diocese, that Kennedy earned a reputation for inspired crisis management at a time when humanity grappled with unprecedented fears.

"People always had a fear that God could end the world, but the notion that the world could end tomorrow because of human action really only arose in the 1950s," Engel said. "Kennedy was first and foremost a Cold War president. He thought that [President Dwight] Eisenhower had run out of energy. The thing to remember about the Kennedy administration, like all presidential administrations, is that an administration is, by and large, a rejection of what came before."

In his inaugural address, Kennedy challenged the nation

with his historic call for service-minded action: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

But Engel said Kennedy had far more interest in international affairs than domestic matters.

"The Peace Corps really does represent what Kennedy stood for—to send American energy around the world," Engel said of the development organization founded under Kennedy to send U.S. volunteers to build friendship and share skills with the people of other nations. "But my read of Kennedy was that he was interested in foreign affairs and did domestic policy because he had to."

Others characterized the Kennedy administration in terms of personality.

In a September article in *The Atlantic*, Editor-in-Chief James Bennet, quoted the magazine's February 1964 edition, in which historian Samuel Eliot Morison extolled Kennedy's courage, comparing the significance of his decision-making to Lincoln's.

The political power struggle known as the Cold War that also defined the Kennedy presidency lasted for decades and shaped international affairs on many fronts.

The disastrous U.S. attempt to overthrow Cuban leader Fidel Castro in the Bay of Pigs invasion heightened international tensions. Soon after, the Soviet buildup of missiles in Cuba, a scant 90 miles off the coast of Florida, brought the United States and the Soviet Union to the brink of nuclear war in October 1962.

A race to succeed in space exploration added to competitive zeal between the U.S. and the Soviets.

Kennedy also made strides for civil rights during a struggle that dramatically revealed the country's divisions.

In a televised speech in June 1963, during the height of civil rights protests, Kennedy told the nation that racial discrimination was intolerable.

"If an American, because his skin is dark, cannot eat lunch in a restaurant open to the public, if he cannot send his children to the best public school available, if he cannot vote for the public officials who represent him, if, in short, he cannot enjoy the full and free life which all of us want, then who among us would be content to have the color of his skin changed and stand in his place? Who among us would then be content with the counsels of patience and delay?" †

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My Day with Lay Missionary Hugh Smeltekop

by SJ Anderson
International Correspondent

"This way!" Hugh calls enthusiastically, disappearing into the jungle. I pause, uncertain if I should follow but I'm also aware I have no choice. I step from the safety of the dirt road onto a narrow footpath leading into the dense cloud forest of Bolivia's high mountains.

"Be careful, it's slippery!" Hugh is now far ahead of me. He walks quickly, both because he is excited to visit the family we're about to see and because he has plenty of experience on paths like this one.

The man I'm following, Hugh Smeltekop, is the vice director general of Carmen Pampa University. As a Catholic university founded by the Franciscan Sisters, Carmen Pampa University offers poor Bolivian students access to a college education.

Hugh's enthusiasm for service, devotion to the university and dedication to his impoverished student wards is clear. When he speaks, I can hear the passion in his voice and see the light in his eyes.

Hugh recognizes his mission and success come from God.

"I just feel like we're all lit up from inside. You know the whole 'don't put a bushel basket over God's light in you' — it's about this never-ending source of power that doesn't come from us," Hugh said.

The students see Hugh as a leader, mentor and friend. They say this because he takes a personal interest in each of them, encourages them in their education and enthusiastically shares the Gospel with them.

"Hugh is very admired and loved here," said Luis, a veterinary science major at the university. "He is very caring and always available to help people. He is a good role model."

A former Peace Corps volunteer and Michigan native, Hugh came to Carmen Pampa University 12 years ago. What started as volunteer work became a career, ultimately leading to his appointment as vice director general.

God's providence was clearly at work in his life, Hugh says.

"I just fell in love with the mission and the people at this incredible university. It offers tremendous opportunity for young people who have potential, but have nowhere to go with it," Hugh said.



Hugh Smeltekop is a Catholic man putting his faith into action on behalf of the poor.

Cross Catholic Outreach, a South Florida-based ministry working to bring education to the poorest of the poor, saw the good work being accomplished by Hugh, the Franciscan Sisters and Carmen Pampa University and immediately began supporting the college.

"This university is reaching out to poor students in ways only the Catholic Church can," said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic. "The poor students from the surrounding rural mountain farming communities had virtually no chance at higher education — yet here at this Catholic university they were told, 'We can help. You don't have to be left behind.'"

Cavnar said Catholic lay missionaries like Hugh are uniquely suited to motivating students and developing leaders for the community.

"I can see God's kingdom growing through Hugh's work. He has truly brought the mission of St. Francis to this isolated area of Bolivia," Cavnar said.

When we return from our jungle hike, I ask Hugh how he sees Cross Catholic's role and what he thinks of the American Catholic donors who have stepped forward to help make a difference.

"We are one people and one body in Christ," he said. "I think that's why

Cross Catholic's help is so important to us — because it brings the donors into our mission. It unifies a community of people. Together we can take on this common cause and respond to the poor in ways that ensure the dignity of each human being."

To support the worldwide outreaches of Cross Catholic Outreach, look for the ministry brochure enclosed in this issue of the paper or mail your donation to **Cross Catholic Outreach, Dept. AC01013, PO Box 9558, Wilton, NH 03086-9558. All contributions to the ministry are tax deductible.**

Cross Catholic Now Endorsed by More Than 60 Bishops, Archbishops

As Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO) continues its range of relief work to help the poor overseas, its efforts are being recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

"We've received an impressive number of endorsements from Bishops and Archbishops — more than 60 at last count," explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. "They're impressed by the fact that we've done outreaches in almost 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects; everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor."

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: "It is my hope that this ministry will continue to flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross Catholic Outreach does and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world."

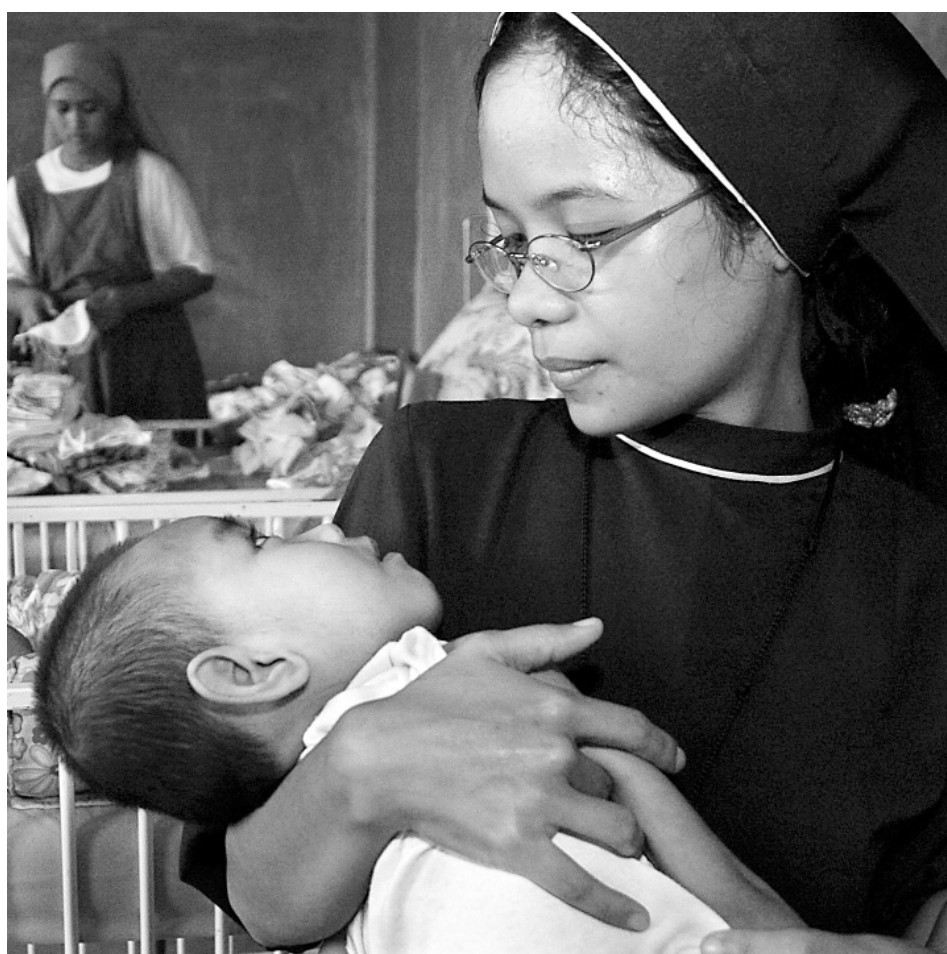
In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops

and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross Catholic has with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself. In his praise of CCO, **Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati** underscored this unique connection.

"Cross Catholic Outreach's close collaboration with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* is a source of encouragement," the Archbishop said. "The Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world."

CCO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

"Our collaboration with *Cor Unum* allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world and we have used that method in special cases — to help the victims of natural disasters, for example," he said. "It only represents a small part of our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those situations."



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Cross Catholic Outreach brings hope to poor students worldwide

Mary and Jhovana Pampa seem like average American college students. The sisters carry book bags and talk about their classes. Both are about to graduate and hope to move into the workforce armed with their degrees. Their smiles reveal justified excitement.

But there's something that makes these girls very different from "average" college students.

Mary and Jhovana live in a rural farming community high in the mountains outside Corocío, Bolivia where they have neither running water nor electricity. They share a two-room wooden shack with their parents, and everyone sleeps on a dirt floor.

"Our parents sustain the family by raising chickens, growing tomatoes, and harvesting coca leaves for tea," Mary said.

Clearly, this is a far cry from the college experience of a typical European or American student. Instead of being worried about whether to purchase a dormitory refrigerator, these sisters worry about where their next meal will come from.

Most young men and women like Mary and Jhovana who live in such poor, remote areas never attend college. Their families can barely afford food, clothing, shelter and medical care. For them, a college degree is out of the question. Even primary school fees — just a few dollars — can be daunting to pay.

Still, Mary and Jhovana, these unlikely candidates for higher education, are walking the hallways of Carmen Pampa University. This is because the Catholic institution has made a special priority of serving Bolivia's poorest students from the country's most isolated rural areas.

"This university is a perfect example of the Catholic Church's strength. It routinely does God's work among otherwise forgotten people. It brings change and hope where they are needed most," said Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, an official Catholic ministry that stands as one of the university's key supporters. "Cross Catholic supports programs like this because we believe Christ would have us focus most on the poor, the isolated."

Making all levels of education accessible to poor families and their children is one of the most crucial aspects of Cross Catholic's work, according to Cavnar. From kindergarten to primary school to university, education is the key to lifting the poor out of poverty, he says.

"Without an education, young people would be passed over for jobs. If they don't have even basic skills like reading, writing and arithmetic, they will never become employable adults. And if you haven't finished primary or secondary school, you can't even think about going to a university," Cavnar said, "and without university educated leaders, how can these developing countries hope to improve?"

This harsh reality is true not only in Bolivia, but elsewhere as well. That's why Cross Catholic supports education programs around the globe, from Nicaragua to Kenya to Vietnam. It achieves this only through the help it receives from compassionate American Catholics.

These donors, Cavnar admits, are the real heroes of his ministry's outreach. It is their gifts that allow students to overcome barriers and stay in the classroom. Many who had sick or struggling parents would never have completed courses and gone on to lead worthwhile lives without help. Orphaned or abandoned children run an even higher risk of not finishing school, Cavnar said, because many have to drop out to care for younger siblings.

"I've talked to orphaned girls as young as 12 in places like Mozambique and Haiti who had to drop out of school because their

brothers or sisters needed them. And with their parents gone, there was no money to pay the school fees or buy books anyway. It was tragic to see these young women. They could barely read or write," Cavnar said.

Other times, children drop out of school because of something even more simplistic but equally tragic — hunger. Such was the case for Laurinda, 7, in Mozambique.

Laurinda's single mother, Celestina, is disabled and permanently wheelchair-bound. Her legs are shriveled and lifeless. To feed Laurinda and her brother, Celestina used to beg in the streets, but it was rarely enough.

Driven by acute hunger, Laurinda often skipped school to beg in the streets for food. By God's grace, one of Cross Catholic's ministry partners in Mozambique discovered the family and began providing food staples, medical care and, most importantly, school fees so that Laurinda and her brother could attend classes regularly without having to worry about whether there was enough



Mary, left, and Jhovana, right, are pursuing an education in Bolivia's mountains.



Children like Laurinda are often forced to drop out of school because of hunger.

money left over to buy food.

Today Laurinda is thriving, learning, free from hunger and on the path to a much better future.

"Laurinda's case is one of the worst I've witnessed," Cavnar said. "She was literally so hungry she couldn't sit upright in her desk. She fled to the streets to beg for whatever she could get. She's just one heartbreaking example of the obstacles poor children face in getting an education."

"I thank God for our ministry partners around the world," he added. "They provide thousands of children like Laurinda with a way to stay in school. I'm in awe of God's power to reach out and save children like her from despair, and grateful for the chance to be part of it."

To further empower these ministry partners, Cross Catholic Outreach relies on support from generous American Catholic benefactors. Cavnar said these donors understand the value of education projects.

"Education is a value Catholics have always regarded highly. They know how important education is for development and for a child's future. This is evidenced not only by the great system of Catholic schools and universities around the world, but also through the steadfast support we've received for Catholic educational projects," Cavnar said.

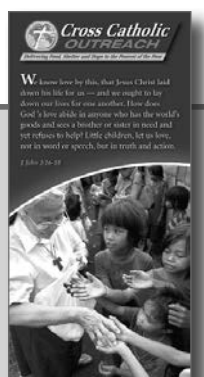
In Bolivia, Mary and Jhovana Pampa are shining examples of the impact American Catholics can have when they contribute

to education, and the sisters understand the importance of the gift they've received. They are also prepared to give back to their community and country in thanksgiving.

"With our education, we can be part of the solution," Mary said. "We can only do that through the knowledge we've acquired. As young people get a higher education, they can come up with help to bring improvements to our country."

How to Help:

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Two Benedictine sisters celebrate special jubilees

Criterion staff report

Two Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove recently celebrated milestone jubilees.

Benedictine Sister Eugenia Reibel and Benedictine Sister Patricia Dede marked anniversaries on Aug. 10—the 75th jubilee for Sister Eugenia and the 60th jubilee for Sister Patricia.

In separate ceremonies at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, both sisters renewed their vows, promising stability in the monastery, fidelity to the monastic way of life and obedience according to the *Rule of St. Benedict*.

Sister Eugenia Reibel

Born Olivia Agnes in Poseyville, Sister Eugenia graduated from Academy Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese.

She entered Monastery Immaculate Conception in 1936 and professed temporary vows in 1938—the profession by which the Sisters of St. Benedict mark their anniversaries. In 1941, she made her vows of perpetual monastic profession at the Benedictine Monastery

Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand.

Sister Eugenia went on to become a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove in 1956.

She received her bachelor's degree in teaching from the former St. Benedict College in Ferdinand, and a master's degree in guidance from Butler University in Indianapolis.

Sister Eugenia began her teaching career in 1940 at St. Mary School in Huntingburg. Through the years, she either taught,



Sr. Eugenia Reibel, O.S.B.

provided guidance counseling or served as principal at St. Ambrose School in Seymour, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs School in Floyd County, the former Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove, St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis,

St. Joseph School in Evansville, Ind., and Transfiguration School in St. Louis, Mo.

In 1978, Sister Eugenia became the receptionist at Our Lady of Grace

Monastery. In 1985, she began working in the business office at St. Paul Hermitage, the home for the aged operated by the Sisters of St. Benedict in Beech Grove.

In 2001, she became the assistant in the development office, where she worked until her retirement in 2011.

Sister Patricia Dede

Sister Patricia Dede was born in Terre Haute and is the youngest of eight children, all of whom became either archdiocesan priests or members of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Patricia attended Academy Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, then went on to receive a bachelor's of arts degree in music from St. Benedict College and a master's degree in American History from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Sister Patricia entered Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand in

1951. On Aug. 10, 1953, she professed temporary vows. She made her perpetual monastic profession in 1956 at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, where she was a founding member.

Sister Patricia began her career as a teacher in 1954 in Evansville, Ind.

Through the years, Sister Patricia also taught at Our Lady of Grace Academy in Beech Grove, St. Bartholomew School in Columbus, St. Anthony School in Clarksville, St. Pius X School in Indianapolis, the former Sacred Heart School in Indianapolis, Sacred Heart School in Terre Haute and Christ the King School in Evansville, Ind.

She also served as a pastoral minister at St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour and St. Cecelia Parish in Clearwater, Fla.

Sister Patricia was a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, Wis., the senior sisters' director at Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove and the administrator of St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove.

Currently, Sister Patricia works for St. Francis Hospital Palliative Care as a chaplain, and volunteers for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in her spare time. †

Belgium's faith leaders: Don't allow children to decide on own euthanasia

BRUSSELS (CNS)—The president of the Belgian bishops' conference joined other faith leaders who criticized proposed legislation to extend euthanasia to children and dementia sufferers, warning the measure risks "destroying the functioning of society."

"We are also opposed to suffering, whether physical or moral, and especially the suffering of children," Archbishop Andre Leonard, conference president, said in a joint statement with Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders.

"But to suggest minors can decide on their own euthanasia is to falsify their power of judgment and their freedom. To suggest persons with dementia can also be euthanized is to deny their dignity and hand them over to the arbitrary judgment of decision-makers."

Some Belgian legislators have proposed extending a 2002 euthanasia law to include children and dementia sufferers. Two senate commissions will draft a bill, which then would be debated in parliament.

The religious leaders said such a bill risked "the growing banalization of a very grave reality," adding that they were "deeply alarmed ... as citizens relying on philosophical arguments, and as believers inheriting our respective religious traditions."

"Instead of supporting a suffering person and gathering persons and forces around to help them, we risk dividing these forces and isolating the suffering person, branding them guilty and condemning them to death," said the Nov. 6 statement.

About 1,200 cases of euthanasia, most involving terminal cancer, were registered in Belgium in 2012. In the summer of 2012, a mentally ill man serving 20 years for a double murder became Belgium's first prison inmate to be euthanized.

In November of 2012, the government announced plans to follow the Dutch in allowing euthanasia for Alzheimer sufferers, as well as for children "if capable of discernment or affected by an incurable illness or suffering."

In an October survey by *Barometre Politique*, 75 percent of Belgium's 11 million inhabitants favored allowing euthanasia for children in an irreversible coma or vegetative state, while 80 percent supported it for dementia or Alzheimer patients facing "unbearable grief." †

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Healing of various kinds is a primary mission of the Church

By David Gibson

Everyone needs to be healed of something. Healing is a basic need. For one reason or another, we all need to be restored, renewed—made well and made whole.

It is said that communal celebrations of the sacrament of the sick have an added benefit: They remind not just the sick, but all present of their need for healing.

The realities in human lives that call out for healing may be painful and cause profound suffering. Numerous Church leaders point to the sense of isolation, of being alone, that sick people often experience.

Moreover, sickness and suffering frequently cut away at the virtue of hope. Energy and strength may wane as suffering intensifies.

Consider couples in troubled marriages. How hopeful are they? A wife and husband can grow weary of the strained condition of their relationship.

Nonetheless, research indicates that significant numbers of these spouses want their marriages to heal. Research also suggests that this kind of healing, sometimes in the form of a reconciliation, can indeed pave a couple's way to authentic happiness.

Broken bonds within families—between parents and children, for example—quite commonly are cited by Church educators to show that healing is needed everywhere. For Christians, family divisions highlight the urgent need to heal human relationships.

People addicted to alcohol or the many drugs trafficked into society clearly need healing. Healing for them typically requires support in the forms of patience, compassion and encouragement from others who love them.

However, keeping hope alive can be a big challenge for drug-dependent individuals and their families. Pope Francis must have had them in mind when, during the interview with him published on Sept. 19 in several prominent Jesuit publications, he said:

"I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. ... Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by

vices, drugs or anything else, God is in this person's life.

"You can, you must try to seek God in every human life. Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Sick people, injured people, abused people, exploited people: They all need healing.

An "illness can leave the sufferer feeling anguished, self-absorbed, maybe even despairing and in revolt against God," Bishop Charles V. Grahmann observed in a 2002 pastoral letter.

But, in concert with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the now-retired bishop of Dallas also noted that "illness can be the cause for maturing, discerning the true direction of one's life and sharpening the focus of what should truly be priorities in life" (#1501).

For Jesus, Bishop Grahmann wrote, "care of the sick and dying" was a clear priority. "Jesus sought healing for the entire person—spirit, soul and body."

I suspect it is impossible to read the Gospels without noticing the compassionate care Jesus extended to people who sought healing. No wonder dioceses, parishes and religious institutions commit so much time and effort to ministries that help people heal from whatever has wounded them.

But many of those motivated by Christ's example also are moved by their conviction that Christ is present in those who are sick or in pain. Pope Francis made this point on Oct. 4 when he visited a rehabilitation center for sick and disabled children and youths in Assisi, Italy.

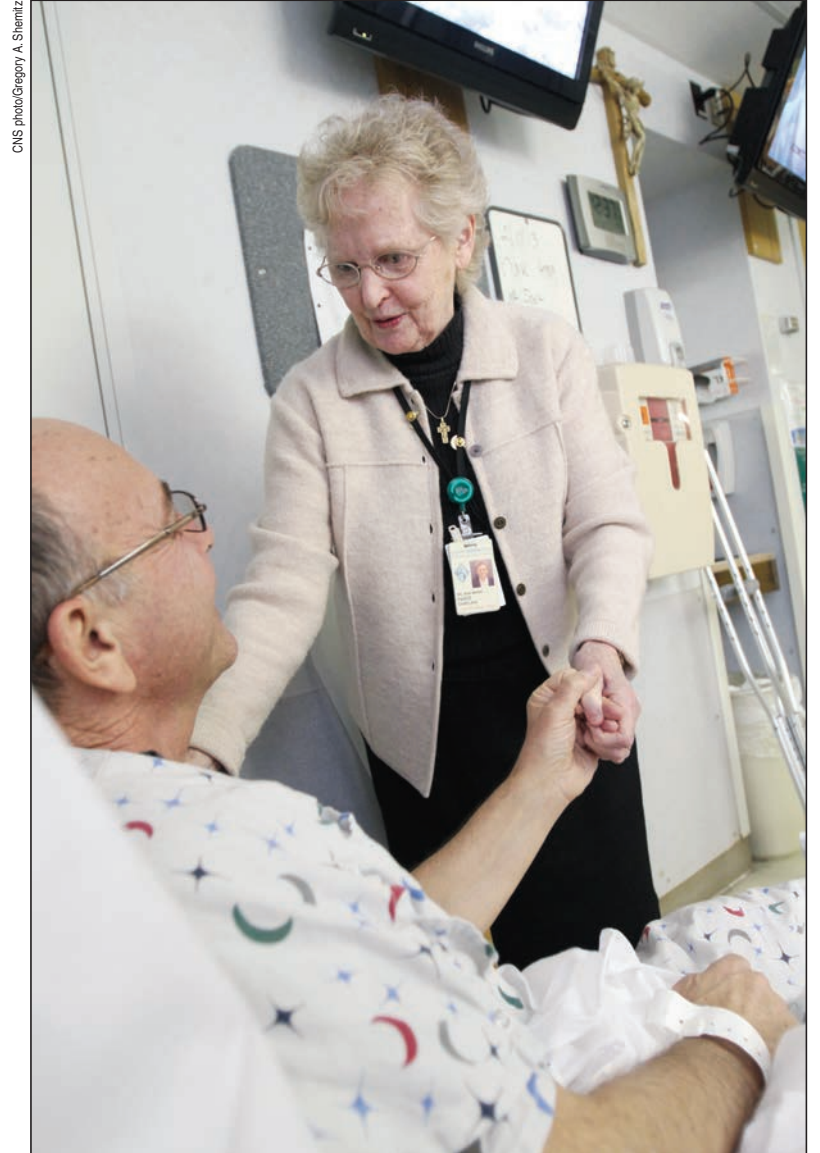
"We are among the wounds of Jesus," Pope Francis said. He explained that "Jesus is hidden in these kids, in these children. ... On the altar, we adore the flesh of Jesus, in them we find the wounds of Jesus."

Pope Francis often insists that it is vitally important in Christian life to accompany wounded people—to hear them, walk with them, help them heal. In the Jesuits' recent interview with him, he proposed an image of the Church as a "field hospital after battle" for seriously injured people.

Celebrating the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is one way the Church walks with people who long for healing. This sacrament, many note, strengthens individuals who are ill and their family members, too.

During a 2008 Mass for the sick in France, Pope Benedict XVI commented that "Christ is not a healer in the manner of the world." The pope explained that "to heal us, [Jesus] does not remain outside the suffering that is experienced; he eases it

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Sister Ann Marie Pierce, a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, visits with patient Michael Spinella at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip, N.Y. Following the example of Christ, the Church reaches out to help heal people of many kinds of wounds.

by coming to dwell within the one stricken by illness, to bear it and live it with him."

Christ comes "to break the isolation that pain induces," Pope Benedict said.

Naturally, the Church's care for sick and wounded people reaches beyond the moments of sacramental celebrations.

The priority Christ places on

healing radiates outward through the respectful, Christ-like words and actions of all who stay close to people who are sick or wounded, and do whatever possible to relieve their pain and strengthen their hope.

(David Gibson served on Catholic News Service's editorial staff for 37 years.) †

Sacred Scripture explains spiritual and physical healing on many levels

By Marcellino D'Ambrosio

As I first started paying attention to the Bible in my teenage years, I ran across a saying of Jesus that deeply impressed me: "I came so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

Christ came not just to save souls, but to save people—spirit, soul and body (1 Thes 5:23). He came not just so



A woman receives a blessing from Father David Regan during the annual blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise at St. Patrick Church in Smithtown, N.Y. Sacred Scripture teaches that healing of various kinds is part of the daily bread that God gives to his people.

we could go to heaven, but to introduce the kingdom of God into the messy world we live in here and now.

One of the facts of life in this messy world is illness. It is instructive that Jesus does not waste time speculating as to the precise cause of a particular illness.

The Apostles are interested in whose fault it was that a man was born blind (Jn 9:2). Jesus is not. He is only interested in glorifying God by healing the man. Healing is a sign of the kingdom of God. Note that the various healing miracles in St. John's Gospel are called "signs."

But Jesus and the whole of Scripture show that there is a definite, though complicated, relationship between illness and sin. Sometimes we act as if sins are just black marks against us in God's ledger, debits against our rewards account.

But sin is more than a demerit—it is the distancing of a person from God, who happens to be our source of life itself.

Original sin, flowing from the tragic decision of Adam and Eve (Gn 3), causes us to inherit a weakened humanity that from the moment of conception is distanced from God and thus prone to sin and disease of all sorts.

Actual sin results from each person's own decisions, and creates new wounds in us and those whose lives we touch.

But whether original or actual, sin always drains the

life right out of us.

So when a paralyzed man was lowered to Jesus through a roof, Jesus' first response was, "Your sins are forgiven" (Mk 2:5).

Pharisees present on the occasion object to Jesus' authority to forgive and thus heal spiritually. So Jesus demonstrates his competence by healing the physical disease as well. Jesus does not say "yes" to our spiritual needs and "no" to our earthly needs (2 Cor 1:18-22).

God created us body, soul and spirit, and desires that we have fullness of life and have it abundantly (Jn 10:10).

When a pagan woman begged Jesus to heal her daughter, the Lord at first rebuffed her because she was not a Jew, a child of God. However, when he saw true faith in her bold response, he heeded her request.

But note the metaphor that Jesus uses here to describe healing. He calls it "the food of the children" (Mt 15:26). Earlier in this same Gospel, he teaches us to pray in this fashion: "Give us today our daily bread" (Mt 6:11).

The lesson? God's healing power is part of the daily food of God's children. Healing is our birthright as sons and daughters of God.

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From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Year of Faith: We believe in miracles

Some people don't believe in miracles. Therefore, they reject the



Gospels because there undoubtedly are miracles in them. Or they try to find natural explanations for them.

If people cannot accept miracles, it's understandable that they cannot accept the Gospels because they

describe about 35 miracles performed by Jesus. They include his own resurrection; the raising of three persons back to life; numerous healings of sick, blind and lame people; nature miracles such as stopping a storm at sea and walking on water; multiplication of food; and prophecies, or miracles of the intellectual order.

Sometimes miracles are defined as *violations* of the natural law. They aren't. They are interventions in the normal course of nature by a higher power outside of nature—God. If we believe in God, we must believe in the possibility of miracles. In the Gospels, or any part of the Scriptures, a miracle is always a

matter of faith in God's existence and his ability to manifest his love, care and plan of salvation.

If miracles are an exception to the natural order, we must first agree that there *is* a natural order. If our world were chaotic and without order, the idea of miracle would be meaningless. But scientists, or just our observance, assure us that there are indeed natural rules, the way things usually happen. If all that order came about because of God's actions, then he can make exceptions to his natural law.

In a corporation there are always certain rules that all employees must observe. But the chief executive officer might decide, for a good reason, that an exception should be made for a certain individual. He doesn't do away with the rule; he just uses his authority to suspend it in one particular instance.

Similarly, God, as the author of natural law, can make exceptions to that law in order to give us strong evidence that a given message has his authority behind it.

Of all great religious teachers, only Jesus claimed to be the Son of God and backed up that claim with miracles

performed by his own authority. Other miracle workers called on God's authority.

But some people might object that they've never seen a miracle. Miracles are rare and unusual. God doesn't perform them willy-nilly. There are many things that we've never seen, but that doesn't mean they don't exist.

Actually, you have seen a miracle. You see it every time you go to Mass and see bread and wine changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

So what about all those miracles that the Gospels say Jesus performed? Perhaps some of the healings were psychosomatic, but not all of them could have been. Was it just coincidence that the storm stopped when Jesus ordered it to? If Jesus didn't really rise from the dead, why didn't the Romans simply produce his dead body?

Rather than try to explain away miracles, those with faith should accept them as God's intervention in human affairs.

Since the "Year of Faith" ends on Sunday, this is my final column in this series. †

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

There's always a lot to be thankful for in life

There's a lot to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day. Don't snicker, I really mean it. Despite the usual



human conviction, i.e. the widespread impression that the world is going to hell, there really are many things that can make us grateful.

For one thing, we can continue to be thankful that we live in the United States.

This is a country dedicated to personal freedom and personal responsibility, always mindful of the common good. No wonder so many people around the world try to come and be part of us.

We should be thankful that, no matter how hard some of us try to sabotage this noble ambition by making bad personal and national decisions based on greed and selfishness, our initial goal of democracy remains.

And though many of the Founders were pantheists, their concept is inherently Christian because it's based on treating others as we want to be treated, and hope for the future. Sometimes we forget the responsibilities that this includes, things like taking the mentally ill seriously, instead of wondering why

they surprise us with horrible killing sprees.

Personally, I'm thankful that my parents taught me how to live in this world. I know how to save, and take good care of possessions and our environment. I know to walk and drive to the right, to lower my voice in public places, and to do my best at everything. I also learned to pass along such lessons to my kids, as they will to theirs.

I'm thankful my parents also taught me, by word and example and sometimes (sorry, mom and dad) even by bad example, how to maintain happy relationships in marriage and friendship. And I'm thankful for the realization that marriage is a sacramental union which, by its very nature, involves the creation of human life. Just as true friendship creates emotional life.

We're all grateful that marriages and friendships are not disposable commodities. Still, being human, we're not always satisfied with our spouse, our friends, our pastor or whoever. But we should understand that half the problem is probably us, and we can work on improving that half.

Of course, we should always be thankful for God's beautiful creation, much of which exists merely for our pleasure. The morning dew on the

grass, sunset over the lake or the trees, moonlight creating a velvet landscape, all are available to us just for the noticing.

We've even been given five senses to help us with that. God thinks of everything. We like to think that people are God's ultimate creation, but whether that's true or not, we can be grateful that he made them.

We can even be grateful for those times when real grief enters our lives. Scripture says that all things work for good in God's time. That's hard to believe, especially during the heat of the trouble. But over time, I've learned that it's true.

At the opposite extreme, we are thankful for the enjoyment of humor. As we know, laughter is one of the greatest aids to health and well-being that we know of. If we live in a family of natural comedians as I did, it helps, but whether we're funny or not, we can share laughter and cheer.

Most of all, we can all be thankful for God's constant loving care, and be mindful that God always answers our prayers, if not always in the way we expect.

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

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Exploring solutions to stop the abuse of alcohol and other drugs

Should we turn our heads away, call the police or shut it down?

These questions were posed in an article about Maryland Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler, who was



photographed in a house full of young people attending a wild drinking party.

Undoubtedly, excessive drinking is one of the greatest problems of our postmodern age, especially among young people who

engage in binge parties and sometimes end up ruined for life.

Recently, I attended a lecture titled, "New Evidence on Moderate Drinking and Pregnancy" by Dr. Carole W. Brown, a fellow at the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The lecture was an eye-opener in regard to the use of alcohol.

Brown placed six bottles of beer on the table. Then she asked the audience, "What would be considered moderate to excessive to binge beer drinking?"

To my surprise, it took fewer bottles to define binge drinking than I had imagined. More surprising was learning about the effects alcohol has on pregnancy and possibly causing a miscarriage, or harming a child cognitively and behaviorally.

It brought to mind the issues of drinking and misusing drugs, and what was going on in the Gansler case.

Even though we have more information available to us than ever before, many people, unfortunately, don't have a realistic idea of the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

Even though horrific news stories tell of the damage they can cause, it is so easy to become nonchalant about their effects or to dismiss them. How do we increase sensitivity and awareness about their danger? It is primarily through increased education and research.

Cardinal John Henry Newman wrote

that an idea is an illumination. It is like a light bulb going on in our minds, and we see things in a new light, suddenly giving way to that "aha" moment some of us have experienced.

This experience happened to me while listening to Brown. Her lecture prompted me to ask myself: When is it too young to learn about the effects of alcohol and drugs on our well-being? Should our parish adult education programs make this a high priority? As students enter college, should there be an orientation day specifically focused on drinking and drugs? Throughout the year, should it be repeated and then evaluated to learn of its effectiveness?

The more ideas we can explore to solve problems, the more the probability we have of diminishing them; in this case, getting rid of conditions that produce the damaging effects of alcohol and drugs on us.

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

For the Journey/Effie Caldarola

Looking for heroes in real-life nightmares

When I was a younger woman, I had recurring nightmares about being trapped by the Nazis. Maybe that's strange, but I was



a history major who devoured information about modern European history, had a lively imagination and was prone to anxious dreams.

I would wake up to that heart-thumping, terrifying feeling of being nearly ensnared,

followed by the euphoria of realizing I'd been dreaming.

Unfortunately for the millions who suffered during the Holocaust and under the brutality of Hitler's Germany, the nightmares were real, and awakening only brought a renewed sense of horror.

It was with this in mind that I recently became acquainted with one of the stars in our Catholic constellation, Blessed Restituta Kafka. Her feast day is on Oct. 29.

Obviously not a household name, Restituta nonetheless deserves notice for the courageous path she took to martyrdom. She sparked something in my imagination. Just who, I wondered, was Restituta Kafka, and where did she ever get that very unusual name?

She was born with, arguably, a much lovelier name, Helene, in 1894. She lived in what was then the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Later, her homeland would become part of the Czech Republic, but two brutal wars took place before that happened. She was a shoemaker's daughter, and, according to some sources, her dad wasn't wild about her entry into the convent, but off she went, where she became a nurse.

Apparently, she was a talented operating room nurse seasoned in the bloodbath of World War I, and she rose to prominence in her Austrian hospital.

There are photos online that purport to be of Restituta, who looks like a solid, no-nonsense type. One picture, however, shows a woman in a stark white habit smiling broadly, the image of someone you'd love to see at your bedside.

It used to be the style, of course, that photos showed folks looking serious and stern. I suppose getting your picture taken was a relatively rare occurrence, so you wanted to pay it the respect of severity. Fortunately, someone caught Restituta's jovial side at least once.

The striking thing about Restituta's name is that she took it in honor of a third-century martyr who was beheaded by the Roman Empire. Another empire, another millennium, and Restituta died the same way—beheading, this time by the Nazis. That gives me the shivers.

What was her crime? The Nazis decreed that religious imagery had to be banished from schools and hospitals. When a new addition was added to Restituta's hospital, she boldly put a crucifix in every room, lest there be any question of her facility's loyalty.

Perhaps the Nazis had more pressing things to do than monitor hospital rooms, but a doctor who was a Nazi loyalist ratted on Restituta, and she was imprisoned.

Even then, she was given an out: Leave your religious order and go quietly. But Restituta refused. Her last words were: "I have lived for Christ; I want to die for Christ."

Although many priests and nuns died at the hands of the Nazis, including the great Edith Stein, who became St. Teresa Benedicta but died in a concentration camp because of her Jewish heritage, no other nun in Europe was sentenced to execution by beheading except Restituta Kafka.

The annals of World War II literature are full of heroes who challenge us to question how we would have responded to that real-life nightmare. So here's one more hero: Blessed Restituta Kafka, pray for us.

(Effie Caldarola writes for Catholic News Service.) †

Feast of Christ the King/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

Sunday Readings

Sunday, November 24, 2013

- 2 Samuel 5:1-3
- Colossians 1:12-20
- Luke 23:35-43

The Second Book of Samuel furnishes the first biblical reading for this feast, marking the close of the Church year.



Once, the two books of Samuel composed a single volume. In time, editors divided the volume into the two books now seen in Bibles. The book records the major events of the reign of King David in Israel, which was from 1004

to 971 BC. It is classified as a history book in the Old Testament.

In this weekend's reading, David becomes the king of Israel. He was more than a governmental authority or political figure. His task as king was to strengthen the union between God and the people. He was God's instrument, but not in a plan to control people. After all, people had free wills allowing them to choose the course of their actions.

Rather, David was God's gift to the people. By bringing them closer to God, David assisted in bringing them to prosperity, peace and life.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from St. Paul's Epistle to the Colossians. This epistle was written to the Christians of Colossae, a moderately important city of the Roman Empire.

Jesus is the absolute keystone of creation. All human beings and certainly all Christians come together in the Lord. Through Jesus, all people possess the hope of eternal salvation. Through Jesus, all Christians share in the very life of God.

Magnificent in its imagery, this reading acclaims Jesus as the "image of the invisible God."

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a passage from Luke's powerful Passion Narrative that recounts the trial and execution of Jesus.

Central in the story is the inscription placed above the head of Jesus on the cross. It read, "The King of the Jews." It is easy,

and probably accurate, to assume that this inscription was placed on the cross above the Lord's dying body by the Roman authorities to warn potential rebels of the plight awaiting anyone who dared to defy Rome. It was also intended to mock Jesus.

Instead of mockery, the sign was a revelation. It situated Jesus in the full sweep of salvation history, that pattern of encounters between God and the Hebrews. Jesus was of the Hebrews. He was a Jew. Most importantly, Jesus was the first among the Jews, the king.

The Gospel then gives the story of the criminals being executed beside Jesus. One cynically blasphemes. The other beautifully professes Jesus as Savior. To him, Jesus promises life eternal. It is a majestic act of divine love and forgiveness.

Reflection

The Church closes its year with a brilliant and joyful testimony of Jesus as Son of God and Redeemer. He is the only source of true life. Furthermore, the Lord is the very embodiment of God's endless love. Jesus frees us from our sins, as he forgave the dying thief on the cross at Calvary.

As Son of God, Jesus is God, possessing all authority over everything. Nothing can overcome or daunt the Son of God, not even death on the cross.

Americans generally do not understand the European concept of royalty. Monarchs exist to serve their people.

A great heroine of the Second World War was Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, great-grandmother of the present Dutch king, who came to the throne as a small girl when her father died. On a great holiday early in her reign, her mother led Wilhelmina to the palace balcony to receive the cheers of the crowd. Thrilled, the little queen asked, "Mommie, do all these people belong to me?"

Her mother wisely replied, "No, dear, you belong to them."

The great lesson of this feast is that the wonderful, wonderfully loving and forgiving Son of God, Christ the King, belongs to us. †

Daily Readings

Monday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
(Response) Daniel 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 26

Daniel 2:31-45
(Response) Daniel 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Response) Daniel 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday, November 28

Daniel 6:12-28
(Response) Daniel 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28

Friday, November 29

Daniel 7:2-4
(Response) Daniel 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle
Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 4:18-22

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

The Church's 'Order for Christian Funerals' allows for burial at sea

There was a photo in our local Catholic newspaper of a pastor presiding over a burial at sea. Please clarify the Church's teaching on cremation, and the proper final resting place of the cremated remains. (I thought that the "cremains" were to be buried.) (Davenport, Iowa)



The Catholic Church, while it prefers a traditional burial or entombment, permits cremation. The cremated remains are to be treated with the same respect as the body of the deceased, which means that they are to be placed in a worthy vessel and buried or entombed in consecrated ground (not kept on a mantelpiece or scattered over a mountaintop or any other place).

The Church allows burial at sea, provided that the body or the cremated remains are buried in a dignified and heavy container.

In the "Order for Christian Funerals," #406, Section 4, there is a specific prayer to be used in such cases: "Lord God, by the power of your word you stilled the chaos of the primeval seas, you made the raging waters of the flood subside, and calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. As we commit the body [earthly remains] of our brother [sister] N. to the deep, grant him/her peace and tranquility until that day when he/she and all who believe in you will be raised to the glory of new life promised in the waters of baptism."

I am a longtime practicing Catholic, but there is a question that has been bothering me. With respect to the canonization process for Pope John Paul II, how did the devil's advocate treat the issue of the clergy sexual abuse scandal? (Marlboro, N.J.)

Pope John Paul II—along with Pope John XXIII—will be canonized by Pope Francis in a liturgy at the Vatican on April 27, 2014.

As your question suggests, some people have objected to this decision—particularly advocates for victims of clergy sex abuse—because, they say, as the Church's leader, Pope John Paul did not act quickly and forcefully enough in punishing abusers and protecting children.

They especially fault Pope John Paul for his support of the Mexican priest Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, who fostered many religious vocations through the society he founded, the Legion of Christ.

Father Maciel was later determined to have abused multiple victims; he was removed from ministry by Pope Benedict XVI, and ordered to spend the rest of his days in "prayer and penitence."

Supporters of Pope John Paul point out that he attempted to stem abuse by assigning such cases to the Vatican's influential Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and by approving an expedited process for weeding abusers out of the priesthood.

As to what was reported and discussed in the canonization process about Pope John Paul's response to the crime, sin and scandal of sexual abuse, it is difficult to say without access to a transcript of the proceedings.

I feel confident that the matter would have been brought forward for discussion, especially given the strength of victims' concerns. Technically, the role is filled now not by a "devil's advocate" but by the "relator," who assembles material on the candidate's life and writings as well as on the social milieu of the period.

It is important to note that the canonization is neither a seal of approval of each decision made during Pope John Paul's papacy nor a ratification of every policy choice. It is a statement that he was a holy man who is now with God in heaven, not necessarily a wise or an effective Church leader in every aspect of his papal ministry.

Supporters of Pope John Paul would say, in fact, that he was "all of the above," citing his role in freeing Eastern Europe from Soviet tyranny, his international trips to promote the Gospel and his courageous example while suffering during his final years from Parkinson's disease.

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

My Journey to God

Christ the King

By Natalie Hoefler

O King of all on heaven and Earth,
No ermine robe upon your birth,
But swaddling clothes like those to servants born.

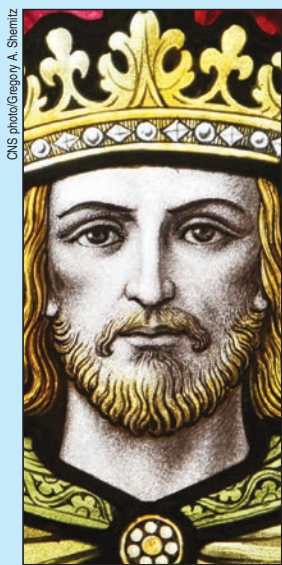
O King, like none before or after,
Midst malicious, mocking laughter,
Crowned not with gold but instead with painful thorns.

O King of all God's great creation,
With not a throne to rule the nations
But upon a cross was your battered body borne.

O King of every life created,
By so many were you hated,
Crucified, with few who for you mourned.

O resurrected King most glorious,
Now with God in heaven victorious,
On this day we give you all our thanks and praise!

To Christ the King of Mother Church,
To Christ the King of heaven and Earth,
We give glory, love and honor all our days!



Natalie Hoefler is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and a reporter for The Criterion. A stained-glass window of Jesus wearing a crown is seen at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y.

Rest in peace

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

AGRESTA, Gwendolyn Marie, 82, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Indianapolis, Oct. 25. Mother of Katie Baxter, Mary Kappes, Francie Kight, Annie, Margie, James, Larry, Michael, Sam and Tony Agresta. Sister of Karen Jones. Grandmother of 27. Great-grandmother of 46.

BOTTOM, Christine L., 60, SS. Francis and Clare, Greenwood, Nov. 11. Wife of Carey Bottom. Mother of Shawn Bottom. Daughter of Kenneth Mayhan. Sister of Mark and Matt Mayhan. Grandmother of one.

BURLINGAME, Robert D., Sr., 91, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Oct. 30. Father of Connie Duffitt, Gloria Lee, Ed and Robert Burlingame. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of eight.

CARMACK, Robert P., 79, St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, Oct. 30. Husband of Joan Carmack. Father of Jo Ellen Ford, James, Jonathan and William Carmack. Brother of Betty Jane Upton and Harold Carmack. Grandfather of six. Great-grandfather of three.

CLARK, Janet Lee, 66, St. Andrew, Richmond, Nov. 6. Mother of Stephanie Pollitt. Stepmother of Shelly Norris and Darrel Clark. Daughter of Helen Liebert. Sister of Susan, John and Michael Liebert. Grandmother of seven.

EBERLE, Richard, 57, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Oct. 31. Father of Chris and Tim Eberle. Brother of Steve Eberle. Grandfather of five.

EVANS, Rosemary H., 103, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower), Indianapolis, Oct. 24.

Mother of Roseann Hamel-Harris, Frank, James, John and Leo Evans. Grandmother of 15. Great-grandmother of 30. Great-great-grandmother of one.

FRUEHWALD, Pearl M., 86, St. Paul, Tell City, Nov. 6. Aunt of several.

HEEDE, Marjorie P., 95, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 31. Mother of Linda Cress, James and Robert Heede. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

HELLMAN, Cyrilla A., 91, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, Nov. 10. Mother of David, Dennis and Jerry Hellman. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 10. Great-great-grandmother of six.

INGRAM, Barbara Ann, 82, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, Nov. 3. Mother of Mary Ann and John Ingram.

KEOUGH, Robert Joseph, 63, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Nov. 6. Brother of Daniel, John, Kevin and Timothy Keough.

LAKER, Anna M., 67, St. Mary, Rushville, Nov. 2. Wife of Donald Laker. Mother of Rosie Laker-Weber, Bonnie, Connie, Brian and James Laker. Grandmother of eight. Step-grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of three.

MARKS, Laverne (Beberdick), 90, St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, Oct. 29. Wife of Robert Nelson Marks. Stepmother of Kim Brinegar, David, John and Paul Marks.

MARTIN, Norma J., 85, Most Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, Oct. 22. Mother of Cindy, David, Gary, Jim, Kevin and Les Martin.

McCOOL, Clara (Gerkin), 95, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, Nov. 8. Mother of Emmy Gray, Ann Henson and Sandi Miller. Sister of Rose Ann Born. Grandmother of seven. Great-grandmother of two.

MILES, Bernadette Ann, infant, St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, Oct. 25. Daughter of Lee and Tricia Miles. Sister of Marcella, Callum and Niccolo Miles. Granddaughter of Alan

and Treva Miles and Victor and Carla Pagani.

MILLS, Agnes T., 82, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, Nov. 6. Mother of Dawn Ridge, Sherry Wilson, Dennis, Ray and Richard Mills. Sister of Bud Campbell. Grandmother of seven. Great-great-grandmother of 10.

NADERMAN, Joseph H., 66, Immaculate Conception, Millhousen, Nov. 5. Cousin of several.

PARKER, Violeta E., 55, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County, Nov. 7. Wife of Greg Parker. Mother of GeeAnn and Gerard Parker. Grandmother of one.

RAMSEY, Joan M., 87, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, Nov. 1. Mother of Karen Quinn-Folzenlogel, Kathleen Quinn-Young and Julianne Ramsey Bidwell. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of 10.

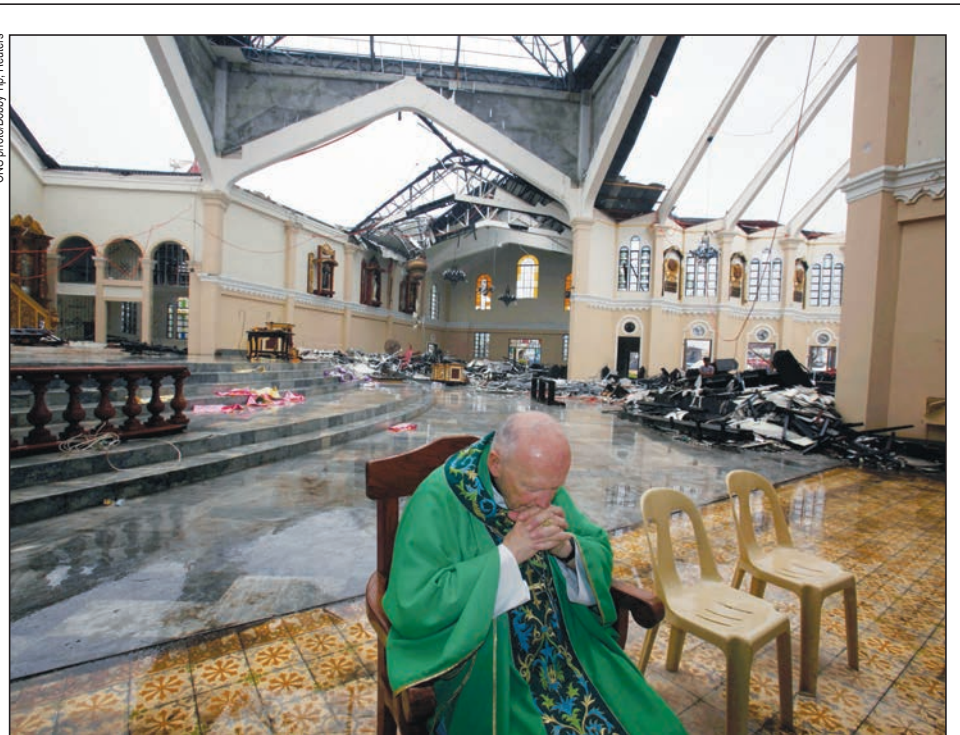
RENNIE, Justin, 66, St. Augustine, Leopold, Sept. 8. Husband of Betty Sue Rennie. Father of Beth McClane, Donna, Nancy and Charles Rennie.

SMITH, Rosetta E. (Hess), 92, Holy Family, New Albany, Nov. 2. Mother of Phyllis Andres, Denise Bomersbach, Darlene Schy, Karen Thomas, Dick, Jerry, Jim and Juder Smith. Sister of Irene and Marcella Naville. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 22.

STROBEL, Mary L., St. Pius V., Troy, 82, Nov. 7. Wife of Urban Strobel. Mother of Joanie Howland, Lee Ann Huebschman, Bernie, Dennis and Michael Strobel. Sister of Jean Gleann and Rita Northcott. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of six.

THOMPSON, Elizabeth J., 88, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, Oct. 16. Wife of Don Thompson. Mother of Carol Stumpf. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.

VENDELY, Bill, 96, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Nov. 4. Father of Margaret, Patricia, Theresa, Edward and Tony Vendely. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of eight. †



Praying for the Philippines

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, prays during a Mass inside the partially destroyed Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord in Palo, Philippines on Nov. 17. Cardinal McCarrick celebrated Mass at the heavily damaged cathedral for victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which came ashore on Nov. 8 in the Philippines, killing thousands.

Pope prescribes daily rosary for what ails you in life

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis admitted he wasn't a pharmacist, but he didn't hesitate being the spokesman for the heart-healthy benefits of 59 little pills strung together: the rosary.

"I want to recommend some medicine for all of you," the pope said on Nov. 17 at the end of his Sunday Angelus address. "It's a spiritual medicine."

Holding up a white medicine box with an anatomical drawing of the human heart on it, Pope Francis told some 80,000 people gathered for the midday prayer that the boxes contained a rosary.

"Don't forget to take it," he said. "It's good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

Praying the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will help people reap the fruits of the Year of Faith, he said, because they are "a spiritual aid for our soul and for spreading love, forgiveness and brotherhood to everyone."

Volunteers, led by Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, director of papal charities, gave away about 20,000 boxes containing

a rosary, a Divine Mercy holy card and a medical-style instruction sheet.

In addition to describing how to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a devotion begun by St. Faustina Kowalska, the information sheet states categorically that no negative side effects have been reported.

The sheet recommends daily use of the beads for both adults and children, but adds that it can be repeated as often as necessary. It also notes that receiving the sacraments increases the efficacy of the prescription, and that further information and assistance can be received from any priest.

The Swiss Guards, their family members and the Albertine Sisters who work in their barracks spent weeks in October, the month of the rosary, preparing the boxes and inserting instructions in Italian, French, English or Polish. Archbishop Krajewski got the idea from Archbishop Slawoj Glodz of Gdansk, Poland. A seminarian in Gdansk had made similar boxes for youths attending a retreat. †

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Ellen Brunner

Melissa, a nurse practitioner by training, is currently a stay-at-home mom to sixth-grade triplets, Martin, Michael and Lauren. John is employed by Morgan Stanley, and has 20 years of experience in the investment industry. Both have been generous with the Church and the greater Indianapolis community.

Melissa shares her gifts at St. Simon the Apostle Parish, the family's parish in Indianapolis, and with community organizations such as the Indianapolis Children's Museum Guild.

John was a cabinet member for the archdiocese's "Legacy for Our Mission" campaign. He currently serves on the board of directors at Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School as well as the finance committee at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, both in Indianapolis.

The Catholic faith is a guidepost for the Duffy family. "Our enthusiasm for our faith translates to a strong

willingness to serve the needs of the Church," said John. The Duffy's engagement in the Church has led them to make sacrifices in order to support its ministries.

Recently, the couple made the decision to establish a donor-advised fund with the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF). The fund, simply described as a charitable checking account, enables John and Melissa to make charitable contributions on a regular basis in any amount to one or multiple Catholic ministries.

And the fund keeps John, Melissa and their children actively involved.

"The fund is an important teaching opportunity for our children," Melissa said. "We plan to share our giving decisions with them, and include them in the decision-making process when they get a bit older. We like the idea of them eventually being able to designate gifts to suitable charities."

Offered by the CCF, a donor-advised fund is a charitable gifting instrument. It is a simple, less costly alternative to establishing and maintaining a private foundation, explained Ellen Brunner, CCF director.

"The beauty of the donor-advised fund is that the benefactors have the ability to direct grants from the donor-advised funds to Catholic ministry areas closest to their hearts," Brunner said. "Donors contribute tax-deductible assets to their donor-advised funds, and recommend distributions from the account to charitable organizations of their choice over time."

CCF does the record keeping and due diligence, and,



Melissa and John Duffy

unlike private foundations, can protect a donor's identity, if requested, Brunner added.

(For more information about establishing a donor-advised fund or information about the many charitable and gift planning opportunities available through the Catholic Community Foundation, please contact them at 317-236-1482 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1482. They will be happy to assist you.) †

Confession renews grace of baptism, Pope Francis says at weekly audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—With baptism, Christians are cleansed of sin, but the sacrament doesn't wash away human weakness nor the obligation to ask forgiveness when they make mistakes, Pope Francis said.

Baptism is "God's powerful intervention in our lives to save us. This saving intervention of God doesn't remove our human nature and weakness. We are all weak and we are all sinners. And baptism doesn't remove our responsibility to ask forgiveness every time we err," the pope said on Nov. 13 during his weekly general audience.

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis offered prayers for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines and for those who died on Nov. 11 when a mortar shell hit a school bus in Damascus, Syria.

"This must never happen! Let us pray with insistence," the pope said. The "real battles" that need to be fought in the world, he said, are not wars for power, but battles "for life, never for death."

In his main audience talk, continuing a Year of Faith series about the creed, Pope Francis reflected on the affirmation, "I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins."

As he has done on several occasions, the pope encouraged people to find out the date of their baptism and celebrate it as a "second birthday." He told the crowd he wouldn't ask the bishops present if they knew their baptismal dates "because I don't want to embarrass them."

Through baptism, he said, God gives each person a

new life "that isn't weighed down by a negative past, but already contains hints of the beauty and goodness of the kingdom of heaven."

"This is beautiful," he told an estimated 45,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square. "I can't be baptized two or three or four times, but I can go to confession, and when I go to confession, I renew that grace of baptism."

"The Lord Jesus is so good that he never tires of forgiving me. Remember that! Baptism opens the doors of the Church. Look up the date of your baptism. But also, when the door starts closing a bit because of our weakness and sins, confession reopens it."

"Let's go forward joyfully, OK? Because life must be lived with the joy of Jesus Christ," he said. "This is a grace from the Lord." †

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Class 2A state title caps Providence's storybook season

By John Shaughnessy

The girls jumped into each other's arms before they all fell to the volleyball court in a tangled pile of pure joy and celebration.

On the sidelines, head coach Terri Purichia let her clipboard drop to the court, her tears flowing as her assistant coaches rushed to hug her.

It's a scene and a feeling that Purichia says she will never forget—a scene and a feeling that overflowed with emotion immediately after the volleyball team of Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville won its first Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) championship in volleyball on Nov. 9.

"I found myself getting very emotional after the victory," said Purichia whose team defeated Bishop Noll High School of Hammond, Ind., in the Class 2A championship by a score of 25-18, 25-15 and 25-20 at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie. "I was so overwhelmed with pride and happiness."

The victory capped a storybook season in which the Providence team finished with a record of 36-4—one more win than last year's team which lost in the state championship match.

"That loss fueled the fire for 365 days," Purichia noted.

Just as important, she said, were the leadership, chemistry, unity and talent that

marked the team.

"They've been playing together for a few years, and they get along very well on the court and off the court," Purichia said. "That chemistry is so critical.

"The second thing is that they have some talent. And they've put in a lot of time that makes them successful, too."

Crucial to that success was the leadership of the seniors on the team, Maile Daniel, Mary Kate Meyer and Abby Spitznagel. Abby was the recipient of the Class 2A Mental Attitude Award.

"They're good leaders by example," Purichia said. "When your seniors behave in that way, your other players know no other way."

For Purichia, the state championship was a fulfillment of a dream that started in 1986 when she was a freshman at Providence.

"I love this school and the people in it," said Purichia, who has been the Providence volleyball coach since 1998. "I've been blessed as a player, a coach and a teacher to be part of this community.

"I know how hard so many people through the years have worked for this. We have such a tradition of excellence here, but we've never been able to bring a volleyball state championship back to Providence. To be able to do that for the school is such an awesome experience. It's very meaningful for me to be a part of.

"It's a feeling I won't ever forget." †



Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School players celebrate winning the Class 2A state volleyball championship on Nov. 9 at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie.



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Players fight through adversity to help Brebeuf Jesuit claim Class 3A state title

By John Shaughnessy



Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School players celebrate winning the Class 3A state volleyball championship on Nov. 9 at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie.

Anna Huse considers it fitting the way the volleyball team of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis recently earned a state championship.

"We had a lot of close matches like that this year," said Huse in describing her team's 26-24, 27-25, 25-23 win over Concordia High School of Fort Wayne, Ind., in the Class 3A championship of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) on Nov. 9 at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie.

"It reinforces that this team never gives up. They fight. They have the belief they can win."

They also have a touch of history as they became the first volleyball state champions with more than 10 losses in a season.

Starting the state tournament with a record of 13-12, Brebeuf's team won seven matches in the post-season to claim its fourth state title in the sport.

"Our loss record doesn't reflect the quality of our team," said Huse, the first-year head coach. "We faced a lot of great teams during the season. We also had some injuries. But we always moved forward. That was what was special. Through the struggles, they kept fighting."

Huse paused and added, "I felt extreme happiness when we won. I was so proud and honored to coach this team through

the season."

A year ago, the 33-year-old Huse couldn't imagine coaching at Brebeuf. A 1999 graduate of Milan High School in Milan, she was in her sixth season as an assistant coach of the volleyball team at Miami University in Ohio. But that focus changed as she prepared to be married in March and her husband-to-be, William, received a job offer in Indianapolis.

"My mother-in-law informed me of the opening at Brebeuf," Huse recalled. "I called the school at the end of January, I was hired in February, and we were married on March 1."

The Brebeuf players quickly bought into her coaching philosophy, Huse noted.

"My philosophy is to learn every day to become a better team, to get better at the game, and to be accountable for our performance," she said. "Team intelligence is important. Inclusion is, too. The players developed a sisterhood through the season. Their leadership was excellent."

One of the team's leaders, Sierra Witham, was named the recipient of the Class 3A Mental Attitude Award.

"I'm extremely proud of all the players because they worked so hard and fought so hard," Huse said. "When you work so hard for months to get a goal, it's so great when you accomplish it. It just feels right." †



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Catholic Charities USA president sees strong message in how pope lifts up the poor

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (CNS)—The president of Catholic Charities USA said Pope Francis is calling people to a "new reality certainly in the way that he lifts up the poor."

His message of walking with those in need addresses some of the questions Catholic Charities and other Catholic organizations have faced, Father Larry Snyder told a group of journalists and media professionals on Nov. 7 at the Catholic Press Association's Southern and Eastern regional meeting in Alexandria.

The priest also mentioned that Pope Francis is expected to introduce a worldwide hunger campaign with a video message on Dec. 10, which is World Human Rights Day.

The campaign, "One human family, and food for all,"

is an effort of Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of Catholic relief, development and social service agencies. One aim of the campaign is to urge governments to implement the right to food in national law.

Father Snyder outlined the long history of Catholic social ministries in the United States, which began almost 300 years ago when French Ursuline sisters built a school, hospital and orphanage in New Orleans.

"What happened in New Orleans is what has happened in every community since Catholics have populated this country," he said. "It was a response to a local need."

Since then, religious communities and lay Catholics helped other Catholic immigrants—who made up more

than half of the Church's membership until the 1900s—to acclimate to this country.

At the beginning, their work involved ministering just to Catholics, he said, but the Second Vatican Council changed the approach and "challenged us to be leaven in the world."

For organizations such as Catholic Charities, that meant anybody who was in need, regardless of their religious affiliation, could get services. Today, local agencies of Catholic Charities help about 10 million individuals every year, he said.

Father Snyder said Catholic Charities' goal is to ultimately reduce poverty in the United States—which affects more than 46 million people. †