



Pope Benedict XVI . . .

"God Bends Over Needy And Suffering To Console"

Pope Benedict XVI dedicated the general audience of May 18 to a reflection on *Psalm 113* (112).

Before we begin a brief interpretation of the *Psalm* we just heard, I would like to remind you that today is the birthday of our beloved John Paul II. He would have been 85 years old and we are certain that he sees us from on high and is with us. On this occasion we wish to say a profound thank you to the Lord for the gift of this Pope, and we wish to say thank you to the Pope himself for all that he did and suffered.

Psalm 112 has resounded in its simplicity and beauty, which serves as an introduction to the

small collection of *Psalms* that goes from 112 to 117, conventionally called "the Egyptian Hallel." It is the alleluia, that is, the song of praise, which exalts the liberation from Pharaoh's slavery and the joy of Israel in serving the Lord in freedom in the Promised Land (cf. *Psalm 112* (113)).

It was no accident that the Jewish tradition linked this series of *Psalms* to the paschal liturgy. The celebration of that event, according to its socio-historical and

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Cardinal Martino Meets Schindlers . . .

Decries All Violations Of The Right To Life

VATICAN CITY (VIS) — Renato Cardinal Martino, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, on May 17 received Bob and Mary Schindler, the parents of Terri Schiavo, the young American woman whose feeding tube was removed by court order at the request of her husband at the end of March, causing her death.

A communiqué released May 17 by the council stated that the Schindlers, accompanied by promoters of the Association of Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, are in Rome to thank Cardinal Martino for his efforts to save their daughter's life and to present the Holy See with the statutes of this association, recently created to defend life from its conception to natural death.

Cardinal Martino, noted the communiqué, in encouraging the initiatives of this new association,

"recalled the recent very firm position of Benedict XVI on the occasion of his enthronement on the chair of St. John Lateran when he underlined that 'freedom to kill is not a true freedom, but rather a tyranny that reduces man to slavery'."

The cardinal added that this statement "not only regards abortion and euthanasia, but also the death penalty, war, terrorism, the destruction or manipulation of human embryos, and extermination through hunger or devastation of the natural environment."

According to various media reports, including Reuters, the Schindlers briefly met the Holy Father at his May 18 general audience and they gave him a framed picture of Terri.

Bob and Mary Schindler were in the front row at the audience and the Pope greeted them personally as he passed by.

Bizarre Baptism Takes Place . . .

Rainbow Sashers Receive In Rochester

By MICHAEL BRENNAN

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The Diocese of Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral, which Bishop Matthew Clark insists is the model for Catholic worship for the entire diocese, was the setting for a bizarre baptismal ritual of questionable validity on Pentecost Sunday, as Rainbow Sashers received Communion.

Sometimes known as The Coalition in Defense of Church Teaching, the Ushers of the Eucharist, Rochester chapter, encountered more than they bargained for.

Members of the Rainbow Sash had warned the nation that they were storming the cathedrals and churches to protest the "homophob-

ic" Pope Benedict XVI, to defy Catholic doctrine, and to commit sacrilege in the process. However, Rochester's local chapter was very low key this year, although members had been welcomed at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the last four years with their red, blue, green, yellow, and orange sashes wrapped around their shoulders and waists.

Upon entry to the cathedral atrium prior to the 9:30 a.m. Mass, an Usher of the Eucharist, Rochester encountered the head usher, Mr. Stevenson (city councilman), and Fr. Murphy and stated he was looking for Rainbow Sashers. He

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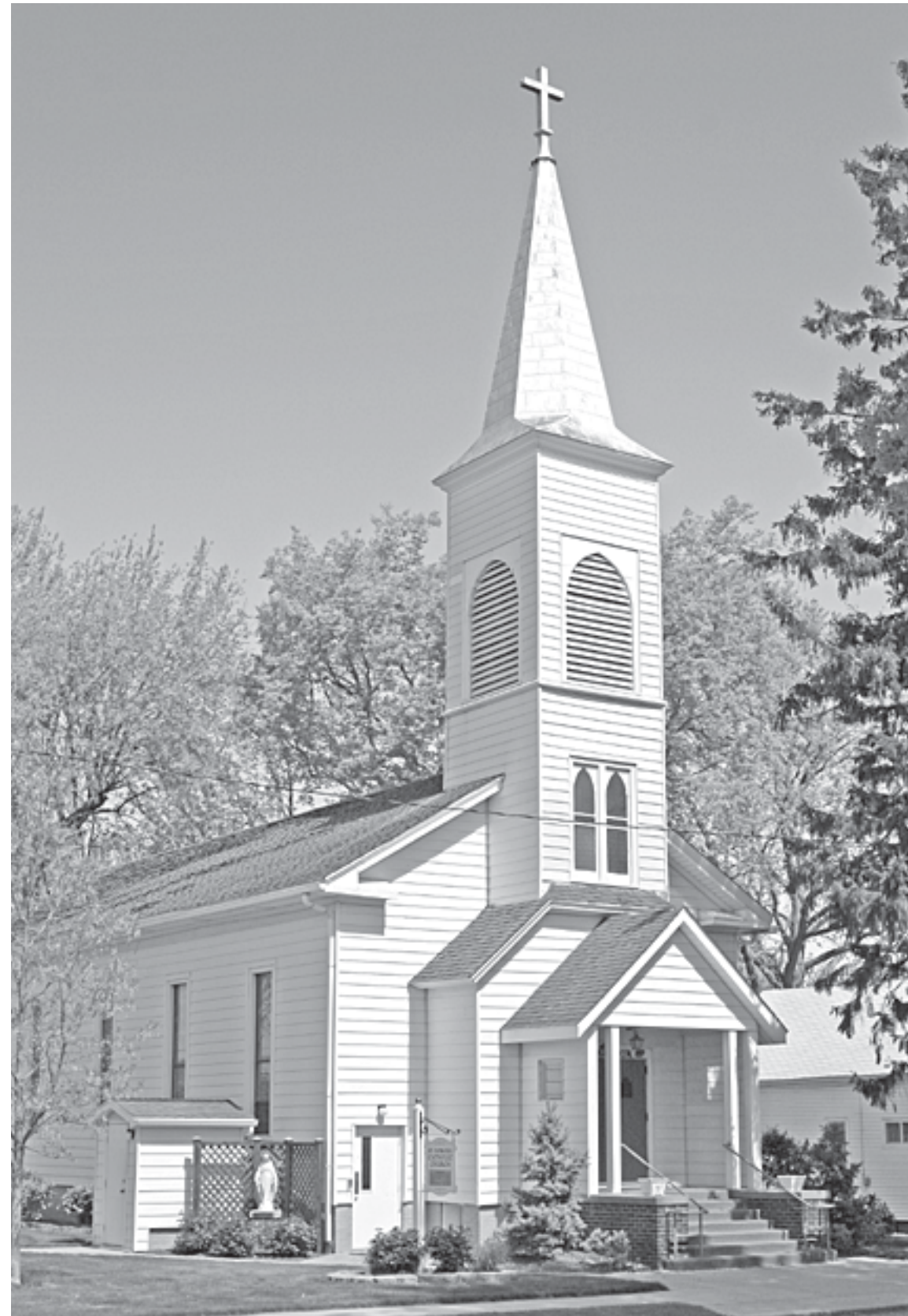
In St. Paul . . .

Over 100 Rainbow Sashers Attempt To Receive Communion

By PEGGY MOEN

ST. PAUL — A statement on the www.rainbowsashmovement.com web site on Pentecost, May 15 said "we are asking those who support us in the St. Paul/Minneapolis [Archdiocese] not to wear the Rainbow Sash in Archbishop Harry Flynn's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday. Joe Murray, the U.S. Convener [of the Rainbow Sash Movement] said Archbishop [Flynn] has been very

pastoral to the Rainbow Sash Movement over the years. . . . I [presumably referring to Murray] am therefore requesting during this time of dialogue and prayer that Minneapolis/St. Paul Rainbow Sash Movement members remove their Sashes until we can clearly [see] why the Archbishop had a change of heart." But that's not what happened, even though Archbishop Flynn had



St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart, Illinois

Photo by R.B. Blough

Pope's New Man At CDF . . .

Archbishop Levada Praised As Theologian

By PAUL LIKOUDES

Pope Benedict XVI's decision to appoint San Francisco Archbishop William Levada to the post he left as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received nearly unanimous praise from fellow bishops and clergy and laity, with the exception of the chronically complaining SNAP activists, who pointed to Levada's failure to remove known sex abusers in the priesthood while he was archbishop of Portland.

Levada becomes the first American prelate ever to hold such a high position in the Holy See, and the post is considered second in rank after the Secretariat of State.

As archbishop of Portland and, later, San Francisco, Levada often found himself in the middle of public policy debates and intra-Church controversies on a host of issues. These issues included right-to-die legislation, city-mandated "domestic partnership" benefits for Catholic employees of Catholic Charities, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church's* teaching on homosexuality, Catholic politicians' support for abortion and euthanasia, and Catholic bishops' support for a women's pastoral that exco-

riated the Church for her alleged mistreatment of women over the centuries and called for "examining" women's suitability for holy orders.

He also has had to deal with theological dissent in the Church and episcopal scandals in California, most notably involving his neighbor, the disgraced bishop of Santa Rosa, G. Patrick Ziemann.

At a press conference acknowledging his May 13 appointment, Levada thanked Benedict XVI "for the trust he has placed in me to ask me to take the position that he himself filled so effectively for the past 24 years," adding: "I can only say that I will do my best to live up to that expression of trust, with the help of God."

Levada recalled that he has known the Holy Father since then-Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was appointed to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1981, when he was a staffer there, on loan from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

"In 1987," he continued, "I was appointed by Cardinal Ratzinger, whom John Paul II asked to develop the project for a new *Catechism*

for the universal Church, to serve on its editorial committee, a group of seven bishops whose task it was to prepare a draft of the *Catechism*, conduct a consultation among the bishops of the world and many scholars, and develop a final text under the direction of the commission of 12 cardinals of which Cardinal Ratzinger was president.

"I remember many occasions when he would unexpectedly join our discussions, roll up his sleeves, See
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Kansas Attorney General Acts . . .

Abortion Mills Try To Hide Evidence Against Child Rapists

By DEXTER DUGGAN

As Kansas officials try to gather evidence against child rapists, "Many people are recognizing there seems to be one group in this nation that seems to believe they're above the law," the abortion industry, a spokesman for state Attorney General Phill Kline told *The Wanderer* in an interview.

And, spokesman Whitney Watson said, "Planned Parenthood is the poster child" for the abortion industry.

Kline has sought information from Kansas abortion clinics in cases when the pregnancies were the result of criminal activity with minors. Kline's effort has drawn scowls from liberal media from *The Los Angeles Times* to *The New York Times*.

Watson said other states also are undertaking efforts concerning abortion providers, with suits filed in Ohio, Alaska, and Indiana.

Abortion clinics have fiercely resisted providing information that could lead to criminal action against rapists victimizing young girls. See
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Pope Benedict XVI . . .

Appoints Archbishop William Levada To Head Doctrinal Congregation

VATICAN CITY (VIS) — The Holy Father on May 13 appointed Archbishop William Joseph Levada of San Francisco as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Archbishop Levada is a fourth-generation Californian, born in Long Beach on June 15, 1936. Except for a three-year interval when his family lived in Texas, he attended elementary and high schools in Long Beach, followed by four years of seminary college in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In 1958, he was sent to pursue his seminary formation in Rome at the North American College, and took his graduate theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University, receiving a doctorate in sacred theology magna cum laude.

Following Ordination to the priesthood in St. Peter's Basilica on December 20, 1961, he spent five years in parish work in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, including part-time high school teaching and college campus ministry.

After receiving his doctorate, he taught theology at St. John's Seminary School of Theology, located at Camarillo in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. During these six

years he also served as the first director of continuing education for the clergy in the archdiocese.

In 1976, he was appointed an official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican. During his six years of service, he continued teaching theology part-time as an instructor at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

In 1982, he was assigned to be executive director of the California Catholic Conference of Bishops in Sacramento, the public policy arm of the Church in California. During his two years there, he was named auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles, and was ordained with the title titular bishop of Capri on May 12, 1983.

Returning to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1984, he served as episcopal vicar for Santa Barbara County until his 1986 appointment as chancellor and moderator of the Curia.

On July 1, 1986, he was appointed eighth archbishop of Portland, Ore., and was installed on September 21.

Appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco on August 17, See
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Will "Small Blip" Threaten Rahm Emanuel's Career?

By THOMAS F. ROESER

CHICAGO — Two generations ago, Budd Schulberg wrote the definitive novel of Hollywood, *What Makes Sammy Run?* It described one Sammy Glick with unrestrained ambition borne of double-dealing, duplicity, two-facedness, and hypocrisy, enabling him to move to the top of the heap where better men had failed. Schulberg escaped vilification for anti-Semitism for two reasons: first because he himself is Jewish and second because his book so captivantly captured a Hollywood stereotype.

These days, this town's political analysts link the book often to one whom central casting would easily hire for a reincarnation of an electoral Sammy, Cong. Rahm Emanuel. A pediatrician's son, rising swiftly from ballet dancer (though decidedly not gay) to the guy who toted in coffee for Democratic strategists, to fund-raiser for then States' Attorney Richard Daley, to major money-gatherer

for Daley as mayor, to top strategist for President Bill Clinton, to multimillionaire investment banker, to congressman and member of House Ways and Means in his second term (an unheard of acceleration), to chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, Emanuel has applied all the tricks to propel himself to the brass ring in his party.

Along the way he has foreclosed any chance that his party will keep its old working-class pro-life social conservatism. Emanuel has few absolutes, but one of them is to be vehemently pro-abortion. However, last week this city's Sammy Glick ran into a glitch just as he was standing atop his empire smacking his lips at all he surveyed.

How do I know so much about Sammy — er, Rahm? I was introduced to him by a newspaper editor friend shortly after his coffee

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linked it to the crime scenes. Thus Dennis Rader was apprehended and subsequently confessed to mass murder. If Kansas authorities were denied the woman's medical records, Rader would not have even been caught and likely would have continued killing.

"Does *The Los Angeles Times* not understand that? I think they do," O'Reilly continued. "But in the case of abortion they don't care. A woman's right to abort a fetus trumps the rape of children and the possible murder of babies in late term."

In a February press release from Kansans for Life, executive director Mary Kay Culp said: "When abortion clinics refuse legitimate access to abortion medical records, they are actually guaranteeing the privacy of those who sexually prey on children. . . . The real result is a public declaration of continued protection for child abusers."

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