

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

# In Focus



## Young parishioners are awarded scholarships

Emily Delanty and Molly Healey each recently merited financial awards, recognizing and encouraging excellence in their college studies. Both Emily and Molly received University of Illinois Civil Service Employees and Dependents scholarships, two of only four awards given.

The honor students and their parents are members of St. Patrick's. Emily is the daughter of Tom and Nancy Delanty; Molly, the daughter

of Mary Neilsen and granddaughter of Mary Fonner.

Emily was also honored with the William Bagley Merit Scholarship in Education. Emily is a senior in Elementary Education at the UI. For the past ten years she has volunteered for several community agencies, among them the Emer-



Emily Delanty

gency Shelter. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega, which focuses on community service. She plans to teach in the C-U community.

As a high-school graduate in 1994, Molly was awarded a Fr. Charles Martell Scholarship by the Urbana Council of the Knights of Columbus. Today she is a junior majoring in Special



Molly Healey (shown here with her brother, Joshua)

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### Dialogue into the Millennium

## "Is there a Christian response to crime?"

On Friday, Oct. 22, St. Patrick's lecture series Dialogue into the Millennium, leading up to and in celebration of our parish centennial (2001-2003), resumes with an address given by Gerard V. Bradley, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame.

Professor Bradley asks and provides a thought-provoking response to the question "Is there a Christian response to crime?" At a time when violent crime is said to be at its lowest level in decades, three features of society's war on crime are analyzed from the perspective of Christian morality: long prison terms, plea bargaining, and capital punishment.

Responses will be given by Steven Beckett, lawyer, and by Dianne Pinderhughes, Professor of Political Science. The facilitator is Professor Thomas M. Mengler, Dean of the University of Illinois Law School.

The evening's presentations will begin at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Social Hall and will be followed by a reception. There is no admission charge.

The lecture series is intended to foster community, improve interfaith communication, increase the application of intelligence and enthusiasm to the solution of social problems, familiarize local audiences with trends in thinking among recognized contemporaries, and inspire a courageous and thoughtful people.

Come prepared to meet and greet others from the Greater Champaign-Urbana area, civic and church leaders from the community, and to be challenged by the sharing of ideas and ideals expressed by speakers and listeners alike.



## Are You Catholic? Inactive? Alienated?

If you've parted company with the Catholic Church over

new changes, old rules,  
a marriage situation,  
hurt feelings,  
or any other reason,

or if you know someone  
who wants to reconnect with  
a Catholic community,  
invite them to

come and talk with us  
at an open meeting  
Wednesday  
September 29  
at 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Patrick's parish center.

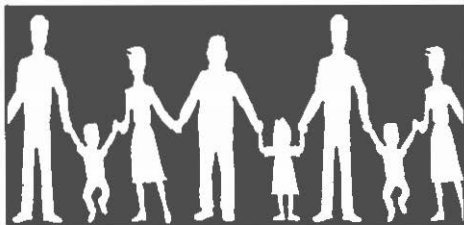
*The Re-Membering Church Team  
of St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana*

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Education at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where she continues her work as an honor student.

To apply for the UI Civil Service Employees and Dependents Scholarship, both women were required to submit grades, letters of reference, and essays about their studies and plans. Molly wrote about her summer work with handicapped children in the Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation Program.

Congratulations to Emily Delanty and to Molly Healey for this recognition of excellence in their studies, and to all parish honor students.



*Welcome to new parishioners* Joseph M. Bauer, Laura Cohen, Elizabeth Crane, John and Stephanie Hipple, Sarah Catherine Schmid, Julia Whittington.

*Farewell to parishioners who have left C-U:* Miguel Hernandez, Jennifer Marie Herring, Bryan and Tricia Manning, Mary and Raphael Onyeaghala, Kathleen and Michael Shoemaker, Opal and Udel Strack, Colleen Tracy, Janet and D. Mark Wilson.

*Congratulations to these couples, recently married:* Steven Emile Hurley and Jennifer Marie Herring, Lan Elliot Brooks and Margaret Alicia Harris, Mark John Zaprzalka and Kimberly Layne Stauffer.

*We welcome the following recently baptized into our faith community:* Meghan Bridget Kelly, Richard Lee Bernardini, Carlana Maeleen Bernardini, Thomas Lee Bernardini, Natalie Bih Ngong, Francesca Mirabella Rizon, Thomas Jerome St. Pere, Grace Karena Whittington, Emma Marie Diers, Elaina Rose Burgund.

*Please pray for deceased parishioners* James A. Pierce, Anthony R. Costa.

## What is Mathew House?

In your travels about Champaign-Urbana this summer you may have seen quite a number of signs saying "Ask about Mathew House." You may even have heard that St. Patrick's Parish agreed to help fund a Mathew House project with a \$3000 donation. But you may still be wondering "What is Mathew House?"

Mathew House is a place where hurting children are loved to life. Nearly 20 years ago Tamara Cibis felt a strong call to spend the little money she had to buy a house in north Champaign, without knowing why

she was to buy it. Settling into the house at 402 E. Park St., she cleaned other people's houses to make the mortgage payments.

As she gradually became acquainted with her neighbors, Tamara began to understand the pain, the anger, the needs, especially of the children. Because she grew up in Nazi Germany and postwar Communist East Germany, where she endured traumas no child should ever have to experience, Tamara has a special love and empathy for the hurting child.

In providing snacks, tutoring, recreation, and camaraderie, Mathew

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## Vocations are our responsibility too



Vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life are the work of the Holy Spirit, right? And responding to such a call is the responsibility of the one called. Or do we too have a responsibility in this matter of vocations?

Pope John Paul II thinks we do. "My wish," he wrote, "is that the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations raise up in the hearts of the faithful a more intense prayer to obtain new vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and reawaken the responsibility of all, especially parents and those who educate in the faith, to promote vocations."

Many parishioners have pledged prayers for vocations in some special way, such as through the Serra Club's "Club 31," offering one weekday Mass with that intention. Countless others pray privately, sometimes publicly, for a generous response from those the Spirit calls to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Those called by the Spirit are the boys and girls growing up in our families, our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters. They are the young men and women in our schools or religious education classes, the single men and women we greet at Sunday Mass, perhaps even widowed

parents like Larry Brunette, whom all of us can now call "Father."

Many reasons have been postulated for the shortage of vocations—or perhaps the shortage of responses to the call to serve God's People as priest or religious. Those who know young people invariably speak of their genuine and deep-seated altruism, their sometimes astonishing generosity in giving of themselves when challenged to respond to those in need. Perhaps what is lacking is our own readiness to encourage and support this generosity, to keep open the channels of communication so that people (youth and adults) are comfortable in talking about a perceived call to consecrated life, to pray often and with perseverance for the Spirit to move the minds and hearts of the faithful and for a generous response to that movement.

This year the World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Oct. 10.



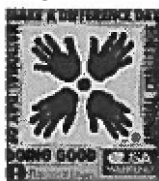
## Help Wanted!

The Communications Committee needs volunteers to page *In Focus*. If you can use paging software (PageMaker or QuarkXpress) and can spare a few hours 3-4 times a year, call Mary Lee Brady (344-3752) or Mary Lou Menches (344-1125).

## Making a difference for someone else will make a difference for you too!

Dr. Karl Menninger, the famous psychiatrist, was once asked what action he would recommend if a person were to feel a nervous breakdown coming on. "Lock your house," he replied. "Go across the railroad tracks and find someone in need, and do something for him!"

If you are feeling a little stressed these days, you may find it beneficial to follow the doctor's orders by participating in this year's Make-a-Difference Day, Oct. 23!



The Social Action Committee is facilitating St. Patrick's participation in this national service event by offering parishioners the opportunity to donate items for use by local homeless shelters. At press time these items have not yet been determined. After a list of needed items has been published in the local media, members of the Social Action Committee will choose some from the list and inform parishioners of their choices via bulletin announcements in early October.

Donated items will be accepted at all Masses the weekend of Oct. 16-17; baskets or boxes will be placed at church entrances for receipt of donated items. Donations will also be accepted at the parish center during the week of Oct. 18-22.

On Make-a-Difference Day itself (Saturday, Oct. 23), members of the Social Action Committee will deliver donated items to the designated community collection point.

By then, based on the recommendation of Dr. Menninger, St. Patrick's parishioners should be feeling substantially de-stressed and Coffee Shop on Oct. 24 will be filled with joyful people!

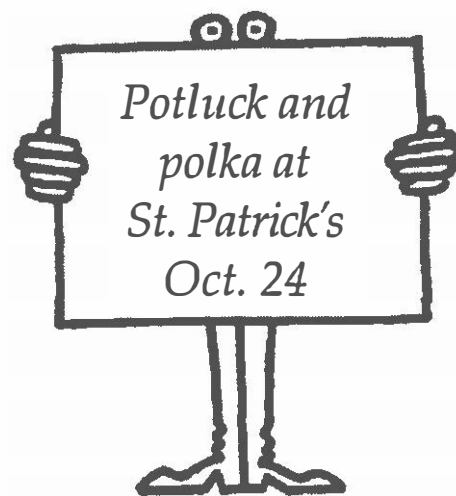
## Parish observes Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 3

All parish Masses on Oct. 2-3 will be celebrated in support of Respect for Life in concert with all other churches in the Diocese of Peoria and throughout the United States.

St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee will mark the occasion with the Pennies for Life collection to be taken up at all Masses that weekend. The recommended donation is one penny for each year of your life—but of course the more you give, the harder it will be for others to know how old you are! This collection is given to the diocesan Family Resource Center in Peoria, whose resources in support of respect for life on all life issues are available to St. Patrick's and all parishes in the diocese.

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, silent witness in support of life can be given by participation in the Life Chain at Hessel Park, Champaign. (No donations should be given at the park.)

Please demonstrate your respect for life by participating in the Respect Life Sunday events!



Everyone is invited to join in the fun on Sunday, Oct. 24, at St. Patrick's—children are as welcome as adults at this family event. Admission fee? The Social Committee hopes for your favorite German dish, but any dish to share with other fun-seekers will gain admission. Leon Mayer will tap into his extensive music collection for the event, which will be held in the main hall of the parish center from about 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Watch the parish bulletin for more details as the event draws near.

## ST. PATRICK'S PARISH In Focus

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## 1999-2000 Parish Objectives Workshop

Where would you like to see St. Patrick's Parish focus its energy in the coming year?

What critical concerns or burning issues do you want our faith community to address in the Jubilee Year?

How can the Church community live out this new year?

Now is the time to let your voice be heard. Come and discuss, dialog, consider, and converse with others at the parish Objectives Workshop

on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. after a continental breakfast, break for lunch, and conclude at about 3:00 p.m.

Because lunch will be provided, please register with the parish office (367-2665) so that adequate provision can be made. Questions? Call Tom Korder, Parish Council president (328-1946), or watch the weekly bulletin for more information.



## in our parish library

Pope John II has said that the United States lives in a "Culture of Death." Respect Life Month, October, challenges this cultural mindset. The following books can inform you about pro-life issues.

*The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae): A Study Guide*, by John Cavanaugh-O'Keefe. 179.7 Cav *Evangelium Vitae* is Pope John Paul II's encyclical letter about the sanctity of life. This study guide contains the entire text of the letter and presents questions for study and discussion.

*Aborting America*, by Bernard N. Nathanson. 179.7 Nat "From prominent abortionist to pro-life advocate, *Aborting America* is the story of the most dramatic moral turnaround in the history of abortion. The author was a co-founder of the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws and director of the largest abortion clinic in the world. He tells of a startling discovery that convinced him that, as head of an abortion clinic, he had 'presided over 60,000 deaths' and that 'the abortion ethic is an invitation to irresponsibility.'" Nathanson's conclusion is that "only the recognition that the [unborn child] is but

one of us, and that we must welcome it back into the community of mankind, will serve us as a reliable guide for our implacable future."

*Abortion: Questions & Answers*, by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Willke. 179.7 Wil You've got questions? This book has answers! Some of the statistics are a bit dated, but it gives good background on the Right to Life movement. It's a book you can read through or just pick up and browse to learn something new.

*Margaret Sanger: Father of Modern Society*, by Elasa Drogin. 179.7 Dro This book provides a unique look at Sanger and her motives for beginning Planned Parenthood. Sanger saw voluntary and involuntary birth control, sterilization, and abortion as the panacea for all social problems and human misery. She believed that I.Q. should be the basis for reproduction and sterilization to create a better race of humanity. Highly interesting reading.

*If you have trouble locating books or other materials in the library, call Frances Drone-Silvers (398-1458), parish library coordinator. She will be pleased to help.*

**Q&A** Q: I often see very young children, obviously too young to receive Holy Communion, approach the priest or Communion minister with arms crossed over their breast. Instead of giving them Communion, the priest or other minister says something to them and reaches out to touch them. I guess I didn't think anything of it because it seemed a nice thing for children to come up with their parents, who do receive Holy Communion. But this weekend I saw an adult approach with arms crossed over his breast. What actually is happening here? Why would an adult do this?

A: The short answer is probably the best: people at any age may approach in this fashion for a blessing instead of Holy Communion. This may be because they are so very young that they have not yet received the instruc-

tion in their faith that prepares them to receive this sacrament. Sometimes a person must restrict intake of food and drink because of hospital tests or medication and so approaches for a blessing. Or, and this is most common with adults who engage in this practice, they are not Catholic but wish to participate in some way in this communal action, the Communion of the Faithful. A person who approaches with arms crossed over his or her breast receives a blessing from the priest or other Communion minister. Wording will vary with the minister, but a commonly used one is this: "May the Lord bless you and keep you always."

*Questions about Catholic practice or Catholic teaching may be sent to the Communications Committee in care of the parish office.*

## The Archives Committee wants names!

St. Patrick's parishioners have been generous in giving their time as drivers for the community's Meals-on-Wheels program, an ecumenical endeavor since its inception in the mid-sixties.

Nancy Steerman, for the Archives Committee, has built a list of known participating parishioners, but "I am sure I have missed some people along the way, especially in the 70s and 80s. So anyone in the parish—including the men—please go over the list to see who's been missed." Here are the names she does have:

Mary Arendskuenning, Ann Armer, Grace Atherton, Jan Billington, Sean Billington, Ben Bermingham, Bev Bermingham, Doris Booky, Anne Britsky, Margaret Bryant;

Joan Causeman, Florence Chevalier, Connie Conerty-Difanis, Josie Cruz, Frances Drone-Silvers, Mary Fonner, Kathy Gaybrier, Helen Godfrey, Meg Grady, Doris Green;

Betty Howell, Ruth Jacobs, Tracey Johnson, Norma Karier, Richard Keane, Connie Knake, Lucille Kocher, Oscar Kocher, Matthew Kuenning, Betty LaBerge, Cesaria Lancaster, Lynette Laughnan, Gary Laumann, Mary Ann Luedtke;

Pat Mayer, Jim McKowen, Peggy McKowen, Martha Miebach, Cheryl Milewski, Christine Milewski, Pat Minogue, Carrie McGreevy, Lori McDonough, Tom McDonough, Dorothy Moffitt, Lucille Moore;

Johnny Palmisano, Mary Ann Parks, Bill Plymire, Ruth Plymire, Maneera Pidhayasirinun, Angie Prendergast, Natalie Primeaux, Gladys Reinhart, Helen Reynolds, John Roedl, Mrs. W. Rothes and daughter, Chris;

Mariangela Segre, Joyce Shaffer, Eileen Scott, Joe Sleeter, Mary Sleeter, Nancy Steerman, Elizabeth Talbot, Emile Talbot, Marilyn Taylor, Felicia Vastalo, Charlene Waldron, Joan Waller, John Wavering, Luella Wavering, Ellen Wikoff, Sophia Zeigler.

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## The amazing odyssey of Ignatius

Ignatius became the bishop of Antioch around 69 A.D. He may have been converted to the faith by the Apostle John; however, most of what we know about Ignatius comes from his last few months of life, around 107 A.D.

Ignatius was condemned to death during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Trajan and taken to Rome for his execution. The boat traveled along the coast, stopping in many ports long enough that he was able to meet with the Christian communities at each stop.



It seems that he had many contacts in these communities. One of those he met was Onesimus, Bishop of Ephesus. This may be the same Onesimus mentioned in St. Paul's letter to Philemon, master of the runaway slave Onesimus, in an attempt to reconcile the two. If the runaway slave became Bishop of Ephesus, Philemon must have been persuaded!

During his journey along the coast on the way to his execution, Ignatius wrote seven letters to the local churches. These came to be held in high esteem because of his connection with the Apostle John, because he was himself a bishop, and because his life ended in martyrdom. His letters were treated like those of Paul; they were read in the churches and were circulated widely.

When the canon of the scriptures were being defined, some authorities would have included the letters of Ignatius among the books of the New Testament. Portions of these letters are included today among the readings given for the Liturgy of the Hours, prayed by all clergy, most religious, and many lay persons in the Church.

Ignatius is remembered by the Church on Oct. 17.

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If you or someone you know has participated in this endeavor at any time and is not listed here, please call Nancy Steerman (328-1217). She really wants to hear from you!

## "Suffering is necessary, misery optional"

The first person to register for the trip to Lourdes May 4-11, 1999, was Lyman Larson. Not Catholic, not a member of St. Patrick's Parish, Lyman had always hoped to go to the Lourdes about which he had read. He is currently battling two kinds of cancer, so the trip took on added significance. He recently wrote:

To the members of St. Patrick's Church, Sister Marie, Father Tim Nolan, and fellow Lourdes travelers,

Thank you so much for your hard work and preparation to make the trip to Lourdes such a wonderful time.

Although I did not have a physical miracle, I certainly experienced a spiritual miracle and came away with an inner peace and a stronger bond with God.

As Father Tim so eloquently put it, "Suffering is necessary, but misery is optional."



Sister Marie Golla was unable to travel with the group because of illness, but she put her incomparable organizing ability at the service of the group.



The banner carried in procession at Lourdes by Walter Splittstoesser was designed by parishioner Nick Britsky. Here you see Lyman Larson in a wheelchair, assisted by Carol Haas.



Deadline for submission of information, articles, and news items for the next issue of In Focus is October 17.



Seated (from the left): Mary Fonner, Elaine Hayes, Helen Hibschan, Dorothea Smith. Standing: Virginia Deaska, Walter Splittstoesser, Eileen Ptacek, Rosemary Johnson, Fr. Tim Nolan. (Those who remember Fr. Tim will notice that his ability to smile for the camera is improving!)



Lyman Larson stands with his hand on Fr. Tim Nolan's shoulder. Seated (from the left): Fr. Tim Nolan (former assistant pastor at St. Patrick's), Margaret Brown, Mary Corcoran, Margaret Schwenk. Standing: Lyman Larson, Carol Haas, Nancy Costa, Loraine Price-Roesch, Dean Schwenk, Catherine Watson, Patricia Gallagher, Shirley Splittstoesser. Fr. Donald Noel, also traveling with the group, is not shown.

## You won't want to miss the Health Fair, Oct. 17!

The Parish Nurse program of St. Patrick's is sponsoring a Health Fair on Sunday, Oct. 17, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the main hall of the parish center.

Health information and some screening will be available on various topics, such as asthma, bike and skating safety, cancer, car seats, child-care resources, diabetes, hypertension, relaxation techniques, senior services.

All are welcome at the Health Fair, starting at 1:00 p.m.! There is no admission charge. For more information, watch the weekly bulletin or call Carol Humpherys (586-2952).

## Parish Council News

At their September meeting Council members welcomed Byron DeHaven, who described the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which has a chapter that operates out of St. Patrick's facilities. The Society exists, he said, to help the poor, and this help is generally provided in the form of food made available through offerings from parishioners.

About 35 volunteers help with handing out parcels of food, picking up food from several local restaurants and the Eastern Illinois Food Bank, and unloading deliveries from the Food Bank. About 70 bags of foodstuffs are given away each week and have provided food for 1627 families since the first of the year. Earlier this year the Society provided about \$2500 worth of food for 200 migrant workers. Food donors include Sweet Indulgence, IGA, Town and Country Caterers, and local bread shops.

So far this year expenditures have amounted to \$15,758, all from donations, primarily for food but also for medications, bus tickets, lodging, gas, the Catholic Worker House, Society chapters in poor countries like Jamaica and the Honduras, the Maryknoll Missions in the Sudan, and to the Society's national conference.

More volunteers are needed, especially to help with food distribution on week-days, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Time and Talent stewardship drive netted 156 responses with new and continued commitments totaling 227.

Fr. Remm reported that so far parishioners have paid \$52,678 of \$80,278 pledged for the diocesan Annual Stewardship Appeal. The Catholic high school campaign has reached 70.6 percent of its goal with pledges of \$6.3 million. A \$1 million pledge has been offered as a challenge; with matching funds from donations, the drive will be very close to meeting its goal.

Council then discussed the possibility of establishing a fund to provide tuition assistance for parishioners wishing to enroll at St. Thomas More. (Bishop Myers has said that parishes will have to help their own students, that parishioners who

wish to enroll and need tuition assistance must expect to receive it from their own parish.) Such a fund, if established, would not be a scholarship fund; it would be based on need.

Members agreed in principle with the advisability of such a fund and concluded that it should be an endowment fund and treated as "extraordinary income" so as not to be included in general income upon which the parish's ASA goal is calculated. Without a clear idea of how many students from St. Patrick's Parish might apply for tuition assistance, it seems advisable to set up a committee whose charge it would be to look into all aspects of such a fund. Fr. Remm

recommended that membership of the committee be representative of the parish, including parents, someone with a financial background, and volunteers from the parish at large. Dwain Berggren volunteered to assist with setting up such a committee.

Fr. Tony Dittmer, an assistant at Holy Cross Church, has been appointed chaplain for the new high school while continuing his duties at Holy Cross.

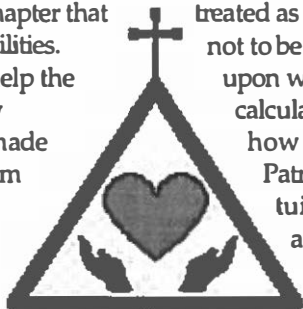
Invitations to the 1999-2000 Objectives Workshop will be sent to all committee members, with a general invitation extended to all parishioners. Committees may want to look for possible tie-ins of their objectives with the Jubilee Year.

J. Mark Baker and all parishioners who have moved into the parish during the last year will be feted at a pancake breakfast after 7:30 and 9:00 Masses on Oct. 31.

Several committees will be participating in planning for a Jubilee Celebration on New Year's Eve.

On Feb. 6 Bishop Myers will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Krannert Center and has asked that all priests be present to concelebrate. Some of the regularly scheduled parish Masses will therefore have to be canceled. Fr. Remm and his staff will be discussing plans to accommodate the needs of parishioners, who of course will also be invited to participate in the Mass at the Krannert Center.

The next Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Oct. 21. All parishioners are welcome to attend these open parish meetings.



For interested parishioners, minutes of Council meetings are posted in the church vestibule and on the bulletin board in the office wing of the parish center.

### Dr. Anthony Padavano to speak Oct. 23

The Roncalli Society welcomes Dr. Anthony Padavano as featured speaker at the Fall Gathering in Normal (Ill.) on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Dr. Padavano will take as the themes of his presentations "The Church: Theology after Vatican II" and "The Church: Spirituality, Our Hunger for God."

He will be making a return engagement to the Roncalli Society. The membership has made it clear since his last appearance that another day with him would be welcome. Dr. Padavano's background and accomplishments highly recommend him. In 1962 he received an M.A. in Philosophy and a doctorate in sacred theology in Rome, adding a doctorate in literature from Fordham University in 1980. He has been appointed Catholic Pastor at Inclusive Community, United Church of Christ, where Catholics and Protestants worship together. He has authored 26 books, 3 award-winning plays, and 150 articles.

The Society's Fall Gathering will be held at the Mennonite Church (corner of Hovey and Cottage in Normal) with registration from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., followed by the program from 9:30 to 3:00 p.m. The registration fee (\$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, \$10 for students and persons on fixed income) includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

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 or to register for the Fall Gathering, call 309/674-4740 or (toll-free) 888/674-6578.





# "Gracias por los zapatos!"

("Thank you for the shoes!")

Marilyn Warbuton sang with the choir for the Mass in Spanish that used to be celebrated on Sunday afternoons at St. Patrick's for the many Spanish-speaking people in the C-U area. She has since taken a job in Mexico with a company doing research in plant breeding and genetic improvement with corn and wheat for third-world farmers.



My husband, Gerardo, and I with some of the kids, dressed in their Sunday best for the occasion!

She and her husband, Gerardo, live a village just outside Mexico City and attend Mass in a tiny church crowded with people from the village and children from a local orphanage. Marilyn noticed that, although the villagers do try to provide for the orphans, lately with new dresses and pants, the children were badly in need of shoes and socks. Remembering St. Patrick's generosity to those in need, she asked whether we might provide \$1000 for shoes for the children. The Parish Council agreed and set money aside for this purpose from unspent funds at the end of our fiscal year.

In August Marilyn wrote: "I would like to thank you all so very much for the generous help you have provided for the orphans and abandoned



Gerardo helped the kids try on the new shoes.



Unloading shoes at the orphanage in Xocotlan

children of Xocotlan and San Diego, Texcoco, Mexico. I wish you could all visit so you could see the good you have done! I will send you a letter from the Mother Superior of the orphanage, and pictures and letters the kids gave me for you. I also took pictures of the big day, the day we distributed the shoes to the kids. Some of them had to wait for up to two hours before we found their shoe size amid the mountains of shoes, but they didn't care at all. There was no fight-



Mother Superior Maria Luisa and some of the kids in the cafeteria waiting for their turn.

ing about who got better shoes, they were all just so glad to have the beautiful new shoes they now have. The total cost of the shoes was actually just over \$1500 (there were 140 pairs of them!), but we got help from several other generous individuals as well, which just covered the cost.

"Talking to Sister Irma de Maria, the secretary to the Mother Superior, can sometimes be pretty depressing. She can recite which children were found abandoned at the doorstep of the orphanages, of churches, even in one case a newborn baby in a plastic

bag in a dumpster. And there are twice as many girls as boys, another sad social commentary. But when you talk to the kids, you realize they know how to count their blessing, rather than focus on the sad beginnings of their life. You could really learn something from them, and I certainly have.

"Thanks again for everything. The kids' letters also express their gratitude, and I hope you enjoy them."

There isn't room here for all the



Buying shoes at the "Jalisco" shoe store. It took two trips for them to fill our order! (This is Mother Superior Maria Luisa, with her assistant, Madre Irma de Maria, and me.

drawings and notes from the children themselves. These are on display in the main hall of the parish center. A representative one has been selected to appear here with the photographs Marilyn sent of the event. They certainly convey the size of the task and the excitement of the day—new shoes for 140 orphaned or abandoned children!



Only one of the many drawings sent by the children with their thanks for the new shoes.

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House is much like a number of other organizations working for children's welfare. But Mathew House goes further in its concentration on healing the spirit.

As a woman who spent years in anger, fear, and unforgiveness, Tamara believes that recreational and educational opportunities and material goods are not enough. The goal is to heal the whole child—body, mind, and spirit. Here children are continually reminded of the Father who loves them beyond measure, and of Jesus who died for love of them. Joining in prayer, they are gently encouraged to release negative feelings and forgive others. Gradually, as they come to see themselves as loved and lovable, they can in turn love and let go of anger and mistrust.

Just as Tamara once felt called to open her house and heart to the children, she now feels guided to share this concept of child nurturing that has proven successful in changing lives. In the many years of trial and error, she has discovered what works and what does not. With the assistance of staff and volunteers she has produced a written guide for this way of working with children. The goal now is to work with children in groups of five or six, with a godparent and volunteers for each group, known as a Home Mission.

There are now four Home Missions in Champaign, with another planned by year's end, and one in Chicago with one more in the planning. Delegations have come from as far as Romania to learn about this concept of nurturing children.

Would you like to help? Mature volunteers are needed as mentors in after-school programs and on weekends. Could you afford to take a child shopping for needed shoes or winter clothing? Are you a music teacher or an artist who would like to share that gift one on one with a talented child? Could you subsidize ballet or gymnastic lessons or provide after-school transportation? Maybe your talent is baking—a special cake for a birthday party? Contact Mathew House, P.O. Box 1285, Champaign, IL 61820, and ask how you can help.

Most of all, though, Mathew House would really appreciate your prayers!

## The CREW Review

Christ Renews Everyone's World. What a true statement! Not only is Christ renewing my world, but several other people's too. Since last spring I have seen so much progression in many teenagers' faith in God, including my own. Our "renewed" youth group has been a big part of this growth. Because other people are beginning to show that they do have faith in God, I find it easier to show my own faith and trust in God.

A relationship with God is one that should be of great importance in people's lives. My relationship with God is strong, but still growing and friend stronger. When I see other people devoting their time to serve God, it inspires me to devote my time to God.

CREW is beginning to do more service projects and activities where we are giving our time to help God's people. An example is the time we give when we work at St. Jude Catholic Worker House. At the House we do odd jobs to help get done what is needed. When I went, we cleaned out the attic and gave to Goodwill the clothes that could not be used at the House. After spending most of the day there, I felt really good about myself. Not only had I helped other people, but I had also helped myself. I got to know our youth group leader, Deborah Riley, a



Teresa Davito



CREW members (from the left) Ines Hubler, Teresa Davito, Danielle Schaub, and Jason Retz enjoyed the Pasta & Parables Dinner Theater, with guest performer Tom Sparough, "space painter" (seen here in the background) last spring.

lot better. I received some good advice and had a lot of fun. By helping God's people and devoting my time to serve God, I am building a stronger relationship with him.

Not only has CREW made me a better person, but it is helping to shape my future and how I feel about myself. In this short span of time, our youth group has grown and improved enormously. I am excited about the upcoming year and all that it entails. I hope this will encourage others to try out our youth group and see if they too can get something good out of it. Christ truly is renewing our world!

By Teresa Davito

"The CREW Review" serves as a forum for parish teens to write about their experiences with the youth group, or CREW (Christ Renews Everyone's World) as they call their group. Please pray for our teen group and for a continued outreach to all young people.

## Focus on ministry

### Eucharistic Minister

The eucharistic minister's whole work is to take in hand the consecrated bread and wine and to share them with everyone.

Ministers of communion are not dispensing machines, but brothers and sisters in the very Body and Blood they are sharing. They not only speak their own faith in saying "The Body of Christ," "The Blood of Christ," but they call forth the faith of the communicant.

\* Time commitment is at the discretion of the eucharistic minister, who submits preferences for Mass times and frequency for scheduling. Eucharistic



ministers are needed for all parish weekend and special liturgies.

\* Training, scheduled with the coordinator, takes place in the church and includes a review of procedures for communion ministry at Mass, practice in handling (unconsecrated) hosts and the communion cup, and advice on handling situations that may arise during communion.

\* Requirements? A desire to serve, reverence in handling the Body and Blood of Christ, and a readiness to fulfill one's scheduled appointments.

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Reflections by Sr. Marie Golla on the death of her mother

## *"We have been gifted and graced by our parents"*

As I try to determine an image with which to describe Mom, aside from that of the Old Testament's "valiant woman," what comes to mind is the image of a diamond or a kaleidoscope, something multifaceted, for Mom was definitely a woman of multiple talents: a woman who, under her initials of S.O.S., wrote a newspaper column in Missouri accompanied by tiny, fragile line drawings, who could name flowers by their genus, species, and popular names, who could cook or bake anything German, Hungarian, Italian, you name it.

Mom was a gardener who, during the war, kept us supplied with food through the victory garden in our yard—as a farm girl she knew well how to do that. Because of war shortages she made the soap we used and, with Dad, made the sausage we ate.

She was a genuine Madame Le Farge with the crochet hook, crocheting endlessly in the evenings after supper. Mom had a very special bond with priests—Fr. Ed Golla and Fr. Bruno Hagspiel were regulars at our house; their call to Mom to announce their imminent arrival included a request for her homemade kohlrabi soup. Every priest ordained from our home parish of Visitation in Chicago received a crocheted alb from the family. The linen for these was purchased on the Black Market, common during World War II, in the alleys on Chicago's South Side—a linen that Mom always said had a very special quality.

Much ahead of her time, Mom was a liturgist before Vatican II called our attention to liturgy. She knew the "white list" of approved music inside and out. Before serving as organist at St. Jane's, she was organist at Visitation Church and, during the summers, organist in Decatur, Michigan.

Mom had great devotion to the Holy Spirit, and the older we children grew, the more her devotion to St. Jude, patron of impossible cases, increased. When the family rosary, prayed around the dining room table each night after supper, was followed by the prayer to

St. Jude, furtive looks were exchanged by us kids to try to find out which one of us was responsible for it. I suspect that even now Mom is having a heart-to-heart talk with St. Jude about one or another of us!

Among Mom's goals for us was that we would each become a saint. To that end she read to us every biography of saints available. While she did read Uncle Wiggly stories to us, the books by Fr. Daniel Lord, like *Just for Juniors*, were not long off the press before they became bedtime reading for us.

Mom didn't like nicknames. Dad didn't like them either; in fact he really preferred that we call Mom "Mother"—in the very German way—but that didn't "take," and the fact that we include an Ed, Marge, Bernie, and Frank J. among us indicates that the prohibition against nicknames didn't "take" either.

What did "take" was the emphasis both our parents placed on faith, family, and education. Mom was a teacher in the public schools in Missouri and Illinois and in the Catholic schools in Chicago. Dad recognized this when he courted her; he proposed to her indirectly (in typical German fashion) and asked not that she marry him, but when would she start teaching him.

Attending daily Mass when we were

children was another sign of the value system of our parents. Holy Week memories for me include silence in the house from the beginning of the Sacred Triduum, my dad with us for Holy Thursday's exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Good Friday's Tre Ore service, and Mom's great delight when she could have bacon again after Mass on Holy Saturday—the same moment that we children devoured the candy we had hoarded during Lent.

Some of the patterns of our parents we have tried to unlearn all of our lives—particularly that of working until we drop!—but in our faith we have been both gifted and graced by them.

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*God of all,  
within the bounds  
of your gracious  
community,  
you transform us  
from strangers  
into friends.  
Strengthen  
the ties  
that bind us.  
Guide us  
as we walk  
together  
in faith.*

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

Meg Grady

#### *Tuna Cheese Spread*

1 6-oz pkg cream cheese  
1 6.5-oz can tuna  
3-4 T mayonnaise  
1/2-1 t lemon juice

3/4 t curry powder  
dash of salt  
2 green onions, finely sliced


Let cream cheese soften at room temperature for an hour. Drain tuna, mash with fork. In medium bowl combine cream cheese, tuna, and mayonnaise. Add lemon juice, curry, and salt. Blend well. Add onions and stir to blend. Chill for an hour to blend flavors. Good served with crackers, radishes, carrot or celery sticks, etc. May also be used to stuff cherry tomatoes or for sandwiches.





# October, 1999

## St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana

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. Deadline for the next issue is October 17, 1999.</p>					10:45am Mass Champaign County Nursing Home	*NEW* 7:00pm Senior Citizens Group
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9:00 & 11:00am Rel Ed 10:15 Children's Liturgy 6:30pm Jr /Sr Hi Classes 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders	9:30am Archives 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Finding God in Daily Work 7:00pm Pro-Life	9:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Financial Affairs	5:00pm SVDP 5:15pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Children's RelEd, St. Pat's 6:30pm Children's RelEd, St. Joe 7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm RCIA	7:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Bldg & Grounds	10:30am Mass Care Center 10:45am Mass Champaign County Nursing Home	
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Newcomer Welcome Psancke Breakfast following 7:30am and 9:00am Masses 6:30pm Bible Study Leaders						
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SVDP- St. Vincent DePaul Society