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# Regional Planning - What's the Hurry?

Contributed by  
Timothy Hughes

Parish and Regional Planning is the big news in the Archdiocese of Louisville. The process starts out by inferring that we have a shortage of priests and we are not going to get anymore. Thus parishes must be closed and or consolidated.

The erroneous thing about this whole procedure is that the archdiocese established the conclusion before considering the alternatives. The current region meetings are in reality an effort to create the premise in order to justify the conclusion. The conclusion being that school realignment, parish realignment, etc., is necessary.

Let's be clear, no regional planning can be legitimate without a **well organized plan for increasing vocations**. Without such a plan everything else becomes political or agenda oriented. If there was as much time, effort, and money geared to increasing vocations, as is currently involved in the so-called Parish and Regional Planning, most of the problems would be solved.

Mr. Brian Reynolds, Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer for the Archdiocese is convinced that the so-called planning process is "Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit". Such a statement coming from Mr. Reynolds is not surprising. **Are we supposed to trust this reasoning?** Let's look at a few examples from past techniques of deceit that have often been the trademark of Mr. Reynolds,

In 1991 Sandra McCauley was moved from the Peace and Justice Agency to the Respect Life Office. Director McCauley was known to have a very different approach from previous directors. Witnesses had stated that her written and spoken views on several life issues were not in conformity with Church teaching. In one of her more controversial public appearances, she delivered an infamous speech at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in which she condoned contraception and homosexuality. Several letters were sent to Archbishop Kelly asking for an official "denunciation or clarification" of her public remarks which were not in line with Church Teaching. The Archbishop replied that Respect Life Director McCauley was "completely orthodox." Then, on behalf of Archbishop Kelly, Brian Reynolds called a special meeting of the Respect Life Board of Directors to discuss problems centered on Mrs. McCauley. After, and only after a long three hour meeting, in which the Respect Life Board members were encouraged to express their deep innermost feelings and concerns, Brian Reynolds pulled out a prepared letter, written and signed by the Archbishop in advance, which dismissed the entire Board. How deceitful can one be?

Another example took place in 1996 when a group of local Catholic women attempted to place an ad in the archdiocese newspaper, *The Record*, in support of the Holy Father and the Magisterium. Ultimately the women were denied the right to purchase such an ad. Who was the final decision maker? None other than Brian Reynolds.

Many members of *Catholics In Action* have reported this same pattern of behavior during the previous round of archdiocesan church closings. Bring people together; tell them you want to hear what they have to say, knowing full well that the decision has already been made.

In 2002 the pattern of deception by Mr. Reynolds continued in the Holy Rosary Academy episode. During that time the Faculty and Staff of Holy Rosary placed a paid ad in the Courier-Journal which stated in part: "**One especially disconcerting thing about the whole (closing of Holy Rosary) situation is the realization that Spalding did not act alone in their decision, it has been obvious that the Archdiocese (under Mr. Reynolds) endorsed the closing from day one and perhaps was even a motivating force behind it.**"

With the era of Archbishop Kelly coming to an end and with the past history of questionable archdiocesan leadership, why not step back and allow the new archbishop to formulate his own plan for the parishes in this diocese?

Archbishop Kelly is due to retire in July of this year. Is this the proper time to close and/or consolidate parishes?

**What's the hurry?**

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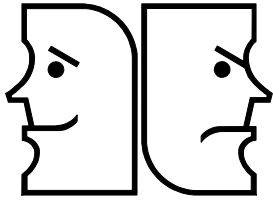
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# Smile & Grimace

## **“Catholic” Lawmakers Vote Against Pro-Life Bill**

On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Kentucky Senate approved a bill requiring women to receive face-to-face counseling at least 24 hours before having an abortion. The state currently has a twenty-four hour waiting period, but abortion providers had been counseling patients over the phone.

The vote was 33-4 with no debate. Voting against the measure were Ernesto Scorsone, Denise Harper Angel, Gerald Neal and Tim Shaughnessy.

**Ernesto Scorsone** and **Tim Shaughnessy** are “Catholic”. They each have an extensive history of supporting abortion rights. (Shaughnessy verbally attacked a St. Xavier High School student for working in a pro-life booth.)

### **Shame on them!**

Unfortunately, the bill did not pass the House of Representatives. Nevertheless, there is absolutely no reason for a “Catholic” politician to oppose this legislation. It did not prohibit a woman from getting an abortion. It merely would help her make an informed decision.

Is it possible that we do not want a woman to realize what she is doing when she is killing her baby?

## **A.D. & B.C. On the Way Out?**

The Kentucky State Board of Education has decided to continue to use B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (Anno Domini, Latin for “In the year of the Lord”).

However, they decided on April 11<sup>th</sup> to supplement the traditional dating method with C.E. (Common Era) and B.C.E. (Before the Common Era).

Lisa Gross, a spokesperson for the Kentucky Department of Education, said “We want to make sure kids are exposed to those terms.” They’re becoming more widespread.

## **O’Malley a True Leader**

In a stunning turn of events, Archbishop Sean P. O’Malley and leaders of Catholic Charities of Boston announced that the agency will end its adoption work, deciding to abandon its founding mission, rather than comply with state law requiring that gays be allowed to adopt children.

The Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, president of Catholic Charities of Boston, and Jeffrey Kaneb, chairman of the board, said that after much reflection and analysis, they could not reconcile church teaching that placement of children in gay homes is “immoral” with Massachusetts law prohibiting discrimination against gays.

Almost immediately after the announcement, Governor Mitt Romney, who was in Tennessee speaking to a Republican group, issued a statement saying he would file legislation to exempt religious organizations that provide adoption services from the state’s antidiscrimination laws.

“I ask the Legislature to work with me on a bill that I will file to ensure that religious institutions are able to participate in the important work of adoption in a way that always respects and never forces them to compromise their firmly held beliefs,” Romney said.

## **First Kelly – Now George**

Louisville’s *Voice of the Faithful (VOF)*, a small group of Louisville Catholics, recently called for the resignation of Cardinal Francis George of Chicago. (The group previously discussed calling for the resignation of Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly.)

Issuing a statement in early April, Shannon Whelan, a spokesman for the organization, said the members of the Louisville group were unanimous that George should resign. (The usual number attending VOF meetings is approximately 15.) The group is calling for the Cardinal’s resignation because he supposedly allowed a priest to remain in ministry after a sexual-abuse allegation.

In an earlier statement, Cardinal George accepted responsibility for “the tragedy of allowing children to be in the presence of a priest against whom an accusation of sexual abuse had been made.”

There is no doubt that our children should be protected from sexual predators, be they priests, teachers, ministers or members of any other occupation.

But organizations like Voice of the Faithful, who acknowledge that their agenda is to bring about structural changes in the Catholic Church, should be getting their own house in order and accepting the authority of the Magisterium, before demanding that another diocese change leadership.

## **Cardinal Backpedals**

The world media has exploded with stories suggesting that the Vatican is soon to release a document “easing the ban on condoms”. Thousands of media outlets across the globe screamed the news, but the Vatican Cardinal at the center of the storm is back-pedaling as fast as he can from the story.

The Cardinal in question is Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragán, appointed by late Pope John Paul II in 1997 as president of the Pontifical Council. In 2004 he suggested that condoms could be used within marriage to prevent against AIDS transmission.

However, the teaching of the Catholic Church on the matter is that even inside the confines of marriage, the marital act (sex) is to be open to God’s gift of life and thus condoms are not permitted.

And in a statement which have some suggesting that he may have been reprimanded for his loose comments, he said: “I repeat: What I think and my commitment is simply to be an echo of what the Pope says. I don’t have a personal opinion as head of this dicastery. My official opinion is to reproduce exactly to the letter what the Pope says.”

# CLOTHING, CULTURE, AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Contributed by  
Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner

Every Catholic Church is a House of God. Every tabernacle contains the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The church building is holy ground and must be treated as such. Every altar is honored, blessed, incensed, and revered because the sacrifice of the Mass takes place on this Holy Table. The sacred vessels that contain the precious Body and Blood of Our Lord must be of worthy materials. Our priests wear special garments for officiating at Holy Mass. Special care is taken that every component of the Mass is held sacred by the musicians, lectors, extraordinary Ministers of Communion, altar servers, Deacons, and we, the faithful. Outward signs, such as clothing and manner of behavior, signify our relationship to the events in which we participate, especially at the Holy Mass, which is the Greatest Event of time.

We, as human beings and children of God, must give Him the very best of ourselves. This includes honor, respect and reverence in His Holy House. Do we do this? Do we present and conduct ourselves in God's House with the recognition of where we are - in the presence of Almighty God? Or do we fall prey to the consumerism of our age and wear "less than respectful" attire in God's House? There is such a thing as appropriateness for the occasion. There also is such a thing as distracting and offending others by our inappropriate attire and manner.

Our culture's style of dress, especially for females, is less than modest, tasteful, or attractive in many cases. These types of attire are not appropriate for most occasions, *especially* in the worship of God in His Holy House.

The fashions of our day reflect seriously on our moral obligation to not follow the culture. Women, especially, must refrain from wearing clothing that will gravely offend our dear Lord and be occasions of sin for others.

Men are not excluded from inappropriate dress either. Men should dress appropriately for Sunday worship—shorts, offensive t-shirts and sandals are not symbolic of his responsibility for leading the family in self-discipline of modest and appropriate attire and for reverence to our Lord in His Holy House.

Our Lady of Fatima revealed to little ten-year old Jacinta, while she lay dying in a hospital in Lisbon, Portugal in 1920: "Certain fashions will be introduced which will offend Our Divine Lord very much. Those who serve God ought not to follow these fashions. The Church has no fashions. Our Lord is always the same." Our Lady also said at Fatima, "More souls go to hell because of the sins of the flesh than any other reason."

The Church has not been silent on this subject. Following are voices on the subject of modesty in dress.

As far back as 1921, the Church spoke out strongly against immodest fashions. At that time, Pope Benedict XV, wrote his Encyclical Letter, "*Sacra*

*Propediem*," informing women that they must dress modestly. Pope Pius XI sensed the trend to uncover more and more of the body and so on August 23, 1928, ordered a "*Crusade Against Immodest Fashions, Especially in Schools Directed by Religious*".

On January 12, 1930, Pope Pius XI directed the Sacred Congregation of the Council to issue a strongly-worded letter on Christian modesty to the whole world. Yet to this day, very few Catholics have even heard of this document, and scarcely anyone seems to know its gravely-worded contents. This 1930 letter imposed the obligation of combating the immodest fashion and promoting modesty on all persons in authority. In this letter the Council decreed the following mandates concerning modesty: 1) "The parish priest should command that feminine garb be based on modesty, and womanly ornament be a defense of virtue. Let them likewise admonish parents to cause their daughters to cease wearing indecorous dress. 2) "Parents, conscious of their grave obligations toward the education, especially religious and moral, of their offspring, should assiduously inculcate in their souls, by word and example, love for the virtues of modesty and purity; and since their family should follow the example of the Holy Family, they must rule in such a manner that all its member, reared within the walls of the home, should find reason and incentive to love and preserve modesty. 3) "Let parents never permit their daughters to don immodest garb. 9) 'Maidens and women dressed immodestly are to be debarred from Holy Communion...further, if the offense be extreme, they may even be forbidden to enter the Church.'

In 1846 the Pontifical Government of Italy, under Pope Gregory XVI, seized secret documents from the Communists of that day. These documents were published and were quite revealing. "It has been decided in our councils that we must get rid of Catholics, but we do not want to make martyrs, so let us strive to popularize vice among the people. It must enter by their five senses: Let them drink it in and be saturated with it...make men's hearts corrupt and you will have no more Catholics."

Pope Pius XII, in an address to the International Congress of the Children of Mary Immaculate, on July 17, 1954, stated, "You live in a world which is constantly forgetful of God and the supernatural, where the only interest of the crowd seems to be the satisfaction of temporal needs, well-being, pleasure, vanity. To safeguard your liberty in the face of appeals...made on all sides to your senses...; you must build within you a spiritual fortress, where in recollection and silence, you may continue to hear with heedful awe, the voice of God. You are well aware of the points on which Christian morality demands generous effort...They are, first of all, your general bearing, then conversation, reading, shows, friendships.

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# **Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz**

## *A Man of Courage*

The diocese of Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz is the only Roman Catholic diocese in the country that declined to participate in last year's audit of compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska and the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, Mass., were the only Catholic jurisdictions in the United States that didn't participate in the annual audit of compliance with guidelines on sex-abuse programs.

In issuing the audit report March 30<sup>th</sup> for more than 170 dioceses and several eastern rite eparchies, Patricia O'Donnell Ewers, chairwoman of the National Review Board appointed by the bishops, called for "**strong fraternal correction**" of Bruskewitz and Melkite Archbishop Cyrille Bustros for their refusal to participate.

Bruskewitz issued a statement pointing out that the review board has no authority over bishops.

***"The Diocese of Lincoln has nothing to be corrected for, since the Diocese of Lincoln is and has always been in full compliance with all laws of the Catholic Church and with all civil laws," he said. "Furthermore, Ewers and her board have no authority in the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Lincoln does not recognize them as having any significance."***

Bruskewitz continued: "It is well known that some of the members of Ewers' Board are ardent advocates of partial birth abortion, other abortions, human cloning and other moral errors. It is understandable then how such persons could dislike the Diocese of Lincoln, which upholds the moral teaching of the Catholic Church."

Considering their support of abortion, perhaps some members of Ms. Ewers board could do with some "**strong maternal correction**".

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## **Clothing, Culture**

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What sins are committed or provoked by conversations which are too free, by immodest shows, by dangerous reading. How lax have consciences become, how pagan the morals!" Pope Pius XII has stated repeatedly: "**The greatest sin of our modern generation is that it has lost all sense of sin. This is true particularly in regard to fashions, and the virtue of purity.**" Also, from the words of this Pope, "There always exists an absolute norm to be preserved, no matter how broad and changeable the relative morals of styles may be... Style may never give a proximate occasion of sin, and clothing must be a shield against disordered sensuality."

**The following quotes are worth mentioning:**

**Scripture:** "Women should pray in decent apparel; adorning themselves with modesty and sobriety." (1 Timothy 2:9)

**St. John Chrysostom:** "You carry your snare everywhere and spread your nets in all places. You allege that you never invited others to sin. You did not, indeed, by your words, but you have done so by your dress and your deportment and much more effectively than you could by your voice. When you have made another sin in his heart, how can you be innocent?"

**Fr. Robert J. Fox:** (1980) "Many are led today into serious sin by immodest attire that places suggestive thoughts in the minds of others. While it is true this immodesty has become general, yet the individual Christian must work to change the tide, even if at times it means standing alone and being ridiculed for living according to Christian morality, of which the modern world knows little."

"In the manner in which we appear and present ourselves, we cannot, under any circumstance, give scandal and be an occasion of sin for others. "There will be scandals in the world, but woe to him through whom they come." (Luke 17:2)

Let us remember WHOM it is we are approaching at Mass and WHO is giving Himself to us in Holy Communion. Let us truly honor, worship, and show our respect to Him Who gave us life here on earth and the opportunity to be with Him in glory for all eternity.

# *Subtle Plans to Override Priestly Vocations*

By  
Mary Jo Stopher

The current vocation crisis in the archdiocese of Louisville is set in motion to follow the Boston archdiocese as indicated in the C-J article on March 22, 2006. It states the challenges here “mirror those elsewhere in the nation” then, refers to other dioceses “making difficult choices – the Boston archdiocese, for example, recently closed about 50 parishes.” Isn’t it odd that a troubled diocese would follow this course instead of looking toward a successful diocese such as Lincoln, Nebraska? Unlike war, the enemy is not beyond the moat that surrounds the castle but immerses from within its own boundaries. Therefore, the protectors of the Church may not recognize the clever tactics or the hidden agenda from those who have infiltrated the Church through organized Archdiocesan programs.

Surely churchgoers, priests and religious did not set out to destroy the seminaries and priestly vocations. However, the Church’s openness to the laity opened the doors far too wide. Those without authority crept in, forcing their non inspired agenda onto the Holy Church. One of those ideas took the form of feminism. A segment of people lived on a dream that women would soon be allowed into the priesthood. They cleverly used their claim for compassion to include their desire for priests to marry. Over time their vision was dampened when Pope John Paul II reiterated the declaration of Pope Paul VI that women cannot be ordained. Nevertheless, feminists pushed all the more to “oppose man and take over his territory” and make “all that is masculine disappear” (*New Woman* by Gloria Conde).

This agenda is seen repeatedly in many Catholic Churches where all masculine pronouns are removed and replaced with “God” or inclusive language. A perfect example is “Glory to God in the highest and peace to (His) God’s people on earth.” This distortion of the English language implies that God may not be masculine. *The Second Vatican Council* admonished this very abuse stating, “No person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority.”

As feminists seek to trample over masculinity, women have worked their way up into the sanctuary to appear priestly in the eyes of the community, often unbeknownst to the one involved. It has now reached the point where the faithful have come to accept all ministers to be the same, with little regard as they witness their children receive First Communion from a woman instead of a priest. Respect for priests has diminished as “lay ministry has thrived” (*Pastoral Leadership Report 2005*). At a time when deacons were appropriately on the rise to assist the priests, their excitement to humbly distribute Communion was squelched by the sudden onset of “Eucharistic Ministers” (inappropriately named). The very title placed them above the intended position of servant or Extraordinary Minister. The hidden agenda to ordain

women or to at least make them more priest-like led many innocent self giving people into lay ministry without knowledge of the inevitable consequences. Faultless young girls, eager to volunteer service, have scared the altar boys away, thus suppressing the potential desire toward priesthood. Numerous well intentioned laity and priests alike have been duped by the misinterpretation of *Vatican II* documents, most likely having never read them.

*Vatican II* coincided with the sexual revolution, which led to rationalism in the domestic church, the family. This polarization brought confusion within the Church as young couples were tempted with the introduction of the birth control pill, tubal ligation and vasectomies. Mixed messages ushered complacency as priests left soul threatening decisions to the individual, despite John Paul II’s instructions in *Humanae Vitae*. The result created smaller families and larger homes across the board.

As family size shrunk and Real Presence in the Eucharist was deemphasized, vocations dropped, leading to our current shortage of priests in our archdiocese. The time has come to allow Jesus to be the gate and call on the shepherds to correctly lead the flocks through the narrow opening. Families will grow again once they understand why contraception is wrong. Couples will stay committed to their marriage vocation with the help of NFP (natural family planning) instructions. Openness to life will ultimately create larger families who will hear God’s voice when He calls forth a vocation to the priesthood. Catholic school enrollment is not on a downhill spiral because the children are going elsewhere but because there aren’t enough children to fill the schools.

We can all use the gift of wisdom from the Holy Spirit, learn from past mistakes and humbly accept our proper roles as men and women. Then, we will be more successful in promoting priestly vocations. John Paul II wanted “the voice of Christ heard again” (Address on 22 April 1994). Begin by encouraging your parish to show the film “Fishers of Men” (found at [www.grassrootsfilms.com](http://www.grassrootsfilms.com)). It’s time for more laity with orthodox views and appreciation for Tradition to step into the adult formation training with willingness to suffer persecution and truly assist the faithful to follow the one true shepherd, Jesus Christ. Then we can carry out the true intentions of *Vatican II* and ultimately increase priestly vocations. We can be the moat around the castle that helps to keep the enemy from entering the gate.

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# Voice of the Faithful Convention Told: Ordain Women – Disintegrate Hierarchy

On April 22, David Clohessy, national director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests offered his stark perspective yesterday on what has worked - and what hasn't - to reform the Roman Catholic Church.

Nothing has worked; he told 500 Long Island Catholics gathered in Huntington, New York, save outside pressure.

**"This is an ancient, rigid, secretive, top-down, all-male monarchy,"** Clohessy told members of Voice of the Faithful, the lay reform group. **"It always has been. It always will be. The answer is not to reform them, but to go around them and to contain them."**

Instead of seeking dialogue with bishops, Clohessy urged lay Catholics to throw their energy into efforts to lift or to extend New York's statutes of limitations, so that more lawsuits against the church go forward.

Many of those hearing Clohessy's address at the third annual convention of Long Island Voice of the Faithful, held at the Huntington Hilton, recalled how they joined the group in 2002 out of anger at bishops who shielded priests who had molested children. Revelations that first appeared in *The Boston Globe* early that year soon reverberated across the country, resulting in the passage of so-called zero-tolerance policies of priest sex abuse by the church, and growing activism by people in the pews.

Now, four years later, some said they believe they are part of a larger revitalization movement, and that efforts to hold church officials accountable require their discipline, patience, and above all, faith.

The lay reform group is banned from meeting on church property by Bishop William Murphy. Nonetheless, the Long Island chapter is one of the largest and most active in the nation, with offshoots in almost every parish in Nassau and Suffolk counties, co-chairman Dan Bartley said.

The daylong meeting included addresses by psychologist and former Maryknoll priest Eugene Kennedy and Hofstra religious studies instructor Phyllis Zagano, who spoke about restoring the tradition of **ordaining women as deacons**. Awards were given to James Post of Boston, who recently stepped down as national president of Voice of the Faithful, and to local leader Patricia Zirkel.

**"The world of hierarchy has come to an end,"** said Kennedy, a professor emeritus at Loyola University of Chicago. **"Don't fight with it. Let it disintegrate."**

## U S Supreme Court Sides with Jesus

The US Supreme Court allowed a ruling by a federal court of appeals to stand that declared public schools cannot censor the religious viewpoints of students in class assignments. The case, *Baldwinsville School District v. Peck*, involved a school district's censorship of a kindergartner's art poster that contained a picture of Jesus.

When attending kindergarten at Baldwinsville Elementary School in Syracuse, New York, Antonio Peck's teacher instructed the class to draw posters regarding their understanding of the environment. Antonio drew a poster depicting children holding hands circling the globe, people picking up garbage and recycling trash. The left side depicted Jesus with one knee to the ground and two hands stretched toward the sky, although Jesus was not named.

This poster was displayed for half a day on the cafeteria wall, along with 80 other student posters, during an event where parents were invited to view their children's artwork. But unlike the other kindergarten posters, school officials folded Antonio's poster in half in order to censor Jesus.

School officials said the poster violated "church and state" and would give the impression that the school was teaching religion, even though the poster was clearly a kindergartner's artwork. Folding the poster made it look odd. Antonio's name at the bottom was cut in half. When he saw his poster folded, Antonio felt ashamed in front of his classmates and his parents, because school officials told him and his parents why his poster was folded. He then assumed he did something wrong and was being punished. When school officials refused to remedy the matter, apologize or adopt a policy to prevent future censorship, Liberty Counsel filed suit.

On October 18, 2005, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 3-0 in favor of Antonio. The Second Circuit joined the Ninth and the Eleventh Circuits in holding that public schools may not censor a student's viewpoint on a permissible subject matter when it is responsive to a school assignment or program. The First and Tenth circuits hold that viewpoint discrimination in the curricular context may be permissible. The school district then asked the Supreme Court to hear the case.

While on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, **Justice Samuel Alito** wrote that schools may not censor religious viewpoints of students when they address permissible subjects in response to class assignments or instruction.

Mathew D. Staver, President and General Counsel for Liberty Counsel, stated: "We are pleased the Supreme Court allowed this decision to stand. The school district sent a terrible message to Antonio that his faith is not welcome, when officials persisted in censoring his artwork. At the pinnacle of the Bill of Rights is the First Amendment, which enshrines our first liberty. It's about time that school officials learn a simple lesson — private religious speech when expressed on public property is constitutionally protected. Antonio, who began this case while in kindergarten, is an example of the maxim that one person, no matter the age, can accomplish great things when they stand for a principled cause."

(This article courtesy of [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com).)

# Congratulations!

On April 23, 2006, Divine Mercy Sunday, Saint Martin of Tours Church at 639 South Shelby Street celebrated the tenth anniversary of Perpetual Adoration at their parish.

Since its beginning in 1996, volunteers have spent thousands of hours of adoration. The chapel is open twenty-four hours, seven days a week. The only time the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the chapel is for observance of Good Friday. The Monstrance is removed after Mass on Holy Thursday and replaced following the Easter Vigil Mass.

Several other parishes have begun Eucharistic Adoration. To our knowledge, St. Martin of Tours is the only parish with Perpetual Adoration at this time.

*Consider visiting Our Lord and spending some time in Eucharistic Adoration.*

*"Could you not watch with me for one hour?"*

## **Pope John Paul II Said: "Love the Eucharist"**

Pope John Paul II, urged the world's priests to grow in love and awareness of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The Holy Father said, "Though Christ's presence can be expressed in many ways, his presence in the Eucharist will certainly be supreme."

The Pope urged priests to celebrate the Eucharist with fervor and to "dwell long and often in adoration" before Christ in the Eucharist.

## **Mother Teresa Said:**

"Since we decided to have the Holy Hour in 1963, something beautiful happened in our society.....our love for Jesus has become more intimate; our love for one another more understanding; and our love for the poor more compassionate; and we have also doubled the number of vocations.

I hope each one of you will make a strong resolution to take time for this regularly. So you may be Jesus' Presence and His Compassion in the lives of those you try to rescue. I am praying much for this gift for each one of you. Let us pray."



## *From the Mail*

To the Editor:

Last year on Holy Thursday at the Chrism Mass our local Archbishop told us that the best was yet to come. Shortly afterward there was yet another round of Catholic school consolidations. Now we are told we are no longer to kneel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament because, well, uh, the rest of the world [I guess that means France] doesn't. What further surprises can we expect between now and July 14<sup>th</sup>? - Tuesday night WWF wrestling inside the Cathedral? - A 24-hour 1-900 plenary indulgence number?

- C. P.

To Whom It May Concern:

My friend gave me a copy of your newsletter. It was great! It renews my faith in the Catholic laity. I was beginning to believe that the "Deposit of the Faith" was in danger of being watered down for future generations.

- Ellen

Dear Sir/Madam:

I find your newsletter very interesting. I understand that it is done by non-professionals. Under the circumstances, I find it pretty accurate. Please print a few more positive things, so the laity won't become disheartened.

-Steve A.

To the Editor:

I am not in your diocese, but understand the frustration felt by many Catholics. There no longer seems to be a "One, Holy, and Apostolic Church". I travel a lot and often find the "Catholic" Church I visit to be non-recognizable as a Catholic Church.

I have visited a few churches in Louisville and find a mixed bag. Some are beautiful and appear to be pretty orthodox. A few others are really strange.

A came across a copy of your newsletter in the back one of the churches I visited. I enjoyed it.

- John S.

## Vocations Mailing

The Vocation Packet recently mailed to members, which contained several articles relating to the lack of vocations, was well received.

Several people have asked for additional copies. Please feel free to copy the articles and distribute them as you see fit.

The articles in the packet were intended to be educational.

It is important that Catholics not become discouraged and fail to remember that it is our duty to pray for and nurture vocations. It is also our duty to pray for and be grateful for the priests that God has given us.

It is often easy to point out the errors of some of our archdiocesan priests. How often do we point out the virtues of many archdiocesan priests? Remember, we need our priests to administer the sacraments.

## **Pray daily for Vocations!**

**Pray daily for our Priests!  
Suggested prayer:**

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (*name a priest*), act in him, speak in him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings

## **Be an Angel**



**Our motto has  
always been:**

**"The Lord will provide  
for our needs".**

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