

The

Criterion

Serving the Church in Central and Southern Indiana Since 1960



Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori stresses importance of lay Catholics witnessing to religious liberty, page 3.

CriterionOnline.com

June 17, 2016

Vol. LVI, No. 36 75¢

Pope, bishops offer prayers for Orlando victims and their families

ORLANDO, Fla. (CNS)—Orlando Bishop John G. Noonan urged people of faith “to turn their hearts and souls” to God and pray for the victims, the families and first responders following the worst mass shooting in U.S. history on June 12.



Pope Francis

“A sword has pierced the heart of our city,” he said in a statement.

“The healing power of Jesus goes beyond our physical wounds but touches every level of our humanity: physical, emotional, social, spiritual,” he said. “Jesus calls us to remain fervent in our protection of life and human dignity and to

pray unceasingly for peace in our world.”

The shooting rampage at a crowded nightclub in Orlando left 50 people dead, including the gunman, and 53 wounded.

Police said a lone gunman—identified as 29-year-old Omar Mir Seddique Mateen—opened fire inside the Pulse club in Orlando in the early morning hours. New reports said that Mateen, who pledged allegiance to the Islamic State terrorist group, died in a gun battle with SWAT team members.

Pope Francis also offered prayers for the families of the victims, and expressed hope that people would find ways to identify and uproot “the causes of such terrible and absurd violence.”

A Vatican statement described the shooting as an expression of “homicidal folly and senseless hatred.” It also noted, “Pope Francis joins the families of the victims and all of the injured in prayer and in compassion. Sharing in their indescribable suffering, he entrusts them to the Lord so they may find comfort.”

Across the United States, reaction from church and community leaders was swift, and

See ORLANDO, page 9

READY TO SERVE GOD’S PEOPLE

2 0 1 6 O R D I N A T I O N S

(Editor’s note: At 10 a.m. on June 25, six men are scheduled to be ordained priests at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis: transitional deacons James Brockmeier, Anthony Hollowell, Douglas Hunter, Kyle Rodden, Matthew Tucci and Nicholas Ajpacaja Tzoc. This week, The Criterion features profiles of Deacon Tucci and Deacon Tzoc.)



Transitional Deacon Matthew Tucci proclaims the Gospel during an Aug. 11 Mass at St. Mary Church in New Albany during an annual pilgrimage taken by archdiocesan seminarians. Deacon Tucci is scheduled to be ordained a priest on June 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Faith brings Deacon Matthew Tucci to life and a vocation to the priesthood

By Sean Gallagher

Michelle Tucci has had a regular message for her children through the years.

“I still tell them that you can’t get through this life without your faith.”

In the case of her son transitional Deacon Matthew Tucci, he wasn’t able to get into this life without it.

He was born on April 6, 1987, at 26 weeks gestation, weighing only 2 pounds, 4 ounces. Michelle had been suffering from a rare disorder during her pregnancy and was experiencing such regular bleeding that she was constantly anxious about the life of her unborn child.

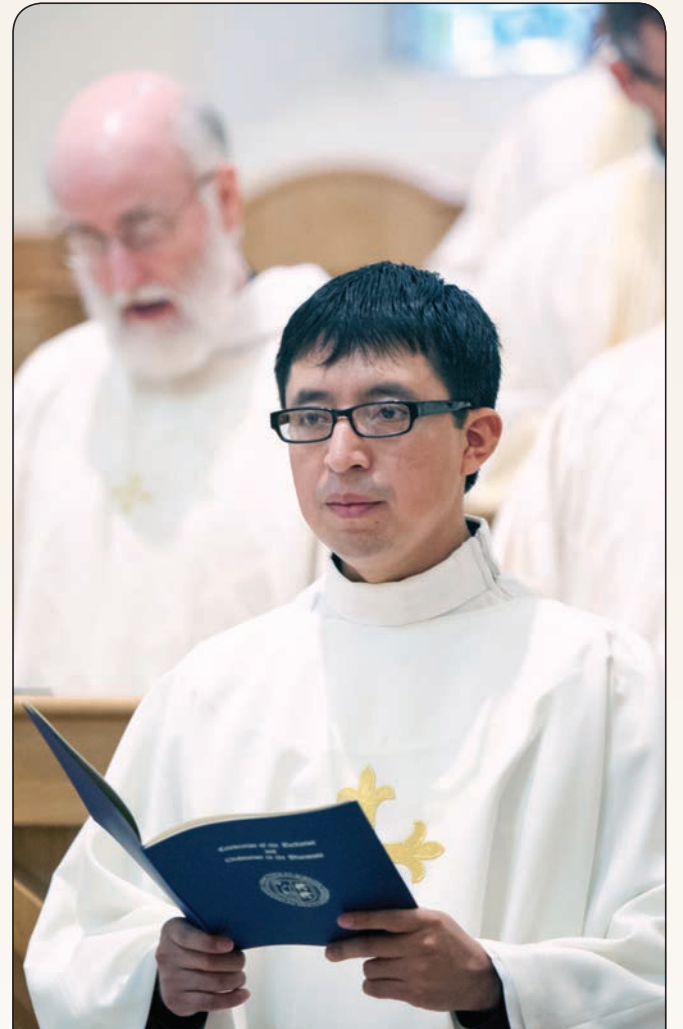
“I couldn’t take it and just prayed, ‘Lord, I can’t do this anymore. It’s in your hands,’” Michelle said. “And he was born that night.”

After an emergency cesarean section delivery, Deacon Tucci remained hospitalized for nearly three months as he suffered respiratory and cardiac arrests.

“The first few days, it was like, if everything goes well the first 24 hours, then there’s a chance for 48 hours, then 72 hours,” Michelle recalled.

“We went through some ups and downs,” said Mike Tucci,

See TUCCI, page 9



Transitional Deacon Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc wears a dalmatic after he was ordained a deacon during an ordination Mass at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in St. Meinrad on April 11, 2015. (Photo courtesy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey)

Transitional Deacon Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc says need for Hispanic ministry in the U.S. ‘touched my heart’

By Natalie Hoefler

Many priests throughout the history of the Church in America have felt the call to be a missionary in this country: Bishop Simon Bruté of France, St. Junipero Serra of Spain and St. Damien de Veuster of Belgium.

Add transitional Deacon Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc of Guatemala to the list of missionaries to America.

The 35-year-old transitional deacon did not move to Indiana with his family as a youth or young adult. He chose to come in his late 20s, with a specific purpose.

“I wanted to be a missionary,” he says. “The people that I read about that impressed me were missionaries from Spain. It’s a mission to work in [Hispanic] ministry [in the United States].”

His 2,500-mile journey from Totonicapan in Guatemala to Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Saint Meinrad has had its twists and turns. From seminary, to teaching, to moving to a country where he did not speak the language, and to seminary again, Deacon Tzoc has pursued his call to serve the Church as a missionary to Latino Catholics in the U.S.

See TZOC, page 8

Official Appointments

Effective June 29, 2016

Rev. Joseph L. Newton, JCL, adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, while providing sacramental assistance at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin and Holy Trinity Parish in Edinburg, appointed vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal.

Effective July 6, 2016

Newly Ordained Priest Appointments

Rev. Nicolas A. Ajpacajá Tzoc, being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, appointed associate pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis and assisting St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis with Hispanic Ministry.

Rev. James M. Brockmeier, being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, appointed associate pastor of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood and chaplain coordinator for Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

Rev. Anthony P. Hollowell, being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, granted permission to return to Rome for graduate studies.

Rev. Douglas A. Hunter, Jr., being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, appointed associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis and chaplain coordinator for Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

Rev. Kyle G. Rodden, being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, appointed associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

Rev. Matthew H. Tucci, being ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 2016, appointed associate pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis and chaplain coordinator for Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis.

Other Appointments

Rev. Richard M. Ginther, pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish and St. Patrick Parish, both in Terre Haute, and dean of the Terre Haute Deanery, appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis.

Rev. Daniel Bedel, associate pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis and chaplain coordinator for Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, appointed administrator of St. Margaret Mary Parish and St. Patrick Parish, both in Terre Haute.

Rev. John M. Hall, pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Martinsville, administrator of Our Lady of the Springs Parish in French Lick, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Parish in Paoli, and dean of the Bloomington

Deanery, appointed pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Cambridge City, St. Anne Parish in New Castle, and St. Rose of Lima Parish in Knightstown.

Rev. Joseph F. Rautenberg, pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Cambridge City, sacramental minister of St. Anne Parish in New Castle, and archdiocesan consultant on ethics/bioethics, appointed associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, Catholic chaplain at the University of Indianapolis, and continuing as archdiocesan consultant on ethics/bioethics.

Rev. David J. Marcotte, associate pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, appointed administrator of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Martinsville.

Rev. Benjamin D. Syberg, associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis and Catholic chaplain at the University of Indianapolis, appointed administrator of Our Lady of the Springs Parish in French Lick and Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Parish in Paoli.

Rev. Louis M. Manna, pastor of American Martyrs Parish in Scottsburg and St. Patrick Parish in Salem, granted permission to retire.

Rev. Joseph Villa, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Bradford, St. Bernard Parish in Frenchtown, and administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Crawford County, appointed pastor of American Martyrs Parish in Scottsburg and St. Patrick Parish in Salem.

Rev. Aaron J. Pfaff, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and sacramental minister at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County, appointed pastor of St. Michael Parish in Bradford, St. Bernard Parish in Frenchtown, and administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Crawford County.

Rev. Martin Rodriguez, associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and sacramental minister for St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County.

Rev. Timothy M. Wyciskalla, associate pastor of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood and chaplain coordinator for Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, granted permission to pursue a licentiate in canon law in Rome.

Rev. Douglas M. Marcotte, administrator of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and St. Augustine Parish, both in Jeffersonville, appointed pastor.

Rev. John Kamwendo, associate pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis and chaplain coordinator for Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, appointed associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Brookville and St. Peter Parish in Franklin County.

Rev. Joseph B. Moriarty, vice-rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and chaplain at

Marian University, both in Indianapolis, appointed rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary.

Rev. Justin DuVall, O.S.B. retired Archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, appointed vice-rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis.

Rev. Joseph L. Newton, JCL, vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, appointed to the formation staff at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis while continuing as vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal.

Rev. Francis Joseph Kalapurackal, temporary administrator of St. Thomas More Parish in Mooresville, appointed administrator.

Rev. Jegan Peter, associate pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and Catholic chaplain at Butler University in Indianapolis, appointed associate pastor of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg and continuing as Catholic chaplain at Butler University.

Rev. Xavier Raj, Diocese of Palayamkottai, India, appointed associate pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis.

Rev. Robert J. Gilday, pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower) in Indianapolis and adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, continuing as pastor of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish and reappointed to a five-year term as adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal.

Rev. Paul M. Shikany, pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis and adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, continuing as pastor of St. Christopher Parish and reappointed to a five-year term as adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal.

Rev. Msgr. Frederick C. Easton, retired and serving as adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal, reappointed to a five-year term as adjunct vicar judicial, Metropolitan Tribunal.

Rev. Clement T. Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, reappointed pastor for a term of one year.

Very Rev. Wilfred E. (Sonny) Day, V.F., pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight and dean of the New Albany Deanery, appointed administrator for a period of one year while continuing as dean.

Rev. James R. Wilmoth, administrator of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, reappointed as administrator for a period of one year.

(These appointments are from the office of the Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Indianapolis.) †

Love, not perfection, leads to happiness, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Love and solidarity are what make the world a better place, not a focus on physical perfection and hiding away those who do not fit a commercial ideal, Pope Francis said.

“The world does not become better because only apparently ‘perfect’—not to mention fake—people live there, but when human solidarity, mutual acceptance and respect increase,” the pope said on June 12 celebrating Mass for the Year of Mercy jubilee of the sick and persons with disabilities.

Several altar servers with Down syndrome assisted Pope Francis at the Mass in St. Peter’s Square. Persons with disabilities proclaimed the first two Scripture readings,

including by using braille.

The Gospel story, about the sinful woman who washed Jesus’ feet with her tears, was acted out while a deacon read it in Italian, and sign language interpreters were stationed throughout the square.

“Each of us, sooner or later, is called to face—at times painfully—frailty and illness, both our own and those of others,” Pope Francis said in his homily.

Limitations are part of being human, he said, yet today there is a widespread notion that “sick or disabled persons cannot be happy, since they cannot live the lifestyle held up by the culture of pleasure and entertainment.”


“In an age when care for one’s body has become an

obsession and a big business, anything imperfect has to be hidden away, since it threatens the happiness and serenity of the privileged few and endangers the dominant model,” the pope said. “In some cases, we are even told that it is better to eliminate them as soon as possible, because they become an unacceptable economic burden in time of crisis.”

People with such attitudes, he said, “fail to understand the real meaning of life, which also has to do with accepting suffering and limitations.”


And for Jesus, he said, the sick and the weak, those cast aside by society—like the woman in the Gospel story—are precisely the ones he loves most.

The only path to happiness is love, Pope Francis said. †



NEWS FROM YOU!
Do you have something exciting or newsworthy you want to be considered to be printed in The Criterion?
E-mail us: criterion@archindy.org

Staff
Editor: Mike Krokos
Assistant Editor: John Shaughnessy
Reporter: Sean Gallagher
Reporter: Natalie Hoefler
Online Editor: Brandon A. Evans
Business Manager: Ron Massey
Graphics Specialist: Jerry Boucher
Print Service Assistant: Annette Danielson



Phone Numbers
Criterion office:..... 317-236-1570
Advertising..... 317-236-1454
Toll free: 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1570
Circulation: 317-236-1454
Toll free: 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1454
Price: \$22.00 per year, 75 cents per copy
Postmaster
Send address changes to *The Criterion*,
1400 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
Web site: www.CriterionOnline.com
E-mail: criterion@archindy.org
Published weekly except the last week of December and the first week of January. Mailing address:
1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367. Periodical postage paid at Indianapolis, IN.
Copyright © 2016 Criterion Press Inc. ISSN 0574-4350.

The Criterion
(ISSN 0574-4350) is published weekly except the last week of December and the first week of January.

1400 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
317-236-1570
800-382-9836 ext. 1570
criterion@archindy.org

Periodical postage paid at Indianapolis, IN.
Copyright © 2016
Criterion Press Inc.

Postmaster:
Send address changes to:
Criterion Press Inc.
1400 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367



6/17/16

Moving?
We'll be there waiting if you give us two weeks' advance notice!

Name _____
E-mail _____
New Address _____
City _____
State/Zip _____
New Parish _____
Effective Date _____

Note: If you are receiving duplicate copies please send both labels.
The Criterion • 1400 N. Meridian St. • Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

Archbishop Lori stresses importance of lay Catholics witnessing to religious liberty



By Sean Gallagher

First of two parts

The U.S. bishops' fifth annual Fortnight for Freedom will be held from June 21-July 4. Since the first period of prayer, advocacy and education related to religious liberty in 2012, this freedom has come under increasing pressure both here in the United States and around the world.

This year's Fortnight has "Witnesses to Freedom" as its theme and features men and women from across Church history, from St. John the Baptist to Egyptian Coptic Christians killed for their faith in 2015 by Islamic State militants.

The Fortnight will also include a 10-city tour of relics of the English saints Thomas More and John Fisher. The saints share June 22 as their feast day. Both died in 1535 after refusing to accept Parliament's Act of Supremacy, which declared that King Henry VIII was the head of the Church in England.

Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori has led the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty since the fall of 2011 and so has been closely involved with the planning of each Fortnight for Freedom.

A native of New Albany who grew up in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish there, he recently was interviewed by *The Criterion* about this year's Fortnight for Freedom and about current challenges to religious liberty in society, culture, the judicial system and politics.

The following are excerpts of that interview.

Q. Since starting in 2012, this year's Fortnight for Freedom will be the fifth one that the Church in the U.S. has observed. What effects do you think it has had thus far, what challenges does the Church face in making it more effective, and what hopes do you have for it this year?

A. "The Fortnight for Freedom is mostly an event of prayer. It's a time to remind everyone that religious freedom is a precious gift that is under challenge in many ways at home and abroad. We must pray for those who are persecuted and the preservation of our own freedom.

"Praying about these matters also raises our awareness of them, not as a partisan political issue, but rather as a gift with which God has given to our humanity. So, I think the Fortnight is very important for doing that.

"This year, the theme is 'Witnesses to Freedom.' We will be doing a tour in over 10 cities of the relics of St. Thomas More



Following the opening Mass for the U.S. bishops' first Fortnight for Freedom campaign, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori greets Doris Breighner outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore on June 21, 2012. In an interview with *The Criterion* about this year's Fortnight, Archbishop Lori emphasized the important role of lay Catholics in defending religious liberty. (CNS photo/Tom McCarthy Jr., *Catholic Review*)



Visit fortnight4freedom.org to:

- Find resources to help you learn more about religious liberty
- Learn what the Church teaches about it
- How it is being challenged across the country and around the world
- Enter into the stories of witnesses to religious freedom from across the centuries
- Watch a video sponsored by the U.S. bishops about religious liberty

and St. John Fisher, who certainly bore witness to the importance of religious freedom and freedom of conscience.

"As we venerate the relics of these two great saints, we will remember in a very special way those who have given up their lives in our own time in the face of oppression and a denial of religious freedom. Their witness to freedom should prompt us to understand the importance of preserving the freedom that is ours in the United States."

Q. Why do you think it is important at this time in our history and in our current cultural atmosphere to focus on the stories of these witnesses instead of, perhaps, on calling attention to particular issues related to religious liberty?

A. "It's important that we take inspiration from those who have either given their lives because they have used their freedom to bear witness to God and to the love of Christ or those who have endured suffering or persecution for that reason.

"There is a great danger of our becoming complacent about this, thinking about it as a kind of a partisan issue or even coming to regard religious liberty as code for discrimination rather than a gift that enables us to respond freely to God's love and to serve those around us.

"To be witnesses to Christ is fundamental to our religion. To be witnesses to the beauty and goodness of religious freedom and to use our freedom well is very important."

Q. You just mentioned changes in understanding about the nature of religious liberty in some people in society. A growing number of people, especially people who have the opportunity to shape public opinion, see religious liberty as the desire of one group of people to discriminate unjustly against another group. What are your thoughts?

A. "Often it's the case that opinion makers are not going after religious liberty in any direct or theoretical way. But rather, religious liberty is always embedded in an issue, in a decision to practice one's faith, in a decision to adhere to moral convictions or in a decision to follow the dictates of natural law.

"Sometimes, when we do that, we get in the way of other agendas. And that's when religious liberty gets in the cross hairs of culture. That's what we're seeing today.

"It's playing out one way in the Middle East. And it's playing out in another way in the West where we are beginning to experience what Pope Francis has called a 'polite persecution.'"

Q. How can ordinary Catholics in their daily lives counter such perceptions, especially when they don't have the megaphone in our society that some opponents of religious liberty in popular culture, politics and the media have?

A. "First of all, it's important for us to have confidence as Catholic Christians that we are being directed, not to discriminate against people, but to try to embrace the full truth about human life and human dignity, the beauty, joy and goodness of marriage, and that these teachings are not directed against anybody. They are directed toward fundamental human goods.

"I think if we grow in our understanding of that, we can then bear witness as good and loving people who are seeking to build a good and a just society where human beings can flourish and grow. I think that's an important thing to remember.

"An ordinary Catholic—and I don't think there's anything ordinary about any of us Catholics—can do a couple of things. We can certainly pray. And the Fortnight is certainly a prayer event.

"We can also try to understand the nature of religious liberty more deeply. The Church has a lot of resources to do this. They're a click away on the bishops' conference website, uscbb.org. There's a video there on ... religious liberty. There are many resources. And it's important for us to understand what the Church really does teach about religious freedom.

"Then I think it's important for us to renounce all forms of unjust discrimination, because there are instances where religion is used to discriminate unjustly. At the same time, we should resist having our teaching on marriage, sexuality and medical ethics be portrayed as discriminatory. They are not. They are expressions of the value of human life and our human dignity."

Q. Since he was a layman, a lawyer and a statesman, how might St. Thomas More provide challenges to lay Catholics today to value religious liberty in their own lives and take steps to defend it in society?

A. "Certainly, St. Thomas More was a man of great learning, a man of great culture, a man who was very devoted to his country. He loved his country. And he sought to serve his country to the very end of his life. Finally, he came to the point of understanding that martyrdom was one of the ways he would serve his God first and his country second.

"Thomas More is, not only for lawyers but anyone in their professional and working life, a model of integrity. He's a model of following one's conscience where it leads. The fact that this witness was given precisely as a layman is very important.

"On the other hand, John Fisher was a bishop and a cardinal. He's a model for those of us who are ordained, that we must show some courage and leadership.

"It's not easy to speak about religious freedom in our culture today. It's not easy to address some of the hot button issues in which religious liberty issues are wrapped. And we know that, when we do, we will meet inevitably with criticism to our opposition.

"Yet, St. John Fisher would urge us not to be afraid of the criticism that we might receive."

Q. He was the only bishop in England who refused to accept the Act of Supremacy.

A. "He was the only one. So, he also shows us that this kind of leadership is sometimes quite lonely."

(In part two of his interview, Archbishop Lori reflects on lay Catholics involved in defending religious liberty, the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision regarding the Affordable Care Act's abortifacient, sterilization and contraception mandate, and how religious liberty relates to the current presidential election campaign. The second part of the interview will be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Criterion*.) †

Lumen Christi Catholic School



Open Enrollment
2016 -2017 year
Pre-K – 12th grade

www.lumenchristischool.org
580 Stevens Street
Indianapolis, IN 46203
317-632-3174



Lumen Christi Catholic School is an independent classical Catholic school. We put the Catholic heritage at the heart of our curriculum, pursuing faith, virtue and scholarship in the classical tradition.

Accredited by **NAPCIS**, the National Association of Private Catholic Independent Schools. We operate with the blessing of our Archbishop and celebrate Mass together as a whole student body every day.

Contact Us today to find out more!

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth"

- St. John Paul II



Rev. Msgr. Raymond T. Bosler, Founding Editor, 1915 - 1994

Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Publisher
Greg A. Otolski, Associate Publisher

Mike Krokos, Editor
John F. Fink, Editor Emeritus

Editorial



People gather in West Palm Beach, Fla., on June 12 to mourn those killed in a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla. (CNS photo/Tom Tracy)

'Terrible, absurd violence' sparks outrage, prayers

Americans woke up to devastating and heartbreaking news on Sunday morning, June 12. Once again, a lone gunman had taken the lives of innocent victims. Early indications were bad enough, but as the day wore on, the gruesome count grew to 50 dead, and the incident in Orlando was proclaimed to be the worst mass-shooting in American history.

Pope Francis immediately offered his prayers for the families of victims. He also expressed the profound hope that we will "find ways to identify and uproot the causes of such terrible and absurd violence."

Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the killings "unspeakable violence." He prayed "that the merciful love of Christ would call us to solidarity with the suffering and to ever greater resolve in protecting the life and dignity of every person."

We have been here before. Unspeakable violence has become so common that we risk losing our perspective on it. The fact that the victims were homosexual and the perpetrator was Muslim with apparent terrorist sympathies can cause us to lose sight of what Pope Francis calls the root causes of this terrible and absurd violence.

What are the root causes? And more importantly, what can we do about them?

As Christians, we have no difficulty identifying the root causes of this and all violent acts as *sin*. But we do not simply mean the sins of the disturbed and angry man who committed this unspeakable violence. We also mean the sins of the world, the sins that are found in our culture and in the radical ideologies that oppose our freedom, our religious beliefs and our way of life.

We live in a culture that is saturated with violence—in our games, our entertainment and our media coverage. A visitor from another planet might well conclude that we Americans are obsessed with violence. It surrounds us and fascinates us at the same time that we abhor its consequences in real life. As a society, we need a radical conversion to turn us away from violence to true peace. As the Quakers say, "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."

It's also clear that we are confronted with ideologies that see God as angry and vindictive. To please this angry God, disciples are encouraged to destroy the lives of innocent people. This view of an angry, vengeful God is not authentic to Judaism, Christianity or Islam. We must all work tirelessly to eradicate this abomination in order to prevent anyone from committing horrific crimes in

God's name.

Unfortunately, our political leaders appear to be unable or unwilling to act in any truly effective way to enforce existing laws, or pass new ones, that respect our freedom while at the same time safeguarding individuals and communities. Bipartisan, common sense initiatives are desperately needed to break the cycle of violence that repeatedly forces us to deal with situations like the recent Orlando massacre and so many other horrific instances of mass violence.

Finally, we find ourselves today in the grips of a misguided "political correctness" that fails to make the important distinction between the human rights and dignity of every person, regardless of his or her religious views, political affiliation or lifestyle, and actions or speech that are hateful, vindictive and prone to violence.

If it's true, as some have reported, that the gunman in Orlando had repeatedly threatened violence against gays or others, then this situation is even more disturbing. U. S. citizens are entitled to the presumption of innocence, and no one should be hassled just because they are Muslim or because they say inflammatory things. Still, we have to do a better job of identifying potential terrorists before they commit heinous crimes. That means that no one should hesitate to report suspicious activities to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. As in this case, the FBI may not be able to charge the individuals with a crime until one occurs, but they can (and should) maintain a level of vigilance that can help prevent unspeakable crimes from occurring.

Archbishop Kurtz is right to pray for "ever greater resolve in protecting the life and dignity of every person." The root causes of this and so many other terrible and absurd tragedies include our inability to recognize and defend the inalienable rights of all women and men—whether gay or straight, Muslim or Christian, American, Afghani or any other nationality. We are all God's children, and the God we believe in wants us to love, respect and defend the human dignity of all.

We are right to be outraged by yet another—even more terrible—act of absurd violence. But outrage alone is not helpful. As a people of faith, we must pray. And as citizens of a free country, we must act without hesitation or fear to defend life. Let's say no to violence, to terrorism and to intolerance. Let's protect and defend the human dignity and rights of all.

—Daniel Conway

Reflection/Mike Krokos

Religious liberty should be the most cherished of American freedoms

"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together."



So begins "Our First, Most Cherished Liberty," a 2012 statement on religious liberty by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty released a few months before the first Fortnight for Freedom that June.

Four years later, the Church in America is remembering those words and again observing June 21-July 4 as its fifth annual Fortnight, with this year's theme being "Witnesses to Freedom."

The USCCB this year, according to Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the bishops' ad hoc committee for religious liberty, is asking us to lift up for reflection the stories of 14 women and men—one for each day—who bear witness to freedom in Christ, such as Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, Blessed Oscar Romero, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Martyrs of Compiègne, and the Egyptian Coptic Christians who were killed for their faith by Islamic State militants last year.

Archbishop Lori shares in this week's issue of *The Criterion* his insight on the purposes of the fortnight and what he hopes and prays results from this year's observance.

Don't let anyone tell you any different: Religious liberty continues to be under attack on our home soil and abroad.

We only need look at the continued legal wrangling concerning *Zubik v. Burwell*, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) contraceptive, abortifacient and

sterilization mandate being challenged by the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Erie, Pa., the Little Sisters of the Poor, the University of Notre Dame and several other groups to understand how religious liberty can no longer be taken for granted. We hope and pray that the lower courts which have been ordered by the Supreme Court to review their decisions come to a more favorable result for faith-based institutions.

Overseas, Christians are being persecuted and even killed by the Islamic State and other groups who fail to see people of different faith traditions as their brothers and sisters.

And we continue to be told by many in today's society that it's OK to practice our faith in our church buildings, but we must refrain from living it and sharing it in the public arena.

During the next two weeks, we ask all people of faith to make a concerted effort to choose one—or more—of the USCCB's five ways to celebrate the Fortnight for Freedom. They include:

- 1) Pray for religious freedom;
- 2) Learn more about religious freedom by forming a study group or hosting a religious freedom movie night;
- 3) Get together and celebrate religious freedom with a picnic or barbecue;
- 4) Share photos of Fortnight celebrations on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram;
- 5) Make a pilgrimage to Washington to take part in the closing Fortnight for Freedom Mass at noon on July 4 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

In conjunction with Stonyhurst College in England, the bishops have also coordinated a U.S. tour of relics of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, two exemplary Christians who bore witness to freedom in the face of a government that sought to violate the conscience rights of its citizens. Stops on the tour include Miami, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and six cities in Minnesota—St. Paul, Cloquet, Bemidji, St. Cloud, New Ulm and Rochester.

More in-depth resources for the annual Fortnight are available at www.fortnight4freedom.org.

As the bishops said in their 2012 statement, "This is not a Catholic issue. This is not a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon or Muslim issue. It is an American issue."

May we each do our part to protect this most cherished of American freedoms.

(Mike Krokos is the editor of *The Criterion*.) †

Letter to the Editor

Seminary experience offered great lessons about spiritual life and prayer

"A tip of the hat to former seminarians and their vocations." I thought I'd never hear or read that!

Kudos to Bill Dodds for his "Your Family" column in the June 3 issue of *The Criterion*.

I entered a missionary order in 1969. I did not experience the "minor seminary." I experienced a "confused seminary."

Discipline seemed irrelevant. Of my class of 22, 11 were gone after novitiate. Only one fellow was ordained a priest. I left with this explanation: something about "immaturity." I think

the immaturity was the post-Vatican II "structure."

Thanks to God, so much has improved and we have quality seminarians today. I agree with Dodds that, of those who have "walked the seminary trail for a time, some truly are dedicated laymen who serve the Church and society in many, many ways."

I also agree that "we did have a vocation to be in the seminary for a while." It gave me many great lessons about the "spiritual life" and prayer.

How many laymen can say: "My novice master said ..." I always get "that look!"

"Your who?" they ask. I smile and say a prayer of thanks!

Norbert Schott
Greencastle

ARCHBISHOP/ARZOBISPO JOSEPH W. TOBIN



REJOICE IN THE LORD

ALÉGRENSE EN EL SEÑOR

The experiences and challenges of families

In his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”), Pope Francis devotes the third chapter to “The Experiences and Challenges of Families.” It’s a tall order to describe, in just 23 pages, all the things—positive and negative—that confront families today!

“Faithful to Christ’s teaching we look to the reality of the family today in all its complexity, with both its lights and shadows” (#32). Pope Francis insists that we deal with reality—not the family as we want it to be, but as it truly is. This requires some humility. It also demands that we forgo political correctness on the one hand, and, on the other hand, “an almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of families” (#36).

To the extent that we pastors and teachers in the Church have presented marriage and family life as “a lifelong burden” rather than what it truly is—“a dynamic path to personal development and fulfillment”—we are guilty of what the Holy Father calls “idealization” (#36). The key to helping families cope

with contemporary challenges is to “form consciences, not to replace them,” the pope argues (#37). That means we cannot shy away from the truth as we understand it, but we also cannot use it as a means of “denouncing a decadent world without being proactive in proposing ways of finding true happiness” (#38).

Openness to grace must always accompany our presentation of doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues. We dare not give the impression that marriage and family life are too difficult to live faithfully today. God’s grace and mercy are always with us—especially when we fail to live up to the promises we make through baptismal and marriage vows. The Church’s message on marriage and the family must “clearly reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals like the Samaritan woman, or the woman caught in adultery” (#38).

What are some of the main challenges families are facing today? The space limitations of this column allow me to name just a few.

Cultural changes have resulted in less stability and support for families from relatives and friends. There is also “the decline in population due to a mentality against having children” leading to “economic impoverishment and a loss of hope in the future” (#42).

The “weakening of faith and religious practice” is also seen as having a negative impact on family life today. So does poverty, the lack of affordable housing, the increasing number of children born out of wedlock, sexual abuse of children (“especially when it occurs in places where they ought to be the most safe”), migration, persecution and injustice, drug abuse and other forms of addiction (alcohol, gambling and sex) and the “breakdown in families torn apart, the young uprooted and the elderly abandoned, children who are orphans of living parents, adolescents and young adults confused and unsupported” (#51). The list goes on.

“No one can think that the weakening of the family as that natural society founded on marriage will prove beneficial to society as a whole,” Pope Francis warns. “The contrary is true,”

he insists. “Only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life” (#52). This is the hard truth that we must not water down. But it is also an ideal that many today—as in the time of Jesus and every other age—fail to realize perfectly if at all.

The Holy Father concludes his chapter on “The Experiences and Challenges of Families” by thanking God for the many families “which are far from considering themselves perfect,” but which “live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way” (#57).

I grew up in such a family. And during my priestly ministry, and my service as a bishop, I have encountered thousands of these “holy families.” They aren’t perfect, but they are loving and forgiving (most of the time) as Jesus taught us.

Thank God for our families—here in central and southern Indiana and throughout the world. May our Lord bless them with his grace and his mercy—now and always! †

Realidad y desafíos de las familias

En su exhortación apostólica *Amoris Laetitia* (“La alegría del amor”), el papa Francisco dedica un capítulo (#3) a la “Realidad y Desafíos de las Familias.” Resulta una verdadera hazaña describir en tan solo 23 páginas las realidades—tanto positivas como negativas—que enfrentan las familias hoy en día.

“Fieles a las enseñanzas de Cristo miremos la realidad de la familia hoy en toda su complejidad, en sus luces y sombras” (#32). El papa Francisco insiste en que afrontemos la realidad: no se trata del ideal de la familia, sino lo que verdaderamente es. Esto exige una buena dosis de humildad. También requiere que, por un lado, nos olvidemos de lo que se considera políticamente correcto, y por otro lado, del ideal “casi artificiosamente construido, lejano de la situación concreta y de las posibilidades efectivas de las familias reales.” (#36).

En la medida en que nosotros, los pastores y los maestros de la Iglesia, hemos presentado al matrimonio “como un peso a soportar toda la vida,” en lugar de lo que verdaderamente es: “un camino dinámico de desarrollo y realización,” somos culpables de lo que el Santo Padre denomina “idealización” (#36). La clave para ayudar a las familias a afrontar los

desafíos es “formar las conciencias, pero no pretender sustituirlas,” argumenta el Papa (#37). Esto significa que no podemos evitar la verdad, según la comprendemos, pero tampoco podemos usarla como una forma de “ataque al mundo decadente, con poca capacidad proactiva para mostrar caminos de felicidad” (#38).

Estar abiertos a la gracia siempre debe de ir acompañado del planteamiento de las cuestiones doctrinales, bioéticas y morales. No debemos dar la impresión de que el matrimonio y la vida familiar son demasiado difíciles como para vivirlas fielmente hoy en día. La gracia y la misericordia de Dios siempre nos acompañan, especialmente cuando incumplimos las promesas que hacemos en el bautismo y los votos matrimoniales. El mensaje de la Iglesia en cuanto al matrimonio y la familia debe ser “un claro reflejo de la predicación y de las actitudes de Jesús que, al mismo tiempo que proponía un ideal exigente, nunca perdía la cercanía compasiva con los frágiles, como la samaritana o la mujer adúltera.” (#38).

¿Cuáles son algunos de los principales desafíos que enfrentan las familias hoy en día? Por cuestiones de espacio en esta columna, me limitaré a nombrar solo algunos.

Los cambios culturales han traído como consecuencia que exista menos estabilidad y apoyo para las familias por parte de parientes y amigos. También se ha producido un “descenso demográfico, debido a una mentalidad antinatalista” lo que ha conllevado al “empobrecimiento económico y a una pérdida de esperanza en el futuro.” (#42).

El “debilitamiento de la fe y de la práctica religiosa” también ha surtido un impacto negativo en la vida familiar hoy en día. Lo mismo ocurre con la pobreza, la falta de viviendas a precios accesibles, el aumento de la cantidad de niños nacidos fuera del matrimonio, el abuso sexual de menores (especialmente “cuando ocurre en los lugares donde deben ser protegidos”), los movimientos migratorios, las persecuciones y las injusticias, la drogadicción y otras formas de adicción (alcoholismo, adicción al juego y al sexo) y la “ruptura en familias destrozadas, hijos desarraigados, ancianos abandonados, niños huérfanos de padres vivos, adolescentes y jóvenes desorientados y sin reglas” (#51). La lista se extiende.

“Nadie puede pensar que debilitar a la familia como sociedad natural fundada en el matrimonio es algo que favorece a la sociedad,” advierte el papa Francisco. “Ocurre lo contrario,” afirma. “Sólo la

unión exclusiva e indisoluble entre un varón y una mujer cumple una función social plena, por ser un compromiso estable y por hacer posible la fecundidad.” (#52). Esta es la contundente verdad que no podemos diluir. Pero también se trata de un ideal que muchos hoy en día, al igual que en la época de Jesús y a lo largo de toda la historia, no reconocen en toda su dimensión, si es que lo reconocen.

El Santo Padre concluye su capítulo sobre “Realidad y Desafíos de las Familias” agradeciendo a Dios por las numerosas familias “que están lejos de considerarse perfectas” pero que “viven en el amor, realizan su vocación y siguen adelante, aunque caigan muchas veces a lo largo del camino.” (#57).

Yo crecí en una familia así. A lo largo de mi ministerio sacerdotal y de mi servicio como obispo he conocido miles de estas “familias santas.” No son perfectas, pero son amorosas y están dispuestas a perdonar (casi siempre), como Cristo nos enseñó.

Demostremos gracias a Dios por nuestras familias, aquí en el centro y el sur de Indiana y en todo el mundo. Que nuestro Señor las bendiga con su gracia y su misericordia, ahora y siempre. †

Traducido por: Daniela Guanipa

Events Calendar

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

June 17
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 2222 E. 3rd St., Bloomington. **St Vincent de Paul Hawaiian Hog Roast and Beer Garden Fest**, 4:30-8:30 p.m., pork barbecue, beer and wine tent, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, live music, authentic hula dancing and free lessons, proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society of Bloomington, adult tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, tickets for ages 6-12 \$6, children ages 5 and younger free. Purchase tickets online at bloomingtonsvdp.org/hogroast. Information: 812-219-5566, hogroast@bloomingtonsvdp.org

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, "Making a Difference: Compassion to Karuna," chief of pediatric rehabilitation medicine at Riley Hospital and founder of Timmy Global Health Dr. Chuck Dietzen presenting, Mass, breakfast and program, 7-9 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

June 17-19
St. Anthony Parish, 337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis. **"Crossroads of the Americas Festival,"** Fri. 7 p.m., music, dance; Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., rides, food, music; Sun. noon-6 p.m., rides and food. Information: 317-636-4828.

June 18
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 316 N. Sherwood Ave., Clarksville. **Parish Festival**, noon-11 p.m., chicken dinners in air-conditioned room 2-8 p.m., cakes, quilts, bingo, children's play area, midway games/booths noon-9 p.m., beer garden and gambling 4 p.m., prizes and raffles with first place \$5,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500, music by DJ Mike Franklin from noon-8 p.m., "The Juice Box Heroes" from 8-11 p.m. Information: 812-282-2290.

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

June 22
Bent Rail Brewery, 5301 N.

Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis. **Theology on Tap**, free, hosted by IndyCatholic Young Adults, 7 p.m. Information: kvargo@archindy.org or 317-261-3373.

June 22-24
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Parish Life Center gym, 10655 Haverstick Road, Carmel, Ind. (Lafayette Diocese). **Seton Women's Club Garage Sale**, Wed. and Thurs. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-noon and fill bag for \$5. Information: 317-846-3850, ext. 123.

June 23-25
St. Jude Parish, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. **Summer Festival**, rides, food, live entertainment, games, free, Thurs. 5-10 p.m., Fri. 5-11 p.m., Sat. 6-11 p.m. Information: 317-786-4371.

June 24-25
Christ the King Parish, 5884 N. Crittenden Ave., Indianapolis. **Summer Social**, 5 p.m.-midnight, live music, kids' games, "split-the-pot" raffle, casino, food, beverages, \$1 per person. Information: 317-255-3666.

June 26
Harrison County Fairgrounds, 341 S. Capital Ave., Corydon. **St. Joseph Parish Picnic**, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., chicken dinners in air conditioned dining area, games, quilts, \$5,000 raffle. Information: 812-738-2742.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Decatur County, St. Maurice Campus, 1963 N. St. John St., Greensburg. **Parish Picnic**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., all-you-can-eat chicken dinners, games, raffles. Information: 812-663-4754.

Bluff Creek Golf Course, 2710 Old St. Road 37 N., Greenwood. **15th Annual Bob Coffman Memorial Golf Scramble**, benefits SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish in Greenwood and St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services in Indianapolis, check-in and registration noon-1 p.m., immediately followed by shotgun start, \$60 per person. Registration: send name, address and dollar amount for registration and any extra contribution for SS. Francis and Clare and St. Elizabeth/Coleman to Steve Coffman, 6035 Deer Cross Pl., Greenwood, IN,

46143. Include check for registration and contribution amount made out to 2016 Bob Coffman Memorial. Information: Steve Coffman, 317-881-6367.

June 28
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **6th Annual World Refugee Day Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., guest speaker Catholic Relief Services Midwest regional development director Chandreyee Banerjee, ethnic foods, music, refugee artwork, program updates, suggested \$25 donation. RSVP: HelpCreateHope.org.

June 29
Indy FertilityCare, 3802 W. 96th St., Suite 310, Indianapolis. **Creighton Model Intro Session**, learn how to chart fertility to avoid or achieve pregnancy and monitor health to receive NaPro Technology medical treatment, 6:30 p.m., \$35 per couple by June 22, \$50 after June 22, registration due by June 26. Information and registration: 317-217-7332 or lizfcp@indyfertilitycare.com.

July 1
Marian University chapel,

3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei Catholic Business Group**, Mass and monthly meeting, 6:30-8:30 a.m., breakfast, \$15 per person. Information: 317-435-3447 or lumen.dei@comcast.net.

Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **First Friday devotion**, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 5:30 p.m.; reconciliation, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Mass, 7 p.m.; Litany of the Sacred Heart and prayers for the Holy Father, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-784-5454.

Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. **First Friday celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Mass, 5:45 p.m., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, following Mass until 9:30 p.m., sacrament of reconciliation available. Information: 317-888-2861 or info@olgreenwood.org.

St. Lawrence Church, 6944 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. **First Friday Charismatic Renewal Praise and Mass**, praise and worship 7 p.m., Mass 7:30 p.m. Information: srcalcp@yahoo.com. †

Retreats and Programs

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

July 1-3
Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **"Basic Bach: Appreciating a Creative Genius,"** Benedictine Father Noël Mueller, presenter, \$255 single, \$425 double. Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

July 6
Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Personal Retreat Day**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35 includes a room for the day and lunch, spiritual direction available for an additional fee. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, www.benedictinn.org.

July 8-10
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Twelve Step**

Weekend Retreat for Women. Information: 317-753-8527.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. **AA retreat, "Powerlessness, Weakness and Strength in Recovery,"** Benedictine Father Colman Grabert, presenter, \$255 single, \$425 double. Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu.

July 12-14
Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. Midweek retreat, **"Monastic Practices,"** Benedictine Brother William Sprauer, presenter, \$255 single, \$425 double. Information: 812-357-6585 or mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu. †

VIPs



Bob and Mary Pat (Dallmann) Tully, members of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25. The couple was married on June 25, 1966, in St. Augustine Church in Jeffersonville. They have two children, Leigh Wilham and Michael Tully. They also have five granddaughters. †

Member of archdiocesan finance staff elected to board of directors for Bishops' Plan Insurance Company



Michael Witka

Michael Witka, archdiocesan director of parish financial services, director of property insurance, and risk manager, was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors for Bishops' Plan Insurance Company (BPIC).

The company serves all of the participating dioceses, including the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The mission of the member-owned BPIC is to strengthen stewardship by providing a collaborative, stable property and casualty insurance and risk management solution to meet the unique needs of each participating Roman Catholic diocese.

In his new role with BPIC, Witka will also serve as the chair of the Loss Control Committee, an important part of the risk management process. †

Office of Pro-Life and Family Life seeks nominations for Respect Life awards

Each year, the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life honors an adult or married couple and a high school student at the annual Respect Life Sunday Mass, which is held the first Sunday in October. The Mass will be held on Oct. 2 this year.

Please consider nominating an adult or married couple whom you believe should be recognized for their leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish community and the archdiocese for the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award.

Please also consider nominating a high school student whom you believe

demonstrates leadership in promoting the dignity and sanctity of human life in the parish, community, school community and in the archdiocese for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award.

A downloadable nomination form is available by logging on to www.archindy.org/rls. Completed nomination forms can be returned to The Office of Pro-Life and Family Life, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202, or e-mailed to rniermerg@archindy.org by no later than Aug. 31.

More information about the awards and a list of past recipients is also available at www.archindy.org/rls. †



Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Father Michael Keucher, associate pastor of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, leads a eucharistic procession on the parish campus on May 30, the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. Nearly 500 people participated in the procession, which included stops at three altars on the parish grounds. (Submitted photo)

Serra Club vocations essay

Priest shows mercy to young child after the death of her father



Anna Isler

(Editor's note: The following is the first in a series featuring the winners of the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2016 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.)

By Anna Isler
Special to The Criterion

Over the course of my lifetime, I have been shown mercy by plenty of people. But there was one instance that caught my attention and even though it has been a few years since this event happened, it remains crystal clear.

I had just started school at St. Anthony's, and I was in kindergarten. I was having a pretty rough time because my father had passed away a couple months before of a mental illness. It was Father Joe's first year at St. Anthony as well. When he heard what had happened, he wanted to talk to me. Being my 6-year-old self, I was afraid of meeting new people, especially adults.

One day Father Joe unexpectedly came over to the school. I first saw him walking down the halls when my class was going to some sort of special class (such as art, music, gym or computer class.) I thought nothing of it; I just wanted to play around in the special class. When lunch time finally rolled around, I was given a huge surprise.

Father Joe had come over to our school to eat lunch with us. He sat right beside me, and we talked about how our days had been so far. He then told me that he knew what had happened to my dad. He told me that if I ever needed to talk to someone then I could ask my mom to take me to church for confession. I was confused. I told him that I thought confession was only for when somebody had been really bad and needed God to forgive them. He told me that it is for that purpose but also for when you need to talk to someone if you're feeling sad and need to share your feelings with a priest.

Because of this information that Father Joe

shared with me, I felt as if I could talk to a priest about anything. I also had a higher respect for God. I felt that not only had Father Joe talked to me and comforted me, but God had also. Because of the mercy that he showed me, I began to pray more.

When we moved away, I lost touch of what was important in my life—religion. When we moved back, Father Joe greeted us with open arms. Every Sunday from that point on, he made it his priority to check up on us. I started to pray more once again, but this time I didn't stop. Every night I would pray for my family, friends, pets, and Father Joe. And guess what, I still do.

(Anna and her parents, Jeffrey and Donna Cox, are members of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville. She completed the seventh grade at St. Anthony of Padua School last spring, and is the seventh-grade division winner in the Indianapolis Serra Club's 2016 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest.) †

What was in the news on June 17, 1966? Playing God, smearing a good woman, Catholic schools run by lay people and the Index again

By Brandon A. Evans

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

Here are some of the items found in the June 17, 1966, issue of *The Criterion*:

- **Rule Index no longer has the force of law**
"VATICAN CITY—The Doctrinal Congregation has ruled, with Pope Paul VI's concurrence, that the Index of Forbidden Books 'no longer has the force of ecclesiastical law.' But, it said, the Index 'preserves its moral force insofar as it teaches the conscience of the Christian faithful to avoid, as the natural law itself demands, those writings which can put faith and good morals in danger.'"
- **Dutch laity take control of schools**
"UTRECHT, The Netherlands—Cardinal Bernard Alfrink of Utrecht announced that the Dutch bishops have given up their exclusive responsibility for Catholic education, assigning it to the parents of school-going children, the teachers' unions, and the school boards. ... 'Today your bishops lay the full responsibility for the well-being of the Catholic schools on your shoulders: on you, parents; on you, teachers; on you, school boards; who together constitute our faithful, over whom we have been appointed as helpers and whom we wish to serve with our pastoral care.'"
- **Center, left coalition wins election in Rome**
- **Card. Ritter urges study of papacy**

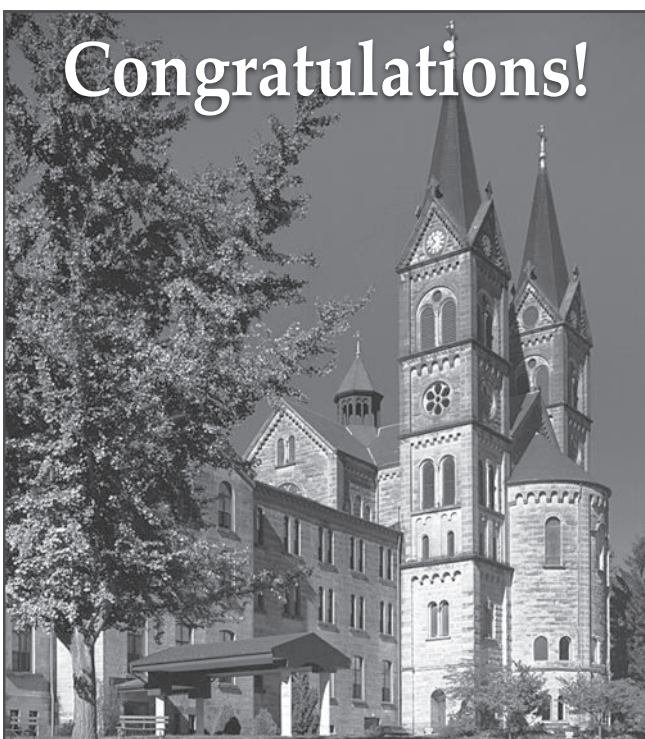
- **Prefers gradual approach: Pope delays action on council decrees**
- **Reject suit-type habit for Sisters**
- **Editorial: Playing God**
"Six months or sterilization, the judge said. What began as a run-of-the-docket case in a California municipal court boiled over into an international controversy recently when a 21-year-old mother of two, convicted of a misdemeanor, chose to serve out a jail term rather than submit to sterilization. Last week, however, justice triumphed. A high court decreed that the original ruling was 'arbitrary' and un-called for. ... Has American society become so beguiled by expedience that it will countenance attempts at enforced sterilization as a remedy for social ills?"
- **Editorial: Why are they that way?**
"It was not the best way to start the week. We opened the neatly typed but unsigned letter and read: 'To the Editor of The Criterion: For shame that you should say in your scandalous sheet under a picture of the infamous Dorothy Day that she is "a person of God." If you would tell the truth, just this once, you would say that she is "a member of the mystical body of Satan." ' This is not the place for a critical analysis of Dorothy Day and her controversial Catholic Worker Movement. But she is, indeed, a person of God, and a most self-sacrificial one at that. What disturbs us is that any Catholic would pass judgment on another human being as 'a member of the mystical body of Satan.' Particularly when the letter writer is plainly

motivated only by disagreement with Miss Day's socio-economic views."

- **Sister seeking funds for Brazil hospital**
- **Bar 'Jazz' Mass in Germany**
- **Cadet baseball title captured by Lourdes**
- **Girls to open camp season Sunday**
- **Vatican official deplors 'death' of many vocations**
- **At Brownsburg: Pupils given Spanish course**
- **Urges nurses' training in behavioral sciences**
- **Jesuit Brother, Carmelite wed 53 years**
- **Brothers in Christ: Pope calls doctrine on unity of baptism key to ecumenism**
- **Rules against women at altar**
- **Teaching Brother wins discrimination battle**
- **Religious theme to be used on '66 Christmas stamp**
- **Hibernians set state convention**



(Read all of these stories from our June 17, 1966, issue by logging on to our archives at www.CriterionOnline.com.) †



Congratulations!

We are happy to congratulate Saint Meinrad graduates Rev. Douglas Hunter, Rev. James Brockmeier, Rev. Kyle Rodden and Rev. Nicolás Ajpacajá Tzoc on their ordination to the priesthood.



Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB, and the students, faculty, monks and staff of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology
200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577, www.saintmeinrad.edu

Online Lay Ministry Formation

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has partnered with the University of Notre Dame and Catholic Distance University (CDU) to offer non-for-credit online theology classes:

- Courses on the Catechism of the Catholic Church from CDU
- All 12 classes for a Certificate in Lay Ministry available online
- 20% discount for all employees, volunteers, and parishioners
- Employees also receive reimbursement upon course completion

For more information, please log on to www.archindy.org/layministry



Lending Based on Family Values ... Honesty, Sincerity, Integrity

Purchase, Refinance, Debt Consolidation Loans
Conventional, FHA, VA, Rural Housing Home Loans
(317) 255-0062 or (866) 690-4920
on-line 24-hours at www.grandviewlending.com



Check out our video on our website
Local Catholic Company serving the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

ST. JUDE SUMMER FESTIVAL



FOOD COURT • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE
RIDES • GAMES • FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

LIC. # 139763

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

5-10 P.M.
Featuring delicious food, games, rides and a live Battle of the Bands competition!

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

5-11 P.M.
Dinner featuring laria's Italian cuisine, games, rides and live entertainment by SPINRUT!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

6-11 P.M.
Our famous fried chicken dinner, food, games, rides and live entertainment by BOOGIE MOON!

GRAND PRIZE!

\$3,000 CASH
\$1,000 CASH
2- \$500 CASH
* Drawing at close of festival on Sunday night

5353 McFarland Road • Indianapolis, IN 46227 • 317-786-4371 • www.stjudeindy.org

TZOC

continued from page 1

‘She was serving. ... I wanted to do the same thing’

Deacon Tzoc first felt a call to serve in the Church in the sixth grade when he attended his cousin’s first profession of vows as a Franciscan sister.

“I asked what she was doing,” he recalls. “She was serving the people, working in an orphanage. When I heard about service and what she was doing, I wanted to do the same thing.”

After his confirmation at age 16, Deacon Tzoc was selected to be involved with a special Catholic youth group in Guatemala.

“I got to be more involved in service then,” he says. “I got to know my faith more, I got to know priests and bishops. We traveled around the country, did youth ministry and encounters and retreats. We had meetings like NCYC [National Catholic Youth Conference]. I really got to see people living their faith in different ways and doing different ways of serving.”

He also got to see the leadership of Augustinian Father Valerio Baines Sanz, who worked with the group and also served as pastor of Deacon Tzoc’s parish.

“He supported us in so many ways,” says Deacon Tzoc. “He really listened, and he helped people. Our parish had 90,000 [people], but still he made time for us. He told us to follow Jesus in [our] own way. Out of the 25 of us, 15 went on to pursue a religious vocation. He was a role model for me.”

Still feeling called to serve others after his stint with the youth group, Deacon Tzoc entered Asuncion Seminary, which is affiliated with Universidad Rafael Landivar in Guatemala City in the same way that Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary is associated with Marian University, both in Indianapolis.

He obtained a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from the university in 2007.

But despite feeling the call to serve since the sixth grade, Deacon Tzoc decided not to continue on to priestly formation.

“[It] didn’t fulfill my expectations, especially in academics, at that time,” he says.

Perhaps as a foreshadowing of his future call as a missionary, Deacon Tzoc wanted to study abroad. The school he applied to that would accommodate his desire to venture from Guatemala required a degree from outside the seminary before he could be accepted.

So he attended Universidad Rafael Landivar in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, working toward a psychology degree, while also working for a government



Transitional Deacon Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc ritually accepts a Book of the Gospels from Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin while seminarian Jeffrey Defresne assists during the ordination of transitional deacons at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln in St. Meinrad on April 11, 2015. (Photo courtesy of Saint Meinrad Archabbey)

Deacon Douglas Nicolas Ajpacaja Tzoc

- **Age:** 35
- **Parents:** Manuel Ajpacaja and Antonia Tzoc
- **Home Parish:** Holy Family Parish, New Albany
- **College:** Universidad Rafael Lavidar, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- **Seminary:** Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad
- **Favorite Scripture verse:** Psalm 27:9, “Do not hide your face from me.” “It’s the merciful faith of the Father,” says Deacon Tzoc.
- **Favorite saint:** St. John Bosco. “He responded to a particular need at a particular time.”
- **Favorite prayer:** Rosary
- **Hobbies:** Walking where he’s surrounded by nature, reading about culture and people
- **Mass of Thanksgiving:** Holy Family Church in New Albany, 11:30 a.m. on June 26

scholarship institute and teaching at a high school.

Deacon Tzoc went on to study abroad—but not as he initially expected.

‘Something about the mystery of a vocation’

Through a friend in Guatemala, Deacon Tzoc met a priest from the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky. From the priest, he says he learned that in the U.S., “it’s a mission to work in [Hispanic] ministry. The need [he] told me about for Hispanic ministry here touched my heart.”

He felt a call to the priesthood again, but this time he looked outside of Guatemala, sending applications to Germany and Spain. He also applied to Saint Meinrad, where the Diocese of Owensboro sends its seminarians.

“The better one for me would have been Spain because I wouldn’t have had to learn a new language,” he says, with Spanish being his second language and K’iche, a native language in Guatemala, being his first. “But there’s something about the mystery of a vocation. I told myself I would go wherever I was accepted first. My first letter came from America.”

When he arrived in the U.S. in 2011 to become a seminarian for the Owensboro Diocese, he “had no idea how it would be, no relatives here, knew no English,” Deacon Tzoc recalls.

Before starting at Saint Meinrad, he was required by the Diocese of Owensboro to spend his first year at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., learning English.

By 2012, he was studying at Saint Meinrad in the far southwest corner of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be a priest for the western third of Kentucky.

‘Archdiocese of Indianapolis was a better fit’

As he studied at Saint Meinrad, though, something changed for Deacon Tzoc.

“He got to know other seminarians and priests in the archdiocese and saw the need for ministry among the Latino community in Indianapolis,” says Father Eric Augenstein, archdiocesan vocations director. “And he also

saw an organized effort and intentional focus on reaching out to and ministering with the Latino communities of the archdiocese that he wanted to be a part of.”

After about two years, says Father Augenstein, Deacon Tzoc “felt that the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was a better fit for him” than the Diocese of Owensboro.

By the summer of 2013, Deacon Tzoc became a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, continuing to study at Saint Meinrad. He spent his first year as an archdiocesan seminarian completing a pastoral year at Holy Family Parish in New Albany.

Father Daniel Atkins, pastor of Holy Family, was impressed.

“He has a passion for the vocation of lay people in the Church,” he says. “He has this sense of, ‘Let’s go out into the field and work together. I’ll take one oar and you take the other.’”

Deacon Tzoc’s trilingual skills came in handy in helping Father Daniel Staublin, pastor of St. Ambrose Parish in Seymour, minister to a large community of Guatemalan Catholics.

“He was able to help with both our Spanish and English Masses,” says Father Staublin. “Both Anglos and Latinos responded very well to him. I’m just very happy we’ll have another [priest] in the presbyterate to help. It’s nice to have another priest fluent in Spanish for our growing ministry in the archdiocese.”

Father Augenstein also noted Deacon Tzoc’s gift for working with both English and Latino Catholics.

“One of his greatest skills is being able to navigate a variety of groups of people—different cultures and languages and backgrounds—as if it’s the most natural thing,” he says. “He is able to move between English and Spanish, Anglos and Latino people, and communicate back and forth, back-to-back naturally.”

‘He’s a bridge builder’

As Deacon Tzoc approaches his ordination, he looks forward to beginning his life as a missionary priest at his first assignment: as associate pastor at St. Simon the Apostle Parish and helping with Hispanic ministry at St. Lawrence Parish, both in Indianapolis.

And he looks forward to starting his life as a priest in general.

He says he finds “the sacramental life, my ability to celebrate the sacraments” attractive, as well as “serving others, being able to be with others in difficult times—and joyful times.”

Father Staublin witnessed Deacon Tzoc’s desire to be with others.

“He very much wants to be with the people,” says the priest. “He has a very easygoing kind of demeanor to him, a calming presence. I think that will serve him well. He commanded respect from people in a very quiet way.”

Father Atkins agrees.

“He made many, many friends while he was here at Holy Family,” he says. “He definitely sees himself as a servant-leader.”

“He’s very caring of people, very savvy in terms of relationships. He picks up on emotional, physical and psychological cues when he’s talking with people. He doesn’t miss much when he’s in a conversation with someone.”

The combination of a desire to be a missionary with his passion for people will make Deacon Tzoc a blessing to the Church in central and southern Indiana, says Father Augenstein.

“He’s able to bring together people from different perspectives, different ideas and different backgrounds to find some common ground,” he says. “He’s a bridge builder.”

(For more information about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit www.HearGodsCall.com.) †

Wanted

Women and Men with courage

Our mission is to foster, affirm, and promote religious vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church by encouraging a culture among the laity that recognizes and supports religious vocations.

We work within our parishes and Archdiocese to achieve religious vocations through prayer, active personal involvement, and club-sponsored activities while growing in our faith and fellowship.

Come and See

Wednesday, June 29, 5:00 PM
Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary
2500 Cold Spring Road
Dinner and Fellowship provided

RSVP to Michael Kirk
mkirk@archindy.org or call 317.775.9710

The Serra Club of Indianapolis
www.serraindy.org

Want and Need

don't take the summer off

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves the needy year-round. Your donations of money and usable household items help us assist nearly 3,150 families every week.

To donate usable household items such as appliances, mattresses and bedding, furniture and clothing, call 317.687.1006 to arrange pick-up or log on to www.svdpindy.org.

To donate financially, send your check to:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
3001 E. 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46218
Or donate online at www.svdpindy.org

TUCCI

continued from page 1

Deacon Tucci's father. "But once we got through it, I think we both thought that he survived all of that for a reason."

The Tuccis now believe that their son's vocation to the priesthood was at the heart of the reason he survived the difficult circumstances of his birth.

Deacon Tucci and five other transitional deacons are scheduled to be ordained priests for the Church in central and southern Indiana on June 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Going away, coming back to the faith

Mike and Michelle Tucci moved several times while raising their family. No matter where they lived, though, they were active in their parish and passed on their faith to their children.

"There were great people in every parish we were in," said Michelle, who, along with Mike, is currently a member of St. Aloysius Parish in Louisville, Ky. "There was always the opportunity to be involved. You just had to take that step."

That made an impression on Deacon Tucci.

"We were always around the parish," he said. "That was something that affected me."

Father Daniel Atkins, pastor of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, was the Tucci family's pastor about 20 years ago when they moved to Bloomington and joined the St. Paul Catholic Center there.

As Deacon Tucci grew from childhood into his teenage years, Father Atkins began to think that the youth might have a vocation to the priesthood.

"He was just a good young man," Father Atkins said. "He was very faithful to the Sunday Eucharist. He always seemed like he was really glad to be there with his mom and dad and brother and sister."

When Deacon Tucci went to college at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., his faithfulness was put to the test.

"You're kind of confused," he said. "You're opened up to this new world that you've never been in before. And I kind of fell away for a little bit. Then I realized, as college was going on, that there was something missing in my life."

That missing part was not only his faith, but the forgiveness of God he received in the sacrament of penance.

"After I made my first confession after a few years, I kind of realized the length our Lord goes through to show us his love and his mercy," Deacon Tucci said.

He soon became active in the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center at Purdue.

In the fall of 2008, Deacon Tucci went on a retreat sponsored by the center that ended up being a turning point for him.

"I realized that God was trying to tell me something and pretty strongly," he said. "That's when I decided that God may have been calling me to be a sacred minister, to be a priest, to bring the Lord in a sacramental way."

'A heart of service'

After graduating from Purdue in the fall of 2009 with a bachelor's degree in advertising and public relations, Deacon Tucci became an archdiocesan seminarian and lived for a semester at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis while ministering nearby at St. Anthony Parish and the former Holy Trinity Parish.

"That was when I realized that this was really what I was called to do," he said. "God comes at the most intimate moments of our lives. And the sacraments are involved in that. You see that God comes at [the start of] life, at death, at marriage, when we need forgiveness."

Father John McCaslin, the pastor of both parishes, was impressed by this fledgling seminarian who had little knowledge of Spanish, yet was fearless in reaching out to the Hispanic community on the near west side of Indianapolis.

"He has a heart of service," Father McCaslin said. "He was open, attentive and listened well to people. He was fearless in being willing to try things. He had a

ORLANDO

continued from page 1

in cities large and small, people organized candlelit vigils for the victims and their families on the night of the shooting.

"Waking up to the unspeakable violence in Orlando reminds us of how precious human life is," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Our prayers are with the victims, their families and all those affected by this terrible act," he said. "The merciful love of Christ calls us to solidarity with the suffering and to ever greater resolve in protecting the life and dignity of

every person."

Chicago Archbishop Blasé J. Cupich said, "Our prayers and hearts are with the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, their families and our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters."

In Orlando, priests, deacons and counselors from the Diocese of Orlando and Catholic Charities of Central Florida served at an aid center established by city officials.

Throughout the day on June 12, Church personnel were helping victims and families "on the front lines of this tragedy," Bishop Noonan said. "They are offering God's love and mercy to those who are facing unimaginable sorrow. They will remain vigilant and responsive to the needs of our hurting brothers and sisters."



Transitional Deacon Matthew Tucci and archdiocesan vocations director Father Eric Augenstein hold up the Eucharist during an Aug. 11 Mass at St. Mary Church in New Albany during an annual pilgrimage taken by archdiocesan seminarians. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

great openness to the immigrant community and really everybody in the parish."

Deacon Tucci went on to receive two years of priestly formation at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad and four more at the Pontifical North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University, both in Rome.

In his first year in Rome, starting in the fall of 2012, Deacon Tucci had some struggles in his discernment, pondering the importance of the family to more than one vocation.

"What kind of family could I have—in both the sense of having a wife or was God calling me to this family of a parish and the people of God?" Deacon Tucci recalled.

Witness to history and his own vocation

In the spring of his first academic year in Rome, Deacon Tucci was a witness to history as Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation and Pope Francis was elected.

He and fellow seminarians from the North American College were at the front of St. Peter's Square at the Vatican when Pope Francis came out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica for the first time.

"I can't describe how much joy there was in the square," Deacon Tucci said. "There we were—the leader of our Church has just been elected—and we were waiting to get to know him."

"And, boy, have we gotten to know him over the past three years."

Deacon Tucci has also had the chance to know himself and his vocation better.

Through his formation and opportunities for ministry both in Rome and in his visits back to the archdiocese, he embraced his call to the priesthood and realized it is at the heart of who he is, not simply the things he would be asked to do as a priest.

"It went from function to person," Deacon Tucci said. "If I can save one person by who I am, if I can bring one person to God just because of who I am, then it's all worth it."

He compares his excitement for the priestly life and ministry he'll begin with his June 25 ordination to the reaction of St. Peter when he was in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, saw the risen Lord on the shore and jumped in the water to get to him as quickly as possible.

"Just like Peter, I'm jumping into that sea, and the Lord is on that beach waiting for me," Deacon Tucci said. "Whatever the swim there is like and whatever I experience, I know that the Lord is there looking out for me and for the people."

Deacon Matthew Tucci

- **Age:** 29
- **Parents:** Mike and Michelle Tucci
- **Home Parish:** Holy Family Parish in New Albany
- **College:** Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., bachelor's in advertising and public relations
- **Seminary:** Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad; Pontifical North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University, both in Rome
- **Favorite Scripture verse:** "I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39)
- **Favorite saints:** St. Francis de Sales, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Edward the Confessor
- **Favorite prayer or devotion:** Visiting St. Catherine of Siena's tomb under the high altar at the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome
- **Favorite movie:** *Jaws*
- **Favorite authors:** Fyodor Dostoyevsky and Dashiell Hammett
- **Favorite books:** *The Brothers Karamozov*, *The Glass Key*, *The Long Goodbye*
- **Hobbies:** drawing, walking, coffee



Michelle Tucci holds her son Matthew Tucci on May 2, 1987, for the first time after he was born prematurely three weeks earlier at 26 weeks gestation. At the time Michelle held him, he weighed two pounds, six ounces. (Submitted photo)

Deacon Tucci will be with the people of Holy Family Parish in New Albany as he celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. on June 26 at the parish's church. On July 6, he will begin service as associate pastor of St. Christopher Parish and chaplain coordinator for Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, both in Indianapolis.

He believes that the priestly vocation he will live out then and into the future was made possible by God's protection from the earliest moments of his life.

"Our Lord gives us signs of his goodness and love, and my birth is an extraordinary sign of that," he said. "I would certainly say it has shaped my vocation in that it is a very strong sign of God's presence in my life, and is something that edifies my faith, which hopefully [I can] communicate to others."

(For more information about a vocation to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, visit www.HearGodsCall.com.) †

Archbishop Cupich expressed gratitude to the first responders and civilians at the scene of the shooting. They "heroically put themselves in harm's way, providing an enduring reminder of what compassion and bravery look like—even in the face of such horror and danger.

"In response to hatred, we are called to sow love. In response to violence, peace. And, in response to intolerance, tolerance."

Courage International, a Catholic organization that provides support for people who experience same-sex attraction, condemned "the atrocious violence" at the gay night club, adding that "in the face of such outrageous violence and loss of life, human words and explanations fall short."

"So people of faith look to the

everlasting mercy and compassion of almighty God, who is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit," the group said, quoting Psalm 34.

The Courage statement included what the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said 30 years ago about violence toward gay people:

"It is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action. Such treatment deserves condemnation from the Church's pastors wherever it occurs. It reveals a kind of disregard for others which endangers the most fundamental principles of a healthy society. The intrinsic dignity of each person must always be respected in word, in action and in law." †

'Kid at heart' leads parish festival for 26th straight year

By John Shaughnessy

Ask anyone what they enjoy most about parish festivals in the archdiocese and the answers—and the smiles—come easily:

- The delight that spreads across the faces of children playing games and enjoying rides.
- The satisfying sensation of sinking your teeth into crispy fried chicken, a juicy, straight-off-the-grill hamburger or a lip-licking slice of pie.
- The joy of savoring a drink and a good time with friends as music floats across the parish grounds on a beautiful evening.

As for Bill Kidwell, he loves his parish festival so much that he takes a week's vacation for it.

And that comes after he's spent months planning and coordinating one of the largest parish festivals in the archdiocese. In fact, the St. Jude Parish Festival on June 23-25 will be the 26th year that Kidwell will lead the event that enlists about 400 volunteers and draws as many as 25,000 people.

"One of the things that's great about the festival is that you get to know so many members of the parish, and they get to know you," Kidwell says. "No matter what generation you are, you work together, and everyone is your friend. That's why Father Gerry Kirkhoff started the festival 30 years ago—for the parishioners to get to know each other. And that hasn't wavered since."

Nor does Kidwell waver in his desire to deflect the spotlight from him and shine it on the parish staff and all the volunteers who help at the festival.

As an example, he raves about Ruth Purifoy, who has been in charge of the festival's "Coke booth" for 30 years. Eight years ago, she retired and moved to Cincinnati, but she returns to help every year, working every hour of the festival from Thursday afternoon to Saturday night.

"She just won't give it up," he says admiringly. "To me, that's dedication."

That word also describes Kidwell, says Father Stephen Banet, St. Jude's pastor.

"Few volunteers would even take on the commitment of chairing such a mammoth event as a summer festival, let alone do so for 26 consecutive years," Father Banet notes. "We have in Bill a wonderful example of a servant leader, and he has inspired dedication from countless volunteers along the way. He is a true gift to our parish."

At 63, Kidwell shares his secret for his longevity in leading the festival.

"I've never grown up," he says with a laugh. "I'm still a kid at heart. I love to have fun, and I love to see people have fun. And I love the parish. Why wouldn't I do it?"

He pauses before his voice takes a more serious tone, "I won't kid you, it's a lot of work, and a lot of phone calls. It wouldn't work if it wasn't for my wife. Denise supports me 100 percent in this."

So have their three children—T.C., Mary and Kevin—who have helped through the years. And now Kidwell gets what he considers the best experience of all of the festival—sharing it with his three grandchildren, Liam, 8, Olivia, 7, and London, 5.

"They call it 'Papa's Festival,'" he says with delight. "They love every minute of it. They're there all three nights. I take time out to spend time with them as they play the games and ride the rides. It's not a lot of time, but I take time to enjoy my grandkids."

That emphasis on fun is the guiding principle in Kidwell's approach to the festival. At the same time, his leadership has created financial benefits to St. Jude and its sister parish in Indianapolis, St. Philip Neri.

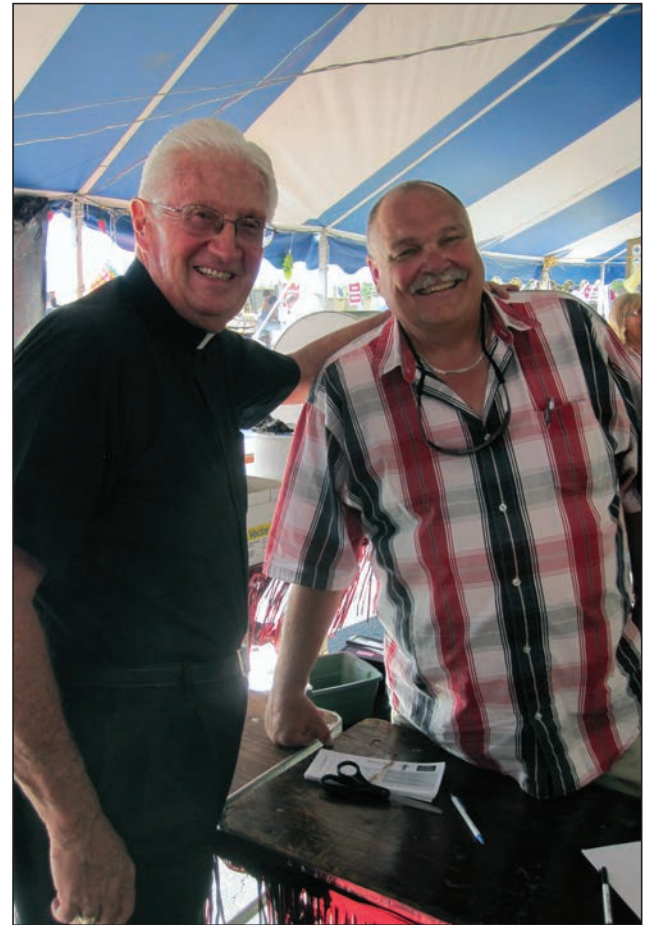
"Our festival annually nets about \$75,000, which helps fund capital projects not allotted for in our annual operating budget, such as air conditioning in our school, the church roofing project, and so much more," says Kimberly Pohovey, the parish's communications coordinator. "And annually, we tithed 10 percent of our festival income to St. Philip Neri."

As the festival nears, Kidwell will continue his prayers.

"We ask for good weather, but the main thing we ask for is a safe and happy festival," he says. "When it's over, it's always a feeling of relief that we've had a good festival."

The festival is scheduled to end on Saturday night at 11 p.m., but Kidwell and his crew are usually still on the parish grounds at 2 a.m. Sunday, wrapping up details. At the end of the exhilarating and exhausting weekend, it would seem natural that Kidwell would get a few extra hours of sleep on Sunday. Instead, he will be back at the parish at 5:30 a.m., opening the church and making sure everything is just right for the 7 o'clock Sunday Mass—just as he does every week.

The love of faith that leads him to direct the parish festival also guides him as an extraordinary minister of



Bill Kidwell, right, is usually all smiles when it's time for the St. Jude Parish Festival in Indianapolis. This year's festival on June 23-25 will mark his 26th year of chairing the festival. Here, he poses for a photo at the 2012 festival with Father James Wilmoth, the pastor of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis. (Submitted photo)

holy Communion and as the head usher at St. Jude.

"My faith is very important to me," Kidwell says. "I believe that everything I'm given, God gives it to me. So if you have a chance to do a lot of things, you do it."

And when one of those things is a parish festival that brings great joy and builds bonds with a lot of people, it doesn't get much better for Kidwell. †

Christ the King

Summer Social

JUNE & JUNE
24TH & 25TH

5884 N. CRITTENDEN AVENUE | 5 PM - MIDNIGHT

LIVE MUSIC | KIDS GAMES

CASINO | FOOD & DRINK

"SPLIT THE POT" RAFFLE

License #140094

Marriage ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a part of our Fall Marriage Edition

July 15, 2016, issue of The Criterion

If you are planning your wedding between June 30 and Feb. 1, 2017, we invite you to submit the information for an announcement on the form below.

E-mailed photos
Photos should be saved in jpg format and be a minimum 300 dpi resolution. Color photos are preferred. We recommend if possible, to have a photo where the couple's faces are close to each other. Please send your photo as an attachment to the e-mail: nhoefer@archindy.org. Subject line: Fall Marriage (Last name). In the e-mail, please include the information in the form located at the bottom.

If you are unable to e-mail a photo, you may mail us a photo to scan with the bottom form. Please no photocopy photos. If you want the photo returned, please include a return addressed envelope with a postage stamp on it.

Deadline
All announcements and photos must be received by 10 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2016. (No announcements or photos will be accepted after this date.)

— Use this form to furnish information —

Clip and mail to: BRIDES, The Criterion, ATTN: Natalie Hoefler, 1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
Deadline with photos: Monday, July 1, 2016, at 10 a.m.
Please print or type:

Name of Bride (first, middle, last)	Daytime Phone		
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Name of Bride's Parents (first, last)			
City	State		
Name of Bridegroom (first, middle, last)			
Name of Bridegroom's Parents (first, last)			
City	State		
Wedding Date	Church	City	State
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Enclosed			
<input type="checkbox"/> Return photo			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Picture	Signature of person furnishing information	Relationship	Daytime Phone

Scriptures show how to rise above crises in family life

By David Gibson

The parable of the prodigal son ends happily when the wayward young man returns home. But stories like this do not usually begin on a happy note. Parents typically feel distressed when a rebellious child leaves home.

This biblical parable, along with others, shows that “Jesus knows the anxieties and tensions experienced by families,” Pope Francis comments in *“Amoris Laetitia”* (“The Joy of Love”), his April 2016 apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family (#21).

Can we imagine that the prodigal son’s departure saddened his parents or left them wondering whether shortcomings on their part contributed to his decision? Parents often feel something like this in situations like this, worried that their home life is not good enough.

Much in “The Joy of Love” is directed to the complex challenges faced by families. The pope encourages them never to “lose heart” due to their “limitations” (#325).

Maybe you know a family whose son harbored a dream of leaving home upon turning 18 in search of total freedom and a more exciting lifestyle, without any obligations of school or family commitments.

Or you may know of a young woman who, at the same age, decided to move in with her older boyfriend in a distant city, expecting a time of idyllic love and happiness.

But did this young man or this young woman move back home within six to nine months after finding that their freshly chosen lifestyles were anything but idyllic?

Pope Francis says that Jesus knows how families feel when children “leave home to seek adventure,” or “prove troublesome,” or “fall prey to violence” (#21). Jesus is aware, moreover, of the suffering families experience due

to unemployment and lack of sufficient funds.

Jesus weaves this awareness into his parables, the pope explains, calling attention to “the anxiety of a poor family over the loss of a coin” in the Gospel of Luke 15:8-10 (#21). It asks, “What woman having 10 coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?”

All of this illustrates, the pope writes, “that the word of God is not a series of abstract ideas, but rather a source of comfort and companionship for every family that experiences difficulties or suffering” (#22).

The happy ending of the parable of the prodigal son tells of his father’s decision to celebrate his son’s homecoming with a fine banquet. However, the father’s older son testily objects, complaining that the celebration seems to devalue his steadiness and faithfulness, and instead honors waywardness.

The older son also is well-loved. His anger at this moment, however, is the sort of thing that prompts some parents to ask whether anything they do is enough for their families.

Anger is a challenge families confront, Pope Francis observes. He writes, “One of the things children need to learn from their parents is not to get carried away by anger” (#269).

Families confront complex challenges of all kinds that initially appear to unsettle the bonds uniting their members. A family faces the basic challenge of becoming “a communion of persons,” says Pope Francis (#71). But “for all a family’s problems, it can always grow, beginning with love,” he insists (#54).

His exhortation demonstrates awareness of the many challenges families encounter. For example, an accent on individualism in our culture can give rise to situations that weaken family bonds by

considering each family member an “isolated unit,” he notes (#33).

The pope cautions, too, that a family risks coming “to be seen as a way station” that is helpful, but only “when convenient” (#34).

Illnesses, job loss, addiction to television, exhaustion due to work, drug abuse and the demands of caring for children and aged family members are just a few examples of the complex challenges for 21st-century families that the pope cites.

Furthermore, the pope points out, every family must meet the challenges of many crises. He considers it essential that couples acknowledge these crises “as part of family life” that may well, in the end, strengthen them (#232).

Families tend to be well-acquainted with the severe stress that results from getting “more caught up with securing their future than with enjoying the present,” Pope Francis suggests (#50). He considers this “a broader cultural problem” that is “aggravated by fears about steady employment, finances and the future of children” (#50).

But the family is a unique setting. Yes, says the pope, a family is challenged daily “to come up with new ways of appreciating and acknowledging its members” (#276). But there is goodness in the challenge of “being concerned about everything that affects us, helping one another with ordinary little things” (#276).

It is in the family, Pope Francis emphasizes, that everyone learns about “closeness, care and respect for others” (#276). In a family, he remarks, “we break out of our fatal self-absorption and come to realize that we are living with and alongside others who are worthy of our concern, our kindness and our affection” (#276).

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



Pope Francis embraces the Walker family of Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Sept. 27, 2015, in Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families. Families tend to be well acquainted with the severe stress that results from getting “more caught up with securing their future than with enjoying the present,” Pope Francis suggests in his April 2016 apostolic exhortation on marriage and the family, “The Joy of Love.” (CNS photo/L’Osservatore Romano via Reuters)

‘One of the things children need to learn from their parents is not to get carried away by anger.’

—Pope Francis

Families in the Bible illustrate the priority of love and mercy in times of crisis

By Mike Nelson

Right from the get-go (think Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel), Scripture is filled with examples of what it means to be in a family, for better or worse.

Few had it worse than Joseph, son of Jacob, whose older brothers—consumed by jealousy—tossed Joseph into



A painting titled “The Return of the Prodigal Son,” by an unknown artist, is pictured at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York. Families in the Bible can remind today’s families how to focus in difficult times on the love that binds them together. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)

a cistern, considered killing him and finally sold him into slavery in Egypt. Then they let their father believe Joseph was dead.

Years later, Joseph—who, because he could interpret Pharaoh’s dreams, had become Egypt’s second in command—came face to face with his famine-plagued brothers, who feared Joseph would take revenge on them.

But Joseph, though upset by his brothers’ treatment, showed them kindness. “Do not fear. Can I take the place of God?” (Gn 50:19). And then he added: “I will provide for you and for your children.”

In his recent apostolic exhortation titled *“Amoris Laetitia”* (“The Joy of Love”), Pope Francis says that “in family life, we need to cultivate that strength of love that can help us fight every evil threatening it. Love does not yield to resentment, scorn for others or the desire to hurt or to gain some advantage. The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up” (#119).

A love, in other words, “for better or worse,” a love tested by the challenges of daily family life—including, as in Joseph’s family, jealousy and competitiveness (admittedly, more extreme than in most families). Such, too, was the case we see in the parable of the prodigal son (Lk 15:11-32).

When the young man shamefacedly returned from squandering his father’s inheritance, his joy-filled father threw a lavish “welcome home” party that enraged his

other son—the one who had obeyed his father throughout his life.

And how did the father respond? “Everything I have is yours” (Lk 15:31).

The father did not disown him, or cut off his inheritance, or offer him anything but kindness. He simply reminded him that in families, even in times of crisis, love comes first.

That’s a good lesson for all families as they teach the kind of love that shows respect for other members of the family, and the God-given uniqueness of each family member.

It is the kind of love that appreciates rather than disparages differences, that, in the face of injustice and violence, turns the other cheek, and practices healing and reconciliation rather than revenge and retaliation.

It is a love that must likewise be present and practiced in our relationships with all of God’s family members, all of them created in God’s image.

Jesus, by example, teaches us that such love begins with an attitude of service, fostered by humility, as he showed his disciples—in a real sense, his earthly “family”—by washing their feet (Jn 13:5). In families, we put the needs of others ahead of ours.

(Mike Nelson is former editor of The Tidings, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.) †

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

Imperiled Church: U.S. Church benefited from European turmoil

(Tenth in a series of columns)

The past nine columns have told the story of the way the Catholic Church was so imperiled that it seemed to be disappearing, especially in England and France, but in other parts of Europe, too. The picture wouldn't be complete, though, without telling about a place that actually benefited from all the turmoil in Europe.

That place was the United States.

Three columns ago, for example, I wrote about the suppression of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) throughout the world. The United States benefited from that in various ways.

First, Father John Carroll was a Jesuit priest born in Maryland who had been ordained in Europe, and then taught in Flanders for four years. After the Jesuits were suppressed in 1773, he decided to return to the United States. He foresaw the American Revolutionary War, and was resolved to cast his lot with America. He went



on, of course, to be the first American Catholic bishop and archbishop. He wasn't the only Jesuit in America, of course. In 1773, there were 24 priests in Maryland and Pennsylvania, and they were all Jesuits. After the Jesuits were suppressed, the priests were supposed to be subject to the local ordinary. But that was, in the case of these priests, the vicar apostolic of London, England, since England didn't have any dioceses at the time. After the Americans won their independence, the English vicar apostolic wanted nothing to do with the American priests. So they petitioned the Holy See for a constitutional ecclesiastical organization. The Holy See responded favorably and appointed Father Carroll prefect apostolic, and then, eventually, the first bishop.

In Mexico, the suppression of the Jesuits meant the closing of 16 Jesuit missions. The Franciscans were ordered to replace the Jesuits. Thus it was that Franciscan Father Junipero Serra became the president of the missions in Baja Calif., and from there he went north to establish nine missions along the coast of California.

The Church in the United States also benefited from the French Revolution, when between 30,000 and 40,000 priests were sent into exile. Many of them came to the United States. In 1817, every Catholic bishop in the United States except one had been born in France. The first four bishops of the Diocese of Vincennes, which eventually became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, were born in France. The first of those four bishops, Simon William Gabriel Bruté de Remur, recruited another Frenchman to come to the United States. He was Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, who founded the University of Notre Dame in 1842. And Bishop Bruté also sent Father Celestine de la Hailandiere back to France in 1838 to find a congregation of nuns willing to come to Indiana. A group of the Sisters of Providence, under the leadership of Mother Theodore Guérin, did so. She has been canonized as St. Theodora.

Another American saint who experienced the terrors of the French Revolution was Rose Philippine Duchesne. She risked her life to help priests who were in hiding. She eventually became the American superior of the Society of the Sacred Heart in St. Louis.

God has a way of turning tragedies into good. †

Coming of Age/Maria-Pia Negro Chin

Opening new paths that help us grow in health, faith and love

Summer is almost upon us, as graduation season fades. Marked

by ceremonies, memories and speeches, this time of the year closes a chapter in students' lives and signals new beginnings.

This can be exciting and terrifying for a new graduate—or anybody about to start something new. Commencement speeches can remind graduates, and students just behind them, that just as one door closes, God opens another one leading to a new path.

At my college graduation from Loyola University Maryland, my classmates and I were reminded of life's ultimate goal: to witness God's love by being "men and women for others."

Jesuit Father Brian F. Linnane, our college president, said that he hoped our education and experiences gave us the tools to have a commitment and connection to something larger than ourselves. This, he said, would serve

the betterment of the world and also take us closer to our purpose in life.

His parting words were "God bless you" and "be happy." But what does ultimate happiness look like to you and your loved ones? There does not seem to be a single answer.

That's because "the keys to happiness take different forms for each of us, because each of us has different ways of finding meaning, a different combination of values and priorities that guide us," Father Linnane said back then.

He later cited a study of what made individuals happy. And even though happiness can look different for each person, there were some constants. Leading a healthy lifestyle, spiritual connectedness and lasting human relationships were main elements in the lives of those who were happy.

Trying to be healthier, more faithful to God and caring with our loved ones may seem simple, but to cultivate these traits requires work and commitment. Nurturing a spiritual life and giving and receiving love are not endeavors that you can do by yourself. They require you to get out of yourself and show your vulnerabilities

and weaknesses.

Yet, the rewards of health, faith and love make our sojourn enjoyable for others as well as for us.

I recently saw this while working with senior high school students. By leading lives that helped them to grow in health, faith and love, the graduates seemed happy. They were hopeful for the future and had the drive to reach their goals and change the world.

One of them cited George Eliot: "By loops and zigzags, we now and then arrive just where we ought to be."

This bit of wisdom was a reminder that the path through the different stages of life is seldom linear. But the journey takes us where God wants us to be. Certain chapters in life help us to grow. But each milestone has a purpose.

For God, every new door—or new chapter—eventually leads to his ultimate goal for us: salvation. We can work on being happy and making others happy throughout the journey.

May we grow in health, faith and love as we walk toward the next door.

(Maria-Pia Negro Chin writes for Catholic News Service.) †

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

Today's technology can lead us to finding humor in contradiction

Agitated over all the bizarre happenings in today's life? How about reducing them to satire and enjoying the ironies they produce.

Consider that even though we have time-saving air travel and superfast automobiles, we find ourselves frequently in endless lines and in stop-and-go traffic with cranky horns. Ironically, our so-called speedy life more often than not is filled by idling and a hurry-and-wait existence.

Smartphones should be called superphones because they help save lives, keep us in contact with dear friends and, in many cases, save money. Ironically, they also often turn loved ones into strangers even though they may be nearby.

Even if people walk side by side, they might as well be miles apart because people are glued to the phones instead of being glued to the person next to them.

Smartphones are the latest addiction with which compulsive chatterers need to fill their day. Their melodious rings may be music to the ear of some, but they don't sound so sweet to those who have to endure the ill-timed annoying sounds coming from them.

A while ago, what some called home "entertainment centers" were truly an enjoyable form of entertainment. The bad side of them was that they produced an army of couch potatoes. Generations grew up sedentary, only knowing how to gaze at screens.

Also consider that some feel we've reached the heights of freedom of speech because anyone is able to post on the Internet whatever comes to mind. But not everything that is posted

has worth, and in many cases, it may not be true. It also may be used for evil purposes.

Music is intelligence in that it mimics speech, and its ultimate purpose is raising the nobility of the human spirit. Yet much of today's music, unfortunately, is cacophony. It is an affront to intelligence and especially to dignity.

Championing human rights, multiculturalism and solidarity offer amazing promise for the future. Ironically, we still face their age-old opponents of self-righteousness, racism, intolerance, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. These are death blows to progress.

These are enjoyable ways to understand the absurd and it reminds us that, as the Book of Ecclesiastes says, there is a time to laugh.

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

That All May Be One/Fr. Rick Ginther

Make 'resourcing' of faiths part of your summer to-do list

An old folk song is running through my head. "It's summertime, summertime, sum-sum-summertime ..."



It beckons to memories of my youthful past, mixed with 21st-century technology. Curious?

When I was a boy, summertime was about outdoor play, bicycling, mowing the lawn. But it was also about enjoying languid, hot summer days,

curled up with a good book. And oh, how that irritated my younger brother! "Come on Richard, come out and play!"

But the book often won my attention. I was learning, even during the summer!

"You're only as smart as your resources," many of my teachers said over the years. Where shall you turn for knowledge, understanding and wisdom—good resources, rooted in history, updated, modern in form, imparting connection upon connection to fact, truth, and how to use wisely what one has learned?

This summer, I would encourage you to absent yourself for a while from the humidity and heat. Curl up with your laptop or tablet. Set aside the mind-numbing games you frequent online, the time-devouring distraction of surfing, and alight upon ecumenical and interreligious resources.

Set your browser to www.usccb.org, the official website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Scroll down the home page to the directory of offices at the bottom. Click on "Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs." Witness the breadth and depth of 50 years of dialogue, outreach and cooperation.

Go to the "Ecumenical link" on the far left side of the page. Click on this to capture a brief definition, and links to video resources and print resources.

Browse down the list of ecumenical partners. Click on any one of them to uncover good information about the progress of dialogues and partners in the dialogues. Learn about each of the varied Christian Churches and ecclesial communities (e.g., the Greek Orthodox: who they are, how we are related in faith, how they relate to their own).

Further down, explore our interreligious partners: Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism. Gain for yourself a basic knowledge of each. How many believe in one God? How do they express that? What are the origins of these world religions?

And of course, connect to our Jewish brothers and sisters! Witness how committed we are to encounter the many expressions of Judaism, and their commitment to engage with us.

Finally, spend some time exploring the links at the bottom of the "Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs" page.

There are Vatican resources: the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and the Pontifical Council for Culture.

There is the national organization to which the archdiocese belongs, the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers.

And our neighbors to the north, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission for Christian Unity, provides insight into another national conference of bishops working toward Christian unity. Finally, check out Religious Relations with the Jews, and Interreligious Dialogue.

Ah, summertime! Time to play. Time to relax. And time to learn—at home or on vacation! We can find so much to do, or not do.

I hope that some "resourcing" is a part of your summer and mine!

(Father Rick Ginther is director of the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenism. He is also dean of the Terre Haute deanery and pastor of St. Patrick and St. Margaret Mary parishes, both in Terre Haute.) †

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

Sunday Readings

Sunday, June 19, 2016

- *Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1*
- *Galatians 3:26-29*
- *Luke 9:18-24*

This is Father's Day in the United States, first envisioned by a woman attending services at an Episcopalian church in 1909 in Spokane, Wash., on Mother's Day. She thought similar recognition was due fathers, so eventually this day came to be.



Rare would be the parish liturgy that failed to note Father's Day, but the Liturgy of the Word was composed for the entire world and for many people who do not observe American holidays. So the readings are not strictly for Father's Day, but they coincidentally have a theme not far removed from what we venerate in good fatherhood.

The first reading is from the Book of Zechariah, who was from a priestly family, born in Babylon during the Israelite's exile there in sixth-century B.C. He began to prophesy as a young man. Zechariah called the people of his time to faithfulness and to obedience to God's law. He also reminded the people of God's love and goodness.

This reading refers to an unnamed victim of the destruction of Jerusalem. This victim will be greatly mourned. The victim was uncompromisingly true to God.

Pious Christians have seen in the reading a reflection Jesus, the Son of God and Redeemer, loyal to God to the end.

Next, the Church presents a lesson from St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. It states that each believer is a brother or sister of Jesus through his incarnation. Each believer has been "clothed" with Christ, intimately and indelibly bonded with God, in Christ.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading. In this passage, Jesus asks how the Apostles view him. Peter replies that Jesus is the "Messiah of God" (Lk 9:21). Peter's confession on faith in Jesus reveals

two important catechetical points.

The first is that Peter spoke for the Twelve. The Gospel recorded Peter's statement. Secondly, Peter was inspired and wise enough to recognize Jesus. We need go no farther than the four Gospels to find evidence of Peter's importance in the unfolding of salvation in Jesus.

The Lord then declares that true discipleship is more than a warm feeling of somehow vaguely being connected with him, or admiring him. Instead, it is a wholehearted identification with the Lord, verified by literally walking with Christ through the difficulties of life. Each true disciple must also carry the cross as Jesus carried the cross.

Reflection

This weekend in the United States we celebrate Father's Day. The readings provide an idea of the goodness to us of God, the eternal Father.

The first reading was from Zechariah. Born when Jews were held in captivity in a foreign, hostile environment, Zechariah benefited from being in the generation that was released from this captivity, and was able to return to the Jewish homeland. He and his contemporaries never saw this release as the result of mere luck or coincidence. Rather, in their minds, God rescued them.

Galatians obliquely refers to God's love. God sent Jesus to humanity. In Jesus, humans can become nothing less than heirs to eternal peace. In Jesus, humans become brothers and sisters of the Son of God, with God their Father in a most special sense.

St. Luke's Gospel further describes Jesus as God's gift. As said by Peter, the Lord is the Messiah. He frees us from our sin.

God loves us as a perfect, loving, forgiving and providing Father, but God's love does not render us helpless, unable to decide for ourselves. We must turn to God, with true conviction, even if it means carrying our own crosses.

Even if we carry our cross, our loving Father will assist us with the divine help of Jesus and will give us everlasting life at the end of our earthly struggle. †

Daily Readings

Monday, June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
Psalms 60:3-5, 12-13
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Psalms 48:2-4, 10-11
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop
St. John Fisher, bishop and martyr
St. Thomas More, martyr
2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3
Psalms 119:33-37, 40
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23

2 Kings 24:8-17
Psalms 79:1b-5, 8-9
Matthew 7:21-29
Vigil Mass of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalms 71:1-4a, 5-6b, 15ab, 17
1 Peter 1:8-12
Luke 1:5-17

Friday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Saturday, June 25

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
Psalms 74:1b-7, 20-21
Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 26

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Luke 9:51-62

Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

The Church allows reception of Communion twice a day under certain circumstances

QI know that people can receive holy Communion twice in one day if they are present at least one Mass for a particular circumstance. But how about a lector or Church musician who might be on duty for three or four Masses on the same day? Can they receive Communion at each of those Masses? (South Carolina)



AYou are correct in saying that a person may receive Communion more than once a day. However, #917 of the Church's *Code of Canon Law* specifies that one may do so only when present for, and participating in, the Mass itself. (The Church does not want troubled people popping in for a couple of minutes solely for the Eucharist at several different Masses in a single day.)

This canon is really meant for someone who might be at two Masses in one day for different reasons, such as a funeral Mass on a Saturday morning and a Sunday vigil Mass that same afternoon. With regard to lectors or Church musicians: In 1984, the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts told several bishops that twice a day is the limit for Communion (except in danger of death).

QMy son, who was recently ordained a priest, has been estranged from me for the past several years. He chooses not to respond to my letters, birthday cards, e-mails and phone calls—for reasons he has never explained to me. His mother and I were divorced when he was a young child. When he was in high school and college, my son had issues with alcohol and drug abuse and also with anger management.

After college, he lived with me for a brief time but because his behavioral problems continued, I had to use "tough love" tactics and ask him to leave, whereupon he was welcomed back to his mother with open arms. Sometime later, he entered the seminary.

My questions are twofold. First, before

he was accepted into the seminary, wouldn't Church officials have investigated his behavioral past? And second, since Jesus taught us to forgive one another and also to love our parents, shouldn't my son's attitude toward me be different—especially since he's a priest—or should I not judge him?

My new wife and I were not invited to his ordination or his Mass of Thanksgiving, although we decided to attend anyway. I have been under a doctor's care for depression for the past 20 years, and this situation with my son has not helped. Please give me some guidance as to how I might understand the Church and my faith in all of this. (City of origin withheld)

AYour situation saddens me, and I will pray that God's love will take root and bring healing to your relationship. To start with, let me assure you that your son would have been thoroughly "vetted" before admission to the seminary.

Especially since the tragedy of clergy sex abuse began to be revealed some 15 years ago, candidates for the priesthood have undergone rigorous psychological evaluation. So your son's behavioral past, including any struggles with anger or addiction, would have been subject to strict scrutiny in order to guarantee, so far as possible, that he could fulfill the particular expectations of priestly life.

As to your current standoff with your son, surely—as you say—forgiveness and love of parents are biblical mandates. I have no idea, though, of the entire history and family dynamics and can offer only limited guidance. It may be, for example, that your son has been advised by a counselor to forgo contact with you lest old wounds be reopened—for you, for him or for both of you.

Why not take one more try at writing to him? Tell him that you are praying for his happiness and the success of his priestly ministry. If he chooses to respond, good. If not, perhaps God's plan is for the healing to take more time.

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

My Journey to God



My Rosary

By Catherine M. Szakel

I say my rosary every day.
My words turn into thoughts
Of Jesus and his sorrows
And the pain my sins have wrought.

I'm there along with Mary
As she gets the joyful word
And has the child that God has sent
To be our saving Lord.

I walk along with Jesus
As He trudges down the path
Where cruel men torment him
As they dole out their wrath.

And on the cross I gaze at him,
This man who died for me.
Oh, Lord, forgive my every action
That brings misery to thee.

Help me to carry my own cross,
Your burden let me share,
So I can someday be with you.
Lord, let that be my prayer.

(Catherine M. Szakel is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Indianapolis. Women pray the rosary during the 2016 Indiana Catholic Women's Conference in Indianapolis on March 19.) (Photo by Natalie Hoefler)

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.

BATIC, Ruth A. (Bert), 93, St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis, May 28. Mother of Mark and Michael Bertic. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of one.

BOYLE, Rosemary (Maniola), 89, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, June 2. Mother of Mary Amman, Janine Cole, Jo Keating, Judy Nelson, Jack, Jim and Rob Boyle. Grandmother of 18. Great-grandmother of two.

COMMONS, Martha J., 92, St. Matthew the Apostle, Indianapolis, April 19. Mother of Carolyn Bickers, Mark, Gregory, Patrick, Phillip and Thomas Commons. Sister of George Commons. Grandmother of 19. Great-grandmother of 16.

DICKEY, Cathryn M., 88, St. Louis, Batesville, June 2. Mother of Janine Burkhart, Beverly Ehrhardt, Mary Sittering, Donald, Glenn, James and John Dickey. Sister of Elmer Fries. Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of one.

DURBIN, Sandra L., 70, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs,

Floyd County, June 4. Wife of Curtis Durbin Jr. Mother of Julianne Turner, Jennifer and Curtis Durbin III. Grandmother of 12.

EBINGER, Leola E., 95, St. John the Baptist, Osgood, June 3. Mother of Cheryl Caswell, Charla McEvoy, Debby, David, Richard and Ronald Ebinger. Sister of Ralph and Roy Miller. Grandmother of 19. Great-grandmother of 44. Great-great-grandmother of two.

GOUGH, Donald J., 85, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, June 6. Husband of A. Christine Gough. Father of Julie Wicks and Michael Gough. Brother of Carl Gough. Grandfather of five.

GREULICH, Mary E. (Hyland), 66, St. Mark the Evangelist, Indianapolis, June 3. Wife of Eric Greulich. Mother of Joanna, Eric, Jason and Matthew Greulich. Sister of seven. Grandmother of eight.

HAGNER, Margaret Mary, 88, St. Jude, Indianapolis, June 6. Wife of Herman Hagner. Mother of Andrea Schultz and Joseph Hagner. Sister of Betty Roth, Coletta Valentine and Art Thombury. Grandmother of three. Great-grandmother of one.

HARTMAN, Alvina, 86, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, June 2. Mother of Daryl, Jeff and Robert Hartman. Sister of Russell Eckstein. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of four.

LINTNER, Ann T. (Dooley), 86, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 31. Mother of Scarlett and Richard Lintner. Sister of Dotty Birke, Mary Dolan, Charles and Fred

Hager. Grandmother of five. Great-grandmother of two.

MAJOR, Irvin M., 87, Sacred Heart, Clinton, May 30. Father of Andy Padish, John and Tony Major. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of 10.

MENISH, William G., 76, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi, Greenwood, May 30. Husband of Elizabeth Menish. Father of William Menish Jr. Grandfather of four.

MEYER, Gilbert A., 92, Holy Family, Oldenburg, June 2. Husband of Bernadette Meyer. Father of Barbara Susomey, Dorothy Ziegler, Lorraine, Ruth and Edward Meyer. Stepfather of Carol Hoog, Dianne Sherman, Arnold and Richard Kirschner. Brother of Leon Meyer. Grandfather of nine. Step-grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of five. Step-great-grandfather of 23.

RUIZ, Jose Alberto, 42, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, May 15. Husband of Alfonsa Moranchel Ruiz. Father of Itzel and Michael Ruiz.

STRANGE, Clora, 93, St. Roch, Indianapolis, May 28.

STIEGLER, William L., 81, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, May 28. Husband of Kathy Stiegler. Father of Janine Lee, Diana Sturgeon and Laurie Tarnow. Brother of Lee Stiegler. Grandfather of five.

VOLK, John A., 82, Sacred Heart, Clinton, May 18. Husband of Margaret Volk. Father of Michelle Gilbert, Karen Girton, Deborah Myers, John, Kenneth, Michael and Ronald Volk. Brother of Joseph Volk. Grandfather of 17. Great-grandfather of 15. †



Oratory renovation

St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal is seen in this 2010 file photo. Founded in 1904 through the efforts of St. Andre Bessette, the basilica will benefit from a five-year \$63-million refurbishment beginning in 2017. (CNS photo/Bob Mullen)

Jesus wants people to strive for ideal, but settle disputes, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A “my way or the highway” attitude is not Catholic—it’s heretical, Pope Francis said.

“Jesus always walks with us, he gives us the ideal, he accompanies us toward the ideal, he frees us from this cage of rigidity of the law,” the pope said on June 9 during a morning Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Jesus teaches “a healthy realism,” he said, one that endorses a peaceful resolution over a war of entrenched, opposing interests.

The pope’s homily focused on the day’s Gospel reading (Mt 5:20-26), in

which Jesus tells his disciples to settle with their opponents and be reconciled with their brothers because they will be judged for harboring anger and lobbing insults.

“We are so used to [certain] adjectives, and we have a very creative vocabulary for insulting others,” the pope said, according to Vatican Radio. Swear words, he said, are often spoken “without much charity, but we say them to others.”

Insulting others is “killing, because it is giving a slap to their soul” and dignity, he said. †

FY 2015 Yearly Totals

11,500 TOTAL HEART PROCEDURES

James B. Hermiller, MD, FACC
Cardiologist

Mary N. Walsh, MD, FACC
Cardiologist

Andrew M. Fouts, MD, FACC
Cardiologist

OUR NUMBERS SPEAK VOLUMES.

Give your heart the care it deserves. As the largest, most experienced heart program in Indiana, St. Vincent performed 11,500 total heart procedures in just one year. It’s the kind of experience that makes all the difference—especially for our patients who see far better outcomes than the national average.

St. Vincent Heart Center. **The best heart care in Indiana.**

Ask your physician to refer you to the St. Vincent heart care team or call us at 317. 338.5050.

St. Vincent HEART CENTER

Proud of Our Physician Owners

stvincent.org/BestHeartCare

THE SPIRIT OF CARING®

"Air Conditioner, Heat Pump or Furnance"

Our staff has over 76 years of Catholic Education

133rd Anniversary Sale

133rd Anniversary Sale

FREE LABOR

On the installation of a AIR CONDITIONER, HEAT PUMP OR FURNACE

Cannot be combined with any other offer. Must be presented at time of order. EXPIRES: 7/2/16 THIELE 639-1111

CALL TODAY!
639-1111

Still Locally Owned & Operated
CALLTHIELE.COM

133rd Anniversary Sale

1/2 OFF SERVICE CALL

Save \$45 with Paid Repair

Cannot be combined with any other offer. Must be presented at time of service. EXPIRES: 7/2/16 M-F 8-4 THIELE 639-1111

133rd Anniversary Sale

FREE

10 YEAR WARRANTY ON PARTS & LABOR High Efficiency Air Conditioner, Heat Pump or 90% Furnace. Call for details.

Cannot be combined with any other offer. Must be presented at time of order. EXPIRES: 7/2/16 THIELE 639-1111

133rd Anniversary Sale

TUNE-UP

Air Conditioner or Heat Pump

\$59.95

Cannot be combined with any other offer. Must be presented at time of service. EXPIRES: 7/2/16 M-F 8-4 THIELE 639-1111

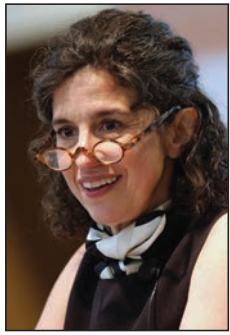
SERVING CENTRAL INDIANA

Whatever it takes. Heating & Cooling Systems

IS-5987722

Speaker talks about men, women and 'The Feminine Genius'

WASHINGTON (CNS)—When Helen Alvaré first read that Jesus did not “count equality with God a thing to be grasped” (Phil 2:6), she was shocked.



Helen Alvaré

“Of course he was equal, why would we even be talking about grasping?” Alvaré asked.

She realized that this model applied to gender equality, an idea she shared in her talk on “The Feminine Genius,” addressed to 350 women in their 20s at the Given Catholic Young Women’s Leadership Forum on June 8 in Washington.

Her goal, she told Catholic News Service, was for the women at the conference to see that “even

suggesting that there are two sexes who are other but can collaborate has become controversial,” and that Christians need to confirm God’s intention for men and women to be different but equal.

In modern society, “we are encouraged to reject things that are associated with women and instead to be either like men or androgynous or sexually fluid,” Alvaré told the all-female audience, yet “the two sexes symbolize all that can happen when different things work together: They create, they grow, they give new life.”

She continued, “An environment stacked against the twoness of the sexes is also an environment against diversity of every type, coexistence in perfect equality in the eyes of God.”

Alvaré, who is a family and religion law professor at George Mason University and a consultant for the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Laity, serves as a Holy See delegate to various United Nations conferences on women and family issues.

She said that women need to recognize their feminine gifts and assert them in collaboration with men rather than “grasping at” an equality that they already have in the eyes of God. Practically and theologically, she said, the sexes working together are better than either men or women working alone.

She cited studies showing that mixed-gender marketing teams are effective because the men tend to develop strong marketing systems while the women are often better at figuring out how the system will practically be applied, and how to pitch the system in an appealing way.

She also explained theologian N.T. Wright’s view of the sexes as symbols of the unity of heaven and Earth.

Heaven and Earth “are different, radically different, but they are made for each other in the same way as male and female,” she said, quoting Wright. “Opposite poles within



Women laugh on June 8 as they listen to keynote speaker Helen Alvaré, a law professor at George Mason University in Arlington, Va., during “Given,” a leadership forum for young Catholic women at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The six-day event was sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)

creation are made for union, not competition.”

She said that while women cannot forget that they are heirs to a long struggle for equal rights, “as Christians, this model of not deeming equality something to be grasped at means that we assert it. We live it. We can be lawyers seeking to get it in the law; we can be laywomen seeking to assert it in a group or at our job, but the end goal that we’re seeking is not ‘I am better than men,’ ‘I reject men,’ ‘I don’t trust men,’ et cetera. It is to assert and achieve this equality but not by harming the opposite sex.”

She said that she would have liked to see this equality represented in Church decision-making, for example, at the Synod of Bishops on the family or in the sexual abuse scandal.

“I would have said that you needed a great deal more women and families at the synod on the family. I really didn’t understand the absence of a significant number of more women,” she said.

Alvaré chaired the commission that investigated the abuse scandal in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

“If someone had come in and complained to a mother

that this had happened to her son, I think things would have changed quite a bit earlier,” Alvaré told CNS, saying there may be a difference between the sexes in understanding “what that violation means to a child.”

She also pointed out that women are skilled in the humanitarian work Pope Francis has emphasized, like housing Syrian refugees and providing showers for the homeless in Vatican City.

“The people who are actually doing that kind of work in the world and who want to do it—they’d like to be paid more fairly, but they want to do it—are women,” Alvaré said, noting that women’s representation in the Church shouldn’t be a matter of meeting quotas.

She told CNS that she wanted to end her talk by saying women must be the ones to speak out in favor of femininity and increased collaboration between the sexes.

“No male can say the things that I said today,” she said. “If it’s going to be said at all, it has to be said by women.”

The June 7-12 Given conference was held at The Catholic University of America in Washington. It was sponsored by the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious. †

Classified Directory

For information about rates for classified advertising, call (317) 236-1454.

For Sale

Double crypt in Our Lady of Peace Chapel Mausoleum, 1st level, Lovely patio setting, #150. Call 317-846-6026.

Legal

Report sexual misconduct now

If you are a victim of sexual misconduct by a person ministering on behalf of the Church, or if you know of anyone who has been a victim of such misconduct, please contact the archdiocesan victim assistance coordinator:

Carla Hill, Archdiocese of Indianapolis,
P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-1410
317-236-1548 or 800-382-9836, ext. 1548
chill@archindy.org

Employment

Holy Family Catholic Church
129 West Daisy Lane | New Albany, IN 47150 | 812-944-9263



COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

DESIRED FOR MEDIUM-SIZE PARISH IN SOUTHERN INDIANA

FULL-TIME

Holy Family Catholic Church and School are looking for a full-time Communications Manager. As Communications Manager this person would have a Bachelor Degree or equivalent experience in Communications, Marketing, Graphic Design, or a similar field. This person would be responsible for updating Church and School websites and social media accounts; coordinating and collecting content for E-newsletters, websites, and church bulletins. Must be proficient on a Mac computer. Experience in writing, photography, and Adobe Indesign are bonuses, as well as comfort using technology and applications. Resumes should be emailed to: cagoins@holymfamilynewalbany.org.

Health Care



Trusted and Compassionate Care

Serving people with Autism & Developmental Disabilities

- Medicaid Waiver (CIH & FSW)
- Residential, Community, Respite and PAC Services
- Staff screened and trained

Kathy and Terry Huser
(317) 255-5700
www.HuserSpecialCare.com
Career Opportunities Available

Vacation Rental

BEACHFRONT CONDO, Maderia Beach, Fl., 2BR/2BA, pool & 25ft balcony overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Meet Indpls. owner. See photos, maps. Call Robin at 317-506-8516.

Rosaries

LEARN ROSARY MAKING

A Catholic Tradition

Contact us for a catalog and introductory offer.

LEWIS & COMPANY

Dedicated to Rosary Making!

rosaryparts.com

(800) 342 - 2400

Home Improvement

Brother's Construction

Chimney's cleaned & inspected \$99.00

- Complete Chimney & Furnace Work
- Brick & Concrete Specialist
- Fencing & Carpentry Work

St. Lawrence Parishioner

Serving the Eastside since 1976
5066 E. Michigan Street
317 501-4830

For Sale

ANGELS' CORNER

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP is FOR SALE

... this well established and needed shop includes: Inventory, Building, Fixtures, Goodwill and Training. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT GREG at Ph# 317-784-0890

Home Improvement

D & S ROOFING

24-hour service! Rubber, torch downs, hot tar roofs, reroof and tearoffs.

- Any large or small repairs
- Wind or hail damage repairs
- Call Dale for free estimates!

317-357-4341
Licensed • Bonded • Insured
33 years experience • References available

COORDINATOR/ADMINISTRATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CENTER, BLOOMINGTON
FULL-TIME

St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington, is seeking a fulltime coordinator/administrator of religious education to implement and oversee parish faith formation programs at all levels beginning August 1, 2016.

Applicant should have a love for the Catholic faith, knowledge of and commitment to the Archdiocesan Faith Formation Guidelines and Faith-Formation Curriculum, excellent communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with catechists, parents and other parish leadership in the deanery. Experience in parish formation programs preferred.

Direct inquires/resumés to:
Ken Ogorek
Director of Catechesis
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 North Meridian
Indianapolis, IN 46202
kogorek@archindy.org



ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
The Church in Central and Southern Indiana
Equal Opportunity Employer

DIRECTOR FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY FULL-TIME

St. Mary Catholic Church in Lanesville, Indiana is seeking a full-time Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry. Candidates must be professed and practicing Catholics who are able to effectively articulate and witness the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Qualified candidates will bring to the parish community both competence and compassion while leading, developing and growing ministries for youth (age 18 and younger) as they strive to make catechesis and youth ministry an integral focus of parish life. A bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in theology, pastoral ministry, or a related field is required. Resumés will be accepted through June 23, 2016. Please send cover letter, resumé, and list of references, in confidence, to:

Archdiocese of Indianapolis
Attn: Ken Ogorek
1400 N. Meridan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
E-mail: kogorek@archindy.org



ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS
The Church in Central and Southern Indiana
Equal Opportunity Employer

Criterion staff honored for excellence in journalism

Criterion staff report

Staff members of *The Criterion* were recently honored for excellence in journalism by two organizations. The recognition included awards from the Catholic Press Association (CPA) and the Woman's Press Club of Indiana (WPCI). The recognition for work completed in the 2015 calendar year started in May when staff writer Natalie Hoefler was honored by WPCI. She garnered two first-place awards: one for her personality profile on priest-abuse survivor Norbert Krapf, and another in the Religious niche category for "Land of Calm and Chaos," about the pilgrimage that Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin led to the Holy Land in February of 2015. Both first-place honors advanced to the National Federation of Press Women's Communications Contest for further judging.

Hoefler also received a second-place award for her Holy Land blog.

The staff received more recognition on June 3 in St. Louis during the Catholic Press Association's annual awards program.

Hoefler was awarded first place in the Best Newswriting Originating with the Paper on a National or International Event for her story "Syrian refugee family arrives in archdiocese with 'so much hope in their eyes.'"

"A tricky story to handle," judges said. "It was presented in a balanced, even-handed way with appropriate context. Nice work."

Hoefler also received first place in the Best Original Poetry category for her "My Journey to God" entries.

"Sensitive and personal poetic expressions of faith," judges wrote. "Language, rhythm, and structure coordinated to move thought forward. Easy, straightforward and accessible. Fine work."



John F. Fink



Natalie Hoefler



Mike Krokos



John Shaughnessy

Left, staff writer Natalie Hoefler's story "Syrian refugee family arrives in archdiocese with 'so much hope in their eyes,'" was awarded first place in the Best Newswriting Originating with the Paper on a National or International Event in the Catholic Press Association's (CPA) 2016 awards competition. The newspaper recently won a total of nine awards from the CPA and Woman's Press Club of Indiana (WPCI).

Assistant editor John Shaughnessy was awarded first place in the Individual Excellence for writers' category. Writers were asked to submit up to five examples of their work.

"Shaughnessy has a knack for finding inspiring stories about the human condition and God's hand in our lives," judges wrote. "His reporting is excellent, his storytelling is compelling, and he is truly a treasure to his community."

"Shaughnessy demonstrates a strong writing style. His stories are well-framed to

keep readers engaged. He picks interesting subjects with themes of faith, compassion, love, determination, generosity, and other important values."

Shaughnessy also earned a third-place award in the Best Sports Journalism/Sports News category for his story, "Inspired by parent's battle with cancer, Brebeuf girls soccer team comes together to win state title."

"Scene setting is strong in this story about a soccer team inspired by a terminally ill mother of one of the members of its team as its marches to the state championship," judges said. "[The writer] does a great job capturing the emotions of the moment."

Editor Mike Krokos was awarded first place in the Best Editorial on a Local Issue category for "Amazing grace in the Palmetto State," which focused on how the community—including victims of the family—came together after a tragedy left nine African-Americans dead after being shot by a young white man inside their church.

"The powerful theological message of forgiveness as a fundamental of Christian life and practice permeates this editorial," judges wrote. "The message is clear that violent tragedies like the one in the church in Charleston do not need to end

in more violence. The writer makes a strong case for a different response born out of the life and action of Christ. What better response could be made in this [Holy] Year of Mercy."

Editor Emeritus John F. Fink received third place in the Best Editorial on a National/International Issue category for "Take a look inside 'the waiting room' at the issue of doctor-assisted suicide."

"By stepping back in time to recall the premonition of a Catholic journalist more than 50 years ago," judges said, "the author brings the issue of assisted suicide front and center, reminding readers of the fundamental and unique belief system the Catholic Church holds. The sanctity of life remains the pre-eminent issue. The position is well stated."

"More than ever, our culture needs the voice provided by *The Criterion* staff and other Catholic journalists. These powerful and transforming stories about faith are often overlooked by today's secular media," said Greg Otolski, associate publisher of *The Criterion*. "We're grateful to be able to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by reporting on the local Church, as well as bringing them news of the Catholic faith from around the world." †

Your Gifts do Great Things!

Responding with Charity

\$541,000 | Catholic Charities Programs & Services
Provides support for the five regional Catholic Charities agencies and the services they offer. Family counseling, caregiver support, adult day services, school social work, community training on mental health and youth substance abuse, transitional housing, outreach counseling, maternity and new mother support, hot meals, and household budgeting classes benefit more than 180,000 people annually.

\$573,000 | Notre Dame ACE Academies
Provides tuition assistance for those students most in need who attend the five Indianapolis center-city Notre Dame ACE Academies (formerly Mother Theodore Catholic Academies) elementary schools.

The UCA Ministry Minute

Scan the QR code to see United Catholic Appeal gifts at work in Catholic Charities.

www.archindy.org/UCA

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Christ Our Hope

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL PICNIC AND FAMOUS CHICKEN DINNER

Harrison County Fairgrounds · Corydon, Indiana

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. · rain or shine

- ➔ Kids Games
- ➔ Chicken dinner served cafeteria style!
- ➔ \$10.00 Adults · \$5.00 Children
- ➔ Dinners served by numbers under shelter— Ample Seating
- ➔ Carry-Out Available !
- ➔ Grandma's Attic! (Gigantic Yard Sale)
- ➔ Hand Made Quilt booth!
- ➔ Many other booths
- ➔ Unique Silent Auction

Raffle: Win a 2016 Kubota RTV 400

Sponsored by Jacobi Sales, Inc.

Raffle: Win \$5,000

License: 140075