Notre Dame won't give 2009 Laetare Medal, after Glendon rejects honor

WASHINGTON - The University of Notre Dame announced April 30 it will not award its prestigious Laetare Medal during the May 17 commencement ceremony after Mary Ann Glendon, former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, turned down the honor.

Archdiocese offers guidelines regarding Swine Flu outbreak

The Archbishop of Baltimore has issued some safeguards to help ensure that churches do not contribute to the spread of the Swine Flu. Below are listed some temporary, specific steps, which can be followed.

Some parishes change Mass practices to prevent spread of swine flu

WASHINGTON - As the number of swine influenza cases increases around the world, some U.S. bishops are suggesting ways that pastors can alter certain

practices within the celebration of Mass in an effort to prevent the spread of the highly contagious virus.

New president to serve St. Ignatius Loyola

St. Ignatius Loyola Academy in Baltimore announced John Ciccone will serve as the third president of the school, effective July 1.

Oblates elect five to leadership

Five Oblate Sisters of Providence were elected to four-year leadership positions during the order's Chapter of Election April 17 at the motherhouse in Catonsville.

Glendon declines to accept Notre Dame's prestigious Laetare Medal

WASHINGTON - Citing concerns about plans to honor President Barack Obama despite his views on "fundamental principles of justice" that are contrary to Catholic teaching, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Mary Ann Glendon has turned

down the prestigious Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame.

Something missing at Georgetown

After many, many years of contributing and receiving the Catholic Review, we wish to cancel our subscription to your paper. "Obama lays out economic steps, plans at Georgetown" (CR, April 23) put us over the edge.

School establishes scholarship in honor of Father Funk

Cardinal Shehan School in Baltimore recently established the Father Wayne Funk Scholarship Award to provide tuition assistance to Catholic students enrolled in the school. The late Father Funk served as pastor of St. Matthew, Northwood, when Cardinal Shehan School was formed by the merger of St. Matthew and St. Thomas More Schools in 1989. Paula Redman, principal of Cardinal Shehan, said the priest was "beloved by many." She said interested donors to the scholarship award will be acknowledged in school publications and the St. Matthew bulletin. *Contributions may be sent to Ms. Redman at the school, 5407 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21239*.

Students should be mindful of loan debts

Dave Reeder can always count on it.

Henry H. Lewis remembered for building churches

Henry H. Lewis, the man who founded a construction company that erected more buildings in the Archdiocese of Baltimore than any other in recent decades, died April 16.

Pakistani archbishop says Islamic law jeopardizes minorities

LAHORE, Pakistan - Archbishop Lawrence Saldanha of Lahore has written to the country's president and prime minister expressing concern over a regulation that allowed Islamic law to be implemented in northwestern Pakistan.

Father Hemrick should see what's truly at issue

In his column, "Obama's invitation to talk," (CR, April 16) Father Eugene Hemrick fails to come to grips with what is truly at issue concerning President Obama's speaking at Notre Dame University.