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Angela Leisure mourns at an event following the death of her son, Timothy Thomas, 19, who was fatally shot by Cincinnati police April 7.

# Curfew hits Holy Week services

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CINCINNATI — Cincinnati's citywide curfew April 12-16 forced Catholic churches to cancel evening Masses on Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil services Holy Saturday night.

A Good Friday Way of the Cross/Way of Justice was reduced from a three-hour afternoon procession through city streets to a one-hour prayer service in Fountain Square.

Cincinnati Mayor Charles Luken imposed the nightly curfew following several days of rioting and looting after the death April 7 of an African-American teenager who was fatally shot as he was fleeing a police officer.

The mayor announced an end to the curfew April 16 but said the city's state of emergency would remain in effect to enable a quick response to any new developments.

The curfew, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. the first three nights, required all city residents to stay indoors unless they were

traveling to or from work.

The curfew was moved to 11 p.m. Easter Sunday and lifted the following day.

More than 60 Catholic parishes were affected by the curfew.

Many had to cancel services Holy Thursday evening on short notice.

Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk told pastors to change their schedules to accommodate the curfew and to cancel Easter Vigil services, which by church law are not to begin until after nightfall.

"No parish should encourage or permit parishioners to attend services that violate the curfew," he wrote. "The Easter Vigil may not, under any circumstances, begin before 9 p.m."

He suggested that "the baptisms, reception into full communion, confirmations and first Eucharists that were scheduled for the Vigil should be celebrated on Easter Sunday or on one of the weekdays of Easter Week."

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## PASTORAL PLANNING FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

### The next five years



Planning groups should expect to roll up their sleeves when the next five-year phase of planning begins in 2002. "The change is going to become more complicated," observed Bill Pickett, the director of the diocesan Office of Planning.

Thus far, faith communities have adapted nicely to the concept of sharing their resources in a regional effort, according to diocesan leaders. This focus was the key element of the Pastoral Planning for the New Millennium Process, which began in 1997.

"The first round was building infrastructure. Where many parishes stood alone and saw themselves as a separate enti-

ty, now they see the other churches as neighbors," said Karen Rinefierd, a liaison in the diocesan Office of Pastoral Planning.

Many planning groups have already enacted new programs in such areas as youth ministry, evangelization and sacramental preparation. Yet diocesan officials had stated, when the process began, that the chief reason for pastoral planning was to cope with the projected loss of full-time diocesan priest support.

That reality is becoming more pronounced, said Pickett, who, in 1997, became the first diocesan director of planning.

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