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## 'He sees it as a prayer'



For more than 30 years, Bill Fike of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis has portrayed the parts of the Passion story, adding dramatic and emotional life to the events that led to Christ's ultimate sacrifice for humanity. (Photo by John Shaughnessy)

## Parishioner's powerful Passion portrayals bring to life the depth of Christ's love

By John Shaughnessy

The reactions come immediately, powerfully.

There's the time a small boy reacted to Bill Fike's angry outburst as part of proclaiming the Passion story—a moment when Fike vividly conveys the venom of the crowd toward Jesus as he stands before Pilate.

"Someone told me they heard the little boy tell his mother, 'He's so mean!'" Fike says, smiling at the memory.

A short time later, Fike's smile takes on a different measure of delight when he shares how his role in bringing the Passion story to life affected a college student who had given up on his faith.

"Something hit him, and he came back to church," Fike says. "That makes it worthwhile."

Fike can also tell you the story of how his role led him—a longtime bachelor—to find the love of his love and get married.

Yet, mostly, the 62-year-old member of St. Christopher Parish in

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## Archdiocese's chrim Mass to be celebrated on April 11

By Sean Gallagher

The annual archdiocesan chrim Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on April 11, Tuesday of Holy Week, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

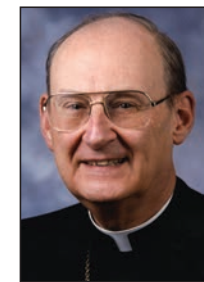
Bishop William L. Higi, retired bishop of the Lafayette Diocese, will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. Msgr. William F. Stumpf, archdiocesan administrator, will be the homilist.



Msgr. William F. Stumpf

The annual Holy Week Mass features the blessing and consecrating of holy oils used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the anointing of the sick, the ordination of priests and the consecration of church buildings and altars. Priests serving the Church in central and southern Indiana also renew their ordination promises during the liturgy.

A bishop ordinarily blesses and consecrates the oils and receives the renewal of promises. Bishop Higi will serve as the



Bishop William L. Higi

principal celebrant of the Mass because the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is currently without an archbishop.

Representatives of parishes across central and southern Indiana will participate in the Mass in order to receive the oils that will be used in the celebration of sacraments in their faith communities for the coming year.

The participation of parish representatives, members of religious communities in the archdiocese, and priests and deacons serving in central and southern Indiana at the chrim Mass is a clear manifestation of the faithful of the archdiocese as a whole, said Father Patrick Beidelman, executive director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Worship and Evangelization.

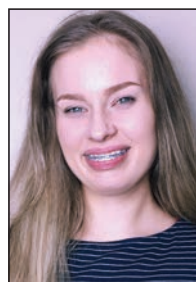
"It's a Mass that expresses our deep unity, not only with the sacramental

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## Teen's touching welcome leads to friendship, honor

By John Shaughnessy

One moment, one choice shows why 18-year-old Grace Albertson will receive the archdiocese's Spirit of Service Youth Award on April 26.



Grace Albertson

The moment unfolded at the beginning of the school year in 2012 when Grace was a seventh-grade student at St. Mark the Evangelist School in Indianapolis—a year when the first wave of Burmese refugee children arrived at the south side school.

"I was out at recess on the blacktop, and I looked onto the grassy area where three Burmese students were playing soccer together," Grace recalls with a glowing smile. "They weren't playing with the other kids.

Something struck me about that, and I had a strong desire to talk with them. But they were speaking in Burmese, and I didn't know Burmese.

"Rather than trying to speak to them in English, I really wanted to learn Burmese to talk with them. That evening, I searched the Internet for Burmese phrases, found some, and wrote them

down phonetically on a pad of paper. And I studied those phrases for two hours that night."

At recess the next day, she saw the same three students playing soccer, so she nervously approached them, holding her pad with the Burmese phrases.

"I mustered up my courage and went up to this girl and said in Burmese, 'Hello. Nice to meet you. I do not speak Burmese well.' She smiled at me and said, 'Nice to meet you, too'—in English. That was really the beginning of that friendship."

It was also the start of Grace's six-years-and-counting commitment to help refugees to the United States make an adjustment to life in Indianapolis.

During that time, she has taught English to Burmese and Syrian children. She has greeted refugee families at Indianapolis International Airport, and helped them make the transition to life in their apartments. And she has spent parts of two summers in South Korea, teaching English to children there.

"I find myself thanking God for these opportunities, for letting me know these children," says Grace, now a senior at

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See more stories of Spirit of Service Award winners, page 8.

# Meet our future deacons

On June 24, the third class of permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be ordained at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. There are 21 men from across central

and southern Indiana who will be ordained. This week's issue of *The Criterion* begins a series of profiles of these men that will run in the weeks leading up to that important day.



**Permanent Deacons**  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis



## David Bartolowits

Age: 59  
Wife: Leslie  
Home Parish: St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis  
Occupation: Director of Catechesis at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis

### Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

My grandparents, parents and St. John Paul II.

### What are your favorite Scripture passage, saints, prayers and devotions?

My favorite Scripture verse is Romans 8:38-39: "For 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." My favorite saints are St. Monica, St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II. My favorite prayers or devotions are eucharistic adoration, the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy and Liturgy of the Hours.

### Deacons often minister to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that already, and what do you anticipate doing in the future?

Informally, during these years of diaconal formation, I have tried to accept the challenge attributed to St. Francis of Assisi to "preach the Gospel, and if necessary,

use words." Formally, I have embraced the challenge and call to minister face to face by serving the poor and homeless of Indianapolis's downtown community as well as ministering to the inmates incarcerated in the jails of Marion County.

### Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

While it has always been my desire to recognize and respond to God's call, it has never been a matter of me choosing to become a deacon. I have just been unable to say "No" to that voice that has been leading me on this journey of faith during these past five years.

### How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

God's call to the diaconate has not been directed to me alone. He is not asking me to take less seriously my vocation as a husband, father and father-in-law. I am convinced that God has invited my wife and children to be part of this ministry. [My family] all understand that there will be times when ministry will ask each of us to be flexible in terms of schedules and family activities. †



## Joseph Beauchamp

Age: 56  
Wife: Shelly  
Home Parish: St. Ann Parish in Indianapolis  
Occupation: Mechanical Engineering Manager

### Who are the important role models in your life of faith?

My parents, grandmother, parish priests, parish staff and lay ministers.

### What are your favorite Scripture passage, saints, prayers and devotions?

My favorite Scripture passage is Philippians 2:4-14 (St. Paul's plea to the Philippians for unity and humility, and for obedience and service to the world). My favorite saints are St. Joseph, St. Anthony, St. Jude and St. Michael. My favorite prayers or devotions are the *Memorare*, *Angelus*, eucharistic adoration and the rosary.

### Deacons often minister to others in the workplace. How have you experienced that already, and what do you anticipate doing in the future?

In the role of manager, I am often sought out for my opinion or advice related to secular issues and problems. It is a natural extension that sometimes the dialogue with others

becomes a pastoral and spiritually enriching moment. It never ceases to amaze me how often and in how many different ways God puts people with spiritual and/or physical need in my path.

### Why do you feel that God is calling you to become a deacon?

He and I have had a lot of "discussions" about this. He never ceases affirming me in my service to others. He continues to put a longing in my heart to serve him in this role. I feel a wonderful peace inside whenever I contemplate my response to his call to the permanent diaconate.

### How will being ordained a deacon have an impact on your life and family?

Ordination will extend what has happened during the past four years of formation: strengthen my personal faith, my marriage and my family relationships. I also believe it will continue to have a positive effect on the people I encounter. †

# Pope Francis recognizes miracle attributed to Fatima visionaries

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis has approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917, thus paving the way for their canonization.

Pope Francis signed the decree for the causes of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto during a meeting on March 23 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican said.

The recognition of the miracle makes it likely that the canonization ceremony for the two children will be scheduled

soon. The cardinals and bishops who are members of the congregation must vote to recommend their canonization, and then the pope would convene the cardinals resident in Rome for a consistory to approve the sainthood.

Many people are hoping Pope Francis will preside over the canonization ceremony during his visit to Fatima on May 12-13.

The pilgrimage will mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions, which began on May 13, 1917, when 9-year-old Francisco and 7-year-old Jacinta, along with their cousin Lucia dos

Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

A year after the apparitions, both of the Marto children became ill during an influenza epidemic that plagued Europe. Francisco died on April 4, 1919, at the age of 10, while Jacinta succumbed to her illness on Feb. 20, 1920, at the age of 9.

Francisco and Jacinta's cause for canonization was stalled for decades due to a debate on whether non-martyred children have the capacity to understand heroic virtues at a young age. However, in

1979, St. John Paul II allowed their cause to proceed; he declared them venerable in 1989 and beatified them in 2000.

Their cousin Lucia entered the Institute of the Sisters of St. Dorothy and, later, obtained permission to enter the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, where she resided until her death in 2005 at the age of 97.

Following her death, Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year waiting period before her sainthood cause could open. Bishop Virgilio Antunes of Coimbra formally closed the local phase of investigation into her life and holiness on Feb. 13, 2017, and forwarded the information to the Vatican. †

### Pope Francis' prayer intentions for April

- **Young People**—That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

(To see Pope Francis' monthly intentions, go to [www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions).) †

### Official Appointments

Effective March 29, 2017

**Rev. Martin Rodriguez**, administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Shelbyville, and sacramental minister, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Shelby County, granted a temporary leave of absence.

(These appointments are from the office of Very Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf, Ph.D., Archdiocesan Administrator.) †

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# Bishops: ‘Accompany’ migrants, refugees seeking better life

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. bishops in a pastoral reflection released on March 22 called all Catholics to do what each of them can “to accompany migrants and refugees who seek a better life in the United States.”

Titled “Living as a People of God in Unsettled Times,” the reflection was issued “in solidarity with those who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, conflict or fear in their native lands,” said a news release from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

“To live as a people of God is to live in the hope of the Resurrection,” said the reflection, which was approved by the USCCB Administrative Committee on the first day of a two-day meeting in Washington.

The 37-member committee is made up of the executive officers of the USCCB, elected committee chairmen and elected regional representatives. It acts on behalf of the nation’s bishops between their spring and fall general meetings.

“To live in Christ is to draw upon the limitless love of Jesus to fortify us against the temptation of fear,” it continued. “Pray that our engagement in the debate over immigration and refugee issues may bring peace and comfort to those most affected by current and proposed national policy changes.”

The bishops urged Catholics to pray for an end to the root causes of violence and other circumstances forcing families to flee their homeland to find a better life; to meet with newcomers in their parishes and “listen to their story, and share your own”; and to call, write or visit their elected representatives to ask them to fix our broken immigration system” in a way that would safeguard the country’s security and “our humanity through a generous opportunity for legal immigration.”

The statement opened with a passage

from Chapter 19 of the Book of Leviticus: “The word of God is truly alive today. When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt” (Lv 19:34).

The bishops urged Catholics to “not lose sight of the fact that behind every policy is the story of a person in search of a better life. They may be an immigrant or refugee family sacrificing so that their children might have a brighter future.”

“As shepherds of a pilgrim Church,” they wrote, “we will not tire in saying to families who have the courage to set out from their despair onto the road of hope: ‘We are with you.’”

Those families could include “a family seeking security from an increased threat of extremist violence,” they said, adding that “it is necessary to safeguard the United States in a manner that does not cause us to lose our humanity.”

The bishops said that “intense debate is essential to healthy democracy, but the rhetoric of fear does not serve us well.”

“When we look at one another, do we see with the heart of Jesus?” they asked.

Their pastoral reflection comes at a time when the Trump administration’s rhetoric and its policies on national security, refugees and immigration are in the headlines almost daily. Those policies have sparked almost nonstop



A woman in New York walks past hundreds of refugee life jackets collected from the beaches of Greece on Sept. 16, 2016. The U.S. bishops in a pastoral reflection released on March 22 called all Catholics to do what each of them can “to accompany migrants and refugees who seek a better life in the United States.” (CNS photo/Justin Lane, EPA)

protests in various parts of the country since President Donald Trump’s Jan. 20 inauguration. In some cases, the anti-Trump demonstrations have turned violent.

The latest action on the refugee issue came on March 16 when two federal judges blocked Trump’s new executive order banning for 90 days the entry into the U.S. of citizens from six Muslim-majority nations and suspending for 120 days the resettlement of refugees. Two federal judges, one in Hawaii and one in Maryland, blocked the order before it was to take effect on March 16 at midnight.

The Department of Justice announced on March 17 it will appeal the Maryland ruling in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, which is based in Richmond, Va.

In their reflection, the bishops said that all in this country find “common dreams for our children” in their

“diverse backgrounds.”

“Hope in the next generation is how the nation will realize its founding motto, ‘out of many, one,’” they said. “In doing so, we will also realize God’s hope for all his children: that we would see each other as valued sisters and brothers regardless of race, religion or national origin.”

They also urged Catholics to “to reach out in loving dialogue to those who may disagree with us. The more we come to understand each other’s concerns the better we can serve one another. Together, we are one body in Christ.”

The reflection ended with a quote from Pope Francis: “To migrate is the expression of that inherent desire for the happiness proper to every human being, a happiness that is to be sought and pursued. For us Christians, all human life is an itinerant journey toward our heavenly homeland.” †

## In talk with top diplomat, bishop stresses concern for common good

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace met with the country’s top diplomat,



Bishop Oscar Cantu

Rex Tillerson, on March 23 for a policy-packed 35-minute conversation about immigration, the Middle East, Africa and the role of the Church’s efforts toward building “the common good.”

“After some small talk about Texas,” the

two spoke about the Middle East, about Iraq and Syria, reaching out to Central America and Mexico, and the situation in Africa, said Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M., explaining his initial meeting in Washington with Tillerson, the U.S. secretary of state, who, like Bishop Cantu, hails from Texas.

Bishop Cantu said the meeting was about letting Tillerson know “that our only motive is to help build the common good, that we don’t have ulterior motives,” and explaining the bishops’ peace and justice committee’s work in the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the Far East.

Bishop Cantu, as the chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, has spoken for a two-state solution in the Israel-Palestine conflict, against the construction of Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories, for reducing the United States’ nuclear arsenal, and raised concerns about an executive order that targets refugees from some countries with predominantly Muslim populations, which are at odds with stances taken early by President Donald J. Trump’s administration.

“I have concerns,” he said in an interview with Catholic News Service, but said the meeting with Tillerson was about establishing a relationship that can help the Church advocate for policy issues to help the common good.

“We bring a unique perspective,” said Bishop Cantu. “One of our principles in Catholic social teaching is the common good, and that goes beyond our own Church needs.”

Bishop Cantu said he talked about the Church’s efforts in Congo and South Sudan and the need for stability in such places. U.N. agencies said in February that famine and war in the area are threatening up to 5.5 million lives in the region.

Because of the Church’s humanitarian agencies, its solidarity visits, and long-term contact with local governments and populations around the world, the Church lends a credible voice, Bishop Cantu said.

“He expressed that he was eager to have open lines of communication with us and to listen to our perspective on things,” Bishop Cantu said.

“The two areas we especially touched on were the Middle East and how to rebuild in Iraq and Syria. And the second topic that he wanted to hear our perspective on is the immigration issue, particularly how to reach out to Central America and Mexico,” said Bishop Cantu.

He said he emphasized to Tillerson the importance of having countries where religious minorities have a say in the government and of investing in rebuilding countries. The proposed Trump administration budget has been criticized for its plans to slash funding for the State Department up to 28 percent, or \$10.9 billion. The cuts would greatly affect the department’s Food for Peace Program, which reduces hunger and malnutrition

in poor countries, while proposing a \$54 billion, or 10 percent, increase in military spending.

Bishop Cantu said he left information with Tillerson about the Church’s concerns with the proposed budget.

“We’re concerned about the very steep increase in the military budget, the cutting back on foreign aid, we’re very concerned about that. I did want to emphasize how important development is in regions that need to be stabilized,” he said, “that those are wise investments of time and funds.”

The meeting also included a discussion about Christians in the Middle East, Bishop Cantu said, “and that Christians don’t want to live in a ghetto. ... They

believe it’s important that they live in an integrated society that is safe and secure,” to have a voice in local, regional as well federal government. He said he also emphasized “the fact that the [Catholic] Church in the Middle East can act as a voice between the Sunnis and the Shia” and the importance of the Church remaining in places such as Iraq and Syria.

“Any wise government official wants to listen to the voice of people who have a stake in different areas and to listen to the wisdom of experience,” Bishop Cantu said. “We have our brothers and sisters there, the Church, who do live there. The fact is that ... we bring a trusted voice.” †



# Earth Day

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## Editorial



In this 2014 file photo, cots for homeless migrants are seen in the Mission Dolores Church in Los Angeles. The U.S. bishops in a pastoral reflection released on March 22 called all Catholics to do what each of them can "to accompany migrants and refugees who seek a better life in the United States." (CNS photo/David Maung, EPA)

## Welcoming strangers in a time of fear and anger

*"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Lv 19:33-34).*

The word of God could not be clearer. We are to love our neighbors, including aliens, as we love ourselves. Knowing this simple truth and carrying it out in our personal lives—and as a matter of public policy—is a different matter.

We human beings are naturally suspicious and fearful of strangers. We know our own kind—for better or worse—and we can anticipate what family members, friends and neighbors, and members of our own community or nation will say or do in most situations. Strangers are foreign to us by definition. They speak different languages, have different beliefs and customs, and they do things differently. We are hesitant around strangers precisely because they are strange to us.

It normally takes some time, and more than a little effort, to acclimate ourselves to the presence of others. This is normal. But the situation is made much worse and more complicated when the atmosphere we live in is supercharged with emotions of fear and anger. When the society we live in is afraid of strangers, or burdened by angry rhetoric about those who are not like us, all kinds of bad things can happen to individuals, families and communities. Nazi Germany is a powerful reminder of this truth.

Please God, the United States of America is nowhere near the situation of Nazi Germany, but we are at a crossroads. We are at a place where we must choose between welcoming strangers, or turning our backs on those who come to us for a better life. The word of God is clear about what our choice should be, but translating this all-important moral principle into public policy is not easy.

For many years now, the U.S. bishops have been saying that our nation's immigration and refugee systems are broken. On the one hand, we are confronted with the heartbreaking stories of individuals and families who struggled to make their way to America in search of a better life. This is the story of most Catholics in the United States regardless of our racial, ethnic or social backgrounds. We are the children,

grandchildren and great grandchildren of immigrants, and we ought to be sensitive to what it means to leave your homeland and travel to an unknown land in search of freedom and prosperity.

On the other hand, for many years now we have lived with broken systems that have allowed all kinds of chaos and uncertainty to develop within immigrant and refugee communities. Families have been abused by confusing and unfair immigration policies and by erratic enforcement of laws. Undocumented individuals who have committed crimes have been deported and then returned to commit more egregious crimes. This situation helps no one. It enflames anger (and nativism), and it threatens the safety and security of everyone.

Something must be done. The broken systems must be fixed. But at what price?

Ask any pastor or parish leader about the situation in our parishes. People are angry and afraid. They are confused about what is the right thing to do: Secure our borders? Enforce our laws? Build more walls? Reach out to strangers? Form welcoming communities of reassurance and hope for all?

Strong leadership is needed to sort through the conflicting emotions and divisive rhetoric. That's why the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee recently issued this statement:

"Let us not lose sight of the fact that behind every policy is the story of a person in search of a better life. They may be an immigrant or refugee family sacrificing so that their children might have a brighter future. As shepherds of a pilgrim Church, we will not tire in saying to families who have the courage to set out from their despair onto the road of hope: 'We are with you.' They may also be a family seeking security from an increased threat of extremist violence. It is necessary to safeguard the United States in a manner that does not cause us to lose our humanity."

Let's work together as "one nation under God" to find ways to welcome the strangers among us as our fathers and mothers in the faith were once welcomed here. Let's develop policies that are fair, humane and welcoming. Let's enforce our laws in ways that safeguard the peace and prosperity that all of us—including strangers—are seeking in this great land!

—Daniel Conway

## Be Our Guest/Ana R. Hernandez

# Undocumented immigrants and our broken immigration system

I write in response to a few letters recently published in *The Criterion* in support of the executive orders



issued by the new administration that have placed immigrant communities under attack. I write to you as a U.S. citizen and a daughter of immigrants.

First of all, I would like to offer an explanation of what an undocumented immigrant is. Undocumented immigrants in this scenario are people who are living in the United States without authorization from the U.S. government.

Undocumented immigrants have either entered the United States unlawfully or have entered lawfully but overstayed their visa.

Many people and organizations have stopped using the term "illegal" to describe a person because a person's existence cannot be illegal. Only actions are illegal, and in this case, entering the United States unlawfully is most often a misdemeanor crime. We typically do not go around calling people who have misdemeanor charges for driving without a license "illegals."

I would like people to realize that some readers are reacting out of fear. They believe that immigrants are here asking for handouts and exhausting resources from their country. I would like to offer them data that they may not know is available.

More than 60 percent of undocumented immigrants living in the United States have lived here for over a decade.

Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. Undocumented immigrants contribute an estimated \$11.74 billion a year in state and local taxes in the United States, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a non-profit, non-partisan research organization.

In fact, the same institute noted that if the undocumented individuals in our state of Indiana were given the opportunity to obtain legal status, they would contribute over \$28,701,000 more per year in state and local taxes.

They also contributed almost \$12 billion to Social Security funds in 2010, according to a 2013 report from the Social Security Administration. And the report expected that positive impact on Social Security trust funds to continue. That's money from which the U.S. citizens of this country will one day benefit, but the undocumented immigrants contributing never will.

Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for all of this "free stuff" mentioned in previous letters. They are not eligible to receive food stamps, cash assistance or housing assistance.

I want the readers to understand that a person cannot simply "apply for citizenship." One has to first become a green card holder (i.e., permanent resident), and then two to five years later apply for "citizenship."

Our immigration system is broken, and we cannot continue to ignore the problem. In some family-based categories, the Department of State is processing applications that were submitted on or before 1994.

If you want people to follow the law, the United States needs to provide a realistic avenue for that to be done. This is not a "3-5 business days" type of scenario.

I urge everyone to go out of their way and truly inform themselves on the United States' immigration policy.

Undocumented immigrants are not here to exhaust your resources or ask for handouts, and if given the opportunity to legalize their status, their economic contributions would increase, therefore boosting the economy nationwide.

(Ana R. Hernandez attends St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis.) †

## Letter to the Editor

# Let's focus on Jesus' teachings, not vilify those who are different, reader says

In response to the March 10 letter to the editor which appeared in *The Criterion*, I agree that we ought to have a responsible debate on this complicated situation of how to deal with the estimated 11.3 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., which the letter writer prefers to call illegal aliens. But that debate needs to be based upon accurate facts.

Her letter contained much false information, including that Guadalupe Garcia de Rayos does not speak English and received free food, housing and medical care. Undocumented immigrants are barred from receiving aid from most social services. Just ask someone from Catholic Charities.

Her two children, Jacqueline and Angel, are U.S. citizens and are being educated. I would like to share some statistics as cited by the Center for American Progress, an independent nonpartisan policy institute. There are over 3.8 million children of undocumented immigrants who are U.S. citizens. In addition, these undocumented immigrants pay more than \$10 billion yearly in state and local taxes to include income, property and sales taxes.

These undocumented immigrants are a part of our communities, including our Catholic parishes. The average undocumented immigrant has been in the U.S. for 13 years, and 20 percent of the adults are married to a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident. And 50 percent

of the undocumented immigrants who have been here more than 10 years own a home.

Yes, it is true that they are undocumented or illegally here. There are many reasons for this. Guadalupe came to the U.S. when she was 14 with her parents and has lived here for 22 years. She went to school, worked, got married and started her family.

Yes, she used a fake Social Security number, as most undocumented immigrants have done, to support herself and her family at a job at a waterpark in Mesa, Ariz. That was her only crime, contrary to the letter writer's claims of her breaking law after law. She certainly was not a threat to public safety.

As Catholics, we must live our faith. Where is the empathy, the compassion, the understanding? There must be a humane way to deal with the 11.3 million undocumented immigrants, with the goal of protecting America and keeping families together.

There is no question that our immigration laws need to be updated.

The teachings of Jesus give us much insight into how he would solve this situation. His solution would be compassionate and based upon the facts!

Perhaps we should focus on Jesus' teachings instead of on scare tactics and misinformation designed to vilify those who may be different than ourselves.

Jim Bixler  
Plainfield

# Physician-assisted suicide bills fail to advance in General Assembly

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

House and Senate proposals to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Indiana failed to advance during the 2017 session of Indiana General Assembly. The Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) and the



Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), among others, opposed the legislation.

Members of the Indiana House and Senate introduced bills which would have allowed a person with a terminal illness to request a lethal dose of medication from their attending physician to end the individual's life—provided certain criteria was followed.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the ICC, who serves as the public policy spokesperson for the bishops in Indiana, worked with members of the ISMA to urge lawmakers to halt the legislation. He said there is a new threat to human dignity in the form of physician-assisted suicide. Some who fear death or the potential pain of a living with a terminal illness may believe a self-induced, drug overdose at the hand of a physician is the answer.

In September 2016, the ISMA voted to adopt a formal statement expressing its opposition to physician-assisted suicide. ISMA outlined numerous reasons why it opposes legalizing the lethal practice. Medical professionals stated that they should focus their attention on providing care and comfort to patients rather than be a source of lethal drugs. Legalized physician-assisted suicide could create situations of conflict of interest for doctors treating challenging patients and provide a shield for physicians to help kill those patients. Doctors also recognize that persons who are

diagnosed with a terminal illness may live many months or even years beyond the initial diagnosis, and sometimes, patients are misdiagnosed.

ISMA officials believe legalized physician-assisted suicide would foster abuse of elderly and disabled persons because it provides abusers with access to lethal drugs. Furthermore, given that there would be little to no oversight or witnesses required once the lethal drugs leave the pharmacy, physicians fear a relative who is an heir to the patient's estate or an abusive caregiver could acquire the lethal drugs and administer them without the patient's knowledge or consent.

Physician-assisted suicide runs contrary to the basic medical ethics of doctors. For more than 2,000 years, physicians have professed the Hippocratic oath, of which the first tenant is "*primum non nocere*" or "first, do no harm." The oath explicitly forbids physician-assisted suicide.

Other countries that have legalized physician-assisted suicide indicate initial safeguards established to protect vulnerable patients erode. One study of Belgium's practice of physician-assisted suicide published in the May 2010 issue of *Canadian Medical Association Journal* showed that more than a third of euthanasia deaths in Belgium were performed without explicit patient request. Of the deaths without a specific patient request, the decision was not discussed with the patient 77 percent of the time.

Tebbe said when people are facing a terminal illness that a caring community needs to devote more attention, not less, to them. Even when a cure is not possible, medicine plays a critical role in providing "palliative care"—alleviating pain and meeting basic needs, including emotional and spiritual needs at the end of one's life.



*'I am grateful that the physician-assisted suicide proposals failed to get a hearing this year. We need to stand up for the inherent dignity and respect due each person, especially the most vulnerable.'*

—Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference

"I am grateful that the physician-assisted suicide proposals failed to get a hearing this year," said Tebbe. "We need to stand up for the inherent dignity and respect due each person, especially the most vulnerable."

"To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide," a statement issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, says, "Catholic teaching views suicide as a grave offense against love of self, one that also breaks the bonds of love and solidarity with family, friends, and God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2281). To assist another's suicide is to take part in 'an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested'" (St. John Paul II, "*Evangelium Vitae*," #66).

Catholic teaching is not the only faith tradition that opposes physician-assisted suicide. Many other Christian denominations as well as Muslims, Jews, Hindus and adherents of other faiths also oppose it.

Indiana Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, an advocacy organization working to prevent legalizing physician-assisted suicide in Indiana, asserts that if it made legal, based on what has occurred in other states with

legalized physician-assisted suicide, it quickly would become another form of treatment.

In Oregon, where physician-assisted suicide has been legal for a decade, two cancer patients were denied insurance coverage for potentially life-saving treatment, but were granted coverage for the much cheaper option of physician-assisted suicide.

Physician-assisted death is also legal in Washington, Vermont, California, Montana, Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Tebbe, who serves as a member of the Indiana Alliance Against Assisted Suicide, said while the Indiana General Assembly did not move the bill this year, he expects the bill or others like it to surface again next year.

"By raising awareness of the benefits of palliative care and the ill effects of physician-assisted suicide," he said, "we hope to better equip people to support vulnerable persons through palliative care."

(Brigid Curtis Ayer is a correspondent for The Criterion. The ICC provides legislative updates and other public policy resources on its Webpage at [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).) †

## Priest who founded Homeboy Industries to receive Notre Dame's Laetare Medal

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS)—Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, who started a social enterprise in Los Angeles to help young people avert a life of gangs, drug abuse and street violence, will receive the University of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal.

Father Greg, 62, founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, will be honored during commencement ceremonies at the university on May 21.

"For nearly 30 years, Father Boyle has served men and women who have been incarcerated and involved with gangs, and, in doing so, has helped them to discover the strength and hope necessary to transform their lives," Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, university president, said in a statement.

"Father Boyle's solidarity with our sisters and brothers at the margins of society offers an inspiring model of faith in action. We are grateful for the witness of his life and honored to bestow this award on him," Father Jenkins added.

The Jesuit priest expressed gratitude for being named the recipient of the

award after it was announced by the university on Laetare Sunday, March 26, the fourth Sunday of Lent.

Homeboy Industries was started in 1988 in response to gang violence and the toll it was taking on young people in the community around Mission Dolores Parish in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles, where Father Greg was serving as pastor. Father Greg, the parish and community leaders worked together to develop social enterprises and alternative opportunities for young people, including an alternative school and day care program and seeking out legitimate employment.

"At Homeboy, we try to hold up a mirror and say, 'Here's who you are. You're exactly what God had in mind when he made you.' Then you have this moment with people when they become that truth," Father Greg said in a statement from the university.

Homeboy Industries has grown to become a worldwide gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program, annually working with 15,000 men and women.

The university established the award in 1883 as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor that dates to before the 11th century. The medal has been awarded annually at the university to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrates the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

Homeboy Industries employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises. The program also provides other therapeutic and educational services, tattoo removal and work readiness and job training.

Past recipients of the award have included President John F. Kennedy, Dorothy Day, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Civil War Gen. William Rosecrans, labor activist Msgr. George G. Higgins and jazz composer Dave Brubeck. †



Jesuit Father Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, addresses priests and the general public on June 29, 2015, during the annual assembly of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests in St. Louis. He will receive Notre Dame's Laetare Medal on May 22. (CNS photo/courtesy Paul Leingang)

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# Events Calendar

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

## April 4

Mission 27 Resale, 132 Leota St., Indianapolis. **Senior Discount Day**, every Tuesday, seniors get 30 percent off clothing, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., ministry supports Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry and Changing Lives Forever program. Information: 317-687-8260.

## April 5

Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6 p.m. Information: 317-243-0777.

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish cafeteria, 7575 Holiday Drive, E., Indianapolis. **Lenten Soup Suppers and Speaker Series**, week five, Michael J. Crowther, president and CEO of the Indianapolis Zoological Society, speaking on "St. James, The Parable of the Talents, and Orangutans," 5:30 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m.

soup supper, 7 p.m. speaker. Information: [dearollo@stluke.org](mailto:dearollo@stluke.org), 317-259-4373.

St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis. **"The Blood of the Lamb,"** local author Beth Leonard presenting, 7 p.m. Information: 317-372-5925 or [shartlieb@saintlawrence.net](mailto:shartlieb@saintlawrence.net).

## April 6-9

Knights of Columbus Mater Dei Council 436, McGowan Hall, 1305 N. Delaware, Indianapolis. **Les Miserables School Edition**, presented by Agape Performing Arts, a ministry of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Thurs. 7:30 p.m., Fri. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 3:30 p.m., \$5 children, \$10 adults. Information and tickets: [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/agape](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/agape).

## April 7

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral chapel, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Lumen Dei Catholic Business Group**, 6:30 a.m. Mass, 7:15-8:30 a.m. breakfast

at Lincoln Square Pancake House, 2330 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 317-435-3447 or [lumen.dei@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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: 317-546-7328, [mkeyes@indy.rr.com](mailto:mkeyes@indy.rr.com).

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. **Lenten Fish Fry**, fish, fries, slaw and drink, 5-7 p.m., adults \$8, seniors \$6, children \$4 children. Desserts available for \$1. Information: 317-771-5909, [a.coltman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.coltman@sbcglobal.net).

St. Rita Parish, 1733 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Indianapolis. **Lenten Fish Fry**, dinners, sandwiches and sides, dine-in, carry out or delivery, assorted prices, noon-6 p.m. Information: 317-536-1047 or [stريتasecretary71@yahoo.com](mailto:stريتasecretary71@yahoo.com).

## April 9

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Mass in French**, 1 p.m. Information: [acfadi2014@gmail.com](mailto:acfadi2014@gmail.com).

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **Class of '63 monthly gathering**,

6 p.m. Mass, optional dinner afterward. Information: 317-408-6396.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **Stations of the Cross**, 4-5:30 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681, ext. 107 or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

Gabriel Project, 5455 W. 86th St., Suite 121, Indianapolis. **40 Days for Life Closing Ceremony and Celebration**, bring a baby item, 6 p.m., free. Information: 317-407-6881 or [sheryl@goangels.org](mailto:sheryl@goangels.org).

## April 11

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. **Monthly Taizé Prayer Service**, theme "Praying for Peace in the World and in Our Hearts," 7-8 p.m., silent and spoken prayers, simple music, silence. Information: 812-535-2952, [provctr@spsmw.org](mailto:provctr@spsmw.org).

St. Paul Hermitage, 501

N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild**, National Volunteer Month Mass at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Information: 317-223-3687, [vlgmimi@aol.com](mailto:vlgmimi@aol.com).

## April 12

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. **The Light is on for You Again—Sacrament of Reconciliation**, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681, ext. 107, or [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima).

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Vox Sacra Tenebrae Service**, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

## April 13

St. Luke Magnificat Chapel, 7575 Holliday Drive E., Indianapolis. **100th Anniversary of Fatima**, holy hour, benediction, rosary and devotions honoring the anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary, 6 p.m. Information: 317-259-4373 or [rmiller@stluke.org](mailto:rmiller@stluke.org). †

## Retreats and Programs

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

## April 14

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Spend a Day with God: Personal Retreat Day**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$35 includes room and lunch. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org).

## April 18

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Humor as a Christian Value:**

**Humor as a Religious Tool**, week three of four (April 25), Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman presenting, 7-8:30 p.m., \$25 per session. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org).

## April 18-20

Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, **"How long, O Lord?"** Benedictine Father Zachary Wilberding presenting, \$255 single,

\$425 double. Information: 812-357-6585 or [mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu).

## April 25

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Humor as a Christian Value: Humor as a Gift of the Holy Spirit**, Benedictine Father Matthias presenting, 7-8:30 p.m., \$25. Information and registration: 317-788-7581, [www.benedictinn.org](http://www.benedictinn.org). †

## Marian University Sacred Choir to hold Tenebrae service on April 9

The Marian University Sacred Choir will hold a Tenebrae service at Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel, 3200 Cold Springs Road, from 8-9 p.m. on April 9.

In a Tenebrae service, the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem through his Passion and crucifixion are told through song and Scripture, offering an

opportunity to reflect on the last days of Jesus' earthly life.

With each step of the journey, a candle is extinguished, until the church is plunged into darkness, symbolic of Jesus' three days in the tomb.

For more information call 317-955-6422 or e-mail [llawson@marian.edu](mailto:llawson@marian.edu). †



## Golden performances

On Jan. 28, seven students of St. Louis School in Batesville competed in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble Contest. Each won the gold medal in their area or areas of competition, including vocal and piano solos. Posing with their medals are, front row: Evelyn Storms, left, Anna Wanstrath and Alyssa Wanstrath, and second row: Teresa Wanstrath, left, Kayla Stone, Martha Hillenbrand and Elizabeth Harmeyer. (Submitted photo)

## Sisters of Providence offer annual Easter brunch on April 16

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods invite all to join them for a special Easter Brunch in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room, located in Providence Spirituality & Conference Center, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, in St. Mary-of-the-Woods from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 16.

The menu includes shrimp cocktail, carved prime rib, raspberry pork loin, fresh salads, side dishes, homemade desserts and more.

The cost is \$23.50 for ages 12-54, \$21.50 for ages 55 and older and for military personnel, and \$12.50 for children ages 5-11. Children ages 4 and

younger will be admitted for free. All prices include tax, beverages and desserts.

Sunday Brunch at the Woods has been voted by readers of *The Tribune-Star* as Best Brunch for several years running. Following brunch, feel free to tour the grounds at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods or visit with the alpacas.

All are also invited to attend Easter Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Reservations will not be accepted, but tickets may be purchased in advance, with cash or check only, by contacting Sodexo at 812-535-4285.

For more information, call 812-535-4285 or log onto [ProvCenter.org](http://ProvCenter.org). †

## The Original Image of the Divine Mercy film to be shown on April 19 in Indy

Tekton Ministries will be showing the documentary film *The Original Image of the Divine Mercy* at Glendale Theater, 6102 N. Rural St., in Indianapolis, at 7 p.m. on April 19.

This documentary tells the previously-unknown history of the original masterpiece commissioned by St. Faustina Kowalska through a series of interviews with key witnesses and individuals intimately connected to the epic adventure of this manmade work of art. The film also includes additional interviews with Bishop Robert E. Barron, George

Weigel (biographer of St. Pope John Paul II), comedian Jim Gaffigan, musician Harry Connick Jr., Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz of Krakow, and Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception Father Michael Gaitley. The film has been endorsed by many members of the curia and by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

Tickets are \$10. To order or reserve tickets, log on to [www.tektonministries.org/divine-mercy-april19-2017](http://www.tektonministries.org/divine-mercy-april19-2017) or call 317-574-4191. For more information on the film, log on to [www.divinemercyfilm.com](http://www.divinemercyfilm.com). †

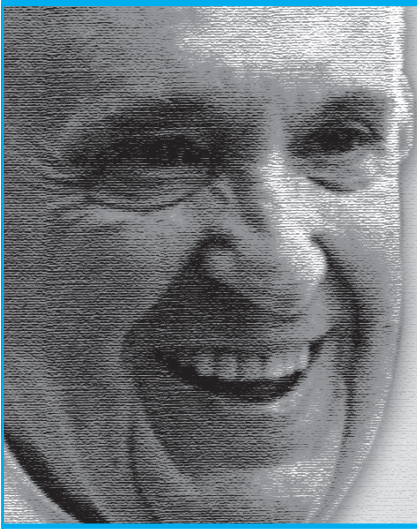
## Glenn Tebbe to speak on legislative process at Immaculate Heart of Mary on April 11

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), who serves as the public policy spokesperson for the bishops in Indiana, will speak and lead a discussion in the church basement library of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 5692 Central Ave., in Indianapolis, at 7 p.m. on April 11.

Tebbe will provide an overview of

the Indiana state legislative process, offer ideas on how concerned people can be involved and influence the process, and highlight several of the items on the legislative agenda of the ICC. There will also be time for questions and answers.

For more information, call 317-997-1589 or e-mail [lowe7530@outlook.com](mailto:lowe7530@outlook.com). †



# The Face of Mercy

(from Pope Francis' papal bull "Misericordiae Vultus")

By Daniel Conway

## Lent invites us to open our hearts, see God's gifts

We're used to thinking of Lent as a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and that's certainly true. But Pope Francis challenges us to think differently about the season of Lent, to view it from the perspective of the Easter mystery. He wants us to use this time to grow in our appreciation for the gifts we have received from God—especially the gift of one another, our sisters and brothers in Christ.

The pope's 2017 Lenten message features a meditation on the Gospel story of Lazarus and the rich man. Here is how Pope Francis begins his reflection:

"The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores, and dogs come to lick his wounds [Lk 16:20–21]. The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

"The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is

called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means 'God helps.' This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated, and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast."

As long as the rich man refuses to see Lazarus, he cannot acknowledge, let alone appreciate, the "priceless treasure" that this man is "despite his concrete condition as an outcast."

Spiritual blindness is an image that Pope Francis has used frequently in his homilies and talks. "For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego," the pope teaches. "Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door."

What is the cure for this kind of blindness? Christian tradition says it requires conversion, a change of heart. Until we let go of our self-centeredness and the ego, which causes us to focus only on our own needs and desires, we can never really see the treasures that are right before our eyes. Only when we begin anew, opening our hearts to the Word of God, who alone can set us free, will our eyes be opened as well.

According to Pope Francis, the rich man's real problem, the root of all his ills, is his failure to heed God's word. "As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor." The pope reminds us that "the word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God." When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

This hardness of heart is what prevents us from opening our eyes, and recognizing the gifts that God gives us in the people who are right before our eyes

even if we can't see them! Lazarus means "God helps," but if we cannot see our neighbor in his or her suffering, we'll be blind to the help that God offers us.

And so, the Holy Father prays: "May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need."

Lent is an ideal time to undertake this "journey of conversion." By paying careful attention to the word of God, we can open our hearts to the gift of God's word and to the gift that other people are to us.

"Let us pray for one another," the pope says, "so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."

Let's make Lent a time to open our hearts and truly see God's gifts!

(Daniel Conway is a member of The Criterion's editorial committee.) †

### El rostro de la misericordia/Daniel Conway

## La cuaresma nos invita a abrir el corazón y a observar los obsequios de Dios

Solemos pensar en la Cuaresma como una época de oración, ayuno y limosna, y ciertamente esto forma parte de esta temporada. Pero el papa Francisco nos desafía a pensar sobre la Cuaresma de una forma distinta, a verla desde la perspectiva del misterio pascual. Desea que aprovechemos este tiempo para aprender a valorar cada vez más los dones que hemos recibido de Dios, especialmente el don del prójimo, nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo.

El mensaje cuaresmal del papa de este año 2017 presenta una reflexión sobre la historia de Lázaro y el hombre rico que encontramos en el Evangelio. El Santo Padre comienza su reflexión de la siguiente forma:

"La parábola comienza presentando a los dos personajes principales, pero el pobre es el que viene descrito con más detalle: él se encuentra en una situación desesperada y no tiene fuerza ni para levantarse, está echado a la puerta del rico y come las migajas que caen de su mesa, tiene llagas por todo el cuerpo y los perros vienen a lamérselas [Lc 16:20-21]. El cuadro es sombrío, y el hombre degradado y humillado.

"La escena resulta aún más dramática si consideramos que el pobre se llama

Lázaro: un nombre repleto de promesas, que significa literalmente 'Dios ayuda.' Este no es un personaje anónimo, tiene rasgos precisos y se presenta como alguien con una historia personal. Mientras que para el rico es como si fuera invisible, para nosotros es alguien conocido y casi familiar, tiene un rostro; y, como tal, es un don, un tesoro de valor incalculable, un ser querido, amado, recordado por Dios, aunque su condición concreta sea la de un desecho humano."

En tanto que el hombre rico se niega a ver a Lázaro, no puede reconocer ni mucho menos apreciar el "tesoro de valor incalculable" que es este hombre "aunque su condición concreta sea la de un desecho humano."

La ceguera espiritual es una imagen que el papa Francisco utiliza a menudo en sus homilias y entrevistas. "Para el hombre corrompido por el amor a las riquezas, no existe otra cosa que el propio yo—nos dice el Santo Padre—y por eso las personas que están a su alrededor no merecen su atención. El fruto del apego al dinero es una especie de ceguera: el rico no ve al pobre hambriento, llagado y postrado en su humillación."

¿Cuál es la cura para este tipo de ceguera? La tradición cristiana dice que

se requiere una conversión, un cambio de actitud. A menos que nos despojemos de nuestro egocentrismo que nos concentra exclusivamente en nuestras propias necesidades y deseos, jamás podremos ver en realidad el tesoro que tenemos delante. Únicamente cuando empezamos desde cero, abriendo nuestros corazones a la Palabra de Dios—el único que puede liberarnos—logramos también abrir los ojos.

De acuerdo con el papa Francisco, el verdadero problema del hombre rico, el origen de todas sus desdichas, es su incapacidad para prestar atención a la palabra de Dios. "Esto es lo que le llevó a no amar ya a Dios y por tanto a despreciar al prójimo." El Papa nos recuerda que "la Palabra de Dios es una fuerza viva, capaz de suscitar la conversión del corazón de los hombres y orientar nuevamente a Dios." Cuando cerramos el corazón al obsequio de la Palabra de Dios, inevitablemente cerramos nuestros corazones al obsequio que son nuestros hermanos.

Esta dureza de corazón es lo que nos impide abrir los ojos y reconocer los dones que Dios nos da en las personas que se encuentran delante de nuestros ojos y que

ni siquiera podemos ver. El nombre Lázaro significa "Dios ayuda" pero si no podemos ver al prójimo en su sufrimiento, estaremos ciegos a la ayuda que Dios nos ofrece.

Y así, el Santo Padre reza: "Que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe a realizar un verdadero camino de conversión, para redescubrir el don de la Palabra de Dios, ser purificados del pecado que nos ciega y servir a Cristo presente en los hermanos necesitados."

La Cuaresma es un momento ideal para emprender este "camino de conversión." Al prestar especial atención a la palabra de Dios podemos abrir nuestros corazones a los dones de Su Palabra y al obsequio que son las demás personas para nosotros.

"Oremos unos por otros para que, participando de la victoria de Cristo, sepamos abrir nuestras puertas a los débiles y a los pobres. Entonces viviremos y daremos un testimonio pleno de la alegría de la Pascua."

¡Convirtamos la Cuaresma en una época para abrir el corazón y ver realmente los dones de Dios!

(Daniel Conway es integrante del comité editorial de The Criterion.) †

## Pope Francis asks children to promise Jesus they will never be bullies

ROME (CNS)—Pope Francis asked 45,000 children preparing for confirmation to promise Jesus they would never engage in bullying.

Turning stern during a lively and laughter-filled encounter on March 25, Pope Francis told the youngsters he was very worried about the growing phenomenon of bullying.

He asked them to be silent and reflect on if there were times when they made fun of someone for how they looked or behaved. And, as a condition of their confirmation, he made them promise Jesus that they would never tease or bully anyone.

The pope ended his daylong visit to Milan by participating in an expanded version of the archdiocese's annual encounter for pre-teens preparing for confirmation.

A boy named Davide asked the pope, "When you were our age, what helped your friendship with Jesus grow?"

First of all, the pope said, it was his grandparents. One of his grandfathers was a carpenter, who told him Jesus learned carpentry from St. Joseph, so whenever the pope saw his grandfather work, he thought of Jesus. The other grandfather taught him to always say something to Jesus before going to sleep, even if it was just, "Good night, Jesus."

His grandmothers and his mother, the pope said, were the ones who taught him to pray. He told the kids that even if their grandparents "don't know how to use a computer or have a smartphone," they have a lot to teach them.

Playing with friends taught him joy and how to get along with others, which is part of faith, the pope said.

And going to Mass and to the parish church also strengthened his faith because "being with others is important."

A couple of parents asked the pope's advice on educating their three children in the faith.

Pope Francis borrowed little Davide's question and asked the parents to close their eyes and think of the people who transmitted the faith to them and helped it grow.

"Your children watch you continually," the pope said. "Even if you don't notice, they observe everything and learn from it."

He also encouraged families to go to Mass together and then, if the weather is nice, to go to a park and play together. "This is beautiful and will help you live the commandment to keep the Lord's day holy." †

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Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. “My faith has grown from being around them. It took me a long time to realize that I’m meant to be a servant to others.”

Grace has definitely served as an example for the people of St. Mark Parish, says its pastor, Father Todd Riebe.

“Grace’s openness and concern for the Burmese influenced how classmates and parishioners saw them, and helped our parish and school to create a warm and welcoming environment to receive these brothers and sisters into our community,” he says. “This care and compassion has continued throughout her high school years at Roncalli and continued to affect

and shape a truly Christian attitude toward newly arrived refugees to our country and to our community.”

She wants to continue that effort through her service and her studies when she attends Marian University in Indianapolis.

She flashes another glowing smile as she thinks back to that moment on the playground, laughing before she says, “I always jokingly tell people that seventh grade was my high point.”

The smile stays as she adds, “Sometimes when I look at current events in the world—all the struggles and problems—I’m grateful that I’ve learned to care about these problems and struggles. I’m going to dedicate my life to getting lasting benefits for people who need their liberties protected.” †

## ‘God moments’ bless couple who help the homeless

By John Shaughnessy

Karen and Don Beckwith remember it as a “God moment”—one of those experiences that “happen out of the blue,”



Karen and Don Beckwith

a moment clearly touched by God’s grace. This one happened on a bitterly cold, snowy night as the Beckwiths prepared to set out to bring soup, sandwiches, blankets, clothes and a sharing of prayers and conversation with homeless people who live on the streets and under the bridges and railroad arches in Indianapolis.

“We usually don’t take out shoes or boots, but at the last minute, I picked up a pair of boots that someone had donated,” Karen recalls. “That night, some guy came up to us. He had on shoes that were at least two sizes too small for him, and there was ice hanging off his shoes and his feet.

“I went and got the boots, and they fit him. There was Don on his hands and knees putting new socks on him and these boots that fit. And the guy was saying, ‘Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.’ We were in tears. That was a God moment for us.”

Since 2004, the couple from St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis has experienced such “God moments” as volunteers for Helping Our Own People (HOOP). And for the past seven years, Don has served as the chairperson of the board of directors for the organization that strives to be “a link to the community for our homeless friends.”

Their efforts have led them to be selected as 2017 Spirit of Service Award recipients by Catholic Charities Indianapolis—an honor they will receive on April 26. Still, the true reward for the Beckwiths is the humbling journey of faith they have taken for the past 13 years.

They still remember the first night they helped on the street—a night when “we drove into places I was scared to death of, places I would never go into the dark,” Karen says.

Yet that night also revealed to them how they could bring some light and life to those areas, and how the people they met could do the same for them.

“I just realized there are people out here who for a number of reasons are not making it in this world on their own—veterans, people with mental health issues, people with addictions,” Don says. “They’re just struggling to make it in this world. We’re giving them soup and sandwiches and blankets. And they encourage us and make us see we need to be the hands and face of Christ to them.”

Karen adds, “It took me a while to understand it wasn’t about handing out the soup and the sandwiches. They wanted to talk about the Colts, the weather, their lives. It’s the human touch that matters to them.”

The Beckwiths insist they are just part of the HOOP team, a team of “100 volunteers who go out to the streets, and another 200 doing things behind the scenes”—including cooking, collecting clothes and making sandwiches.

“We have been blessed so much by so many different people and so many different congregations,” Don says.

Karen notes, “We always say a prayer before we go out, praying that we say the right thing, praying to turn a heart. We have had success stories where someone has found a job or an apartment.”

There are also the continuing God moments, including the time when the couple shared soup, a sandwich, clothes and a conversation with a man. As they left, Don told the man, “God bless you.” The man responded, “Well, I think he just did.”

“A lot of what we do is sorting clothing and storing it,” Karen says. “But when we go out, there’s the appreciation we get, and people want to pray with us and for us. It’s very humbling when you come home and lay in your warm bed. But you also know you’ve made a difference.” †

## Award-winning Indianapolis law firm demonstrates spirit of caring

By John Shaughnessy

There are two defining realities about the people and the organizations that are chosen to receive the archdiocese’s Spirit of Service Awards each year.

The first reality is how deserving the recipients are.

That point comes to light again when the executive director of Catholic Charities for the archdiocese talks about the recipient of this year’s Spirit of Service Corporate Award: the members of the Indianapolis-based law firm of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman.

“They have demonstrated a real interest in helping Catholic Charities address the human and health services for those most vulnerable in our community,” says David Bethuram.

“Their staff has volunteered on our boards, councils, committees and task forces to help provide confidence, integrity and efficiency to how Catholic Charities wants to deliver service to those in need.”

The second reality about Spirit of Service Awards recipients is how much the honor means to them and how humbled they are to be chosen.

That point comes to light again as Gregg Wallander talks about the firm’s reaction to receiving the honor, which will be presented on April 26 during the 19th annual Spirit of Service Awards Dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis.

“We’re surprised,” says Wallander, a lawyer with the firm. “It wasn’t something we ever pursued or asked for. We were told this reflects ‘a sum of the parts’—that we have a number of people

## Tamika Catchings will speak at Spirit of Service Awards dinner

Criterion staff report

Four-time Olympic gold medalist Tamika Catchings will be the featured speaker at the archdiocese’s 19th annual



Tamika Catchings

Spirit of Service Awards Dinner in Indianapolis on April 26.

Before retiring this past season, Catchings made a tremendous impact during her long career on the basketball court—both for the U.S. women’s basketball team in the Olympics and in leading the Indiana Fever to a championship in the Women’s National Basketball Association.

She also continues to make an inspiring difference off the court as the founder of Catch the Stars Foundation, which helps young people pursue and realize their dreams.

The Spirit of Service Awards Dinner will benefit and celebrate the efforts of Catholic Charities Indianapolis to help people in need. It’s also an opportunity for business, community and social services leaders to support Catholic Charities as it continues to improve the community of central Indiana by providing services to the poor and vulnerable.

The event at the Indiana Roof Ballroom begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Tables for eight can be purchased at these sponsorship levels: \$10,000 for a benefactor, \$5,000 for a patron, \$2,000 for a partner and \$800 for a non-profit. Individual tickets are \$125.

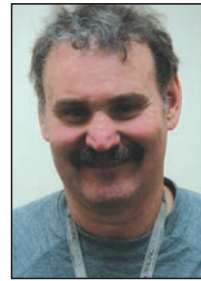
In 2016, Catholic Charities Indianapolis served about 75,000 people. The agency ensures that 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to programming.

(For more information or to make table reservations for the Spirit of Service Awards Dinner, contact Valerie Sperka at 317-592-4072 or send an e-mail to her at [vsperka@archindy.org](mailto:vsperka@archindy.org).) †

## Volunteer’s ‘joyful work’ uplifts people in need

By John Shaughnessy

It’s another early Tuesday morning, and Gary Gadomski is once again first in line at the Midwest Food Bank in Indianapolis, preparing to pick up supplies that will



Gary Gadomski

benefit people who are homeless and in need.

Within minutes, the volunteer extraordinaire for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and Beggars for the Poor will begin to load his 1996 “maroon and rust” Ford pickup truck—filling it with a haul that includes 20 pounds of ground pork, 80 cartons of eggs, and crates and cases filled with bread, cereal, fruit, vegetables and drinks.

“I like starting my week giving,” says Gadomski, who also picks up fruits and vegetables from an Indianapolis food distributor on Monday mornings. “That way, no matter how busy I get the rest of the week, I’ve started my week in a good way.”

With his truck bed and his back seat loaded with food, Gadomski heads to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and food pantry, a ministry of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish in Indianapolis. There, he’s greeted by his fellow volunteers and the homeless men who are lining up to be served breakfast.

“I like the people here,” says Gadomski, one of the 2017 Spirit of Service Award recipients who will be honored by Catholic Charities Indianapolis on April 26. “All the

volunteers enjoy each other, and I’ve been here long enough that all the guys know me.

“Last Monday, there was a guy having a tough time walking. I had him come down the elevator with me. I asked him what his problem was, and he said he still had several bullet fragments in him. They have a lot of problems, but they’re still joyful and thankful, although some of them challenge us. I feel comfortable with them, and they feel comfortable with me.”

Gadomski has been volunteering at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen “for at least 10 years” and about 20 years for Beggars for the Poor, a ministry that provides food, clothing and conversation for the homeless in downtown Indianapolis.

He also volunteers at his home parish, St. Luke the Evangelist in Indianapolis.

He sets up the parish’s Nativity scenes during the Christmas season. He also had a major role in renovating a home that the parish has converted into a nursery and pre-school site. And he’s the go-to handyman for the parish’s convent and other buildings—and for many senior citizens in the parish.

“I just find it satisfying to do things,” says Gadomski, who is 59. “When I was younger, I felt like more of a spectator. When you get older, you have to do your part. You take ownership. And once you take ownership, it’s natural to be involved.

“Jesus taught us to be servants. The things I do allow me to function in that servant’s role. It always seems the more I give, the more I’m taken care of. I had some health problems early on in my life. I’m thankful for the things I can do now. It’s happy work. It’s joyful work.” †

in the firm who are active in their parishes and in the archdiocese. So we’re excited and appreciative.”

Wallander represents that involvement, helping with the Spirit of Service event for more than 10 years, including serving as the chairman of the awards dinner in 2016.

“It’s one of my favorite nights of the year,” he says. “Everything that Catholic Charities does is for the right reasons. They really help people to get on their feet, and they make a permanent difference in people’s lives—and for our community. I’ve just been so moved over the years to see what they do.”

Catholic Charities’ focus on improving the lives of about 75,000 people in central Indiana in 2016 not only helps individuals, families and the community, it also benefits businesses—a part of the community that Wallander is always

encouraging to become more involved in the work of Catholic Charities.

He shares the story of a man who once lived in Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis, a man who is now a successful business owner.

“Seeing that transformation, that’s a wow!” Wallander says.

Bethuram also knows the impact that happens when Catholic Charities is assisted by businesses such as Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman.

Saluting the firm for its “values, skills and accomplishments to the community,” Bethuram notes, “Catholic Charities’ collaboration with our corporate partners is a cornerstone of the dynamic approach we use to address the needs of poor families in our community. These collaborations help Catholic Charities listen, learn and implement the best long-term solutions to poverty.” †



# Former starving orphan shares story of help, hope through Rice Bowl

By Natalie Hoefer

Thomas Awiapo, a native of Ghana in Africa, held up one of the small cardboard containers distributed by Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

"This little box is called a rice bowl," he explained. "I call it a gospel of love. I call it a sacrifice of love. ... This little box is so dear to my heart. I cherish it. It is the reason why I am standing here."

"Here" was Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis, one of four Catholic schools where Awiapo spoke in Indianapolis on March 14 and 15.

Providence Cristo Rey is a school for students from low-income families that is a partner in the CRS Global High School program, seeking to educate about Catholic social teaching and advocate for solidarity with the global poor.

Awiapo, who is now a married father of four and works for CRS, shared his story of hope and of the impact made by the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign.

## 'Many crooked lines in my life'

Awiapo was orphaned when he was young. He does not know how old he was when his parents died—in fact, he does not know exactly how old he is now.

"I grew up in a village that never had electricity," he said. "I never knew what it was to have running water. ... My [three] brothers and I would fight each night over one bowl of food," he said.

He watched his two younger brothers die from malnutrition—the youngest dying in his arms—and his older brother ran away, unable to cope with the circumstances.

Awiapo was saved by what he calls "a trick."

"Catholic Relief Services came to our village," he said. "They built a school. I hated school ..."

"But they tricked me into going to school. Every morning they provided just a little snack," a bowl of cream of wheat.

"I was a hungry child, so I really loved that snack. They decided to tie the snack to the school... But I kept going every day just for a little snack.

"Today, I am standing here fully alive, holding a master's [degree] in public administration. My job today is actually treating other children to school. How neat is that? What goes around comes around."

Awiapo explained that, despite his wanting only to go to school for the food, a teacher took an interest in him, giving him responsibility and encouragement.

He started making better grades. His life began to change.

"I connect all those dots, all those great experiences and not so great experiences, and they all have a place in my life and who I am," he said. "I wouldn't give any

of them up for anything. I think they helped me be what I am today.

"I didn't have parents, but I had a Catholic priest who sent me to high school. I didn't have parents, but I had some religious sisters pay for me to go to college. I ended up getting a scholarship doing a master's in public administration in California, and I finished and went back to my little country.

"I think there were many crooked lines in my life, but God was able to write so straight on those crooked lines."

## 'Different kinds of snacks'

But talk of a helpful God was not possible in his younger years, said Awiapo, who is now Catholic and was one year away from being ordained a priest when he met his wife.

"I was angry at God for a long time," he admitted. "I asked him many questions. 'Why me? Why my parents?'"

"But I realized God didn't take away my parents. They just died. But in place of my parents, God put into my life wonderful people who helped me out."

Helping others is a form of giving a "little snack," Awiapo explained.

"I think there are many people in our communities and our schools and our families who also need some snacks," he said. "But some people need different kinds of snacks. It's a snack of love, a snack of friendship, a snack of help with a school assignment, a snack of just putting a smile on the face of someone who is a little sad. ... A little snack is not always food or money. God blessed us with different talents so that we can use them to offer little snacks to one another."

With blessings, said Awiapo, come responsibility. He points to his own life as an example.

"What makes me want to go around and share my story?" he said. "It's a painful story to share. When I share it, it



Thomas Awiapo, a native of Ghana who works in that country for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), shares with students of Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis his story of survival through the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign on March 14. (Photos by Natalie Hoefer)

hurts. I share it because I hope and pray it touches a heart and mind that people can do something so that a child somewhere in this country or somewhere in the world will not go through what I went through."

Another reason he shares his story, Awiapo said, is that "when you grow up in your little community, you think that is the whole world.

"It's important to share with you to let you know there are other places where children still walk five miles to go to school. There are other places where children go to school under a tree—the tree is actually their classroom. There are still countries where the minimum wage is less than \$2 a day. There are still places like where I come from, where children can only have two textbooks, and maybe a pencil."

To help others in such situations, Awiapo encouraged the students of Providence Cristo Rey to contribute to the American-based, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops-founded CRS and its Rice Bowl Campaign.

"For the weeks of Lent, whatever you save will certainly put a smile on the face of another child," he said. "It's not just a box. We are people. We are faces."

He also told the youths that they are "so blessed to come from this country, a country with so many blessings and possibilities.

"If I can come from nothing to this point, I think you can do better than that. I entreat you to take advantage of every possibility that comes your way. I think education is simply liberation, and you should take advantage of every opportunity."

Encouraging parents in Ghana to send their children to school is his primary role now with CRS.

"We still have places where poverty makes people think, 'Why waste time sending a child to school? Let the child stay home and work on

the farm. Let the girls stay home and do house chores. Let them sell something to make something for the family.' They are looking for instant gratification and immediate results. They forget the value of education."

## 'Global citizens—part of Catholic identity'

Providence Cristo Rey principal Brian Dinkins said Awiapo's message was spotted for the students of his school.

"He exemplifies most of our stories here," said Dinkins. "That's who we serve, children who come from poverty ... but not even on the level that he had to deal with. They needed to hear that. They connected with that.

"And his story gives us hope. I think we need to see what God has done in [Awiapo's] life and [how God] is using him to be a messenger around the world that there is hope and that God loves you.

"For many of our young folks, they need to hear that [suffering] is not punishment. He lost his siblings, but like he said, they just died—it wasn't punishment. That's a story our young folks need to hear."

Lydvine Adjahouisso, a Providence Cristo Rey freshman from the African country of Benin, can attest to the poverty Awiapo described.

"I think his story is very related to the kids in Africa," she said. "For many people it is hard to get money and food. I [saw] those kids. They cry every day looking for food. It's sad."

Raising awareness of global poverty and helping those living in such conditions is a goal of Providence Cristo Rey as a CRS Global High School, said campus minister Kate Brown.

As a CRS high school partner at the silver level, the school is required to participate in the Rice Bowl Campaign and host one CRS-related schoolwide event. Having Awiapo speak to the students and faculty met the second requirement.

"We want our students to be global citizens," says Brown. "It's part of their Catholic identity.

"For our students in particular, students who come from low-income families, we want to make them aware of the world and that they have things to give—they have prayers to give, the little bit of money they're giving goes a long way, and that attitude of gratitude, being grateful.

"They do have a lot of struggles, but they have a lot to be grateful for and a lot of opportunities. Having [Awiapo] point that out was great as well."

(For more information on Catholic Relief Services, log on to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). For information on the Global High School program, log on to [ghs.crs.org](http://ghs.crs.org).) †



Brian Dinkins, right, principal of Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis, thanks Thomas Awiapo for sharing his story of hope with the school's students on March 14.

# PRAYER

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Indianapolis wants to talk about the most moving love story he has ever known—the time of Holy Thursday and Good Friday when Jesus Christ let himself be betrayed, tortured and crucified to redeem mankind.

“As Christians, there’s a tendency to live our Christian faith with Christ’s sacrifice just being a given. It’s almost theoretical,” he says. “But the story is just as real today as it was when it happened.

“Every year when we observe the Passion, it’s a way to see the sacrifice that Christ made for us in a new light.”

And that’s exactly what Fike will do again on the weekend of Palm Sunday at St. Christopher Church. Indeed, this will be his 33rd year of adding dramatic and emotional life to the events that led to Christ’s death.

“It’s moving, it’s mesmerizing, and it gets people ready for Holy Week,” says Father Paul Shikany, pastor of St. Christopher Parish. “You can hear a pin drop when he does it.”

## ‘People feel the impact’

While Fike’s efforts often have a profound impact on people, his interpretations of the various people in the Passion story also leave their emotional and personal mark on him.

“I think we can all relate in some way to most all of the characters in the Passion story,” he says. “I can be Judas who betrays Christ. I am Peter who believes he won’t deny Christ but inevitably does. I am the fearful Pilate who is caught up in his selfish motivations.

“I am certainly the man crucified with Christ who realizes his own sins and pleads that Christ will remember him. We are all these characters in some way at some time in our lives.”

Father Michael Welch witnessed the impact that Fike’s Passion portrayals had on people and their faith for 30 years—during the time he served as pastor of St. Christopher.

“I’ve had so many people say to me through the years, ‘That’s the first time I’ve heard the Passion,’” says Father Welch, who is now retired. “His interpretation can make you stop and say, ‘I never experienced that.’ I might be the woman in the garden making accusations

of someone—when she confronts Peter. I might be Peter realizing I wasn’t living up to what I wanted to be. People *feel* the impact of Peter denying Christ three times.”

For Fike, it’s all part of his focus of letting “the power of the story and the power of Scripture speak to us where we are.”

And every year, he finds new meaning in the story—even as he prepares for his 33rd year of sharing the Passion.

“To me, it’s always fresh,” he says. “I start working with it on Ash Wednesday every year. That’s my Lenten sacrifice. It’s something that occupies a good portion of my mind during those entire 40 days. Each year, it brings new meaning to Christ’s Passion and sacrifice.”

## A different kind of love

While sharing the Passion is a gift of love for Fike, he never expected it would lead to the love of his life.

The life-changing moment came in 2000 when he received a phone call from Colette Shanahan, who at the time was the associate director of programs at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis.

“She had heard me do the Passion the year before, and she asked if I would be able to do it for a retreat group at Fatima,” he says.

She adds, “When I saw him do it, it was an experience that was completely new. I found it very moving, and I thought it would benefit people at the retreat house. He came to Fatima to meet me, to talk about it. I really had a sense that this was a significant moment. He seemed like a really nice guy.”

They met again for lunch. A year later, they were engaged. On April 27, 2002, they were married.

“Certainly, the greatest gift and reward I’ve had from doing the Passion is meeting Colette,” he says. “She’s been the greatest blessing of my life.”

She notes, “We don’t always know what purpose our lives will have. We had both made peace that maybe we’d never get married. We both feel that God is working through us. We both have been changed by our marriage.

“In marriage, you’re called to look to the good of the whole. Ultimately, our goal is to help each other get to heaven. We also help each other see our blind



While sharing the Passion story is a gift of love for Bill Fike, it also led him to meet the love of his life—his wife, Colette. (submitted photo)

spots. I have a lot of admiration for my husband. He makes me want to be more generous, more kind and more open with people—because that’s the way he is.”

## ‘He sees it as a prayer’

Their marriage has also offered her a close-up view of the process that he goes through to share the Passion story with people.

“He doesn’t see it as being about him. He sees it as a prayer,” she says. “He’s so open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. He sees himself as this transparent vehicle through whom God works to reach people today.”

It helps that he has a soothing yet expressive voice that has allowed him to make a 40-year career as a voice-over talent, narrating films, commercials and documentaries for such outlets as the History Channel, Court TV, Animal Planet and Discovery.

But that’s only a small part of the equation that makes his efforts regarding the Passion resonate so powerfully with people. It also goes beyond the fact that the longtime lector at St. Christopher rehearses his delivery of the Passion all throughout Lent—and that he has memorized the three versions of the story in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke that rotate every three years.

What’s most important, he insists, is “trying to understand it and give it meaning. It’s about praying the Scripture and letting it settle down inside of me—and then to get out of the way so that God is speaking to us.”

Two moments always contribute to the physical and emotional exhaustion that Fike feels after six Masses during the Palm Sunday weekend.

One involves the moment during the Passion when he is part of the crowd yelling at Pilate, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

The other occurs when Christ is hanging on the cross, near the end of his life, and Fike portrays one of the people mocking Jesus.

“The thing about our crucifix [at St. Christopher] is it’s one of the few crucifixes that show Christ as still being alive. His eyes are open. Where I stand when I’m wagging my finger at him, I’m looking directly in his eyes. That scene can be very difficult at times. It can be very powerful for me.”

The reality and depth of Christ’s sacrifice overwhelm him in such moments, leading him to a deeper appreciation and reverence for one other gift that Christ gave on Holy Thursday.

“Every week, we celebrate the Passion and death of Christ in the Eucharist,” Fike says. “I think that’s the whole reason that Christ gave us the Eucharist. So we don’t forget. So we remember.” †

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priesthood of Jesus Christ, but with one another in our life of faith,” he explained.

Father Beidelman went on to note that, although the archdiocese is currently without a shepherd, what happens at the annual chrim Mass is important enough that it is celebrated nonetheless.

“There are certain things that we always do as a faith family, year in and year out,” he said. “And even in the interim of waiting for a new archbishop, the life of the faith family continues, especially the liturgical and

sacramental life. And the chrim Mass is one of those high points of time that needs to be celebrated in a community.”

Although clergy, religious and parish representatives from across the archdiocese will participate in the chrim Mass, Father Beidelman said there will be seating available for many other archdiocesan Catholics. He invited them to come to the cathedral to worship during the liturgy.

“I would encourage folks to come and celebrate the chrim Mass with us if they’re able, especially if they’ve not had the opportunity before,” he said. “In the midst of some times of difficult news in the world, it’s good for us to gather in the midst of a very hope-filled and joyful celebration that reminds us of the rest of the story. And that is the assurances and the graces related to our faith and our faith family.” †



Then-transitional Deacon Nicolás Ajpacajá gives holy oils to Adam Welp, a member of Holy Family Parish in New Albany, during the archdiocesan chrim Mass on March 22, 2016, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Assisting Deacon Ajpacajá is then-transitional Deacon Meril Sahayam of the Palayamkottai, India, Diocese. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

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## Saints' writings can help us enter more deeply into their faith

By Maureen Pratt

Who is your favorite saint?

Oh, what a simple, yet very complicated question!

As a child, I learned about saints from mostly secondhand sources and had no clear "favorite" of my own.

My first childhood religious book, whose tattered red cover and well-worn pages show just how much I enjoyed it, was laden with illustrations and stories of several saints, including St. Elizabeth, St. Bernadette Soubirous and St. Joan of Arc—too many amazing examples to choose just one.

My adult relatives and teachers also told stories of the saints, and their enthusiasm was contagious. I enjoyed learning and listening, but skirted overt favoritism because I felt sometimes there was some friction, too, when important decisions such as selecting a confirmation name arose or "St.—" was going to play "St.—" in a hotly contested tournament!

When I left home for college, I still had no favorite saint. But I wanted to know these holy men and women better, and no better way than to read what they actually wrote.

I began to read St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, St. Augustine of Hippo's *Confessions* and *The Passion of St. Perpetua, St. Felicity, and their Companions* (St. Perpetua's was the first woman saint's account of her faith journey and martyrdom), and other original works by the saints.

I learned the historical context of

when and how they lived. And I learned more details of their lives, struggles, hopes, faith and how they influenced one another, too (St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, for example).

No sound bites, these volumes! It takes more time and effort to read through and understand a book penned by someone who lived centuries ago or was from another culture. But the wisdom and beauty of their words carry faith and God's grace straight from one heart and soul to another like no abridged version can.

By reading these classic works, I have deepened my personal connection with each saint and found inspiration with these examples of holiness that strengthens with each passing year.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's letters, available online through the Vincentian Heritage Collection ([goo.gl/hPgs9H](http://goo.gl/hPgs9H)), give amazing insight into a woman guided by God, but still in deep mourning for profoundly human losses—an inspiration for anyone who is also suffering.

*The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila*, the autobiography of that 16th-century Spanish saint, is a stirring account of her devotion to God, even, at times, in the midst of great physical pain and external challenge.

St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life* gives constructive, practical guidance for living in the world, but not of it (and allows glimpses into his sense of humor, too, which helps us get to know him all the more).

Closer to our time, St. John Paul II wrote many books and other works that



Ivan Pare prays before a statue of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's letters give amazing insight into a woman guided by God but still in deep mourning for profoundly human losses—an inspiration for anyone who is also suffering. (CNS photo/Owen Sweeney III, *Catholic Review*)

inspire and instruct us today (his papal letters and other works can be read for free on his website: [w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en.html)).

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) also left us a treasure of written work that allows us to "meet" her at any time, especially Lent, when our thoughts and prayers turn to renewal of our lives and work for others.

I have just developed another and very painful manifestation of lupus—autoimmune sensory polyneuropathy. The symptoms and the medication to treat them have limited my ability to move

about, so this Lent, I'll be much more isolated. But I won't be alone.

St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis De Sales and others are right at hand.

It's a blessing that I don't have a "favorite" saint. With each one I "meet," I discover more about what it means to live with courage, love and faith. Put another way, I can't think of one I'd ignore!

(Maureen Pratt is a columnist for Catholic News Service. Her website is [www.maureenpratt.com](http://www.maureenpratt.com).) †

*'By reading these classic works, I have deepened my personal connection with each saint and found inspiration with these examples of holiness that strengthens with each passing year.'*

## Abstaining from meat on Fridays in Lent is a sacrifice and 'token of love'

By Kelly Bothum

Few things are constant in our home, except the nightly debate over dinner.

If one kid likes spaghetti and meatballs, then two don't. Eggs? Yuck, says the middle one. Tacos, lasagna, rice, beans, baked carrots—even pie—there's always at least one dissenter in the crowd.

No one is starving at our house. But we do tend to obsess over what we eat. Given that, you'd think that Fridays during Lent would be a meal minefield with our house of five abstaining from meat.

Truth be told, those Fridays are the only time of year when there's no fight about dinner. It's always understood—cheese pizza.

It's almost a relief to not have to make a decision. We know what we're having, but more important, our kids know why.

Catholics ages 14 and older are required by the Church to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent (and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), but as long as our kids have been at the dinner table, they've gone meat-free with us. OK, they might not know exactly why we're skipping the pepperoni, but they know it has something to do with the Church and Lent.

I'll admit, meat-free Fridays during Lent are an easy sell in the kid world. After all, cheese pizza tastes pretty good. But I think there are some deeper lessons to consider.

For starters, it shows we are making a sacrifice. Granted, it's not like dying on the cross for the salvation of all—thank you, Lord—but it does show a willingness to go without as a sign of obedience and respect.

Most of the time, we don't think of a hamburger as a token of love, but if that's our favorite food and we make a point not to savor its juicy goodness on a Friday during Lent, that means something. If you've ever

witnessed the magnetic power of a chicken nugget in the presence of a toddler, you understand what I mean.

Like many families, we are on the go most days of the week. We don't always eat at the same time and, of course, not everybody likes what we are having.

That makes our Friday night cheese pizza dates even more meaningful. They are an opportunity for the five of us to be together and catch up on what we've missed between soccer games, band practice and Girl Scouts meetings.

I think it also helps knowing that we aren't the only ones following sometimes challenging rules about what we have to eat and when.

By now, my 8-year-old knows the drill about no meat on Fridays during Lent. He sees the signs for the weekly fish fry at our parish and even though he and his sisters don't like fish, they beg us to go. (For the French fries, naturally.)

So, we take a break from our cheese pizza party at least once to join the fried food fun with the rest of our parish.

If we are trying to raise children who see themselves as part of a larger family of faith, it helps to put them in situations where they can see it in context. Two cheese pizzas at home on a Friday night is not the same thing as a parish hall full of people who believe the same way we do. It helps to celebrate our faith and share it with others joyfully.

Lent is supposed to be a time of prayerful reflection and repentance. But there can be happiness and laughter in that time as well. We can use our Lenten abstinences as a way to teach our children about sacrifice, community and tradition.

All it takes is a cheese pizza.

(Kelly Bothum is a freelance writer and a mother of three.) †



Haddock is served during a fish fry in the parish hall of St. Mary Parish in Altoona, Pa. The parish Lenten Friday fish fry is an opportunity for Catholics to see themselves as part of a larger family of faith. (CNS photo/Bob Roller)

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## Checking up on the work of Food for the Poor in Haiti

In 1993, I went to Haiti with Food for the Poor (FFP), and saw the conditions in the poorest country in this hemisphere.



Since then, FFP has become an important foundation that is doing wonders for the poor, especially in this hemisphere.

One really has to see Haiti's poverty to realize how bad it is. The worst place was, and probably still

is, Cite de Soleil (Sun City), the eight-miles-by-three-miles slum that was inhabited by half a million people. They lived in tin shacks in a sea of sludge. There were millions of mosquitoes floating in or flying around the sludge. The people lived with their pigs and goats.

We visited a maternity hospital in Cite de Soleil. It was an abomination. Women in labor sat on wooden benches until they were ready to deliver. Then they were taken into the delivery room. We didn't see the delivery room, but we were standing right outside a swinging door

and could hear the cries and yells of the women giving birth.

The wards were filled with new mothers and their babies, 10 to 15 women and babies to a room. Forty-one doctors worked in this hospital, and they delivered about 1,000 babies a month. The infant mortality rate was about 10 percent, and the mothers' mortality rate about 4 percent.

We visited two schools in Cite de Soleil, one of them financed by Food for the Poor. I'm generous, though, in calling it a school; it was more of a day care center. I'm not sure the kids were learning to read and write, but they were kept off the streets.

We also stopped at a feeding operation operated by FFP. Elderly and sick people and destitute families brought their pails or two-quart pans. There were tubs full of flavored rice and more tubs of a bean mixture. The people took this home to feed their families. This feeding station fed 700 families a day, but it must have been a terribly monotonous diet.

We visited a home for malnourished babies operated by St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity. It was one of the most emotional stops on our tour.

Eight of Mother Teresa's sisters operated this home, and there were 104 babies—extremely malnourished or suffering from AIDS. We learned that about 80 percent of the babies brought to them survived. FFP supplied baby food, diapers and medical supplies for the home.

Another slum had another home operated by the Missionaries of Charity, this one for the dying and the destitute. The sisters had four other homes for the dying, and three other homes for children in Haiti. In all, there were 35 Missionaries of Charity in Haiti in 1993; I don't know how many might be there today.

In the home for the dying that we visited, seven sisters were caring for 160 people—about 90 men and 70 women. The people were found on the streets or they were brought to them. Two of the women I talked to told me that they were *dix-neuf* and *dix-huit* respectively (19 and 18 years old).

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

Faith and Family/Sean Gallagher

## Experience the joy of Christ by living fully in the present

"Are we there yet?"

This is the question that parents dread to hear, but is frequently on the lips of children during a long road trip—or sometimes even a short one across town.



Parents often dislike this question because there's usually no answer to it that will satisfy the little ones who ask it.

The question also can be a symptom of "impatience syndrome" in our kids, a condition which can easily spread in the close confines of a minivan.

I suspect, though, that some adults may be asking, "Are we there yet?" at this point in the season of Lent.

It started about a month ago, and we still have a couple of weeks to go. Some of us might be starting to chafe under the spiritual disciplines that we took up on Ash Wednesday.

This might especially be true if we've chosen, say, to fast from coffee or refrain from being active on social media.

Another question that might be good for us to ask at this point during Lent might be one I heard my now-14-year-old son Michael say when he was a toddler riding in the back of our car: "Are we here yet?"

At the time, his vocabulary and knowledge of English were just starting to blossom. But whether Michael knew it or not, there was much wisdom in his words.

We humans were created by God in time and live from day to day in the time he's given us. But he's destined us for eternity, and we make our way there step by step by the choices we make from moment to moment with the help of his grace.

At times, those choices can be warped when our hearts and minds gravitate either too much back toward good, bad or indifferent memories of the past, or forward to dreams or fears we have about the future.

It would be unreasonable to try to block out all thoughts of the past or future when considering choices in the present. Indeed, the lessons of the past, noble dreams and healthy concerns about what is to come can contribute to virtuous choices here and now.

These considerations, placed in proper perspective, can help us enter more fully into whatever present moment in which we find ourselves. Better yet, they can open our hearts to Christ's presence with us when we face choices, with all of the love, mercy and guidance he offers us to lead us to share in his infinite glory in eternity.

If our Lord is present with us all of the moments of our lives with which he blesses us, it would seem fitting that this presence would be all the more close to the surface when we walk in his footsteps, freely taking on sacrifices, such as our discipline of fasting in Lent.

None of the things from which we might refrain during Lent come anywhere near the completeness of Christ's sacrifices. But that does not matter to him.

For when we pick up our daily cross and follow him, he is with us in each step we take under its burden. He leads us closer to himself and gives us in the midst of our trials—however relatively insignificant they might be—a share in the joy of his eternal life that dawned for humanity in his resurrection.

But when we fixate our hearts and minds on the past or future—which can happen when we're more focused on ourselves than others or God—then we're closing ourselves off in the "here" of the present moment from this joy and its effects in our lives and those around us.

Which is all the more reason for us to ask at this point during Lent, and indeed every day of the year: "Are we here yet?" †

For The Journey/Effie Caldarola

## Examine the sins you notice and the sins you ignore

When I was a young woman, I saved my money from my first year of teaching and left for Ireland the following summer.



Young and a bit naive, I simply purchased a one-way ticket for my lifelong dream and flew to Shannon.

My ace in the hole, although I didn't realize it at the time, was a remote contact. A nun on my school's staff knew an Irish

nun in Florida who had a sister in the west of Ireland. Armed with her phone number, I headed off.

The Irish are known for hospitality, and this young woman became my big sister for my summer adventure, handing me her apartment key in Limerick while she went off to her parents' farm, guiding me, even introducing me to her sister with whom I ferried off to London.

In the decades since, we've remained friends and correspondents.

Inevitably, our chat turns to politics, from the earlier "troubles" in Northern Ireland to the election of Donald J. Trump.

Sadly, this spring there is this: Ireland is embroiled in yet another tragic scandal that casts a shadow on its revered Catholic past. A mass grave with baby and child remains has been discovered at a former Catholic mother and baby home in

western Ireland.

A local historian had located almost 800 death certificates for children who had died at the home between 1925 and its closing in 1961, but no proper burial sites.

A government commission is investigating what had been long-standing rumors.

This follows in the wake of the well-documented revelations of the Magdalene laundries—facilities operated by religious orders where "loose" girls or women were confined to hard labor and prisonlike conditions. "Loose" could mean anything from prostitution to unwed motherhood to mere flirtatiousness.

And then there was the 2013 film *Philomena*, based on a book that chronicled one woman's struggle to find the child who had been taken from her in an Irish mother and child home, and adopted out to wealthy Americans without her consent.

"We are all so horrified and ashamed," wrote my Irish friend, a devoted St. Vincent de Paul volunteer now in her 80s.

In a March entry in the daily devotional *Living Faith*, Eve Tushnet writes, although not referring to the Irish scandal, words that strike me as appropriate here: "Every age has the sins it notices and the sins it chooses to ignore."

Ireland in the early-to-mid 20th century was obsessed by chastity. The

sins that consumed "Holy Ireland," overwhelmingly, were sexual.

The sins it chose to ignore now seem obvious. It ignored sins against mercy and forgiveness. It ignored a mother's right to her own child. It sometimes ignored, apparently, the rights of a child to a proper burial if that child were conceived outside the rules. It sinned by tarring women exclusively for behavior that included men.

As an Irish observer wryly commented, "There were no fathers in the Magdalene laundries."

Catholic Ireland carried this obsession with sex to great heights, but it wasn't completely alone. Many of us who grew up in the U.S. in the 1960s or 1970s remember a friend being quietly spirited away during the school year, while a boyfriend remained behind. In my public high school, a pregnant teen was expelled from school while her boyfriend became homecoming king.

Ireland, the land of my great-grandparents, remains a wonderful, beloved place. But its latest shame should remind us all to examine the sins we notice and the sins we choose to ignore. It should prompt some soul-searching in all of us. Where am I blind to society's sin and my own?

(Effie Caldarola writes for *Catholic News Service*.) †

The Human Side/Fr. Eugene Hemrick

## Mirror God's devotion to us in your life of faith

"Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for



the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you" (Is 49:14-15).

Isaiah's prophetic message that God is eternally devoted to us is needed now more than ever. In his time, mothers who lost their sense of devotion

would sometimes abandon their children. Isaiah reminds us that we are never out of God's sight. Equally important, it reminds us that without God-like devotion, life can become cruel.

The concept of devotion is connected to the word "vow," meaning a total commitment without reservations. Christ teaches us the meaning of devotion when he says we cannot serve both God and mammon; devotion is a one-way street

with no side streets. It also must be heartfelt.

Devotion spawns unity, goodness, beauty and love: the very nature of life at its best. A marriage will succeed or fail depending on its level of devotion. Armies win or lose, contingent upon their level of commitment. Successful projects, more often than not, are tied to the selfless dedication of those accomplishing them.

Like anything precious, devotion doesn't come easy. Coach Vince Lombardi once said, "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." The practice of devotion can be trying and wearing. All it takes is a cross word to agitate it. And living together on a daily basis can be very challenging; familiarity does breed contempt!

Surrounded by an environment of corruption, blatant selfishness and false values—the direct antithesis of devotion—can easily lead to disillusionment and wondering, "Where is true devotion these days?"

A lack of good example is devotion's

worst enemy. Dishonesty, duplicity, narcissism and arrogant self-centeredness are forever corroding devotion. To counter bad examples, good examples of people sacrificing themselves to better life must be sought repeatedly.

In addition to finding good examples of devotion, how might we nourish it personally? It is by following the spiritual maxim: "Every day requires a new conversion." Conversion is about keeping our heart in the right place. This requires we pray each morning for strength to mirror God's devotion to us—that we possess the stamina needed to avoid abandoning it.

Devotion can never be taken for granted because of pollutants corroding it. Like shiny brass, it needs to be polished daily; we need to continuously adjust our heart for achieving the maximum beauty of commitment.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Msgr. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, April 2, 2017

- Ezekiel 37:12-14
- Romans 8:8-11
- John 11:1-45

The Book of Ezekiel provides the first reading for Mass this weekend. Even a quick reading of the history of ancient



Israel shows that there were precious few periods of prosperity and calm. Indeed, only the reigns of David and Solomon might properly be considered as truly good times.

Some times were more trying than others were. Certainly, generations endured miserable times in Babylon, confined in wretchedness, taunted and abused as a minority. Understandably, these Jewish exiles yearned for the day when they could return to their homeland.

Ezekiel built upon this theme of hope and expectation. As did all the prophets, he saw a release from Babylonian bondage not as an accident or a happy turn of events. He saw it as a result of God's mercy and of fidelity to God. Thus, in this reading, the Lord promises to breathe new life into his defeated, dejected people.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. Rome was the absolute center for everything in the first-century Mediterranean world, the political, economic and cultural heart of its vast, powerful empire. It was a sophisticated city.

Rome's inhabitants came from everywhere, having brought with them a great variety of customs and beliefs.

Paul wrote to the Christian Romans, among whom eventually he would die as a martyr. Many of them would be martyred.

This reading stresses two spiritual realities. Christians are linked with God in Christ. So Christians possess the very life of the Holy Spirit, a life that will never end.

For its third reading, the Church this weekend presents the Gospel of St. John. Jesus went to Bethany, then a separate community but now a part of greater Jerusalem, summoned by Martha and Mary. They were concerned about their brother Lazarus, a friend of the Lord, who

was close to death.

When Jesus at last arrived, Lazarus was dead. In fact, he had been dead for several days. Decomposition had begun. Responding to the sisters' faith, the Lord restores Lazarus to life.

Several important themes occur in the passage. First, of course, is the active, life-giving love of Jesus. In the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus feels and expresses human love. Secondly, the faith of Martha and Mary is unqualified.

John sees a parallel between the resurrection of Jesus and the restoration of earthly life to Lazarus. In each account, mourning women are essential parts of the story. A stone closes the tomb. The body is dressed and a face cloth, customary in Jewish burials of the time, covers the face. Finally, in each story, faith and human limitation have important roles.

## Reflection

Next week, on Palm Sunday, the Church will invite us to learn and to worship in the most intense liturgical days of its year. Calling us to Christ, and with ancient drama and the most compelling symbolism, it will proclaim Jesus as Savior and as Risen Lord.

This weekend, the Church prepares us for this experience, giving us the beautiful and wondrous story of Lazarus.

Echoing the Lord's own resurrection, this Sunday's Gospel message is clear: If we are united with Jesus, as Lazarus and his sisters were, then in God's power we will have everlasting life.

However, this eternal life will occur only if we seek Jesus, and if we seek Jesus with the faith uncompromisingly displayed by Martha. Only Jesus can give us life.

The other readings reinforce this theme. Life can be taxing for everyone. Death awaits us all. Ezekiel assures us that God will give us true life. It will be a life of holiness, a life that never ends.

St. Paul insisted that this divine life abides only in Jesus. So, lovingly, as Lent progresses, as Lent anticipates its culmination, the Church calls us to Jesus, the Lord of life. †

## Daily Readings

### Monday, April 3

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
or Daniel 13:41c-62  
Psalm 23:1-6  
John 8:1-11

### Tuesday, April 4

St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21  
John 8:21-30

### Wednesday, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer, priest  
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
(Response) Daniel 3:52-56  
John 8:31-42

### Thursday, April 6

Genesis 17:3-9  
Psalm 105:4-9  
John 8:51-59

### Friday, April 7

St. John Baptiste de la Salle, priest  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Psalm 18:2-7  
John 10:31-42

### Saturday, April 8

Ezekiel 37:21-28  
(Response) Jeremiah 31:10-13  
John 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Matthew 21:1-11 (procession)  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66  
or Matthew 27:11-54



## Isidore of Seville

c. 565 - 636  
feast - April 4

This bishop's extensive writings influenced Church thinking for a millennium. As bishop of Seville, Spain, from about 600 until his death, he presided over two councils, promoted acceptance of the "filioque" clause of the Creed, and battled the Arian heresy. He wrote a history of the barbarian invasions of Spain and compiled in "The Etymologiae" all that was known in his time. Nearing death, he gave away everything he had, confessed his faults to his people in church, and received Communion. Pope John XXIII admired his ideas about the ideal bishop, notably that "Every bishop should be distinguished as much by his humility as by his authority." A doctor of the Church, Isidore is the patron saint of computer users and technology.

## My Journey to God

# I'll Be There

By Dr. C. David Hay

When the days wane long and dreary  
And the nights are longer still,  
Trust I'm watching over you—  
And I always will.

Sonnets of love are sweet refrain  
But none can ever compare  
To simple vows from the heart—  
I promise I'll be there.

I am your guardian angel,  
Together we have flown,  
But when your wings grow weary—  
You'll never be alone.

I hope you always understand  
That I'll forever care,  
And when you need to reach for me—  
You'll find that I am there.



(Dr. C. David Hay is a member of St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute. A restored mosaic of an angel is seen in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, West Bank, on July 5, 2016. Restoration specialists from the Piacenti restoration center completed their work on the church in June.) (CNS photo/CNS/Debbie Hill)



## John Baptiste de la Salle

1651 - 1719  
feast - April 7

Founder of The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, John Baptiste was the eldest of 11 children in a noble French family. His studies in Paris were interrupted by his parents' deaths; he returned to Reims, where he finished his schooling and was ordained in 1678. After settling into the comfortable life of a cathedral canon, he was challenged by a layman who had opened free schools for the poor in Rouen to do the same in Reims. This led to increasing involvement with poor children and the founding, growth and running of his order, which survived opposition and innovated classroom teaching and use of the vernacular. Canonized in 1900, he was declared the patron saint of teachers in 1950.

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**ATWOOD, Joanna M.**, 28, St. Mary, Lanesville, March 18. Daughter of Joanne and Anthony Atwood, Sr. Sister of Amanda, Anthony Jr., and Michael Atwood. Granddaughter of Kathryn Ryan. Aunt of several.

**BAUR, Gary L.**, 70, St. Paul, Tell City, March 19. Husband of Yvonne Baur. Father of Emily Micena, Geoff and Greg Baur. Brother of Gladys Ann Couey, Paula Jo Leclere and Sandra Smith. Grandfather of five. Step-grandfather of one.

**BIERLEIN, Ronald L.**, 82, St. Bartholomew, Columbus, March 16. Husband of Janet Bierlein. Father of Jennifer Mosier, Susan, Andrew and Thomas Bierlein. Brother of Kenneth Bierlein. Grandfather of five. Great-grandfather of six.

**BOTT, Rita J.**, 71, St. Mary, North Vernon, March 2. Wife of John Bott. Mother of David, Patrick and Scott Bott. Grandmother of five.

**BUCHANAN, Sherre**, 61, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 10. Wife of Walter Buchanan. Mother of Amy Shepherd. Stepmother of David Buchanan. Sister of Flash Williams. Grandmother of three. Step-grandmother of two.

**CARLSON, Janice K.**, 54, St. Louis, Batesville, March 14. Wife of Terry Carlson. Sister of Julie Jackson, LuAnn Zeszut, Jim, Ken, Randy and Russ Wanstrath. Aunt and great-aunt of several.

**DEBOO, Margaret N.**, 90, Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, March 9. Mother of Kathleen North, Joan O'Donnell, John and Terrance DeBoo. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of five. Great-great-grandmother of one.

**FARISH, Dorothy**, 80, St. Mary, New Albany, March 10. Mother of Joletta Hall, Tina Thompson and Chuck Farish. Grandmother of five.

**HARR, Gerald W.**, 83, St. Pius X, Indianapolis, March 11. Husband of



## Restoration of Jesus' tomb

The restored Edicule is seen during a ceremony marking the end of restoration work on the site of Jesus's tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on March 22. (CNS photo/Sebastian Scheiner, Reuters)

Sonja Harr. Father of Tracy Barnes, Francine Burge, Susan Johnson, Andrew and Michael Harr. Grandfather of seven.

**HORTEMILLER, Catherine E.**, 78, St. Louis, Batesville, March 19. Wife of Jim

Hortemiller. Mother of Lisa Wallpe and Gregory Hortemiller. Sister of Cornelia Hoffman and Eleen Weisenbach. Grandmother of six. Great-grandmother of three.

**KOCHER, Alice J. (Walpole)**, 95, Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, March 17. Mother of Peggy Allen, Ann Mader, Kathy Ripperger, Jean Waugh and Robert Kocher. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 33. Great-great-grandmother of two.

**LANKERT, Norman E.**, 89, St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville, March 17. Father of Cindy Andres, Mindy Ernstberger, Tish Tindall, David and Michael Lankert. Brother of Mack O'Brien, Jr. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 16.

**PLANK, Pauline**, 84, St. Jude, Indianapolis, March 13. Mother of Karen, Jeffrey and Timothy Plank. Grandmother of four. Great-grandmother of 10.

**SCHROEDER, Justin R.**, 81, St. Mary, Rushville, March 16. Husband of Marilyn Schroeder. Father of Sally Adams, Andrew, Greg and Ken Schroeder. Brother of Teresa Horan and Catherine Mauer. Grandfather of seven. Great-grandfather of two.

**SHAFFSTALL, Timothy D.**, 66, St. Monica, Indianapolis, March 11. Husband of Cheri Shaffstall. Father of Nicole Shaffstall. Brother of Everett, Fred and Tony Shaffstall.

**SHOTTS, Timothy B.**, 64, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 19. Father of Amanda Grimm and Bryan Shotts. Son of Meredith and Jean Shotts. Brother of Carol Farnsworth, Mary, Jim and Mike Shotts. Grandfather of three.

**SMITH, Farrell G.**, 81, Christ the King, Indianapolis, March 10. Husband of Diane Carpenter. Father of Susie Holtz, Lori Stephens, Scott Carpenter, Lorie, Kevin and Steve Smith. Grandfather of 18. Great-grandfather of

seven.  
**VAN BREE, Jeanne M.**, 74, St. Michael, Bradford, March 8. Wife of Frank Van Bree. Mother of Julie Book, Anne Cristiani, Mary Groher, Michelle Harkness, Barb Rainbolt, Bill, Frank, Joe, Ken and Mike Van Bree. Sister of Jacque Maxwell, John Bullock and Tom Clarke. Grandmother of 41. Great-grandmother of seven.

**WEBER, Clara M. (Rosner)**, 89, Holy Name of Jesus, Beech Grove, March 6. Mother of Mary Ann Maloy, Cecelia Owens, Catherine, Joseph, Matthew, Peter and Thomas Weber. Sister of Alice Huffman, Dortha Zore and Joseph Rosner. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of 13.

**YOUNGSTAFEL, Mary M.**, 90, St. Roch, Indianapolis, March 11. Mother of Rose Lumpkin, Anne Thompson, Mary, Carl, Lawrence, Mark and Richard Youngstafel, Jr. Sister of Ethel Spacke. Grandmother of 16. Great-grandmother of five. †

## Providence Sister Rose Marita Riordan served in Catholic education for 49 years

Providence Sister Rose Marita Riordan died on March 19 at Lourdes Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 95.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 24 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the motherhouse in St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed at the sisters' cemetery.

Margaret Mary Riordan was born on May 2, 1921, in Chicago. She entered the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on Jan. 5, 1939, and professed final vows on Aug. 15, 1947.

Sister Rose Marita earned a bachelor's degree at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and a master's degree at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

During her 78 years as a member of the Sisters of Providence, Sister Rose Marita ministered in education for 49 years in schools

in California, Indiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington, D.C.

In the archdiocese, Sister Rose Marita served in Indianapolis at the former St. John the Evangelist School from 1941-47 and the former St. Bridget School from 1954-60, in her community's Motherhouse Health Care from 1970-76, as a counselor for the community from 1976-77, at Woods Day Care/Pre-School in St. Mary-of-the-Woods from 1991-2006 and at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center at the motherhouse from 2006-17.

She is survived by two sisters, Alice Jenkinson of Cary, Ill., and Eileen Quinn of Walpole, Mass., and a brother, Bill Riordan of LaGrange Park, Ill.

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

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## Cardinal William H. Keeler, retired archbishop of Baltimore, dies at 86

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Cardinal William H. Keeler, Baltimore's 14th archbishop, who was an international leader in Catholic-Jewish relations and the driving force behind the restoration of America's first cathedral, died on March 23 at his residence at St. Martin's Home for the Aged in Catonsville. He was 86.

His funeral was celebrated on March 28 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

"One of the great blessings in my life was coming to know Cardinal Keeler," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori in a statement. "Cardinal Keeler will be greatly missed. I am grateful to the Little Sisters for their devoted care for the cardinal."

Cardinal Keeler was the bishop of Harrisburg, Pa., when he was appointed the 14th archbishop of Baltimore in 1989. Pope John Paul II made him a cardinal in 1994. He retired in 2007. As president of the U.S. bishops' conference from 1992 to 1995, he participated in a wide range of national and international issues.

As part of his work with what is now the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Cardinal Keeler developed a reputation for effectively building interfaith bonds. He is particularly

noted for his work in furthering Catholic-Jewish dialogue. He was appointed moderator of Catholic-Jewish Relations for the USCCB.

"As a priest, bishop of Harrisburg and archbishop of Baltimore, the cardinal worked to bring the hope of Christ to people's lives," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, who is president of the USCCB. "He also built bridges of solidarity to people of other faiths as a leader in ecumenism and interreligious affairs."

"Cardinal Keeler was a dear friend. The most fitting tribute we can offer is to carry forward his episcopal motto in our daily lives: 'Do the work of an evangelist,'" Cardinal DiNardo said in a statement.

He called the late cardinal "a servant of priestly virtue and gentlemanly manner" who is remembered by the USCCB for "his generosity of spirit in service to his brothers and the people of God."

Cardinal Keeler was an ardent promoter of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of all human life. He twice served as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, and testified at all levels of government on legislation ranging from abortion to euthanasia to capital punishment. †

# Catholics urged to be open to Christ's power to transform

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (CNS)—Drawing on the imagery of the empty jars at the wedding feast at Cana, Archbishop Christophe Pierre challenged Catholics at the 2017 Florida Eucharistic Congress to identify what is missing from their lives and ask Jesus to transform them as he did water to wine.

Archbishop Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, was the keynote speaker on March 25 at the annual congress in Jacksonville in the Diocese of St. Augustine. He addressed the congress theme, "Do Whatever He Tells You," which was Mary's instructions to the servants at the wedding feast.

"We learn from Mary to be attentive to the needs of others," the archbishop said. "When we run out of wine, we risk losing the nuptial joy of life. From Mary, we learn to respond to the crises of our day."

Archbishop Pierre said there is a strong connection between Mary and the Eucharist. "Her body is the place of the incarnation. In her body was born the body of Christ," he said.

"She guarantees the reality of the incarnation. She gave him his human body and characteristics," he continued. "She provides us the assurance that Jesus is totally human and has a human nature in addition to his divine nature."

At Mary's request, Jesus performs his first public miracle at the wedding feast. "The disciples saw his glory and began believing in him," Archbishop Pierre said.

Archbishop Pierre said Mary brings a woman's sensibility to the occasion. Amid the noisy festivities, she is attentive to the needs of others.

"She is fully aware that Jesus can remedy the situation," he said. Even when he responds, "Woman, what does this

have to do with me? My hour has not come" (Jn 2:4), she is not deterred.

"Over the years, she has become an expert in Jesus. She knows how he works," he said. "She knows she can go to him. She's not afraid. She tells the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you' (Jn 2:5). And what does Jesus tell them? Fill the jars."

The archbishop said the image of the six empty jars is a useful metaphor. "Every epoch has nights, and the nights of our time are not few," Archbishop Pierre said.

He listed six areas of emptiness he sees in modern life: lack of joy; lack of giving; lack of memory; lack of prophecy; lack of beauty; and lack of silence.

As he addressed each area, he asked a group of six people to pour water into a jar. The first group was led by Bishop Felipe J Estevez of St. Augustine, Fla.

"There is sadness, an inability to celebrate that pervades our culture. It is a modern sickness," Archbishop Pierre said. "Bitterness dominates people's private, social, political and cultural lives. Cynicism has set in, and people are no longer disposed to joy."

Culture values people for what they do and have rather than who they are as individuals, he said.

"How are we to remedy this? The Eucharist is the sacrament that acknowledges Christian joy, the victory over sin. It is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet," he said. "We are to fill the jar with eucharistic joy."

The second jar represents the lack of giving, the increasing selfishness in today's world, he said. The wealthiest 20 percent of the world consumes 76 percent of the world's resources. To fill the empty jar, the culture of consumption and individualism must



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—Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States

be challenged and a new spirit of generosity cultivated.

The third jar represents lack of memory, the loss of connection with the past.

"Modern man lives in the present moment and risks losing the collective wisdom of our ancestors," he said. "In Christianity, the past is our destiny. God acts in history. Salvation began in historical events. Jesus tells us, 'Do this in memory of me' (Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24). The Eucharist is the sacrament of memory."

The fourth jar represents the loss of prophecy. "The world has been unable to provide satisfying answers to our deepest questions. Our culture has become a moral and spiritual desert, but God still comes to us even in the desert and leads us to the Promised Land," he said. "We can fill the jar by recovering a sense of the mission of evangelization and repossessing the wealth of the Church's spiritual tradition."

The fifth jar represents the lack of beauty, the dominance of brutality and brokenness. Modern life is characterized by a lack of harmony, by moral and ethical relativism, excess in the consumption of goods, immoderate speech and dress, he said.

"In contrast, Mary reminds us by her presence of beauty, the beauty of God's

grace at work in her. She attracts us with the beauty of holiness," he said. "To fill the jar, we must commit to holiness. Committing ourselves to the truth in Jesus Christ will help restore beauty."

The sixth jar represents the lack of silence. "We live in a culture of noise. Lack of silence threatens our culture. We talk past each other. We are unable to listen and communicate deeply. Without silence it becomes increasingly difficult to develop a spiritual life, especially when God speaks in a whisper," the archbishop said.

"To fill the jar, we must commit ourselves to building a culture of silence. Guarding our speech from profanity, hurtful words, gossip and idle chatter. Saying only good things people need to hear. A culture of silence allows us to be open to the Holy Spirit," he said. "Mary gives us the example of keeping silent and hearing the voice of God. Only after listening, can we act."

Archbishop Pierre called on Catholics to fill the jars every day, and to be open to Christ's miraculous power to transform whatever is put in them.

"We cannot perform a miracle, but we can do our part. We can fill the jars," he said. "With faith and humility, we recognize the lordship of Jesus and our responsibility as believers, and watch as the water becomes wine." †

## Lenten penance services are scheduled at archdiocesan parishes

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following list of services was reported to *The Criterion*.

### Batesville Deanery

- April 7, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. for All Saints, Dearborn County, at St. Martin Campus, Yorkville
- April 12, 7 p.m. at St. Peter, Franklin County

### Bloomington Deanery

- April 5, 6:30 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle, Spencer
- April 6, 6 p.m. at St. John the Apostle, Bloomington
- April 12, 4-9 p.m. confession for St. Charles Borromeo, Bloomington, and St. Paul Catholic Center, Bloomington, at St. Paul Catholic Center

### Connersville Deanery

- April 4, 6 p.m. confession for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at St. Mary Church, Richmond, after 5:15 p.m. Mass

### Indianapolis East Deanery

- March 31, 6-8 p.m. confession at St. Michael, Greenfield
- April 1, 10 a.m.-noon confession at St. Michael, Greenfield
- April 6, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, Fortville

### Indianapolis South Deanery

- April 4, 7 p.m. for St. Barnabas, St. Mark the Evangelist and St. Roch, at St. Barnabas
- April 10, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

### Indianapolis West Deanery

- April 4, 7 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield
- April 5, 7 p.m. for St. Anthony and St. Christopher, at St. Christopher
- April 7, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More, Mooresville

### New Albany Deanery

- April 6, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Albany ("12 Hours of Grace")
- April 9, 1 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight

The following additional confession times are part of the New Albany Deanery's "The Light is on for You:"

- 6-7 p.m. each Tuesday in Lent at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville
- 5:45-7:30 p.m. with adoration each Wednesday in Lent at St. Michael, Charlestown
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent for St. John Paul II, Clark County at St. Paul Church, Sellersburg

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, Floyd County
- 7-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent at Holy Family, New Albany
- 5:45-7:30 p.m. with adoration each Thursday in Lent at St. Francis Xavier, Henryville
- 4-6 p.m. each Friday in Lent at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville
- 8-10 a.m. each Saturday in Lent at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jeffersonville

### Tell City Deanery

- April 2, 2 p.m. at St. Paul, Tell City
- April 7, 8:30 a.m. confessions and adoration at St. Michael, Cannelton

### Terre Haute Deanery

- April 3, 7 p.m. for St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods; Sacred Heart of Jesus; St. Benedict; St. Patrick; St. Joseph University; and St. Margaret Mary, all in Terre Haute, at St. Joseph University
- April 10, 7 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle, Greencastle
- April 11, 7 p.m. at Annunciation, Brazil †

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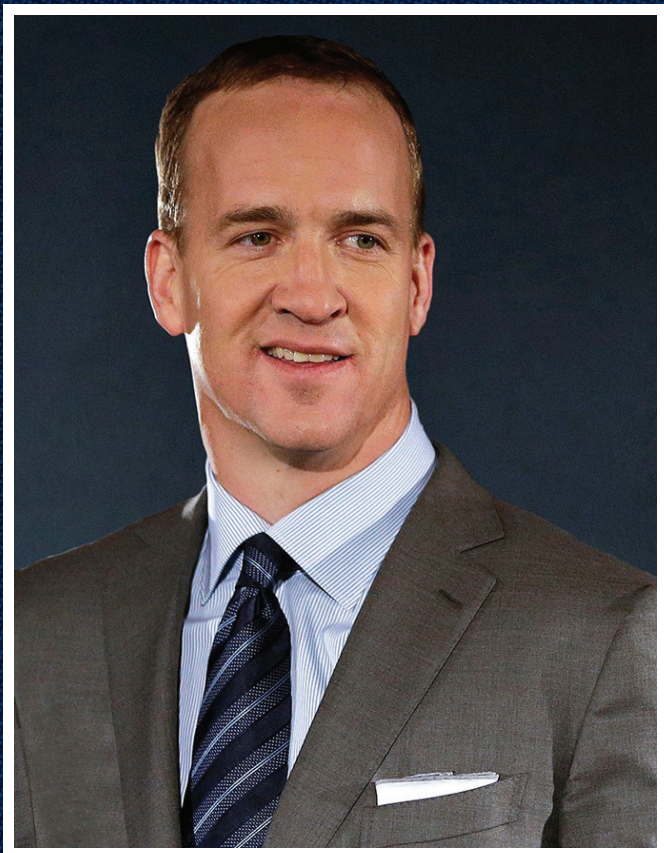
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