

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## To everyone at St. Patrick's: Hello from Deacon Dan Murphy

Pris and I are looking forward to making our new home at St. Patrick's. We are both originally from the Quincy (Ill.) area, so when the moving van approached Urbana and we saw row after row of corn stalks, we knew we were coming home.

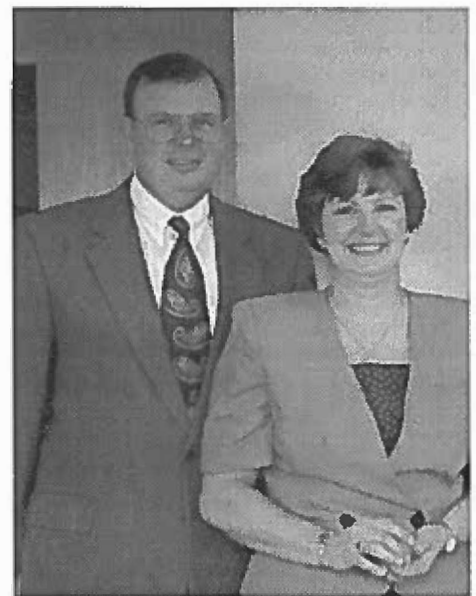
We have been married 29 years and have three sons and three grandchildren. I am a U.S. Army veteran and served in Vietnam in 1968-69. I graduated from Quincy College with a degree in Business Management in 1974 and have been employed by Caterpillar, Inc., for the past 23 years. Caterpillar transferred me to the C-U area to become the general manager of Advanced Filtration Systems, Inc., a joint venture between Caterpillar and Donaldson Company, Inc.

I was ordained a permanent deacon in Peoria on May 22, 1988. I served St. Mary of Lourdes Parish in Metamora (Ill.) from 1988 through 1993 and most recently served St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in West Chester (Ohio). My past

ministries include RCIA, confirmation preparation, spiritual director for a parish renewal program called We Are The Church (WATCH), adult formation, small faith-sharing groups, prison ministry, returning Catholics program, and marriage preparation. St. Max was a young growing parish, and I was blessed to have helped baptize an average of 165 children each year.

Pris has participated in several ministries that include Eucharistic minister, visiting the sick in hospitals and at home, prison ministry, WATCH, RCIA, and small faith-sharing groups. While we have individual ministries, we have worked together on marriage preparation and have enjoyed small faith-sharing groups together.

We liked the Cincinnati area and found it difficult to say good-bye to all of our friends at St. Max, but we see God's hand at work in our move to St. Patrick's Parish. We look forward to making new friends and becoming



Dan and Priscilla Murphy are now at home in Urbana and becoming acquainted with St. Patrick's faith community.

active in the parish. While a deacon is often visible at Mass, I pray you will come to know me after Mass, where my service to the parish really takes place.

Peace in Christ,  
Deacon Dan Murphy

## Two teens from St. Patrick's invited to Boys State



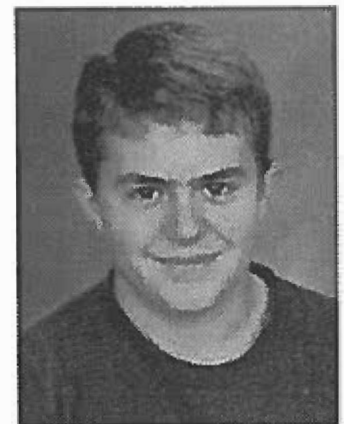
Jacob Douglas,

Since 1935, selected high school students who have completed their junior year have been invited to the annual Boys State, sponsored by the Illinois Department of The American Legion. The Illinois Boys State is the oldest youth leadership training program in America.

Participants are recommended by local high school guidance counselors or principals on the basis of outstanding character. Final selection and approval is made by The American Legion. This year American Legion Post 71 of Urbana sponsored seven students to represent Urbana High School. Among them were Michael Campo, son of Bill and Peggy Campo, and Jacob Douglas, son of Roy and Becky Douglas.

Michael is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, marching and concert band, and tennis team--and

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Michael Campo



# Parish Council News

At their September meeting, Council members welcomed Mary Ann Luedtke, recently appointed parish trustee, as an ex officio member.

Dan and Priscilla Murphy were introduced and spoke briefly about their background and their interests in parish activities. Dan, a deacon, has recently received Bishop Myers' approval to serve at St. Patrick's. Both Dan and Pris expect to pursue their individual interests in parish groups and activities as well as those they hold in common. They are looking forward to settling in and making new friends.

Members of the parish's evangelization team joined Sr. Charlene in expressing their desire for parishioners to realize their part in the effort to help St. Patrick's become more of an outreach community. Members plan to visit committees to spread this message. They have also developed a prayer card for parishioners.

The first two mailings of the parish needs assessment survey have already been sent, with follow-up postcards sent the weekend of Sept. 20-21. Anyone who has not received a survey and wishes to complete one may request a copy from the parish office—but be quick, because results are to be assessed and tallied for reference during the parish goal-setting workshop. Tom Korder has succeeded Peter Bloome on the survey committee, which will look at different ways to analyze the data and whether/how to include data from surveys completed by parishioners not included in the random sampling.

The Diocese of Peoria reports that as of Sept. 3 \$82,802 has been pledged, of which \$54,856 has been paid, by 530 St. Patrick's parishioners as a result of the Annual Stewardship Appeal in May.

A resolution on renovation of the parish kitchen has been sent to Bishop Myers for approval, and plans were put out on bid. The lowest of 3 bids (\$76,549) was submitted by Commercial Builders; the committee's recommendation to accept this bid, together with an additional \$5000 contingency fund to cover unforeseen

problems, was approved by the Council.

The bishop has given the go-ahead for the proposed Catholic high school for the C-U area; a \$2 million foundation is in place and land in northwest Champaign and site preparation have been donated. The diocese will fund an office for a full-time professional to coordinate fund raising, planning, letting of bids, development of curricula, etc. All parishes in this vicariate will be asked to support the project through announcements, speakers, and the like; although not assessed for expenses, all are expected to help with tuition payments for students unable to meet the total cost. Construction is planned to begin next fall, with the school to open in August 2000.

The Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast on Oct. 26 (after

7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Mass) will serve as the occasion for this year's welcoming event for new parishioners. Invitations will be sent to all who have moved into the parish since this time last year.

The Social Action Committee recommends parish participation in Make-a-Difference Day (Oct. 25) through donation of items needed by local shelters for the homeless: disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, winter socks. They will also publicize Habitat for Humanity's need for volunteers to help with a building project in the area.

Building and Grounds has increased membership to ten and will be taking care of several matters that have been waiting for their attention.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 16. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.

## Parish Teens at Boy's State

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he is a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer. Jacob is also a member of the National Honor Society and plays on both the football team and the baseball team.

Boys from all over the State of Illinois participated in a model state, learning about city, county, and state

government by organizing governmental units and conducting elections for various offices. The experience is designed to teach youth to understand and appreciate the principles involved in a democratic society and to develop civic leadership and pride in American citizenship.



**Welcome to new parishioners** Jeffrey D'Alessio, John and Susan Deppe, John and Tammra Hategan, Deborah and Stephen Hogan, Eric and Karen Horn, Dee Ann Knollenberg, Karen and Paul Koziarz, Kathryn LeGrand, Ann Tully, Ken and Mary Welle.

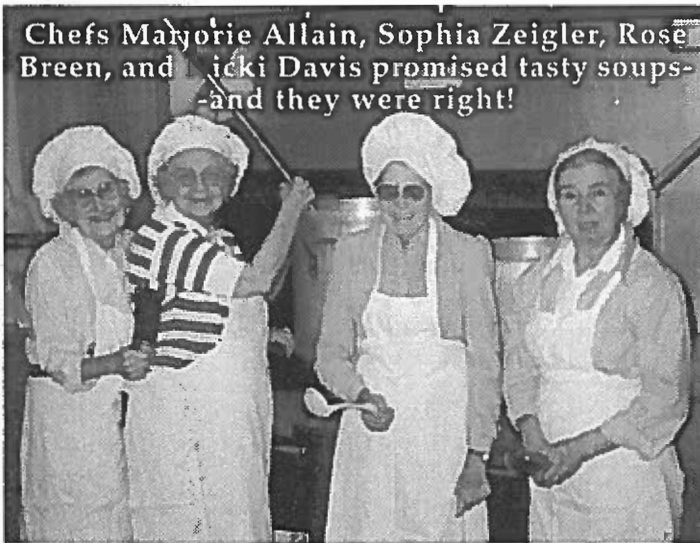
**Farewell to parishioners who have moved from C-U:** Irene Boucher, Deborah and Donald Greco, Sarah Hoag, Frank Infanger.

**We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community:** Abigail Rose Simpson, Itzel Nenoc Castillo.

**Congratulations to these recently married couples:** Carrie Ann May and Peter Todd Borich, Lisa Adele Schuckers and Martin Joseph Lucenti, Jr., Julie Anne Armstrong and Ronald Martin Gifford II.

**Please pray for deceased parishioners:** Louise Lawhead and John V. Maier.

# That Much??!



Chefs Marjorie Allain, Sophia Zeigler, Rose Breen, and Jackie Davis promised tasty soups - and they were right!

Parishioners enjoy good conversation along with their soup and sandwiches.



"That's great!" was Fr. Remm's response when he was told that the St. Vincent de Paul Society's "Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert, and Quilt Exhibit" had raised \$1766.50 for the kitchen renovation. He said he'd looked at every one of the 72 quilts on display and had read the history of each. He and others who viewed the quilts found the comments attached to them extremely interesting.

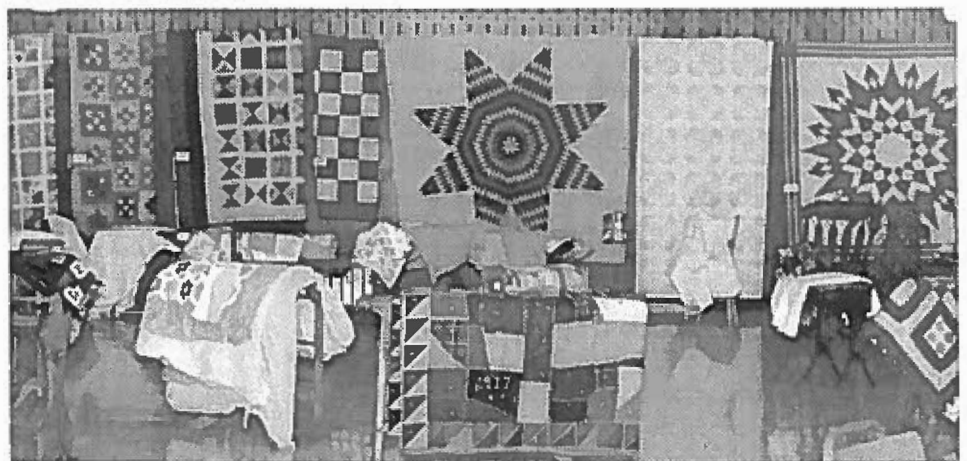
"Thanks to everyone who loaned your prized quilts for this show," offered Sophia Zeigler, president of the local SVDP chapter. "Many thanks to all who made the event a great success!"

The Society thanks especially Norma Gremer, in charge of displaying the quilts; Lori McDonough, quilt watcher and protector; Byron De Haven, soup server; John Duffin, sandwich maker; Rose Breen, desserts; Blanche Vasnaik, table hostess.

Special thanks too to Matt Fejes, Town and Country Catering, who donated the hot dogs and rolls and a large pan of rice salad, vegetables, and meats for the soups; to John Duffin, who donated bread and hamburger buns; to Grace Conlee, who donated buns for sandwiches; to Leslie Risatti and Bill VanCleave, for the publicity signs and helpful input; to all who set up and cleaned up afterward.

And, of course, the Kitchen Renovation Committee thanks all who came; without you there'd have been no "event," and the renovation fund would have been the poorer by \$1766.50!

Colorful quilts, 72 in all, graced the main hall for the kitchen renovation fund-raiser sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



## SVDP already planning Thanksgiving dinners

Every year the local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society appeals to St. Patrick's parishioners for donations that enable the Society to provide Thanksgiving dinners to the needy in the C-U community. The dinner menu has already been set, and the Society will soon issue the call for donations, at \$10 a dinner, and the call for helpers. Can we be less well prepared than the Society's members to open our hearts and our pockets by sharing with generosity the love with which Jesus cares for us all?

## In Focus

St. Patrick's *In Focus* is published on the last weekend of the month in Urbana, Illinois. News items and information may be submitted by mid-month for the next issue. Written materials must include the name and telephone number of the writer.

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Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of *In Focus* is October 12.

## St. Patrick's Moms Group turns five!

In September St. Patrick's Moms Group celebrated their fifth anniversary.

With a volunteer to help watch the children—"an angel by the name of Mary Walsh," says Rita Lampe (the group's founder), "the moms are able to have more coherent discussions." Although the atmosphere remains informal, with minimal structure, the group has become more focused over the years and now has topics for discussion at their gatherings.

"The group has been a great source of support and connection to St. Pat's for me, and I have developed some wonderful friendships," Rita says. Another writes: "I can honestly say that becoming a member of the Moms Group is the best thing I've done since we moved to Urbana. I have made wonderful friends who have supported me in many ways. These faith-filled women have served as role models and as sounding boards. And my children look forward to attending the meetings and have made friends of their own through the group."

The St. Patrick's Moms Group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish center nursery on first and third Wednesdays of each month. Rita Lampe, the group's coordinator, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker; she can be reached at 359-2102.



St. Pat's Moms Group sits for an anniversary photo.

*From the left, back row:* Jane and Emily Oldham; Elise and Connor Pratt; Angie Gliniecke with Anna; and child-care helper Mary Walsh.

*Front row:* Jeanine and Austin Berlocher; Tracey Johnson and Sarah; Joe, Anna, and Rita Lampe; Kathy Marsh with Jordan and Shelby.

*Not shown:* Frances Drone-Silvers with Claire; Mary Dell Forbes with Brody and Keegan; Heather Minch with Kimberley; Mary Twohey with R.J.; Trish Koch with Lauren; and Robin Maier with James.

## My son Andrew and Jesus

As children are wont to do, my three-year-old son, Andrew, has identified with Jesus as a child, a child much like himself. Jesus' constant presence in our lives is something that Andrew takes quite literally. Often I am told not to start driving until Jesus has finished buckling his seat belt, or that Jesus is sitting in my favorite chair and I should sit somewhere else.

The other day, I sent my son down to the playroom to put his train set away. Putting toys away is quite a challenge for dear Andrew. As the youngest, he usually stalls and evades cleaning up until his older siblings are home. Then he merely stands around while they pick up all the toys he spent the day playing with. On this day, however, I was determined that he take the responsibility for picking up his own train set.

Turning a deaf ear to his tears and protestations, I threatened to withhold lunch unless he accomplished his task. I marched upstairs to my unending pile of laundry and a sink full of dishes. About twenty minutes later I ventured

downstairs, fully expecting to see train tracks still littering the playroom. I was surprised to find my son busy coloring in his favorite coloring book on a completely cleared floor.

"Andrew," I said, "did you pick up this train set all by yourself? I'm so proud of you!"

"Well, Mommy," he replied, "Jesus was going to help me, but his mommy Mary told him he had to come home and pick up his own toys. But don't worry, he'll be back after lunch."

Andrew's innocent comment brought home to me this simple truth: Christ is our companion, but the work of our lives is our own. I have prayed for freedom from the drudgery of my everyday chores and the stresses of my life. Instead, I should pray that I face the challenges and responsibilities of my life as He would, with simple directness, confidence of purpose, and love.

Thank you, Lord, for our children, who allow us to see You more clearly through their eyes!

Cristy Nowak

*When we share our faith stories, we are changed; and those listening to us are changed as well. In Focus welcomes faith stories that tell of God's working in our lives. Send yours to the Communications Committee, c/o St. Patrick's, or drop it off at the parish office. Be sure to include your name and a telephone number where you may be reached. Names will be withheld on request.*



## *Jambo (good day) to you all!*

This past summer, upon completion of her fourth 3-year contract with Maryknoll Foreign Mission Society, Dr. Susan Nagele spent 2 1/2 months in the States visiting family and friends, attending a couple of reunions, and addressing the Maryknoll Peace and Justice Lobby in Washington, D.C. She also spent a very special weekend with you, here at St. Patrick's.

Having signed a new 3-year contract with Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful, Susan is now back in Nairobi, Kenya, conferring with the people who will be establishing a mission in Sudan among the Toposa. The mission where Susan will be working is located on the eastern edge of Sudan that borders with Kenya.

This will be a new experience for Susan. As she told you when she was here, these people have not been evangelized or westernized. While it will not be Susan's job to catechize the Toposa (that will be the work of the priest and sisters that will be establishing the mission), her presence as a Christian physician healing and caring for the Toposa will help them experience firsthand God's love for them.

Earlier this month we witnessed via television the places in Calcutta where Mother Teresa cared for the sick and dying. I suspect the mourning in Calcutta was not on television very much because it is difficult to look at the sick and dying. It is good for us to remember that most of the world does live as we Americans do. You, the people of St. Patrick's, are to be commended for the contributions you make to your sister parish in Israel, the money you send to Susan for her work, and (closer to home) your support of the great work that is done through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

If I could encourage you to do anything, it would be to become actively involved with any one of a number of local organizations that help the unemployed, the indigent, and the homeless. Involvement here at home will help you to understand and appreciate firsthand what Susan is doing in Africa. And, if you are unable to do this, remember that all service begins and ends with prayer. Prayer is really the foundation of Susan's life in that faraway land. She asks God to lead her and uses her God-given gifts to serve God's people.

On behalf of the whole Nagele family, "Asante sana"—thank you so much for your interest, support, and prayers. Please be assured, you are remembered in our prayers.

**Lenore Nagele**

*Letters to Dr. Susan Nagele may be sent in care of  
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P.O. Box 52802, Nairobi, Kenya.*

## *Quick fixin's from the kitchen of* ... Yvonne Brady

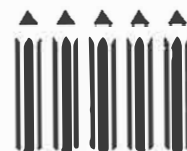
- 1 1/2 lbs fresh green beans  
(or 2 9-oz pkgs frozen)
- 2 T vegetable oil
- 1 T vinegar
- 1 T instant minced onion
- 1/4 t salt
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/8 t pepper
- 2 T dry bread crumbs
- 2 T grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 T margarine or butter, melted

### **Green Beans Caesar**

Prepare and cook beans; cut into 1-inch pieces. Toss beans, oil, vinegar, onion, salt, garlic, and pepper. Pour into ungreased 1-quart casserole. Mix bread crumbs, cheese, and margarine; sprinkle over beans. Sprinkle with paprika. Cook uncovered at 350 degrees until heated through, 15-20 minutes. (Makes 4 to 6 servings)



## Holy Cross School Newsline



**Welcome.** Parents attended a "Welcome Back Meeting" on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Msgr. Albert Hallin, recently appointed pastor of Holy Cross, and Sr. Kathleen Mitchell, CSJ, principal of Holy Cross School, addressed the group. A short Parent-Teacher Club meeting followed.

**Family fun.** Families gathered for "Hot Dog Day" lunch at the school cafeteria and on the playground on Friday, Sept. 26.

**Volunteers needed.** Sr. Kathleen has asked for a volunteer with a car and some free time to run errands for her periodically. She is also looking for volunteers to assist with playground supervision during the lunch hour. If you can help in either way, please leave a message in the school office (356-9521).

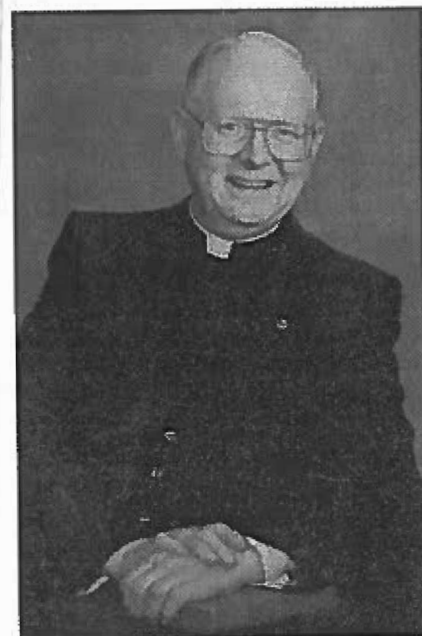
**New teachers.** Jane Helminck is the new fifth-grade teacher. She will teach fifth- and sixth-grade science, in addition to the subjects she will cover with her homeroom students. Mary Anderson is the new Computer Resource teacher.

### *Message to St. Patrick's from Msgr. Albert Hallin*

Holy Cross Parish has benefited for many years from a relationship with St. Patrick Parish that has enhanced both our communities. I am committed to its continuation and strengthening, as I am sure, is Father Remm also.

It may well be that the presence of school children from St. Patrick Parish and the collaboration of those children's

parents in such things as PTC has been the most visible daily reminder of that relationship, but that is only one manifestation. The sharing of information between the parishes, the invitation to attend each other's programs, and the friendship between the clergy of these parishes are also part of the special relationship. At present, as we propose a new adult education program in Sacred Scripture, we manifest that relationship once more. I am delighted to be a part of all this, and I thank the St. Patrick parishioners for their continuing kindness to us at Holy Cross.



During the summer, Msgr. Hallin was named pastor of Holy Cross Parish.



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### in our parish library

#### The Catholic Fact Book

By John Deedy

This one-volume fact book contains some encyclopedia information and some almanac data, arranged so as to be read as an informal history of its subject, the Roman Catholic Church.

"If occasionally it wanders into the offbeat, the purpose is editorial. The intention is to engage interest while providing a certain amount of information--by no means all, but, it is to be hoped, enough to convey something of the flavor of Roman Catholicism, what it is and how it is understood and run from official levels." Thus wrote John Deedy, former managing editor of *ÆMDULØCommonwealÆMDNMØ* and author of a number of highly regarded books and articles.

The reader may start by looking up a "Catholic fact" and, interest piqued, end up browsing through several pages. So perhaps Deedy achieved his objective. Not a theological treatise, the book is informative and written in "layman's language."

The author presents the Church's basic tenets of belief; highlights of its history; its teachings, dogmas, traditions, sacraments, rituals, sacramentals; its movements, artifacts, institutions, religious orders, organizations, communications media; its saints and long succession of popes; famous Catholics of history and of contemporary times. And more.

# Roncalli Society's Fall Gathering features John Shea

On Saturday, Oct. 4, renowned speaker and author John Shea will address the gathering of members and others on the theme "Gospel Spirituality."

Shea, who is greatly in demand as a speaker, is author of several books, including *The Challenge of Jesus, Stories*

*of Faith, Stories of God, An Experience Named Spirit, The Spirit Master, and Starlight.*

He has served as director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein (Ill.), where he received his own Licentiate and Doctorate in Theology. He has taught at the University of Notre Dame and Loyola University.

Shea is among the most gifted of storytellers, and with Gospel spirituality he is on very familiar ground indeed. He visited St. Patrick's Parish several years ago as a featured speaker in a series of presentations on the sacraments and held his audience in thrall.

The Fall Gathering will be held at the Mennonite Church of Normal (802 S. Cottage, Normal). For directions, see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center, or call Susan Heiser (309/452-6622). Registration and socializing begin at 9 a.m.; the program starts at 9:30 a.m. The fee, which includes lunch, is \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers.

Preregistration is strongly encouraged, although walk-ins will be accommodated. Interested persons are welcome to join the Society at this time and attend at the member rate

(but no one is denied either membership or conference participation due to an inability to pay).

The Roncalli Society, a group of priests, religious, and lay women and men of the Diocese of Peoria, has as its theme remaining faithful to the spirit of Vatican II within today's Church. For information about the Society and its goals, or to register for the Fall Gathering, call or write to Susan Heiser (309/828-2507, 309/452-0069), 810 W. Jefferson St., Bloomington, IL 61701.



## From Religious Leaders for Community Care The C-U Good News

On Saturday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m., Pastor Roland Brown, St. Luke's Christian Methodist Episcopal, is the featured speaker at the Christian Family to Family Dinner. His address will focus on relationships among Christians.

On Friday, Nov. 7, 9:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, Church Women United will observe World Community Day. The service will draw from poetry and writings of women mystics from the Middle Ages.

Asked recently to name areas most in need of the Church's prayers and reconciling action, RLCC members cited the need for more concrete involvement in improving racial relations; pulpit exchanges and visiting one another's churches more often; prayer for world-, county-, and city-wide revival; prayer and action to advance economic and educational opportunities; and jobs for everyone.

## St. Therese of Lisieux to be declared a Doctor of the Church

Since the 13th century, during the papacy of Boniface VIII, the title Doctor of the Church has been conferred posthumously by pope or general council to designate someone as wise, holy, and learned and a source, therefore, of sound teaching for the whole Church.

Specific norms laid down by Pope Benedict XIV include orthodoxy, personal holiness, and learning. The writings and opinions of those designated Doctor of the Church are accorded particular respect because they are deemed to represent the Tradition of the Church in a noteworthy degree.

Pope John Paul II has announced that on Oct. 19, World Mission Sunday, he will proclaim Therese of Lisieux a Doctor of the Church. The French saint, known as "the Little Flower," will become the 33rd Doctor of the Church. She joins Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila to become the third woman accorded this title in recognition of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church today.

Carmelites the world over, and tens of thousands of men and women who have been inspired by Therese's writings to follow her "little way," will rejoice at the honor paid to this humble Carmelite nun, who ardently desired to be a missionary but learned to accept all with "the confidence of the little child who sleeps without fear in its father's arms."

The 100th anniversary of her death from tuberculosis at the age of 24 is Sept. 30. Her feast is commemorated by the Church on Oct. 3.



St. Patrick's contingent to the White House retreat for men, offered annually by the St. Louis Jesuits, this year included (from the left) Bill Plymire, Joe Tobias, Tom Nagele, Jim Moffitt, Ray Timpone, and George Fahey. Broad smiles on the faces of the retreat directors at the right suggest a successful retreat. With the Spirit's leaven kneaded into the dough of our retreatants' humanity, the Bread of Life is sure to rise in St. Patrick's faith community!

# Praying for vocations is our responsibility

Writing in the *Texas Catholic Herald* earlier this year, Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza observed that he or any other bishop cannot provide the needed priests for parishes if parishioners fail in their responsibility to promote vocations to the priesthood. The Holy Father has also reminded us that it is the responsibility of the entire Church to provide priests in all the needed capacities, i.e., diocesan, religious orders, hospitals, missions, etc.

Vocations are flourishing in a few areas of the world, particularly where the Church is in its infancy or where it has been recently liberated from suppression under totalitarian rule. Generally, however, there is a shortage of priests that needs to be addressed in a most fundamental manner.

In 1995 the estimated number of priests in the whole world was roughly 400,000; these served a population of about one billion Catholics (approximately 17% of the total world population). Major seminarians for the same year numbered one for every 9500 Catholics.

To address the issue of diminishing vocations, the Congress on Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life in Europe was convened in Rome last May. Eric Selley, international president of the Serra Club, attended the Congress and reported his observations in the June 1997 *Serran* magazine. Among the major conclusions were the following: (1) it is extremely important for all Catholics to pray for vocations; (2) parishes should have a Vocation Committee or Coordinator; (3) all vocations need sound spiritual guidance based on the love of God; and (4) there is a "crisis of faith" that leads to a "crisis of vocations."

Closer to home, under the leadership of Bishop John Myers and his vocation directors, the Diocese of Peoria has earned the envy of many other dioceses for the number of

its seminarians. However, still more priests are needed, and the need for prayer for vocations is both manifest and vital in supporting the diocesan effort.

In the same *Texas Catholic Herald* article cited above, Bishop Fiorenza also made the following significant statement: "There is absolutely no reason to doubt that Christ is not giving the grace of a vocation to the priesthood to many men today. There are several reasons

why this grace goes unheeded and un nourished today." We must pray that those whom God calls to a priestly vocation discern and accept that invitation.

Pope John Paul II stated that the invitation of Jesus to "come and see" (John 1:39) is the golden rule of pastoral work for

## Prayer to discern a vocation

**© my Jesus, friend and companion, I desire to know your will and follow your way. As you spoke to the heart of Peter, the fisherman, speak to my heart, my Lord.**

**May I cast my nets deeply into your love and there reap abundantly and be fed by your many graces.**

**As you spoke your "Do not be afraid" to Peter and his companions, speak to me that I may respond and follow you, whether as a sister, priest, brother, deacon, or a married or single layperson.**

**Journey with me, Lord, as I discern your call.**

**I love you and place my trust in you. Amen.**

promoting vocations even today. On the occasion of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Apr. 20, 1997), the Holy Father exhorted us: "I urge parishes, catechists' associations, movements, and those lay people involved in the apostolate to cultivate a real familiarity with the bible, remembering that listening to the Word of God is the privileged way for encouraging vocations."

Obviously only a certain number of individuals receive God's call to a priestly ministry, but it seems reasonable to believe that Christ's invitation to "come and see" would be heard much more clearly by someone who is versed in the Word of God and who regularly prays for vocations.

Prayers for vocations may be offered at any time and in any place, at home or in church. To assist us, projects such as the Serra Club's "Club 31" and novenas to St. Therese, patroness of seminarians, have been introduced in our diocese and in our parish. But any prayer from the heart will serve. To pray for vocations is our responsibility; the prayer we employ is up to us.

## I like the little duck

I am looking at something pretty special.  
It is a duck riding the ocean a hundred feet beyond the surf.

No, it isn't a gull.  
A gull always has a raucous touch about it.

This is some sort of duck, and she cuddles in the swells.

She isn't cold, and she is thinking things over.

There is a big heaving in the Atlantic, and she is part of it.

She looks a bit like a mandarin, or the Lord Buddha meditating under the Bo tree, but she has hardly enough above the eyes to be a philosopher.

She has poise, however, which is what philosophers must have.

She can rest while the Atlantic heaves, because she rests in the Atlantic.

Probably she doesn't know how large the ocean is.

And neither do I.

## Serran Prayer for Vocations:

**O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, St. Joseph, her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.**

But she realizes it.  
And what does she do, I ask you? She sits down in it.

She reposes in the immediate as if it were infinity--which it is.

That is religion, and the duck has it.  
She has made herself part of the boundless, by easing herself into it just where it touches her.

I like the little duck.  
She doesn't know much, but she has religion.

—Donald C. Babcock  
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## Five new meditations for praying the rosary

In October, the month of the Holy Rosary, you may want to pray with the five new mysteries proposed by retired Bishop Edward O'Rourke. On the theme of Jesus, the Divine Teacher, they are:

1. The baptism at the Jordan
2. The wedding at Cana
3. The Sermon on the Mount
4. The parable of the prodigal son
5. The transfiguration





October is Respect Life month and therefore a very good time to think and to pray about life issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, cloning, partial-birth abortion, and the experiences and

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*Beatitudes for carers*

Blessed are those who care and who are not afraid to show it; they will let people know they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle and patient; they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to open and blossom.

Blessed are those who have the ability to listen; they will lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how and when to let go; they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be said or done, do not walk away but remain to provide supportive presence; they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.

Blessed are those who recognize their own needs to receive and who receive with graciousness; they will be able to give all the better.

Blessed are those who give without hope of return; they will give people an experience of God.

circumstances that affect the quality of life. These are serious issues, of concern to all.

The need for participants in pro-life activities becomes greater each day as life is treated as of less value with each passing day, here in our own nation and in many other parts of the world. You can celebrate life by participating in activities that promote life and respect for life!

Many options are available. The first Sunday of October, Oct. 5, is designated as "Respect Life Sunday." On this day at all Masses a collection will be taken up to finance the Family Resource Center in Peoria. The facility serves the entire Diocese of Peoria and provides many important services to our faith community.

At 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's for pro-life intentions. You can show your support for life issues by your participation.

There are many other activities you could join in on a regular basis. For instance, you can picket the Planned Parenthood office and try to assist women who are considering abortion. The Right to Life of Champaign County is trying to create a Crisis

Pregnancy Assistance Network and publish a newsletter that needs volunteers. You may contact Gretchen Clavey at 356-3908 or write to Right to Life Champaign County, P.O. Box 6151, Champaign, IL 61826-6151.

You can meet each month with members of St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee to pray and to plan activities that keep life issues in the forefront of peoples' minds.

Whatever you do in support of this effort, don't do nothing. Keep in mind the words of Edmund Burke: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Hear our prayer, O virgin of virgins: O littlest made highest, crowned by virtue of your lowliness, filled by virtue of your emptiness, glorified by humility.

Lift up those who are beaten down, and watch over all who are broken.

Gently hold all children yet unborn, and touch the hearts of all who seek to end their lives.

Be with and strengthen those about to die.

Intercede for us, your children, the brothers and sisters of your Son, our lord Jesus Christ, who is lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

**From Nancy Costa – An Evangelization Minute**

Pope John Paul II has outlined three goals for the mission of Evangelization 2000: "First, to those who are already believers, so that their faith will be strengthened. Second, to those who have lost Christian belief and are in need of 'A new evangelization.' And third, to those who are outside the Christian sphere."

I would like to focus on the first area of mission. Most of us, myself included, have some difficulties with self reflection, but as we stand on the threshold of a new century and the beginning of the third Christian millenium, we need to ask ourselves, "Who is Jesus Christ, and what does this knowledge of him mean to my life?"

Jesus used everyday images to reveal himself to his disciples. "I am the good shepherd," "I am the vine," "I am the sheepgate," "I am the way, the truth, and the life," "I am the living water," "I am the bread of life."

Jesus came not to teach us rules or to lay down the law, but to teach us about relationships. The most important relationship we will ever have is our relationship to him, our Savior and Lord. Jesus tells us that God is present

and active in the ordinary things of life. He loves us and cares for us, and invites us to come, follow him.

Jesus provides the example of what we can do with our lives. Every day is a gift from God and brings new opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal through prayer, through study

of scripture, and through love and concern for others. Faith and hope in the power and promises of Christ enable us to use the darkness as well as the joys we experience in our own lives to bring light to others.

This is the day to know God, to love God, and to trust that God's love for us is alive, active, and endless.

**Parish Wish List**

The parish wish list is intended to present to parishioners a list of items that, although not included in the parish budget, might be acquired through earmarked donations. Such items in the past have included the patio and benches on the east side of the church and coat racks used for large gatherings in the parish center. Items on the wish list are not absolutely essential to the running of the parish, but they open new opportunities for enriching the spiritual or community life of the parish for helping parish organizations do their work more effectively.

The Archives Committee has requested that the following items be placed on the parish wish list:

- \* Funds to duplicate and preserve the blueprints for the church. We have only one copy now, and it is getting worn. The committee is looking into options and costs.

- \* Software to index materials in the parish archives, at about \$130.

- \* Desktop publishing software to be used to prepare the parish history in time for our centennial in 2001, at about \$700.

- \* Two fireproof file cabinets for the parish archives, at \$800 each.

Fr. Remm will be happy to discuss the purpose of the wish list with interested parishioners or to answer questions about items on it. Donations in any amount will be gratefully received; it is not necessary to contribute the whole amount for any item.

# In remembrance of Mother Teresa

## September 5, 1997

Today a banquet has been prepared  
 Today a jubilant celebration  
     will take place  
         in a room that has lain waiting  
             in My house  
                 since the dawn of time.

It is for you, My beloved daughter,  
 You, who have been called home.

Blessed be your hands  
     that held the dying  
     that fed the hungry  
     and embraced those afflicted with disease.

Blessed be your lips  
     that humbly and reverently partook of My own  
         Body and Blood in the most Holy Eucharist  
     that murmured quietly in prayer  
     that smiled at every opportunity  
     that spoke kind and gentle words of love and encouragement  
     and spoke boldly of the Truth.

Blessed be your ears  
     that have heard the cry of the poor.

Blessed be your heart  
     that responded to that cry.

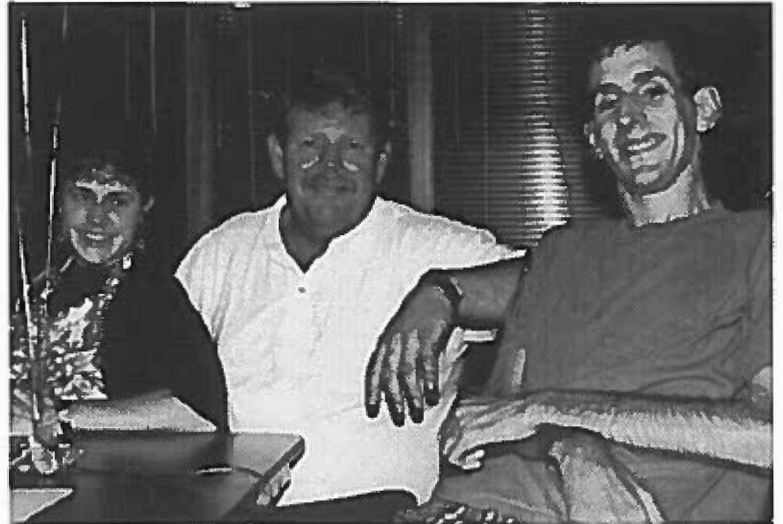
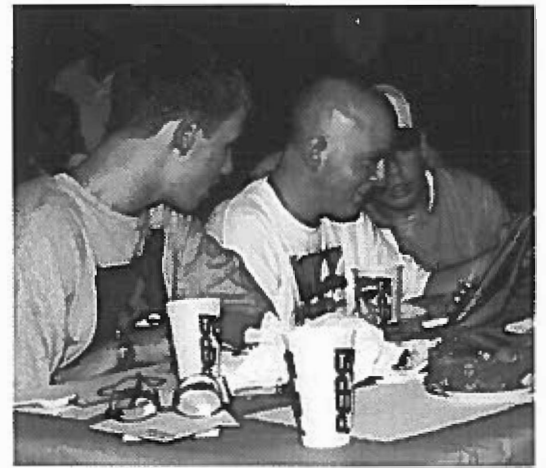
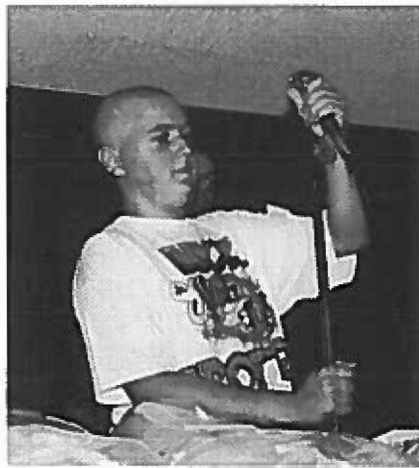
Your legacy  
     to My people of the world  
         is the example of your life  
             a life given totally unto Me.

Your message is My message:  
     "What-so-ever you do unto the least of My brothers,  
     you do unto Me."

Welcome to My Kingdom  
     My most precious daughter  
     Your banquet awaits you.

*Elizabeth Ann Templet  
 Daughter of parishioner Nancy Steerman*

# Parish and Community Outpouring for Nick Trotter



I would like to express my admiration to my parish of fifty years for the beautiful display of love and support ... to young Nick Trotter and his devoted mother, via the chili supper, auction, and cash donations.


The turnout (500?) shows the compassion our people can show for one another in time of exceptionally difficult and tragic pain and suffering.

I'm proud to be a member of the parish.

*Sincerely,  
Richard Britsky*

# October, 1997

# St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Because the In Focus calendar is prepared in advance of scheduled events and meetings, please check the weekly bulletin to confirm dates and times for specific listings.</p> <p>Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is October 12, 1997.</p>			9:00am Guild Ornament Workshop 9:30 Moms Group 5:00pm SVDP 6:00pm Rel Ed, St.Pats 6:30pm Rel Ed, St.Joe 7:00pm Choir	7:00pm Choir	10:45am Mass Champaign Cty NH	8:30am-1:30pm Renew Catechist Workshop Day
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