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Experience matters, but what kind?



THE MAKING OF A SAINT

For many, trip is a journey of the heart

Hundreds of Hoosiers in Rome for today's canonization

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ROME — Sister of Providence Diane Ris was so filled with emotion Saturday she could barely speak.

More than 1,500 people from around the world had just turned out for a vigil in honor of Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin at Rome's 450-year-old Church of the Gesu.

And Ris, who is writing a biography of the 19th-century nun, was thinking ahead to today's canonization by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square. That's when she started to cry.

"It is the culmination of the honor that needs to be given Mother Theodore," said Ris, 74. "We say that she is a woman for all time, and she is."

For the past three days, waves of fans of Mother Theodore — America's eighth saint and Indiana's first — have been rolling into Rome from some very distant shores.

They include a nun from Madagascar, two from Sri Lanka with ties to Mother Theodore's first congregation in France and 50 people from Taiwan, where the Sisters of Providence in Indiana have a

COMING UP IN THE STAR

Monday Reporter Robert King and photographer Kelly Wilkinson use words and photos to capture a historic day as an estimated 50,000 people gather in St. Peter's Square to welcome a new Catholic saint.

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Breaking news and a blog: Check **IndyStar.com** today for the latest from Rome and Robert King's blog. **Photo gallery:** Click through Kelly Wilkinson's images from Rome.

EYEWITNESS NEWS 13

LIVE REPORT

WTHR (Channel 13) anchor John Stehr reports live from the Vatican at 7 a.m. and on Eyewitness News at 6 and 11 p.m.

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KELLY WILKINSON / The Star

HOLY ARTIFACT: A woman gently touches a rosary that belonged to Mother Theodore Guerin.



CHARLIE NYE / The Star

THE INCUMBENT: Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi says experience is an increasingly crucial part of his job. "This county deserves a prosecutor who has been tested, who has gone up against the worst of the worst," he said.

Brizzi's 57% felony conviction rate on par with national average

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Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi gets a felony conviction in 57 percent of felony cases — a rate lower than his predecessor's, but one that matches the national average.

Locked in a tough re-election campaign, Brizzi is running as the "experienced, tested, tough" candidate. As prosecutor, he controls who is charged, which crimes they are accused of and which cases are taken to trial.

Overall, Brizzi's office has initiated and disposed more than 36,300 felony cases. More than four of every 10 cases ended in dismissal, acquittal or a misdemeanor conviction.

In contrast, his predecessor, Scott Newman, had a felony conviction rate of 65 percent in his first term.

No national standard exists for judging Brizzi's performance, but a study in 2002 by the Justice Department found the average conviction rate in U.S. felony cases was 57 percent.

Critics say Brizzi's conviction rate — a significant drop from Newman's — shows the effect of piling more serious charges on defendants than can be won

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THE CHALLENGER: Democrat Melina Kennedy said her experience as a former deputy mayor would serve her well. "I believe I have a solid understanding of the community and how to lead a team to success," she said.

Kennedy says success spurring development gives her an edge

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As the person in charge of strengthening Indianapolis' economy and encouraging job growth for five years, Melina Kennedy met with limited results on job creation and somewhat more success in spurring development.

She led the effort that enticed the Conrad Hotel to the city, helped keep mall giant Simon Property Group from leaving Downtown and found a company to fill the void left at the airport when United Airlines closed its maintenance hub.

She initiated a partnership with business and education leaders to expand the local life sciences industry, which is just beginning to sprout from a venture fund and business incubator.

She also led the so-far-unsuccessful effort to build a high-rise condominium on the former Market Square Arena site, now vacant for three years.

Kennedy, a Democrat, is challenging Republican incumbent Carl Brizzi for Marion County prosecutor in a battle that is being waged largely on questions of experience and leadership.

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2 MORE DEBATES

Carl Brizzi and Melina Kennedy have debated twice and are scheduled to meet again:

◆ **Tuesday:** Noon at the Murat Arabian Room, 502 N. New Jersey St. Sponsor: Rotary Club of Indianapolis. Moderator: Dennis Ryerson, editor of The Indianapolis Star.

◆ **Oct. 28:** 7:30 p.m. at WTHR (Channel 13) studios, 1000 N. Meridian St. Sponsors: WTHR and The Star. Moderator: WTHR anchor John Stehr.

CANDIDATES AT A GLANCE

See highlights of their job performance, their backgrounds and the methodology behind The Star's analysis of Carl Brizzi's record. **A16-17**



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IN BUSINESS: COLUMBUS BUILDS BRIDGE TO BRIGHTER FUTURE

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