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PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: 'CHARITY IN TRUTH'

Pope addresses economic crisis, development

New encyclical says moral values needed in confronting global hunger and poverty

By CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

Ethical values are needed to overcome the current global economic crisis as well as to eradicate hunger and promote the real development of all the world's peoples, Pope Benedict XVI said in his new encyclical.

The document, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth") was released at the Vatican July 7.

The truth that God is the creator of human life, that every life is sacred, that the earth was given to humanity to use and protect and that God has a plan for each per-

Other stories on Pope Benedict XVI's new encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), are on pages 11, 12 and 13. son must be respected in development programs and in economic recovery efforts if they are to have real and lasting benefits, the pope said.

Charity, or love, is not an option for Christians, he said, and "practicing charity in truth helps people understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful, but essential for building a good society and for true integral development."

In addressing the global economic crisis and the enduring poverty of the world's poorest countries, he said, "the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity."

The global dimension of the financial crisis is an expression of the moral failure of greedy financiers and



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Practicing charity helps people understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is "not merely useful but essential for building a good society and for true integral development," Pope Benedict XVI says in his new encyclical, "Charity in Truth," that was released this week.

investors, of the lack of oversight by national governments and of a lack of understanding that the global economy required internationally recognized global control, Pope Benedict said.

"In the face of the unrelenting growth of global interdependence, there is a strongly felt need, even in the midst of a global recession, for a reform of the United Nations organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth," the pope wrote.

"To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and to regulate migration: for all this, there is urgent need of a true world political authority," he said.

Pope Benedict insisted that the idea of the world's richest nations scaling back development aid while focusing on their own economic recovery overlooked the long-term economic benefits of solidarity and not simply

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Deacon vows that Augustine Hall will rise from the ashes

Deacon McKenzie hopes to reopen the shelter for men that was damaged by fire in 2007

By GLENN RUTHERFORD Record Assistant Editor

Sometimes a sense of mission and commitment is easily realized and brought to reality.

Other times making a reality of your calling takes not only time but also perseverance, persistence and perspiration.

Deacon Keith L. McKenzie has over the past few years put hours of sweat-equity into building a recovery center for men fighting alcohol and drug dependence. Along with his wife, Catherine, and with the help of

other deacons and volunteers, the center at the corner of Preston and Hill streets was opened in the spring of 2007.

Just a few months later
— on the night of April 14,
2007 — a fire, possibly
started by faulty wiring,
brought Deacon McKenzie's
dream to a halt. A momentary halt, as it turns out.

Parts of the building were so heavily damaged by the blaze that they had to be demolished, and much of the interior was blackened and ruined by smoke, too. That also had to go.



Photo Special to The Reco

Deacon Keith McKenzie and Wanda Puga, wife of Deacon Aurelio Puga, worked to repair the interior of Augustine Hall, a shelter for men with alcohol and drug dependency problems. The shelter was damaged by fire in 2007 and Deacon McKenzie has been struggling to get it reopened since then.

What's left is a two-story building with a newlyrepainted exterior and, thanks to help provided by about 14 deacons on June 27, the interior framing for three of what eventually will be five rooms in the new Augustine Hall, the name Deacon McKenzie chose for the shelter more than two years ago.

Last July, Deacon Mc-Kenzie, though daunted by See AUGUSTINE, Page 9

Astronomer will discuss Galileo's work

Christopher Graney, a member at St. Joseph

Church, will present a paper at Notre Dame

By GLENN RUTHERFORD
Record Assistant Editor

Gaze into the night sky on an allegedly clear evening above Louisville and chances are you'll see not very much.

Oh, you'll find a twinkling orb here and there, perhaps a bright planet or two in the western sky. But on many nights looking to the heavens can be problematic. The lights of the city and the summertime pollution of the Ohio Valley conspire to make star-gazing in this part of the country a sometimes perplexing enterprise.

So it might come as a surprise to learn that there

are astronomers right here in the heart of the haze doing both visual observa-

tions and research.
In fact, one of them,
Christopher Graney, a member of St. Joseph Church
in Butchertown, will be
presenting a paper on some
of his work this Saturday,
July 11, at the University
of Notre Dame.

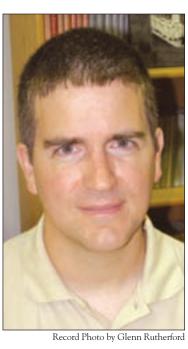
Graney teaches astronomy and physics at Jefferson Community and Technical College, where he's worked since 1990. His presentation is called "The Universe of Stars as Revealed to Galileo by Sensory Experience with the Telescope," and it will be presented to the Ninth Biennial History of Astronomy Workshop at Notre Dame. The meeting of astronomers and physicists will be held July 8 through 12, and this year's gathering will mark the first time

Graney has addressed the

group. Most people — even people who've never looked into the proper end of a telescope — have heard of Galileo, whose observations of planets and the sun led him into conflict with the Catholic Church in the early 17th century. More than 300 years later, the church decided that Galileo had really done nothing wrong in recognizing that the planets rotate around the sun rather than the other way around as the church had so long ago held.

What Graney, 42, has

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Christopher Graney, an as-

christopher Graney, an astronomy and physics instructor at Jefferson Community and Technical College, is a member of St. Joseph Church in Butchertown.

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Don Parkinson, board chairman of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation, gave food to residents of Louisville's West End on June 19. Free screenings for diabetes also were provided at the event, which was aimed at raising awareness of the disease.

Free food, screenings for diabetes provided to West End residents

Event was intended to raise awareness of diabetes

Louisville Metro area residents received free diabetes screenings and Dare to Care's free produce at the Jewish Hospital Diabetes Center in west Louisville on June 19.

Dr. A. O'tayo Lalude, a primary care physician and nationally recognized expert in diabetes care, and manager Michelle Eckhart, a registered nurse, provided the screenings. Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation board members vol-

unteered to help with the distribution of fresh produce.

The primary goal of this event was to heighten awareness about diabetes, as well as to discuss ways to prevent it. Eating healthy is one fundamental key to the prevention of diabetes.

Since July 1, 2008, the Jewish Hospital Diabetes Center has had nearly 6,500 patient visits, with about 2,900 of those diagnosing or treating diabetes. Currently, the Diabetes Center is experiencing a four percent increase per month of individuals being diagnosed with the disease.

The Diabetes Center partnered with Dare to Care in the fall of 2008, providing support

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to their Backpack Buddy program, food distributions and the Kids' Café. Dare to Care has helped more than 100,000 needy individuals per year in and around the Greater Louisville area.

Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare (JHSNH) is vital to the health of Kentuckiana. The organization's 8,100 health care "heroes" touch the lives of more than 1 million patients and provide charity care and community benefits in excess of \$52

million each year. The organization funds lifesaving research and high-tech medical care, often pioneering services that are state and national firsts.

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JHSMH cares for people in their own neighborhoods through its community hospitals, outpatient centers, mobile occupational health clinics and physician offices. In turn, individuals, corporations and charitable foundations have helped to sustain this medical mission through gifts to the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Foundation.

This support bridges the gap between the available resources and what is needed to achieve excellence in meeting patients' needs. The foundation focuses on these core areas: enhancing patient care, educating health caregivers, funding leadingedge medical research and improving access to quality health care.

Single-incision procedure for the removal of gallbladder provides quick recovery time

Surgery performed on 19-year-old girl at Jewish Hospital

Making surgery less invasive has moved another step forward with the single-incision laparoscopic (SILS) cholecystectomy (gallbladder) proce-

As seen on this season's final episode of "Grey's Anatomy" on TV, the non-invasive procedure was performed by University of Louisville professor of surgery Dr. Joseph Buell at Jewish Hospital on May 8.

A 19-year-old patient, Emily Ostrowski, was the first to undergo the one-hour SILS technique, with her gallbladder removed through her umbilicus (navel). The new technique offers cosmetic advantages while still maintaining the benefits of laparoscopic surgery.

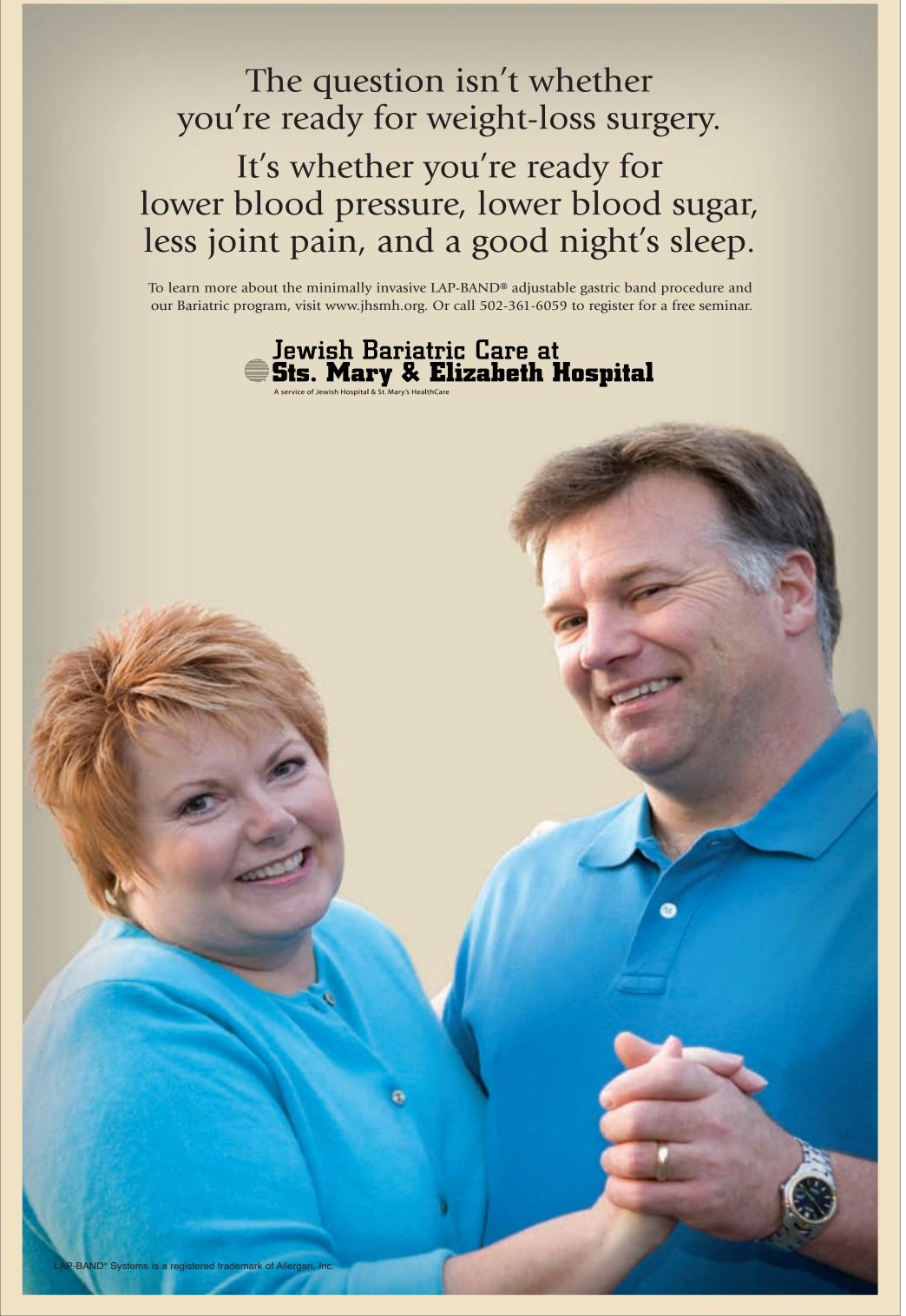
"The single-incision surgery is a safe and effective way for the removal of the gallbladder, and we plan to use this for more advanced surgeries as well, such as liver, pancreas and kidney surgeries," said Buell.

"With Ms. Ostrowski's proce-

"With Ms. Ostrowski's procedure, we were even able to keep her belly ring intact, and once the navel is healed, she will have an almost invisible scar," Ostrowski said. "Non-invasive procedures provide less risk to the patient, less scarring, less pain, less blood loss and less recovery time."

In a traditional laparoscopic cholecystectomy, incisions are made in the abdomen with one on the rim of the navel, one beneath the navel and two beneath the navel and to the right side. The laparoscope and surgical instruments are passed into the interior of the abdoment to aid the surgeon in removal of the gallbladder. A patient would expect to be off work for about two weeks.

In the single-incision laparoscopic surgical procedure, the laparoscope and all of the instruments are inserted through one incision in the navel that is two centimeters in size. The procedure, which takes about 35 minutes, is performed on an outpatient basis, and patients can return to work later that same week.





Pope calls for a new way of doing business

By CHAZ MUTH Catholic News Service

Today's international economic model requires a new way of understanding business enterprise, Pope Benedict XVI said in his new encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth").

When business leaders make themselves exclusively answerable to their investors, they limit their enterprise's social value and often sacrifice longterm sustainability for shortterm profits, the pope said.

He also wrote that outsourcing labor to other parts of the globe should be limited in nature and only done when it is advantageous to the economic welfare of all involved.

"Labor and technical knowledge are a universal good," the pope said in the encyclical released July 7. "Yet it is not right to export these things merely for the sake of obtaining advantageous conditions, or worse, for purposes of exploitation, without making a real contribution to local society by helping to bring about a robust productive and social system, an essential

Pope Benedict XVI's third encyclical says business leaders can't only answer to investors

factor for stable development."

Pope Benedict called for renewed structures and operating methods to be designed — after failed techniques wreaked havoc on the international economy with financial models geared toward improved wealth creation and development. "Right intention,

parency and the search for posi-

tive results are mutually com-

patible and must never be detached from one another," he said. the capacity to produce goods, Pope Benedict said. "Financiers must rediscover the genuinely ethical foundation of their activity," he said, "so as not to abuse the sophisticated

betray the interests of savers." Pope Benedict also addressed labor unions.

instruments which can serve to

He called on unions to look beyond their membership when protecting the rights of workers

and turn their attention to workers in other fields and in developing countries where social rights are violated.

"The protection of these workers, partly achieved through appropriate initiatives aimed at their countries of origin, will enable trade unions to demonstrate the authentic ethical and cultural motivations that made it possible for them, in a different social and labor context, to play a decisive role in development," he said in the encyclical.

Since the church's traditional teaching makes a valid distinction between the roles of trade unions and politics, it is correct for unions to identify civil society as the proper setting for their activity of defending and promoting labor, especially among exploited and unrepresented workers often overlooked by the general public, the pope said.

In the current global market,

some businesses in rich countries have outsourced jobs to poor countries where the work force wages are low, and in the process have exploited workers in that country while driving down prices in their own nations, the pope said. "These processes have led to

a downsizing of social security systems as the price to be paid for seeking greater competitive advantage in the global market, with consequent grave danger for the rights of workers, for fundamental human rights and for the solidarity associated with the traditional forms of the social state," he said. The pope said unions often

face obstacles in trying to represent workers, "partly because governments, for reasons of economic utility, often limit the freedom or the negotiating capacity of labor unions." He said that, even more today than in the past, there was an urgent need for new forms of cooperation at the international and local levels for the promotion of associations that can defend workers' rights.

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International body with 'real teeth' urged but wants internationally recog-

By CINDY WOODEN Catholic News Service

Pope Benedict XVI's call for an international authority with "real teeth" to guide the global economy could be realized with the creation of a U.N. "socio-economic security council" to stand alongside the current Security Council dedicated to peacekeeping, said an economist who advises the Vatican.

Stefano Zamagni, a professor of economic policies at the University of Bologna, Italy, and a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, spoke July 7 at the Vatican press conference held to present Pope Benedict's encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in

Pope Benedict wrote that the current financial crisis demonstrated just how little control Economist says U.N. could create a new economic council

national governments have over the process of globalization and the interdependence of the world's economy. He called for the reform of the United Nations, as well as of international bodies involved in economics

Zamagni said the fact that the pope spoke about the need to include a wide range of voices in decision-making and to uphold the principle of subsidiarity that decisions on local matters should be made at the local level — made it clear that he is not proposing "a kind of superstate,"

nized institutions to have the power to intervene when lives are at stake.

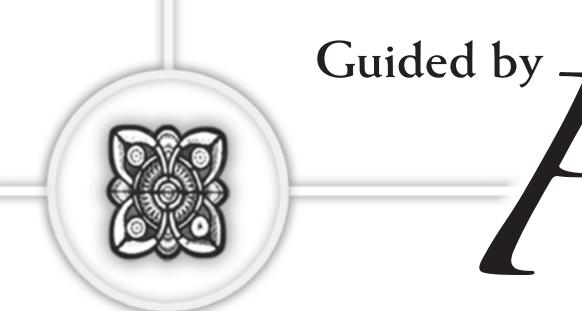
The United Nations, he said, has "a security council for military affairs. Why don't we have one for socio-economic affairs? If we did, the crisis of 2007-2008, which saw the price of grains triple despite an increased supply," might have been resolved more quickly.

The increase in grain prices triggered food emergencies throughout the world's poorer countries and has been identified as one of the first signs of what became the global financial

Giampaolo Archbishop Crepaldi, who served as secretary of the justice and peace council until July 4, said the Vatican did not have a concrete plan to propose for the reorganization, and it was not the Vatican's place to design a new system. It simply was encouraging U.N. member states to get serious about reforming the institution, he said.

Cardinal Renato Martino, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the former Vatican observer at the United Nations, said every pope since Pope John XXIII had called for a reform of the United Nations to make it more efficient and more effective.

Cardinal Martino said that "Caritas in Veritate" marked a further step in the church's recognition of its obligation to promote the salvation and wellbeing of all people and its efforts to "guarantee Christianity has the 'right of citizenship' in building human society.'





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Environmental resources ought to be shared equitably, pope says

By achieving greater energy efficiency, using alternate forms of energy, and cutting fossil fuel use, industrialized countries should be able to free up enough energy resources for poorer nations to use toward development, he said. There is enough room on this

earth for everyone, the pope said, including for future generations to live with dignity, but that cannot come about with reckless exploitation. The earth's natural resources must be managed and used wisely and equitably for authentic human development for today and future generations, he said.

Individuals living in cultures that are "prone to hedonism and consumerism" must change their mentality and adopt new lifestyles, the pope said, so that "the quest for truth, beauty, goodness and communion with others for the sake of common growth are the factors which determine consumer choices, savings and investments."

the decisive factor in protecting the environment "is the overall moral tenor of society."

If society does not respect human life from its conception to its natural end, "if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology," he said.

A society will have great difficulty in promoting the environment when its very own laws, policies and educational systems do not even respect and protect its own members, he said. The environment, life, sexu-

ality, marriage and social relations are inextricably united, he said, noting "the book of nature is one and indivisible." People have the duty to safe-

guard all of creation — human life and the natural world and "it would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while Most importantly, he said, trampling the others," he said.

Pope: the call to love others requires participation in the political process

By CINDY WOODEN

Catholic News Service The Christian call to love one another and to work for justice requires the active participation in the political process, Pope Benedict XVI said in his new encyclical.

"To desire the common good and strive toward it is a requirement of justice and charity," the pope said in his encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth").

The encyclical, published July 7, said God's love for all his creatures must be mirrored in the way they love and care for one another, engaging in acts of charity and solidarity with respect for the truth that every human life is sacred and that humanity forms one family.

"To love someone is to desire

the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good.' Promoting the common good requires that individuals get in-

that person's good and to take

effective steps to secure it," the

pope said. "Besides the good of

its civic and political life and its culture, he said. "This is the institutional path — we might also call it the political path — of charity, no less excellent and effective than the

the neighbor directly," he said.

promote the common good and helps ensure full respect for their dignity as individuals whom God created and for whom he has a plan. Religions have a vast influence over the attitudes and behaviors of their members and

Charity or love for others,

the pope said, gives a special

quality to political efforts to

volved in the institutions that structure society and its laws, can mobilize people quickly to respond to emergency needs, so if faith is pushed out of the public sphere society loses a valuable partner for promoting the common good, Pope Benedict kind of charity which encounters

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Commentators note focus on globalization putting one's wealth at the service of poor

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRYAN Catholic News Service

Pope Benedict XVI's new encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), breaks new ground on such topics as microfinancing, intellectual property rights, globalization and the concept of putting one's wealth at the service of the poor, according to Catholic scholars and church leaders. In interviews with Catholic

News Service and in statements about the encyclical released July 7, commentators said the more than 30,000-word document takes on a variety of issues not previously addressed in such a comprehensive way. "I was surprised ... at how

wide-ranging it is," said Kirk Hanson, a business ethics professor at Santa Clara University in California and executive director of the Jesuit-run university's Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. "It's not just an updating of 'Populorum Progressio' " ("The Progress of Peoples"), the 1967 social encyclical by Pope Paul VI, he added.

Hanson said he also was struck by Pope Benedict's concept of "gratuitousness" or "giftedness," which reminds people "not to consider wealth ours alone" and asks the wealthy to "be ready to put (their money) in service for the good of others."

The encyclical is "a plea for the wealthiest on the planet to

put their wealth toward the development of peoples," he said. "In many ways, (Microsoft founder and philanthropist) Bill Gates would be the poster child for this document." The Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation has donated billions of dollars for health and development programs worldwide, as well as for education and housing programs in the United States. Terrence W. Tilley, who

chairs the theology department at Jesuit-run Fordham University in New York and is immediate past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, said one unique aspect of the encyclical is Pope Benedict's "vision that all flows from the love of God." "It's unusual as a theological

reflection on social justice," he said. "But that's what holds it all together." Tilley said the encyclical

makes a "pedagogical attempt to get people out of the mindset that charity is just giving money to those poor people over there." The pope rejects such a "dismissive attitude," he said. Bishop Michael P. Driscoll of

Boise, Idaho, said that aspect of the encyclical will be particularly helpful in these "difficult times for the poor in Idaho or anywhere around the world."

"The Holy Father, who has seen the terrible toll these



Encyclical viewed as breaking new ground on social issues

Catholic high school student Katie Schuljak served breakfast to the homeless at Iron Gate ministries in Tulsa, Okla., in June. In his latest encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Benedict XVI said practice of charity is an obligation for Christians. times have taken, has given us "In particular, it will give us

a new vision on which to build a just economy, where all can thrive, not merely the rich and powerful," he said. "We cannot achieve true prosperity unless it is built upon a foundation of justice and care for all, including the poor." In a different part of the

country, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit said people in southeast Michigan "are living through profound changes in the social and economic fabric of our community." "All of us citizens, and espe-

cially our leaders, need to make wise and farsighted decisions in order to lay the foundation for the better future we want to hand on to succeeding generations," he said. "The Holy Father's new encyclical, as the latest application of the church's social teaching, offers an important resource for us in the great project we are engaged in.

guidance, 'signposts' as it were, about how to build a society that is grounded in the foundational truths about the human person, wisdom for a future that advances the true dignity and real progress of every individual," Archbishop Vigneron added. Archbishop Donald W.

Wuerl of Washington said the encyclical is "very welcome and particularly timely as our political and economic leaders struggle to address the devastating global economic crisis." The document also notes that

"responsibility does not stop at a nation's borders nor does it fall solely to political leaders," the archbishop said. "Universal human truths about human dignity transcend geographic, economic and political boundaries." Cardinal Francis E. George

of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops, said the encyclical provides helpful guidance for finding answers to the social, economic and moral questions of the contemporary world in a search for truth. The document offers sound

reflections on the vocation of human development as well as on the moral principles on which a global economy must be based, he added. "This encyclical offers a pow-

erful warning to the modern world — especially the West," said Steve Schneck, director of the Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic University of America in Washington. "It speaks to the dangers of commerce, popular culture and technology unhinged from a vision for the common good informed by charity." Vincent Miller, associate pro-

fessor of theology at Georgetown University in Washington, said Pope Benedict "rejects the dominant vision of economics as abstract, technological efficiency" and "calls for a revisioning of economics as an essentially moral undertaking." "His complex thought does

not fit easily into our political map, but there is no doubt that Benedict is much more critical of contemporary economics than any political party in our country," added Miller, who was recently named to the Gudorf chair in Catholic theology and culture at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Andrew Abela, an associate professor of marketing who chairs the department of business and marketing at Catholic University, said the pope's main message is "that spiritual development is essential to development, and that 'even in the most difficult and complex times, besides recognizing what is happening, we must above

all else turn to God's love." "I hope this core message is not drowned out in the politicizing of this encyclical that will inevitably happen," he

Abela said he was "intrigued by the pope putting forward the example" of Economy of Communion, a project launched in 1991 by Focolare movement founder Chiara Lubich that brings together more than 700 companies worldwide committed to pursuing a "higher goal" than just profit.

"I think that the Economy of Communion has the potential to revolutionize the relationship between workers and employers in positive ways," he added. Officials of International Co-

operation for Development and Solidarity, an international alliance of Catholic development agencies known by the acronym CIDSE, hailed the encyclical as helpful to their work, saying that it might convince wealthier countries to "make up for broken promises" to the developing

"Political leadership in resolving the (global economic) crisis is lacking, and developing countries continue to suffer the direst consequences," said Bernd Nilles, secretary-general of the organization based in Brussels, Belgium. "It's time for true reform and solidarity in the fight against global poverty."



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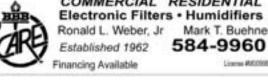
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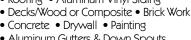
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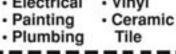
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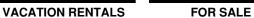
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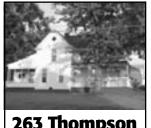
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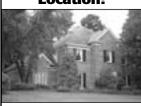
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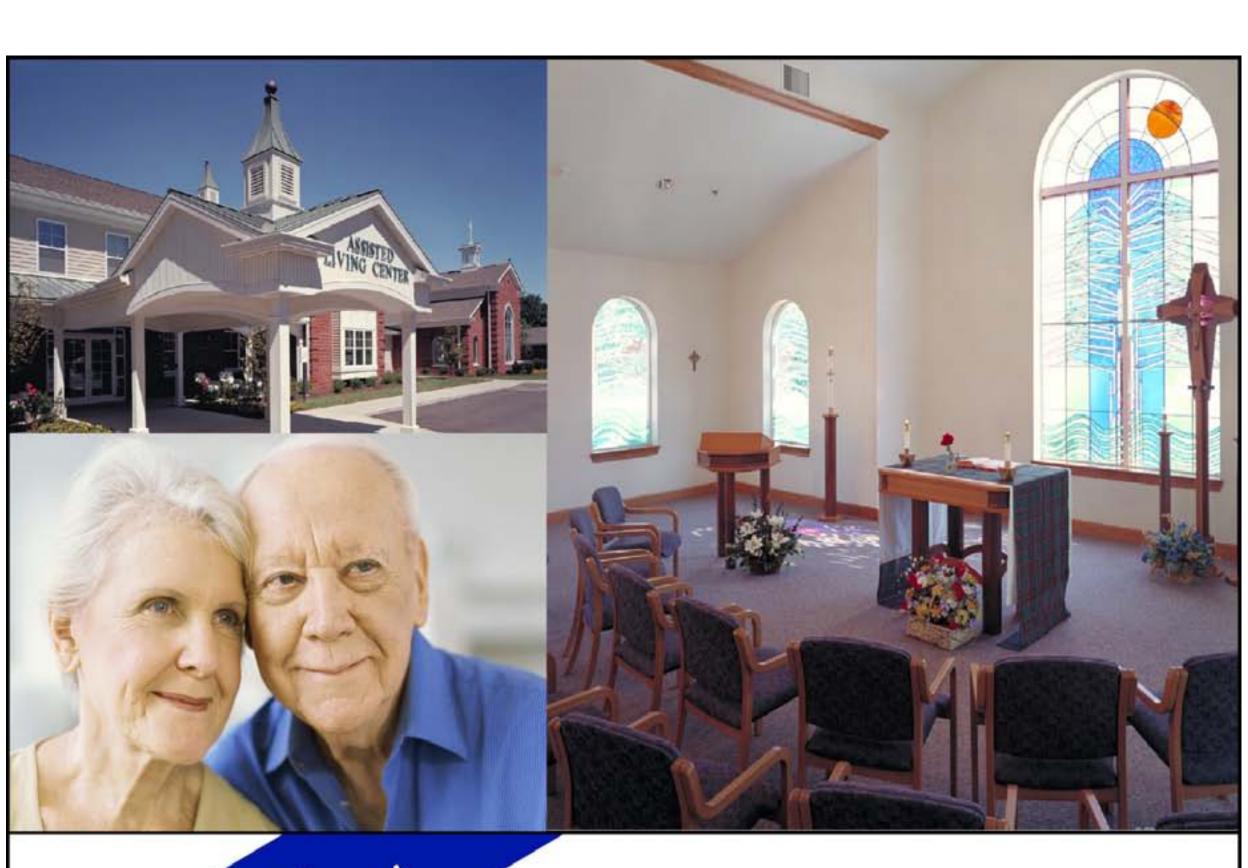
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The Perfect Ending

This is a short story about my father's sacred love with his three lifelong partners: God, my Mom, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church. This story was written on June 14, 2009, the day after my father's funeral service, as a personal witness statement to God's miraculous involvement in the life of an every day Christian, my father. Many are looking for signals from above; this is definitely one of those.

St. Anthony of Padua, the eighth oldest Catholic parish in Louisville, Kentucky opened in 1866 on 23rd and Market in the River City with the generous support of the Franciscans of the Order of the Friars to shepherd the poor German immigrants who had settled in Louisville's west end. My "Dutch German" family roots began right here in the parish more than 100 years ago and would end in the exact location: when my father's life work was complete and his days here ceased in earthly time, but spanned wide and endless in the heavenly realm.

From my earliest childhood memories, I remember beautiful masses at St. Anthony with close family and relatives by my side. I never really connected my family legacy to the beautiful church nor why we had to drive so far passing dozens of other churches along the way. As a young boy, I did not realize how this famed parish shaped my father's very being, even from the beginning.

My mother and father raised three children and added four grandchildren. As my Dad's career as a union bricklayer progressed into leadership roles in labor and apprenticeship training, cemented by his induction into the U.S. Apprenticeship Hall of Fame in 2006, he still made his long drive to weekly mass services for more than 50 years without interruption.

During the holiday season of 2001, Dad wrote out his obituary and final earthly plans. He obviously left the future dates blank as he listed out all relevant information including the location of the funeral: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, prevailing pay rates for pallbearers because everyone deserved a fair wage, and a note, or a post script actually that said: P.S. Celebrate and throw a party!!

Over the next few years, despite hundreds of other loyal Catholics, St. Anthony's parish struggled more and more each year; its future looked bleak. In a May circa 2007 edition of the Catholic Record, there was a cover story about how the archdiocese could no longer support this diverse parish. Even after two prior consolidations from the closings of St. Peter and Columba, St. Anthony was still not self-sufficient, so the archdiocese gave everyone proper notice: the parish would close on the next feast of St. Anthony, June 13th, 2009. In this front page story, my parents were a major contributing family

pilgrimage to the Holy Land after the miraculous healing of my son, Luke. The book was released by Xulon Press early in January 2009.

because of their dedicated 60+ years of commitment. Reading the article I felt a sense of pride, never thinking how this pending closing might jeopardize my father's final plans. During the past year, Dad had spent long hours helping me edit a Christian book I wrote (co-authored with D. H. Timmering) called "My God! Our God?" which was based on my spiritual

We were all proud and Dad had a great chapter in the book (Chapter 3, etc.) about how he impacted the faith of our family and imparted so much spiritual intrigue and theological knowledge to me; a knowing that I wanted to connect to the spirit of something in him that I couldn't yet see. Then it started to happen. I did not know why at the time, but it was the way God intended it to, all the way down to the smallest details. And I never saw it coming.

In March 2009, my father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which some say is the "Cross of Jesus." Back then, I was not connecting the looming church closing, the book's release and the initial symptoms of my Dad's shocking illness. All three looked like trains on separate tracks.

We researched, went to some of the best physicians in the world and tried every possible option, but the diagnosis was terminal and moving quickly. During this brutal fight, we had the usual highs and lows, from the approval for surgery combined with new clinical trials offered at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, to the devastating news that the cancer had spread too quickly beyond the pancreas, to the liver and kidneys. There would be no surgery and no ground-breaking clinical miracle.

With our book, "My God! Our God?" already selling well on Amazon.com, Dianne (co-author) and I had tried to schedule previous book signings in Louisville, Ky where Dianne lives and I of course have all my roots, but no dates in March, April or May ever materialized. The day that finally worked was June 11th at Bellarmine University, a top Catholic university where I studied over two decades ago. Dad promised if he was able, he would be there. The event began to capture good media support with over 150 RSVP's. We were excitedly nervous and only prayed Dad could rally and go, even if in a wheelchair.

Then we started to see God's plan: the Book Signing on Thursday, St. Anthony's closing on Saturday, Dad's 87-year old spiritual mentor, Father Cummings who just happened to be in town for the first time in decades to celebrate the parish's closing, the feast of St. Anthony's closing celebration, all within 48-hours of each other. And at the same time, Dad's illness raged.

The pain of the cancer made Dad's last few weeks very challenging. We started to alternate around the clock; love and comfort. He was moved to one of our nursing homes, Signature HealthCARE of East Louisville, where he received the best care possible as his suffering increased. In his remaining 24-hours, his condition worsened to an irreparable level. We held his hand, sponged his mouth and told him we were there and loved him with all of our hearts.

With my sister, Julie, brother, Ray, my precious Mom and I at his bedside, Elmer Joseph Steier Jr. took his last breath at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009. We looked at each other and at the clock on the wall, and then at the cross of emerald blue and silver thick in his enlarged hand, and it hit: he was no longer in this world but now another.

Then the miracle began as I suppose miracles do: with perfect speed. We might just have enough time to make his final dreams come true. First, with the book signing at 5:30 p.m., only three hours away, we knew we should continue with the event, however hard it might be to face a mass of kind but sorrowful moments with friends, family and colleagues who just didn't know what to say. Equally important, we rushed to call Father Pius at St. Anthony's about the funeral and he said it would not be easy, but possible if everything fell into place, i.e. if the visitation or viewing could be on Friday, the funeral service could be the following morning. We called the funeral home Dad requested, Ratterman's, to see if they could do their part so we could pull-off the next day visitation.

Truly, if Dad had passed even 45 minutes later, everything would not have happened the way God had planned it. Even Dad's obituary made it into the local paper, the Courier-Journal, only a minute before the deadline. Father Pius said with a one day visitation, we could achieve the perfect plan and have the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. on that special Saturday, as well as, the feast of St. Anthony. That would then close the parish after 140 years of service to the Louisville community.

With friends, family and colleagues everywhere, Dianne read from the podium Chapter 3 of My God? Our God? titled the Misplaced Thinker, which talked about Dad's amazing faith life. I stood at the front of the room with tears streaming down my face as Dianne read. Afterwards, with silks of rain beveling the windowed room, I asked everyone to hold hands and say a prayer for Dad's soul and his salvation. Wine flourished, toasts were made and books flew out of the boxes from Carmichael's, the local book store in Louisville. This was the great party Dad had requested back in 2001, and he was there!!

His one-day visitation would have shocked Dad to endless joy because of the lives impacted by wall to wall people and flowers covering the room. We played a DVD about his life and his marriage in the side room as the day slid by too quickly. Mom and I knew the next day, Saturday, would be our toughest.

We gathered early on that beautiful Saturday morning with family and our closest friends, and prayed together near his open casket, kissing Dad for the last time. Watching my two oldest children, Joseph and Jacqueline slip farewell notes into Dad's hand, bearing the cross, made me wonder if I could move from this square of earthly space into the next moment. I wept at the sound of their innocent thoughts on white paper which said: I will never forget you Grandpa, and I will see you some day.

I'm sure that closing the casket is always the hardest thing to do, as it was for me. The funeral procession headed across town from east to west and I could see the steeple of St. Anthony's miles before we arrived. Memories of childhood laughter and an image of Mom and Dad as an awkward boy and girl bashfully talking in a church hallway, offered me the deepest solace as we drove up to the St. Anthony entrance. This was where Dad's family began eight decades before, where his spiritual journey had started, and would end, and begin again. The service was better than the perfect script.

Father Cummings telling how a "little cute blonde" ruined his chance for recruiting my father to the priesthood over 60 years ago made us laugh; his best friend, Jim Bennett from Kansas City, gave the first reading in Revelation making us certain of hope; Joseph, Dad's grandson and Dianne read the petitions, offering us prayers of peace, steadiness and legacy; Dad's restored daughter, my sister, delivered the second reading with clarity and confidence giving our family joy in her restoration; and both grandchildren and his wife delivered the offertory gifts in reverence and a knowing that all would be well.

When I walked to the podium to give his eulogy, I looked into the large crowd and delivered a speech called the "Perfect Spiritual Journey" with lessons from a father. He taught us everything he knew and everything he could and we all finally understood God's will. In the end, there was nothing left for him to do. His kids were well and restored, his life was accomplished and full, his grandchildren believed he was king, his wife knew it was a once in a lifetime love story, and he was in all of us.

His life's work was complete. The parish doors would close on that same day, serving the community since 1866, helping poor immigrants find their Christian way. Its mission was complete as well. The elaborate church fixtures and Dad's casket were just physical symbols of what had come to be, what would pass and what would come again.

I know no one wants to die and my father did not want to either, but in the end, his plans and God's were in unison. The 48-hours had divine intervention embedded in everything that had happened, which no human could recreate. Now I had witnessed my third miracle after my son's healing which was the start of our successful book project, my sister's Christian conversion who took the best care of Dad just like he had dreamed of decades ago, and now my father's body being the last to leave St. Anthony's on the final closing day and on the feast of his favorite saint.

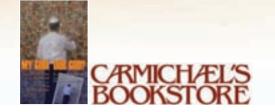
Did God know this plan in Dad's second grade class? Dad always thought his life was too blessed not to come home again where he first found the power of the Holy Trinity. It was a day that I have feared for almost two decades which now gives me hope. Despite the painful loss of my best friend, my father always taught me that God is in all details, and he was right. He was all over this one!!

I will miss my father more than I can explain because perfect love makes the time here harder when it ends for the ones still remaining, but I wanted to share this personal story with you because we all need signs. I do not know why we still need them, but we do, at least I do. This divine intervention made a "pending cross" that both my Father and I dreaded to carry, but instead of carrying it now, like the great biblical quote from St. Matthew says, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Thank God this is the truth.

This is my personal witness statement written on June 14, 2009.

Written by: Joe Steier and Dianne H. Timmering

The Steier Family would like to thank Bellarmine University and Carmichael's for helping make the book signing a huge success. Also, they would like to thank St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church for making the magical day a reality and most importantly Signature HealthCARE of East Louisville for the endless compassionate and loving care given to their Father.











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Sister Brendan Conlon is honored for transportation work in W. Va.

Help Inc. has received an award for her work in establishing community transportation for needy people in Mingo County, W. Va.

She received the Community Transportation Association of

Louisville Ursuline Sister Brendan Conlon of Christian

America's 2009 Dr. William and Budd Bell Award on June 3 in Providence, R.I.

In presenting the award, Moses Stites of Community Trans-

In presenting the award, Moses Stites of Community Transportation Association of America's board of directors cited Sister Conlon's work in "providing assistance to seniors and low-income residents of Mingo County in the heart of the coal country," according to a news release. "In an area known for its remoteness and poverty, Christian Help provides connectivity to folks who are isolated, with little support," he added.

In the news release, Sister Conlon said in accepting the

award: "Our folks at Christian Help were telling me how hard it was for them to get to the doctor's (office) and how much of their income — more than half — some of them had to pay to get people to take them there. Some of them just didn't go."

Sister Coplon said Christian Help has "done what we could

Sister Conlon said Christian Help has "done what we could on our own for nine years" to provide the transportation, and now some support is received from the state of West Virginia.

St. Vincent de Paul Society needs work clothes, personal care items

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which has been serving the poor and homeless in Louisville for 156 years, is in need of donations of personal care items and work clothes for its clients.

Especially needed are deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shoes and socks. And the society's Clothes Closet needs male work clothing, especially in tall and large men's sizes. Needed in particular are black pants, white button-down dress shirts, shoes and belts.

Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul offices, 1015-C South Preston St., in the Smoketown/Shelby Park neighborhood. For additional information, call 584-2480 or visit the society's Web site at www.svdplou.org.

Trinity to screen film July 24-25

"The Human Experience," a film about brothers searching for the meaning of life, will be shown in Trinity High School's auditorium, 4011 Shelbyville Road, July 24 at 7 p.m. and July 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The film follows brothers who, on a journey to discover the meaning of life, find joy and hope among homeless people in New York City, orphaned and disabled children in Peru and lepers in Ghana.

One of the main characters and a co-producer will attend the showings and will be available for discussion. Grassroots Films, which produced the U.S. bishops' film "Fishers of Men," created the film.

The July 24 screening is sold out, but some tickets are available for the July 25 showings. For more information or to buy tickets, call Mark Gehl at 502-638-0734 or visit www.holyfamilyradio.org/human.

Six Sisters of Loretto are elected to order's Executive Committee

Six Sisters of Loretto, including two who serve at the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky., have been elected to the Executive Committee to work with the religious community's president, Sister Catherine Mueller.

Those elected to the committee at a delegate assembly June 24-29 in St. Louis are:

■ Sister Donna Day, who is completing a three-year term

as vice president of the Sisters of Loretto.

■ Sister Mary E. (Buffy) Boesen, president of Loretto Acad-

emy in El Paso, Texas.

Sister Elizabeth Croom, who serves as assistant in Lo-

retto Finance Office in Nerinx.

Sister Pearl McGivney, who is co-director of Farm Worker

Ministry Inc. in Auburndale, Fla.

■ Sister Vicki Schwartz, who is director of development for the Huckleberry Youth Programs in Richmond, Calif.

■ Sister Maria Visse, who is service coordinator for the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx.

The new Executive Committee members will serve a threeyear term beginning in January 2010. The committee serves the community's president both as an advisory and a decisionmaking group.

Sister Barbara Ann Giddings, 83, dies

Sister of Charity of Nazareth Barbara Ann Giddings died July 4 at Nazareth Home in Louisville. She was 83 and had been an SCN for 66 years.

Sister Giddings, a native of Memphis, Tenn., served in the apostolate of elementary education in Kentucky and Maryland. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, she taught at Bethlehem Academy, Bardstown, Ky., from April 1944 to August 1945. She also served as sacristan at Our Lady of Peace Hospital from 1955-83.

Survivors include two sisters, Marie L. Dix of Cordova, Tenn., and Ella Mae Maynard of Memphis, Tenn., and a niece and nephew.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 7 at Nazareth Home. Burial was in Nazareth Cemetery, Nazareth, Ky.

Father Anthony Howard, retired pastor, dies at 97

Whitesville native was oldest priest of Louisville archdiocese

Father Anthony Howard — the oldest priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville — died July 2 at Sacred Heart Village in Louisville, where he had been living.

He was 97 and was a priest

for 72 years. He had been retired for 30 years.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today, July 9, at St. Thomas More Church, 6015 S. Third St

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Whitesville, Ky., Father Howard's hometown. He was born in Whitesville Aug. 14, 1911. Father Howard attended ele-

mentary and secondary school in Whitesville before enrolling St. Meinard college and seminary, at St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1937 — more than six months before Louisville became an archdiocese on Dec. 10, 1937.



Father Anthony Howard

Following ordination, Father Howard served as associate pastor at St. Columba and Christ the King churches in Louisville. He also served at the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Motherhouse in Nazareth, Ky.

He was pastor of three churches in the archdiocese: St. Ambrose in Cecilia, Ky., from 1945-1966; St. Vincent de Paul Church, New Hope, Ky., from 1966-1972; and Holy Name of Mary Church, Calvary, Ky., from 1972-1979. He also was chaplain at Sacred Heart Home and was chaplain for the Sisters of Mercy.

Survivors include two sisters, Anges Cecelia Howard and Paulette Petkus, both of Louisville, and several nieces and nephews.

Poll shows 'religion gap' between old and young

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN Catholic News Service

There is a growing "religion gap" between older Americans and those under 30, according to a new Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends survey.

The study released June 29 found that one-fourth of Americans ages 18-29 said they were atheists, agnostics or had no religion, while only 7 percent of those 65 and over described themselves that way. Eighteen percent of those ages 30-49 and 13 percent of those 50-64 fell into the no religion/atheist/agnostic category.

Catholics made up 24 percent of the 65 and over group and the 30-49 group, 23 percent of those aged 50-64 and 20 percent of those between 18 and 29.

The 152-page study, called "Growing Old in America: Expectations vs. Reality," addressed a variety of issues related to aging. The margin of error was plus or minus 2.6 percentage points for the survey, which involved telephone interviews with 2,969 adult Americans between Feb. 23 and March 23 this year.

Because an estimated 5 percent of Americans older than 65 are in nursing homes and would not be reachable through normal telephone interviewing, Pew also interviewed more than 800 adults with parents 65 or older and included their responses in a separate section of the study.

The older the respondent, the more likely he or she was to say that religion was very important. Seventy percent of those 75 and older said religion was very important in their lives, while only 44 percent of the youngest group of adults said so.

Sixty-two percent of those between 65 and 74, 61 percent of Americans ages 50-64 and 54 percent of those 30-49 said religion was very important to

Pew also found differences in the importance of religion based on gender and race, especially for older Americans. Seventysix percent of women 65 and 53 percent of men in that age group said religion was very important to them.

Eighty-seven percent of black Americans older than 64 said religion was very important in their lives, compared to 63 percent of older white Americans.

The survey found similar differences by race and gender across all age groups. By 63 percent to 48 percent, women were more likely to say religion was very important to them. Blacks of all ages (80 percent) also were more likely than whites (50 percent) to say religion was very important in their lives.

Pew Research Center found widespread agreement when it asked participants in its survey whether they saw "a major difference in the point of view of younger people and older people today." About four-fifths of respondents — 79 percent across all age groups — said yes, with little difference among young, middle-age or older Americans.

In response to an open-ended question about the differences between generations, nearly half of those polled gave an answer that fell into the broad category of "values," while about a quarter said the generations differed in their general outlook on life.

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The Year of St. Paul, the church's commemoration of the 2,000th anniversary of his death, ended June 28 with a revelation of scientific findings about the Apostle and martyr.

Pope Benedict XVI announced at a prayer service in Rome concluding the anniversary year that tests conducted on the presumed tomb of St. Paul revealed the presence of bone fragments of a person who lived in the first and second century. "This seems to confirm the unanimous and uncontested tradition that they are the mortal remains of the Apostle Paul," he said.

While this bit of history uncovered may be of interest to many, including archeologists, the year dedicated to the Apostle was not about the past. It was about the present, about what the life and writings of St. Paul mean to believers today in living their Catholic faith.

Pope Benedict said that the 2008-09 Year of St. Paul was an opportunity for Christians to rediscover his writings, which "exhort us to preach the word in every age and be irreproachable in healthy doctrine." The year was about living in our time and culture those things in the Apostle's scriptural writings about personal conversion and renewal and sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

For example, Paul writes in chapter 12 of his Letter to the Romans: "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God's will, what is good, pleasing and perfect."

In chapter 5 of the Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul says: "The old order has passed away; now all is new. All this has been done by God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

God "has entrusted the message of reconciliation to us," Paul adds. "This makes us ambassadors for Christ."

Pope Benedict called attention to these scriptural passages in his homily at the June 28 prayer service at Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. He said Paul's call is for individuals to be transformed, a change that "exhorts us to non-conformism" with "the logic" of our world.

The pope said: "Paul tells us: the world cannot be renewed without new people. ... Only if we ourselves become new does the world become new. This also means that it is not enough to adapt to the current situation."

This renewal must go to our "very core," including our "way of thinking," behavior and attitude, Pope Benedict said. "It is necessary to learn to understand God's will, so that may shape our own will. This is in order that we ourselves may desire what God desires."

The pope added: "God must enter into the horizon of our thought: what he wants and the way in which he conceived of the world and of me. We must learn to share in this thinking and the will of Jesus Christ. It is then that we will be new people in whom a new world emerges."

The renewal that St. Paul emphasizes also involves what Pope Benedict described as attaining a "mature faith" or an "adult faith."

Paul writes in chapter 4 of his Letter to the Ephesians: "Let us profess the truth in love and grow to the full maturity of Christ the head. ... You must lay aside your former way of life and the old self" (and) "acquire a fresh, spiritual way of thinking. You must put on a new (person) created in God's image, whose justice and holiness are born of truth."

Pope Benedict commented: "Adult faith does not let itself be carried about here and there by any trend. It opposes the winds of fashion. ... It knows that the Spirit of God is expressed and manifested in communion with Jesus Christ.

"The power of faith, the power of God, is the truth. The truth about the world and about ourselves becomes visible when we look to God. And God makes himself visible to us in the face of Jesus Christ. In looking at Christ, we recognize something else: truth and love are inseparable."

At another event closing the Year of St. Paul, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, asked people at an ecumenical service in Jerusalem to emulate the Apostle as a model of conversion and hope.

Conversion is the "enduring duty" of every Christian's life, the cardinal said. This means "changing our criteria and parameters of discernment and judgment," he said, and conforming our behaviors and habits to Christ.

This also should remain an "enduring" lesson of the Pauline year.

By JOSEPH DUERR Record Editor



What's in the future for Detroit automakers?

FATHER WILLIAM J. BYRON, S.J.

My automotive memories go back to the days of running boards and rumble seats. I remember when gasoline was 25 cents a gallon or five for a dollar.

When I was about 15, I was in a car driven by an older friend who pulled into a gas station and told the attendant (there were no self-service pumps back then) that he wanted one gallon.

"Taking a trip?" asked the station hand.

That car was a Chevrolet. I can remember because when I was growing up there were only Chevrolets, Plymouths and Fords — but mostly Chevys in our middle-class neighborhood. You knew what kind of car every family owned (no family owned more than one), just as you knew what their religion was and whether they were Democrats or Republicans.

Brand loyalty was a big thing when it came to cars, almost as big as political affiliation in those days of the Great Depres-

Not every neighborhood had a gas station, and automobile dealerships were often in clusters a few miles apart. Ford was mostly alone, as I recall. Chrysler-Plymouth were typically paired, and sometimes Dodge got into that act.

General Motors moved its products through showrooms and car lots that never had the full line, but usually had more than one GM brand — except for Cadillac. The magazine ads were direct: "You deserve to own a Cadillac.

That translated into an exclusive display policy; the showroom floor was not to be cluttered with less-coveted, less-desirable and less-costly cars, and surely not to be visited by folks of ordinary means.

For the most part, people were purchasing basic transportation back in the '30s and '40s. With the rise of post-World War II affluence, some began to purchase prestige when they were, in fact, buying cars.

It is interesting to recall how John Kenneth Galbraith's 1958 book The Affluent Society explains the link between wealth and entitlement: "Broadly speaking, there are three basic benefits from wealth. First is the satisfaction in the power with which it endows the individual. Second is in the physical possession of the things which money can buy. Third is the dis-



tinction or esteem that accrues to the rich man as a result of his wealth." All those benefits coalesced in the "right" automobile.

In the '50s, automobile ownership began to fill up the empty center in many American psyches. You could see, but not hear, people saying, "I am what I drive — powerful, sleek, fast. I'm on the move and in the

Detroit is now literally down in the dumps. I can't predict how or when the U.S. auto industry will return to profitability. If the automakers listen to the people, and if the people are clear in expressing an effective demand for fuel-efficient, reliable, durable, American-built cars — if, in other words, they go more for substance than style

 then there is hope for Detroit. But if the Chevy logo and the Ford name read like polyester labels to the buying eye of the American consumer, a great industry will be gone forever, jobs and all.

A month ago, on the same journey that would take U.S. President Barack Obama to Egypt for an unprecedented speech to the people of the Middle East and then on to Normandy for the 65th anniversary of the D-Day invasion, he made another stop. The event did not get quite as much media coverage, but it was remarkable nonetheless.

Accompanied by German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Nobel Laureate and human rights advocate Elie Wiesel, President Obama visited Buchenwald, the site of the Nazi concentration camp where 56,000 died during the Holocaust. Among them was Elie Wiesel's own father.

"Memory must bring people together rather than set them apart," said Wiesel at the gathering. "What else can we do, except invoke that memory so that people everywhere can say the 21st century is a century of new beginnings filled with promise and infinite hope and, at times, profound gratitude to all those who believe in our task, which is to improve the human condi-

Along with the rest of his family, Wiesel, a Romanian Jew, was first sent to Auschwitz, where his mother and a sister died. He and his father were then shipped to Buchenwald. His father died not long before the camp was liberated by American forces. Wiesel still recalls that day and how the soldiers, stunned with disbelief at the hell on earth they had entered, wept with rage and sadness.

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"We received their tears as if they were heartrending offerings from a wounded and generous humanity," he wrote in Parade magazine.

"Ever since that encounter, I cannot repress my emotion before the flag and the uniform anything that represents American heroism in battle," he continued. "That is especially true on July Fourth. I reread the Declaration of Independence, a document sanctified by the passion of a nation's thirst for justice and sovereignty, forever admiring its moral content and majestic intonation. Opposition to oppression in all its forms, defense of all human liberties, celebration of what is right in social intercourse: All this and much more is in that text."

Wiesel, now an American citizen, is not blind to the mistakes made by the people and the government of the United States. Like most of us today, he recognizes the overwhelming evils of it.

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slavery and the ugliness of racism as well as the iniquities of prejudice and misused privilege that have led us along certain misguided paths during the course of our history. Yet, again like most of us, he has not forgotten the magnificent promise and unique hope of this nation.

The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happi-

In 1776 and in 1944, Americans not only believed that, but they put themselves on the line for those beliefs: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

Now it's 2009, and Independence Day is a good time to ask ourselves what we truly believe - and what we plan to do about

Pope urges G-8 leaders to help poor

By CINDY WOODEN Catholic News Service

Pope Benedict XVI asked leaders of the world's wealthiest countries to "listen to the voice of Africa" and poor countries during their summit in Italy.

The global economic crisis threatens not only to derail efforts to end extreme poverty in the world, but also could plunge other countries into ruin as well, the pope said in a July 4 letter to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, host of the Group of Eight summit.

The only way to find solutions that will match the global dimensions of the crisis and have long-term positive effects for all peoples is to "listen to the voice of Africa and the countries least-developed economically," the pope said in his letL'Aquila, Italy, is to bring together the heads of governments of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Italy also invited the leaders

of Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Africa, Egypt, Australia, Indonesia and South Korea to participate in some of the summit sessions. Wise discernment and new

ideas "to 'convert' the model of global development" are needed to address the economic crisis as well as "the worrying data regarding the phenomenon of climate change," Pope Benedict

He said his encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), which was released July 7, discusses the importance of "the values of human

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The G-8 summit July 8-10 in solidarity and of love in truth' in development programs and international cooperation.

In order to function, the technical solutions adopted by the G-8 must keep in mind certain ethical values because real people are involved and will be impacted, he said.

"One must keep in mind concrete human and familial needs. I am referring, for example, to the creation of jobs for everyone to allow working men and women to provide for the needs of their families in a dignified way and permit them to fulfill their primary responsibility to educate their children and to be active in the communities to which they belong," he said.

Pope Benedict also pleaded with the G-8 leaders not to cut their development aid to the world's poor as they struggle to rebuild their own economies.

The nature of kindness and generosity

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Blessed are the pure of heart. Matthew 5:8

I try consciously to be generous with my money, with my compliments and with my time. Though I try hard to do these things for the right reason (in gratitude to God for how I have been blessed), I know that sometimes I do them out of less-thannoble reasons (guilt, recognition and even the gratification that comes from "being good").

Even if my motives are not always perfect, I hope to continue to be as generous as I can and to be more resolved to try harder to check my motives, instead of withdrawing my generosity just because my motives are not always 100 percent pure.

I have found that the best way to check my "purity of heart" in these matters is to observe my reaction when I am not thanked, acknowledged or admired for my gestures of generosity. It is hard to keep on giving when there is no "thankyou" note, no plaque or no IRS report form to file.

My models in all this are the parents who are reading this. Most of them give and give and give, with very little gratitude from their children for their giving except for the mandatory Mother's Day or Father's Day card with its pre-packaged sentiments. Even then, poor Mom and Dad are more often than not willing to provide dinner that day for their brood as well as their grand-hatchlings.

Still others give and give and give, doing without those minimum gestures. A few are even left to rot in nursing homes by their ungrateful offspring. Shakespeare was right. "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

Kindness is having a hard time these days. Because we live in a culture that glorifies self-sufficiency as the highest good and neediness as the greatest shame, suspicion of kindness is on the rise and in many cases is not even expected. (Take, for example, yet another article in *The Courier*-Journal on how technology is trumping etiquette when "texting" others becomes more important than talking to a real person right in front of you or the safety of those in the cars

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Those who see society as interdependent human beings needing others to fulfill their humanity are losing to those who see society as a amalgam of self-seeking individuals.

The long quarrel between natural kindness and egoism has swung decisively in favor of egoism. The Christian idea of charity as a cultural cement binding individuals together has been displaced by competitive individualism.

Those who cynically dismiss acts of kindness and generosity, merely because of some "religious force-feeding," miss the point. We need to keep on being generous and kind, even as we purify our motives, because if we don't, we and those who follow us will be forced to live in even more drudgery, loneliness and fear while we pathetically seek to "connect" with somebody, anybody, on our expensive hand-held devices.



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President cites Chicago cardinal's influence

President Obama says late Cardinal Bernardin influenced his work as a community organizer

> By PATRICIA ZAPOR Catholic News Service

President Barack Obama told a round table of religion writers last week that he continues to be influenced by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, whom he came to know when the president was a community organizer in a project partially funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Obama said his encounters with the cardinal continue to influence him, particularly his "seamless garment" approach to a multitude of social justice issues. He also told the group of eight reporters to expect a conscience clause protection for health care workers currently under review by the administration that will be no less protective than what existed previously.

In addition to Catholic News Service, the round table included reporters and editors from other Catholic publications: National Catholic Reporter, America magazine, Catholic Digest, National Catholic Register, Commonweal magazine and Vatican Radio. A religion writer from The Washington Post also participated.

The 45-minute session was held July 2 in anticipation of Obama's audience with Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican July 10. The session touched on his expectations for that meeting as well as aspects of foreign policy and the public criticism directed at him by some Catholic bishops and others in the

The president also clarified that he expects an ongoing review of conscience clause regulations will result in a continuation of protections that have long existed, allowing people who are morally opposed to abortion or contraceptives to de-



U.S. President Barack Obama (right) held a round-table briefing with journalists from the Catholic press and the Washington Post in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington July 2. The session was held in advance of the president's scheduled meeting with Pope Benedict XVI July 10 at the Vatican.

cline to provide them in the line wave of protests at the univerof work without repercussions.

Obama said in some ways he sees his first meeting with the pope as the same as any contact with a head of state, "but obviously this is more than just that. The Catholic Church has such a profound influence worldwide and in our country, and the Holy Father is a thought leader and opinion leader on so many wideranging issues. His religious influence is one that extends beyond the Catholic Church."

He said he considers it a great honor to be meeting with the pope and that he hopes the session will lead to further cooperation between the Vatican and the United States in addressing Middle East peace, worldwide poverty, climate change, immigration and a whole host of other issues.

Several of the questions addressed the sometimes contentious relations between the Obama administration and some U.S. bishops, notably surrounding the president's commencement address at the University of Notre Dame in May. The university's decision to invite Obama and present him with an honorary degree led to a

sity and a flurry of criticism by more than 70 bishops who said his support for legal abortion made him an inappropriate choice by the university.

Statements by the U.S. bishops also have chastised Obama for administrative actions such as the reversal of the Mexico City policy, which had prohibited the use of federal family planning funds by organizations that provide abortions or counsel women to have abortions.

But Obama said he's not going to be deterred from continuing to work with the U.S. Catholic hierarchy, in part "because I'm president of all Americans, not just Americans who happen to agree with me."

"The American bishops have profound influence in their communities, in the church and beyond," Obama said. "What I would say is that although there have been criticisms leveled at me from some of the bishops, there have been a number of bishops who have been extremely generous and supportive even if they don't agree with me on every issue.'

He said part of why he wants to establish a good working relationship with the bishops is that he has fond memories of working with Cardinal Bernardin when Obama was a community organizer, working with Catholic parishes on the South Side of

"And so I know the potential that the bishops have to speak out forcefully on issues of social justice," Obama said. On conscience clauses, the

president said he has consistently believed in them. As a state legislator, he said, he supported "a robust conscience clause in Illinois for Catholic hospitals and health care providers." Soon after he took office as president, the administration reversed what Obama described as "eleventh-hour change(s) in conscience clause provisions that were pushed forward by the previous administration." According to Obama, the

Bush administration change, which took effect two days before the new president was sworn in, hadn't been "properly reviewed and thought through, and he added that there were some concerns about how broad it might be and what its manifestations would be once imple-

In general, that change codified longtime federal statutes that prohibit discrimination against health professionals who decline to participate in abortions or other medical procedures because of religious or moral objections.

In his speech at Notre Dame, Obama called for a "sensible conscience clause." and said he wished to "honor the conscience of those who disagree with abor-

The president of the U.S. bishops' conference, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, has called on Obama to make good on that comment and protect the conscience of health workers.

The cardinal said health care professionals and institutions should know that their deeply held religious or moral convictions will be respected as they exercise their right to serve patients in need."

Obama told reporters at the White House session that hundreds of thousands of comments for the conscience-clause review had been received.

We will be coming out with, I think, more specific guidelines,' he said. "But I can assure all of your readers that when this review is complete there will be a robust conscience clause in place. It may not meet the criteria of every possible critic of our approach, but it certainly will not be weaker than what existed before the (Bush administration's) changes were made."

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Comments opposing federal funding of embryonic cell research rejected

Most of the comments received by National Institutes of Health were in opposition to funding research

By NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN Catholic News Service

Although 30,000 of the approximately 49,000 comments on the National Institutes of Health's draft guidelines on human embryonic stem-cell research opposed any federal funding of such research, those responses were "deemed not responsive to the question put forth," according to the acting director of NIH.

"We did not ask them whether to fund such funding, but how it should be funded," said Dr. Raynard S. Kington in a telephone briefing with the media July 6.

But Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, said it was "disingenuous (for Kington) to say that

The 30,000 individuals or or- by those donating the embryos. ganizations that made comments in opposition to federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research were saying, "You're not responding to what the American people want. Start over," Doerflinger added.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and its affiliated organization, the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, directed 9,436 comments to NIH about the draft guidelines before the May 26 close of the public comment period, according to Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the pro-life secretariat.

NIH's final guidelines, which took effect July 7, are not significantly different from the draft guidelines published April 23 and open for public comment until May 26.

The draft guidelines allowed the use of federal funds for embryonic stem-cell research on embryos created for reproductive purposes at in vitro fertilization clinics and no longer needed for

comments criticizing the guide- that purpose. They set standards lines overall were to be ignored." for voluntary informed consent

> The final guidelines, however, set up an "alternative pathway" for approval of funding of research involving embryos donated before the new guidelines took effect. A working group made up of about 10 scientists and ethicists will look at each such application on a case-by-case basis, Kington said, to determine whether it meets "the core principles of vol-

untary informed consent.' Like the draft, the final guidelines specifically ban funding "for research using embryonic stem cells derived from other sources, including somatic cell nuclear transfer, parthenogenesis and/or IVF embryos cre-

ated for research purposes." Also prohibited is funding of research in which stem cells "are introduced into nonhuman primate blastocysts" or research "involving the breeding of animals where the introduction of human embryonic-stem cells or human-induced pluripotent stem cells may have contributed to the germ line."

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Protect Your Family And Your Assets **During Tough Economic Times**

Your estate plan may fail! Why you may need to take action

> By WESLEY GERSH Gersh Law Offices, P.S.C.

The funeral is only the start of your family's problems. Even though you've worked hard your entire life and saved up something you'd like to pass on to your family, they may end up with nothing. You can spare your family a second round of grief. Keep reading and I'll share just 2 critical reasons your family may be facing difficulties.

My name is Wesley Gersh, and I have reviewed countless wills and trusts here in Ken-Recent legal trends cause me great concern. In this article, I'd like to highlight just some of the issues which may affect your family.

Not Protecting Yourself Or Your Estate

You've worked hard your entire life and you'd like to pass on your estate to your loved ones. But unless you quickly take action, there may be nothing left for your family.

Statistics reveal you are six times more likely to become disabled before you die. The US Government Census Bureau expects the disability rate to double in the next decade.

Yet most people plan their wills for what will take place after their death. This is a serious

mistake.

for their heirs become undone because of the need for long-term nursing care. This year the national average for a nursing home stay is almost \$71,000 per year. It's been reported that more than 500,000 seniors a year go broke because of these long-term care costs.

Before Medicaid picks up a dime, your assets may be exhausted. You may die and leave nothing to your heirs.

Not Protecting Your Family

Most people fear once they're gone their spouse and kids will be taken advantage of by creditors, lawsuits or divorce or squander the estate with foolish financial decisions. Most wills and trusts I've examined do nothing to protect against these risks.

Many wills and trusts give your assets outright to your heirs when you and your spouse are gone. This is a huge mistake. If one of your goals in establishing a trust was to protect your family, your work may have been in vain.



Your family's troubles only start with the funeral. Even if you think you've taken care of your family with a will or a living trust, recent legal activity shows your family could lose most or all of your estate. Our free seminar will reveal if your family is at risk and how to fix the problem if they are.

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Irresponsible Behavior

Sometimes protecting your family means protecting individual members from their own irresponsible behavior. Perhaps there is a young person in your family who has not fully matured yet and may take Very frequently we see the money you saved plans people have made and squander it in one afternoon.

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New papal encyclical addresses economic crisis, development

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the human and Christian moral obligation to help the poor.

"In the search for solutions to the current economic crisis, development aid for poor countries must be considered a valid means of creating wealth for all," the pope said.

The economic growth of poorer countries and their citizens' demands for consumer goods actually benefit producers in the world's wealthier nations, he said.

The pope said that "more economically developed nations should do all they can to allocate larger portions of their gross domestic product to development aid," respecting the obligations they made to the U.N. Millennium Development Goals aimed at significantly reducing poverty by 2015.

Pope Benedict said food and water are the "universal rights of all human beings without distinction or discrimination" and are part of the basic right to life.

He also said that being prolife means being pro-development, especially given the connection between poverty and infant mortality, and that the only way to promote the true development of people is to promote a culture in which every human life is welcomed and valued.

"When a society moves toward the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good," Pope Benedict said. "The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help.'

He said the environment, life, sexuality, marriage and social relations are inextricably

If society does not respect human life from its conception

Text of pope's encyclical

The text of Pope Benedict XVI's new encyclical, "Charity in Truth," is available online at the Vatican's Web site: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_ xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_ 20090629 caritas-in-veritate en.html.

to its natural end, "if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology," he said.

Development programs and offers of aid that encourage coercive population-control methods and the promotion of abortion do not have the good of people at heart and limit the recipients' motivation to become actors in their own development and progress, the pope said.

In addition, he said, an antilife mentality in the world's richest countries is related to the lack of concern for the

"How can we be surprised by the indifference shown toward situations of human degradation when such indifference extends even to our attitude toward what is and is not human?" the pope asked.

"While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human," he said. Pope Benedict also empha-

sized church teaching that making money and being wealthy are not sins, but that the way the money is made and the way it is used can be.

The encyclical condemned

corruption, the exploitation of workers, the destruction of the environment, the continuing practice of wealthy nations imposing such high tariffs on imports that they shut poor countries out of the international marketplace and, especially, an "excessive zeal" for enforcing patents, especially on medications that could save the lives of thousands of poor people if they were available at a reasonable cost.

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Pope Benedict called for "a profoundly new way of understanding business," which recognizes that investors are not a company's only stakeholders. no matter how the business is structured and financed.

Employees, those who produce the raw materials, people who live in the communities where the company is based, where its products originate and where its products are sold all have a stake in the business. the pope said.

He also said that investing always has a moral as well as an economic significance.

"What should be avoided is a speculative use of financial resources that yields to the temptation of seeking only shortterm profit without regard for the long-term sustainability of the enterprise, its benefit to the real economy and attention to the advancement — in suitable and appropriate ways - of further economic initiatives in countries in need of development," he said.



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The speakers will be Bob Mueller of Hosparus and Lynn Harrelson of Senior Pharmacy Solutions. There also will be exhibits, refreshments and door

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A women's retreat, centering on strengthening awareness of the Divine and accepting the path of Divine direction, will be offered July 10-12 at the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky. The cost is \$150. For information, contact Alice Wissing at 897-9340 or Susan Dumeyer at 897-5692.

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants will have their monthly prayer vigil for life July 11 at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth St. Mass will be at 7 a.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a rosary procession to a downtown Louisville abortion clinic and Benediction at the church. For information, call Patti at 502-253-0034.

Taize prayer will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (July 12) at St. Vincent Church on the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth campus in Nazareth, Ky. For information, contact Sister Luke Boiarsky at 502-348-1581.

St. Martin of Tours Church, 639 S. Shelby St., will have an Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena July 14. The rosary begins at 6 p.m., the novena at 6:30 p.m.

A celebration in honor of St. Mary of Magdala will be held at 7 p.m. July 22 at Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road. Candace Kresse will speak on "Who Do You Say I Am?"

The celebration, sponsored by the parish's Women's Concerns Committee, is open to the public. A reception will follow.

Benedictine Father Noel Muller of St. Meinrad Archabbey will conduct a "Day of Renewal," sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, on July 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Drive. The topic is "Sharing the Spirit — Called to be Servant

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YOUNG ADULTS AND SINGLES

Catholic Single The Adults Club will hold a games party at 8 p.m. July 18 at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church in Bullitt County. For information and directions, call 812-284-4349.

SUPPORT GROUPS

On With Life, a support group for the widowed, will meet at 7:30 p.m. July 21 at Mary Queen of Peace Church's St. Denis campus, 4205 Cane Run Road.

The Support Group for **Divorced** and/or Separated will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. July 21 in Loft 1 at St. Gabriel Church, 5505 Bardstown Road. The DivorceCare program will continue with a session on "Reconciliation: How Marriages Come Back Together and How to Reconcile without Remarry-

The Flaget Health Connection, 111 N. Third St., Bardstown, Ky., will host a meeting of Compassionate Friends of Nelson County — for those who have lost a child of any age — at 7 p.m. today, July 9.

Also, the Flaget Health Connection will host a grief support group, led by a Hospice social worker or chaplain, at 7 p.m.

Ups and Downs, a support group for those dealing with depression and anxiety, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. July 23 at St. Michael Church, 3705 Stone

Lakes Drive. The group will meet at the church on the fourth Thursday of each month. A minimum \$5 donation is requested at each meeting. For information, call Father Richard Sullivan at 266-5611, ext. 2.

New Beginnings, a support group for the widowed, separated and divorced, meets at 7 p.m. each Thursday at Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road. For information, call 425-2772.

HERE AND THERE

An Archdiocese of Louisville Cursillo Ultreya meeting will be held at 3 p.m. July 19 in room 12 of the annex building at St. Barnabas Church, 3042 Hikes Lane. For information, call Ken Jackey at 491-5307 or Dianne Manias at 267-5011.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 508 Breckenridge Lane will hold its fourth annual Community Outreach Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 11. The event will take place in the Parish Life Center and will feature gently used items. Donations of goods to be sold at the sale will be accepted at the Center after Masses now through July 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Day Spring will have a yard sale July 11 from 9 a.m. to noon in Stuart Hall at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7813 Shelbyville

The Peruvian community of Louisville will present a chicken dinner and dance to celebrate Peru's independence day at St. Joseph Church, 1406 E. Washington St., July 25 from 3 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

A pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, is planned Sept. 12-13. For information, contact Mary Ann Kollros at 923-5592.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL CALENDAR

Shively Area Ministries, 4415 Dixie Highway, needs volunteer drivers for its Meals on Wheels program. Volunteers also are needed to assist with financial aid intake. For more information or to volunteer, call 447-4770, ext. 34, or send an email to sam4415@att.net.

Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to help update donated computers and repair donated bicycles. In addition, the agency also is in need of household items for refugee families. To volunteer or donate, call Chris Clements at 502-636-9263, ext. 125.

REUNIONS

The Ursuline Academy class of 1968 will hold its quarterly brunch July 19 at noon at Captain's Quarters, 5700 Captains Quarters Road (located off River Road). Reservations, required by July 12, can be made by calling Marilyn Steinmetz at 637-6642 or Paulette Gude Breit at 228-3724.

The Ursuline Academy class of 1969 will hold its 40year reunion at 5 p.m. July 25 at Audubon Country Club. For information, call Debbie Kayse Eger at 426-9056 or Mary Heichelbech Smith at 969-1436.

The Presentation Academy class of 1959 will hold its 50-year reunion Aug. 1 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. A cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. Any alumnae who have not been contacted should call Judie Plummer Westmeier at 491-

The Holy Spirit School class of 1965 is organizing a reunion and hoping to contact class members. Those interested in participating should contact Patty Cecil by e-mail at p.cecil@insightbb.com.

EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

Sister of Charity of Nazareth Mary Ellen Doyle, author of the book *Pioneer Spirit*: Catherine Spalding, Sister of Charity of Nazareth, will speak at 7 p.m. today, July 9, at the Highlands-Shelby Park branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, located in the Mid-City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Road.

The book is a biography of Mother Catherine Spalding (1793-1858), co-founder of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the first leader of the women's religious community headquartered in Nazareth,

"God's Beautiful Design **for Married Love"** is the topic of a July 14 program on the benefits of Natural Family Planning from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church, 7813 Shelbyville Road.

A panel will present theological, medical and concrete applications for the use of Natural Family Planning. Panelists are Father Tony Smith, Dr. James Link, and Suzanne and Gill

Registration is necessary and can be made by calling the Archdiocese of Louisville Family Ministries Office at 636-0296, ext. 1256.

Adult ministry programs for July will be offered by St. Bernadette Church at its campus at 8509 Westport Rd. Dates and topics are: July 13, "Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick"; July 20, "Vatican II: Renewal of Religious Life"; and July 27, "Psalms: Authors, Purpose, Genres and Prayer.

Two sessions will be held each week in the parish center meeting room, one from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., the other from 7 to 9

A "Vacation Bible School for Adults" is planned July 13 to 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Martyr Church, Hess Lane and Pindell Avenue. The theme is "Understanding and Praying Sacred Scripture."

The topics and presenters for each day are: July 13 — "The Catholic

Approach to Scripture" by Father Joseph M. Rankin. ■ July 14 — "Scripture in Our Eucharistic Liturgy" by Dr.

Margaret Ralph. ■ July 15 — "Scripture in Our Communal Life and Personal Discernment" by Dr. Mar-

garet Ralph. ■ July 16 — "The Prayer Life of Jesus in Scripture" by Father Robert E. Ray.

The cost is \$10 for the week, and July 10 is the registration deadline. Baby-sitting will be available at no extra cost, but advance registration is required. For information and registration, contact the parish office at 635-5813.

The St. Rita Enrichment Center for Children, 8709 Preston Highway, is now li-

censed to care for infants and children ages one to four. Programs begin in August, and more information is available at 969-0628.

Cosmology and care for creation will be the subject of a program taught by Passionist Father Joe Mitchell from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 13-17 at the Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, 1924 Newburg Road. The suggested offering is \$75, but no one will be refused for lack of funds. For information and registration, contact Terry Schuhmann at 451-2330 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hand in Hand Ministries Inc. will offer a Spanish class for beginners on Saturdays beginning July 18 and lasting through Aug. 22. The classes will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Hand in Hand offices, 2225 Steier Lane. To register, call 459-9930 or register by e-mail at maryhelen@hhministries.com. The cost is \$45.

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Local student to appear on kids 'Jeopardy!'

Cate Heine of Sacred Heart Model School will appear on July 17 'Jeopardy!' episode

By MARNIE MCALLISTER Record Staff Writer

Cate Heine, a soon-to-be eighth-grader at Sacred Heart Model School, used to watch "Jeopardy!" regularly with her sister Maggie, 15, and her parents Steve Heine and Camy Campisano. Most days, homework and family dinner which always come first often keep the family from watching the game show.

But the family will certainly tune in July 17 when Cate competes on the show — the final day of "Jeopardy! Kids' Week."

Described as gifted, self-motivated, humble and a natural leader by her principal and a past teacher, Cate was one of 15 children selected nationwide to compete on the TV show during spring break.

She and her family traveled to Los Angeles for the filming. And though they know the results of the show — as do a few close relatives — the family has kept the results well-gaurded.

"It's been really hard" to keep the secret, Cate said during an interview at her home in Clifton Heights last week.

Her family's choice to keep family dinner and homework ahead of TV is indicative of their lifestyle. Art and academia seem to hold equal places in the household, as Steve Heine pursues his career as an artist and mom Camy Campisano works as a physician. Cate says she could go in either direction. So far, she said, she's fascinated by art and by how the brain works.

Cate was selected to appear on kids' "Jeopardy!" — for students ages 10-12 — after taking an online test and traveling to Chicago for another test and an interview. This was the second



Cate Heine

time she tried to qualify for the show.

"I was shocked I made it as far as I did," said Cate, noting that she tried not to take it too seriously. "I was doing it just

While the process was fun overall, she said she did get a little nervous just before the filming. But once the game began, she said, "it was really exciting to hear a question and be like, 'Yeah, I know it.'

She said the most difficult category during the show covered dinosaurs. "I know nothing about dinosaurs," she said. But other categories, such as those addressing pop culture came easily because she and her dad had reviewed a book on cultural literacy in preparation for Governor's Cup last spring.

Cate said she didn't formally prepare for the TV show. But she's taken part in Quick Recall at Sacred Heart Model School since she was in the fourth grade.

"It prepared me a lot," she said. "Not only the buzzing reaction time, but a lot of the stuff I knew came from Quick Recall. I also got a good education at Sacred Heart Model

Cate also credits her parents for giving her the confidence to go into the "Jeopardy!" tests and interview without feeling nervous. They've done the same

for her sister, Maggie, who has tried out for the teen-age version of "Jeopardy!" She'll find out if she has been selected for the show later this month.

The winner of the "Jeopardy! Kids' Week" show on July 17 will receive \$10,000 or the amount of his or her winnings — whichever is higher, said Cate. The second-place finisher will receive \$2,000, the thirdplace finisher \$1,000.

Cate said that during her interview in Chicago, she was asked how she would use the money if she won.

Her father Steve Heine noted during the interview with The Record that Cate was honest. She didn't plan to use it for college. She wanted to take her family to Venice, Italy, he said.

"Regardless of what happens on 'Jeopardy!' we are going to take the family to Venice when Cate graduates from eighth grade," he said.

Heine said Cate is "one of those kids who pops out of bed in the mornings, and when she comes home she does her homework on her own. We are totally hands-off on her education."

He said Sacred Heart Model School has offered her the right kind of challenge, and she's found peers to keep her on her

"She's part of a really bright group of peers" at Sacred Heart Model School, he said. "It's an exceptional group. She has to push herself to hang with this

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group of kids." Mary Beth Bowling, Cate's principal, said she is a gifted

student and a "delightful young Teacher Lynette Eul said Cate is brilliant academically.

but she's just as bright socially. Eul, who taught Cate in fifth- and sixth-grade math and sciences, said Cate's character marries two qualities — brilliance and modesty — to create a natural leader among her

"She is well respected by her peers and always willing to volunteer before or after school," Eul said.

Last summer, she said, Cate and her dad faithfully tended a garden at the school that was started by the late Sister of Providence Merry Marcotte, who died last February.

"She has a loving and giving family," Eul added. "I just can't say enough about her."

In addition to Quick Recall. Cate also plays on the school's volleyball and basketball teams. She and her family are members of St. Frances of Rome Church.

YOUTH EVENTS

Kujenga leadership program planned

Kujenga Viongozi I, an Africentric leadership process for students in grades seven through nine, will be held July 17-18 at the Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Drive. The cost is \$60 per person and includes lodging, meals, transportation, T-shirt and materials.

For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Ministry at 502-636-0296.

Young journalists

Assumption High School's newspaper, The Rosecall, earned a silver medal rating from the

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Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The top 10 percent of entries in the national competition received a medal rating.

Going 'down under'

DeSales High School student Troy Mattingly, who will be a senior this fall, is one of four runners from Kentucky who will compete in the DownUnder Games to be held in Australia this month. He will participate in cross-country competitions July 15 and 18. DeSales coach and alumnus, Paul Wise, will help coach the team.



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Augustine Hall repair work is continuing

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the fire and its aftermath, had plans for remodeling, refurbishing and re-opening Augustine Hall by the autumn of 2008.

Then the national and local economies went into the tank. So the recovery and rebuilding project is taking longer than the deacon had hoped — and it still faces some financial obsta-

Nevertheless, Deacon Mc-Kenzie is determined to see it

"We are people of God, and we do what we are called to do," he said during a visit to what will again be Augustine Hall last week.

"I can't set a date and time when we'll be finished, when we'll have those men who need help actually living here again," he said. "The slow economy isn't helping us, but at the same time I've received a lot of help and encouragement from my brother deacons and from some local parishes and parishes out in the state, too."

Among those who've contributed to Augustine Hall so far are the people of the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral and St. Monica Church in Bardstown, Holy Rosary parish in Springfield, and St. Augustine, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Ignatius Martyr, St. James, St. Louis Bertrand, Good Shepherd and St. Brigid churches in Louisville.

Deacon McKenzie said the project still "needs a lot of money — we're about \$25,000 short of being able to do what we need to do," he said.





On June 27 a group of 14 deacons, including, from left to right above, Deacons Scott Haner, Keith McKenzie and Aurelio Puga, worked on repairing the Augustine Hall shelter for men with drug and alcohol dependency problems. The shelter was heavily damaged by fire in April of 2007. Deacon Pat Wright, above left, worked to secure overhead supports in the shelter's ceiling.

He has no doubt, none whatsoever, that the project will be completed.

"As a deacon called to serve in charity, I know I'm supposed to see this through," he said. "And as a deacon who works with those facing drug and alcohol dependence problems, I know how much help these people need and how much they need to be treated with dignity and love. This is going to happen; God will answer prayers, even in a time of economic downturn."

In addition to the help of other deacons and their wives, Deacon McKenzie said the donations he's received thus far have reinvigorated his passion for completing Augustine Hall. "I'm going to remain hope-

ful, upbeat and optimistic," he said, "because this is something that needs to be done. These are people who need help, and it's what I'm supposed to do.

"Both my wife and I realize that this is a test of perseverance, and it may be true that some others would have walked away," he continued. "But we realize that this is a ministry and a calling, and you can't walk away from that. This is a difficult time, but it makes us think about the suffering of Christ and what he went through. This will work out, and it's wonderful to see

that there is progress again." Augustine Hall is a non-

profit, charitable organization, the deacon noted, so contributions to it are tax-deductible. Anyone wishing to con-

tribute to the project can reach Deacon McKenzie by calling the Diaconate Office at 636-0296 or by calling Deacon McKenzie's office at 587-9737. Contributions can also be made through St. Augustine Church in Louisville at 584-4602.

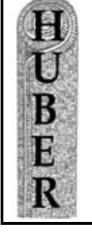
"The \$25,000 we need wouldn't allow us to do everything we need to get done," Deacon McKenzie noted. "But it would put us a good way down the road toward getting Augustine Hall open."

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Local astronomer to discuss Galileo's work

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written about and what he'll discuss at the Notre Dame conference on Saturday involves a less-well-considered aspect of Galileo's work — his observations of the stars.

"My presentation will discuss what he found in these observations that would support and not support the modern view of the universe," Graney said during an interview last

Galileo's stellar observations are not widely known, Graney noted. For instance, some people — including amateur asaware that the Trapezium, the tight cluster of stars in the heart of the constellation Orion. was discovered by Galileo.

"He was the first to discover a double star," Graney noted, adding that Galileo's observations and measurements of the Trapezium "were remarkable."

"Galileo's drawings and measurements concerning the Trapezium were tremendously accurate," he said. "You can take his work and put a photograph (of the Trapezium) over the top and it is nearly a perfect match. You can compare his notations and observations of the moons of Jupiter and Venus and some of the other planets with a modern planetarium program, and Galileo's work holds up re-

ally well." Graney will discuss in detail with his peers the types of observations Galileo made of stars and what he might have seen and observed given the limitations of both his telescopes and the world's knowledge.

For instance, when Galileo peered at a star through the two lenses of his more-than-ameter-long telescope, what he saw looked like a disc, just as a planet would look through the same optical pieces.

As a result of what he saw, Galileo "assumed all stars were like our sun, and that they were all basically identical," Graney

Galileo was actually seeing was distorted by the phenomenon of "diffraction," which didn't become widely known to astronomers until about two centuries after Galileo's work.

When the light of a star passes through a hole (such as one made by the opening of a telescope), the light is broken into a pattern of concentric circles that includes a bright disk in the middle. Galileo thought the disk in middle was the star itself — when he saw brighter stars, he thought that meant they were closer to the earth. Conversely, the dim stars, he assumed, were farther away.

"His ability to accurately judge the size of objects and the measurements he took were astoundingly accurate," Graney said. "When it came to stars and their sizes and distances from

earth, he was wrong, but his work led to all kinds of interesting stuff."

Graney and fellow physicist and astronomer Henry Sipes, a member of St. Martin of Tours Church in Flaherty, Ky., have been doing observations and research into Galileo's observations of stars.

"We've worked on a mathematical model to determine what the sky would have looked like as Galileo perceived it," Graney said. "When we published that work, I told Henry, 'I wonder when was the last time visual observations were pub-The image of stars that lished in an astronomical journal' In modern astronomy the "observations" are usually done with the help of computers that analyze the work of radio telescopes or other technical, non-

optical devices. Graney said he's excited about the opportunity to discuss his work at Notre Dame, and he's enthused about the freedom of academic pursuit his position with Jefferson Community and Technical College allows. He's a native of Owensboro, Ky., graduated from Owensboro Catholic High and the University of Dayton. He did his graduate work at the

University of Virginia. "After grad school, I sent out applications for teaching positions and ended up here," he said. "I'm having the time of my life. I love the teaching aspect of my work, and it's really nice to

be able to do things such as give this talk at Notre Dame. Doing research, teaching, I really love it all." Graney and his wife

Christina and sons John Henry, 18, and Joe, 14, live in Old Louisville.

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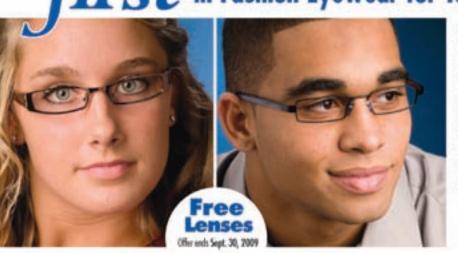
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