

Bishop blesses crosses for use in family prayer for vocations

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Bishop Michael Driscoll blessed 65 crosses Dec. 18 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center just before they were sent to parishes and stations statewide for use in the Diocese of Boise's Parish Vocation Cross Program.

The program will kick off the week of Jan. 7-13, National Vocations Awareness Week, according to Father Jairo Restrepo, Weiser, and Father Ron Wekerle, Jerome, the diocesan vocations team. The program is intended to be ongoing.

The purpose of the Parish Vocation Cross Program is to encourage prayer for vocations in families, said Bishop Driscoll.

"Each Sunday, a family, couple or individual will be called forward during Mass to receive the vocation cross and a special prayer book," he explained. "In accepting the cross, they commit themselves to pray each day that week in the name of the parish or station to pray for vocations, especially vocations to the priesthood."

All of the materials for the program are bilingual—English and Spanish.

The Vocation Cross Program is one of several efforts going on in the diocese to promote awareness of the need for prayer for vocations. The diocese is producing new vocations awareness posters and prayer cards that parishes will display and distribute in the near future.

Every parish and station in the diocese is signed up for a day during each month for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations. Pastors report that most of these days of Adoration are well attended, Father Restrepo said.

The diocesan vocations team has



BLESSING OF VOCATION CROSSES—With Father Jairo Restrepo, Weiser, co-vocation director for the Diocese of Boise, by his side, Bishop Michael Driscoll blesses vocation crosses at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Boise, before they are shipped out to parishes throughout the diocese. Parish fami-

also planned a Bilingual Discernment Retreat Feb. 17-18 at Ascension Monastery near Jerome for any man, 17 or older, who feels that God may be calling him to the priesthood. Those interested in attending the retreat should contact Eileen Lawrence (208) 543-5136, Father Restrepo, (208) 549-0088 or Father Wekerle, (208) 324-8794.

"I believe these programs of

lies are asked to take a turn at taking the cross home for a week and use it as a focal point to pray for vocations for the diocese. Each cross comes with suggested prayers. The program will kick off Jan. 7-13, National Vocations Week. (Photo by Eileen Lawrence)

prayer will help all the members of our church to realize that finding, promoting, supporting and praying for vocations is the responsibility of all," said Bishop Driscoll. "May our prayer help inspire young women and men to be attentive to the movement of the Spirit within them and to step forward in faith and generous hearts to wherever the Spirit leads (See, 'Vocation Crosses,' page 7)

DDP campaign to kick off March 11

This year's Diocesan Development Program (DDP) campaign will kick off March 11, Bishop Michael Driscoll announced this week.

The 2001 DDP goal is \$2 million, which is the same as last year. The campaign theme is "Share Your Blessings...with Grateful Hearts."

The bishop asks that all Idaho Catholics give generously to the DDP to help support the various ministries of the Diocese of Boise and parish services, educate our seminarians and priests, assist retired priests and those with special needs and prepare deacons for ordination. Some DDP funds also go outside Idaho to the Holy Father's Peter's Pence fund, the Holy Land, Catholic University of America, national Catholic communications efforts and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The suggested DDP donation is 1 percent of each individual's or family's annual income.

In a few weeks, Idaho Catholics will receive a DDP letter, brochure, and offering envelope from their pastor. The materials will outline how DDP monies are used in the diocese and how gifts to the DDP can make a difference in the lives of many who are in need and also continue to build God's Kingdom in all six deaneries of the diocese.

"Our faith calls us to live each day with a sense of gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received and to share our good fortune with others as Jesus did," said Bishop Driscoll. "Our pledge or financial gift to the DDP offers each one of us a way to express that gratitude in a concrete way."

Jubilee year dominates religious news in 2000

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 dominated religious news over the past year, and at its center was the aging but still remarkably active Pope John Paul II.

The pope, who turned 80 in May, made a memorable jubilee-year pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March. Images of him praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and placing a message there with a trembling hand moved Catholic-Jewish relations to a new level worldwide.

In Rome he hosted almost innumerable special jubilee days — for families, the elderly, teachers, health workers, priests, bishops, religious, journalists and many

others.

But two such days stood out especially: World Youth Day in August, for which an estimated 2 million people gathered in Rome for Mass with the pope, and the Day of Forgiveness in March, when the pope led a reconciliation service asking forgiveness of those harmed in the name of the church.

Also evoking wide interest was his invitation to religious leaders everywhere to submit names of Christian martyrs of the 20th century, including non-Catholics, for a special jubilee ceremony commemorating all such witnesses to the faith in one of history's bloodiest centuries. Among the thousands of names submitted

to Rome was that of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Besides his March 20-26 visit to Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, Pope John Paul made two other foreign trips in 2000.

He visited Egypt Feb. 24-26, where he met for the first time with Pope Shenoudah III, patriarch of the world's Coptic Orthodox Christians.

He went to Fatima, Portugal, May 12-13 to beatify Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the three shepherd children who saw visions of Mary there in 1917.

Secrets

At the end of the beatification Mass the

Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, revealed the contents of the third secret of Fatima. He said part of it described the gunning down of a "bishop clothed in white," which the pope interprets as a reference to the 1981 attempt on his life.

In August the United Nations observed the year 2000 with a Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, bringing together hundreds of representatives of all major religious traditions.

Debt Relief

The jubilee year made a major mark in (See 'Year end,' page 16)

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Campaign asks church bells to toll for executions

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A simple tolling of church bells has begun to mark each execution carried out in the United States, part of a national campaign that started in the Diocese of Richmond, Va. Dominican Sister Dorothy Briggs and other members of her religious order around the country are spearheading a drive to get churches to toll their bells or to display banners or other signs of support for the campaign against the death penalty. The sisters are working in conjunction with the national organization Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants, or CURE. Sister Briggs told Catholic News Service that since September, the "For Whom the Bells Toll" campaign she runs has sent out 1,000 letters introducing the idea to men's and women's religious congregations. Dozens have let her know of their plans to participate and "almost every other day I receive word that others are tolling the bells," she said. As of mid-December, she'd heard of participating churches or religious communities in 24 states.

Church giving is mixed: Less is going to charity

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (CNS) — U.S. church giving went up slightly in 1998, but a smaller portion of those contributions went to charity and outreach, says the latest Empty Tomb report. "The State of Church Giving Through 1998," released in mid-December, was the 10th annual report by Empty Tomb researchers John and Sylvia Ronsvalle. They said contributions to churches as a percentage of members' disposable income went up slightly, from 2.49 percent in 1997 to 2.52 percent in 1998, but more than four-fifths of every dollar given was used to cover congregational finances. The average church member gave about \$588 to his or her church in 1998, with just over \$496 going to congregational finances and just under \$92 to benevolences.

Cardinal urges pastors

to tell cohabiting couples to live apart

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Concerned that "a new silence about sex has now replaced an earlier preoccupation with it," Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore has called on pastors to address the topic more directly and openly and to instruct cohabiting couples that they should live apart before marriage. "In a misguided attempt to respect the sensitivity of the sexual sphere, it can happen that we even avoid treating this topic adequately in our preaching and catechesis," Cardinal Keeler said in a strongly worded pastoral statement on marriage, sexuality and chastity issued Dec. 11. It was directed primarily at priests in the archdiocese but also at Catholic school and parish religion teachers.

Layman brings Christians, Muslims, Jews together for prayer

OTTAWA (CNS) — A Catholic layman who lives and works with the poor in West Ottawa was the driving force that brought leading Muslim, Christian and Jewish leaders to Parliament Hill to pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land. Frederick Schubert, 42, a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and director of His Mercy, a Catholic drop-in center, convinced leaders of the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities to join in an interfaith prayer vigil Dec. 21. Representatives of each of the faiths prayed separately during the one-hour ceremony, then joined in a common prayer for peace and justice in the Middle East. The vigil ended with the lighting of a peace candle.

Guadalupe ornament a hit for Hallmark

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Amid the displays of collectible Hallmark Christmas ornaments of the Grinch, Mark McGwire, Santa, Star Trek and Harry Potter characters, an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe proved to be one of the most popular of the year. The pressed tin, hand-crafted image of the patroness of Mexico and the Americas, new this year, sold out in stores across the Southwest as well as in Hallmark's wholesale stocks, according to spokeswoman Kristi Ernsting. "It was developed this year for the Mexican-American market, since she's such an important part of the Hispanic culture," Ernsting said.

O'Hare Airport chaplain

widens apostolate for nation's travelers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father John A. Jamnicky, chaplain at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, since 1981 now has a new role in Washington as national coordinator of mobility apostolates in the U.S. Catholic Conference's Migration and Refugee Services. In addition to this newly created post, he also serves as national director of the Apostleship of the Sea. "I'll be coordinating all ministry to air, sea and sky," he told The Catholic New World, Chicago archdiocesan newspaper, describing his broad ministry with seafarers, airport workers, truckers and travelers, including those visiting national parks. "As a church we have to be there for these people," who include everyone from a weary CEO to a homeless itinerant, from a drug addict to a family of five, the priest said.

Two Florida bishops join Food for the Poor board

By Tom Tracy

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CNS)—Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey of Orlando and Auxiliary Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami have joined the board of directors of Food for the Poor.

In a Dec. 18 announcement, Bishop Paul M. Boyle of Mandeville, Jamaica, who is vice president of the board, said he was pleased that Bishops Dorsey and Wenski had accepted the invitation to join the board.

"Their practical, hands-on experience in meeting the needs of the destitute, combined with their heart-felt convictions that we are all called to care for the needy, will add much to our already strong leadership," Bishop Boyle said in the statement.

The announcement of the appointments is the latest in a number of changes implemented by the charity, based in south Florida, since the Sept. 25 resignation of its founder and CEO, Ferdinand Mahfood.

He gave up his position after admitting he had diverted chari-

table donations—now estimated at more than \$400,000—to two female members of his staff with whom he was sexually involved and to members of their families.

In early December agency officials released copies of their internal investigative audits to church and law enforcement officials. In a summary report officials said the audits showed that Ferdinand Mahfood's financial improprieties were "finite and limited" and that proper financial controls are now in place to safeguard agency funds.

Bishop Wenski, who also is head of Catholic Charities in his archdiocese, told The Florida Catholic diocesan newspaper he planned to be at the charity's Jan. 8 board meeting.

He added that he just returned from a trip to Honduras and had not had time to study the charity's situation in detail.

The Food for the Poor announcement quoted Bishop Dorsey as saying that based on his 10 years of experience with overseas missions, he has "high esteem for the work (the

agency) has done to help the poor in the Caribbean and Central America."

"After witnessing the extreme poverty, malnutrition and severe health problems that plague whole generations in these countries, I am convinced we need to give these people a chance at life," Bishop Dorsey said, adding that the charity can reach even more people now that it has "renewed supervision and controls in place."

Robin Mahfood, Ferdinand's younger brother and now CEO and chairman of the Food for the Poor board, said the addition of the two Florida bishops will bolster the charity's ties to the Catholic Church.

"I am excited about where God will lead our ministry, and look forward to the guidance Bishop Dorsey and Bishop Wenski will bring," Mahfood stated.

Other current board members include two priests working in Jamaica, Fathers Gregory Ramkissoon and Burchell McPherson, and five U.S. lay people.

Catholics, other religious leaders meet with President-elect George Bush

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The head of the U.S. Catholic bishops said it was clear from a meeting George W. Bush had with him and other religious leaders that the president-elect wants to heal wounds of division in the country and "work with faith-based organizations to address social ills."

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview the day after the Dec. 20 meeting in Washington that the incoming president "wants to bring people together."

The bishop, who was the first religious leader called on to address the meeting, said he be-

lieved the Catholic Church, for one, had great experience helping the nation's poor, particularly through the work of agencies such as Catholic Charities.

Bishop Fiorenza, two other

Catholic representatives and leaders of other denominations met with Bush for more than an hour to talk about ways the government and faith-based organizations could work together.

Bishops, scientist find areas of agreement on cloning issue

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a dialogue on cloning, bishops and scientists found significant areas of common ground despite major differences in their approach to the issues, said a committee report sent to the U.S. Catholic bishops in December.

It said dialogue participants agreed that "the cloning of animals and of human genes and

somatic cells — except from embryos — for research purposes is morally neutral." They differed on the cloning of human embryos for research. "Nearly all the scientist participants support such work," the report said, while the bishops held that "because the embryo is a human being, research that harms or destroys it is impermissible."

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Catholic Charities director works to identify needs

By Colette Cowman
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The new executive director of Catholic Charities of Idaho spent the last few months traveling around the diocese to introduce the agency to pastoral leaders and laity in Idaho's parishes and identify needs that the agency can address.

"Monies are now needed to enable us to develop and carry out program services to respond to the many needs that exist around our state," said Marie Hoff. "We are grateful for the support already demonstrated by many individuals and organizations."

In this issue of the *Idaho Catholic Register*, readers will find a donation envelope for Catholic Charities of Idaho.

Catholic Charities of Idaho was officially launched in Idaho in October, although Hoff was hired several months before to start establishing contacts, open an office, hire an administrative assistant and form a board of directors.

In her travels to parishes around the state, Hoff spent a lot of time discussing with parish leadership and others what social needs they see in their areas and what concerns they have.

"More visits are needed in several parts of the diocese, and that will occur in the next few months," Hoff said.

She said pastors and laity have identified a wide range of needs for professional services such as counseling and support for families in various kinds of crises, such as homelessness, problems with children, violence in the home and substance abuse.

"Unmarried parents and the needs of their children were also mentioned as needs," said Hoff. "Many people also identified the need for a range of supports for the elderly, such as friendly visitation with the lonely and isolated and help with accessing medical care."

She said in some areas of the state, newly arrived immigrants need skilled assistance with the English language, legal concerns, gaining work skills and finding jobs. Other concerns voiced include outreach to teenagers to help them develop responsible behavior and leadership skills.

"A number of parishes have a strong interest in developing a health and healing ministry and are pleased at the prospects for developing parish nurse programs in cooperation with Catholic Charities of Idaho," she said.

Hoff said a trend analysis recently completed on the activities of 150 Catholic Charities agencies nationwide is a good indication of the impact Catholic Charities can have on people in need.

The national summary showed, for example, that almost 700,000 people received counseling and mental health services through Catholic Charities in 1999 and almost 80,000 received pregnancy services. Some 38,864 adoptions were handled through the Catholic Charities agencies included in the study.

Over 300,000 people were assisted through Catholic Charities refugee resettlement and immigration services in 1999, and about 676,000 people benefited from education and family support services.

From the vocation director's desk

We are blessed in Idaho!

By Father Jairo Restrepo

Last month I had the opportunity to go to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. There we have four seminarians from the Diocese of Boise going to school. They are: Caleb Vogel, Dat Vu, Steve Sparks and Rob Cook who presently is doing his internship at St. Nicholas Parish in Rupert.

The object of my visit was twofold—to be at the fall evaluation from the faculty of the seminary on our seminarians and to spend some time with the seminarians.

Going to the seminaries is something I love, not just because the seminaries are wonderful places for spending time in prayer, reflection and study in their libraries, but because

every time I go to them, I am reminded of the quality of our seminarians. We are so blessed in Idaho!

We perhaps don't have many seminarians right now, but the ones we have are men of God with a great heart and strong conviction on their willingness to discern the call God is making upon each one of them.

I hate to admit it but my pride sometimes takes over when I go to the seminaries. It feels wonderful to always hear from faculty members and students how good our seminarians are. And as I hear those praises, I give thanks to God for allowing me to be part of the life of these men. The ministry that, together with Father Ron Wekerle, I am doing in the vocation office and because these men, who will be the future spiritual leaders of our people in Idaho, are reassuring a wonderful future for our



Seminarians Dat Vu, left, Caleb Vogel, and Steve Sparks

Church in Idaho. Perhaps the quantity of priests in the future is not going to be the same as that of today, but the quality is not going to be inferior.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all our seminarians for the wonderful job they are doing in their discerning of God's call in their lives and I want to invite all of you, the people of God in Idaho to please pray. Pray not only for more vocations, but also that those who are being called answer the invitation God is making to them. And if you know of any man, who you think is being called, please don't hesitate to encourage him to pursue the call.

Priesthood is a beautiful call and a beautiful style of life for which we all should be very thankful to the Lord.

Father Restrepo is co-director of vocations for the Diocese of Boise along with Father Ronald Wekerle.

Weekday celebrations in the absence of a priest

Distribution of Communion outside of Mass

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third of four articles Father Ronald Wekerle has written to address the issue of "Weekday Celebrations in the Absence of A Priest." The articles are intended to promote thoughtful discussion among laity, priests and religious about the diminishing number of priests available to serve a growing, active Catholic population and how people can best worship and celebrate their faith together on weekdays in the absence of a priest.

Earlier articles in this series have noted that the form of a Communion Service can so closely mirror the Mass that to the untrained eye it is oftentimes hardly distinguishable from Mass.

The model for such celebrations is contained in the general instruction "Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass," issued in June 1973. Typically, communion services follow the model of Mass (prayers, readings from scripture and the reception of Holy Communion). The response to this new rite has been enthusiastic. People can now unite themselves with the sacrifice of Christ by receiving communion apart from the celebration of Mass. However, the phenomenon of receiving Holy Communion apart from the celebration of Mass comes at a cost.

With due respect to the reverence and faith-filled devotion Catholics have for the Eucharist, the reception of communion during a Communion Service can seem to overshadow the other elements of the service; namely, the im-

portance and integrity of gathering as the baptized faith community to worship God, the celebration of God's living presence in the scriptures and the merit of intercessory prayer on behalf of the world.

Some people come to these services exclusively because they wish to unite themselves to Christ through the reception of Holy Communion. The other elements of the service can be seen as ancillary. The over-emphasis of receiving communion is seen in the fact that the entire celebration is called a "Communion Service." What does this say about the liturgy of the Word that precedes the actual communion rite?

Catholic tradition teaches us that when we offer to the Father what he has given us (the gifts of creation, our lives and the bread and wine) by means of the Holy Spirit and by the words of institution, Christ mysteriously is made present. This "offering" or prayer in memory of what Jesus said and did is an essential part of our Eucharistic celebration because it is the means by which Christ comes among us.



When the church celebrates the Eucharist it makes present the one sacrifice of Christ. By means of remembering what Jesus did and doing what he did, the Mass makes present the paschal mystery of Christ. This awesome mystery is the means by which salvation is shared with our world. When the distribution of Communion takes place apart from this "remembrance-prayer," exclusive attention is given to the already-consecrated elements of bread and wine. The action of the community—the memorial celebration of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection by the priest and people—is not present. Separating the distribution of Holy Communion from the prayer that brings it into existence may seriously undermine our understanding of Eucharist and take away a valuable role of the Christian faithful.

Furthermore, Catholic theology teaches that the celebration of Mass is essentially linked to the presence of a priest. As leader of the community and acting in the presence of Christ, he presides at the communal celebration of Eucharist. When the intimate relation-

ship between the priest and the Eucharist is not obvious to all people because Holy Communion is being distributed apart from the "remembrance prayer" and by other extraordinary ministers, a healthy appreciation of the ordained priesthood can be diminished. Over time the essential link between the priest and the Eucharist can be lost.

Finally when Communion is distributed apart from Mass it can destroy the "Catholic" character and identity of our parishes because the parishes are the vital link to the universal church as symbolized in the person of the priest. In a very subtle and unintentional way, this can lead people to believe that parishes can be "self-sufficient." As long as individual communities have enough Eucharist in the tabernacle for distribution, they may incorrectly believe they can live "independently" from the universal church.

Clearly, the Catholic Church allows its faithful to receive Communion apart from the Mass. Taking away or discontinuing something that has grown so important in the lives of those who gather for worship on a daily basis is not the intent of this article. The goal of this discussion is to clearly understand the consequences of such practice, identify the potential pitfalls, and correct sloppy theology.

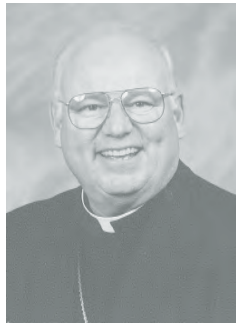
The next article will explore ways of correcting misunderstandings that can arise from frequent use of a communion service.

Just A Thought

Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year, 2001, I greet you with the words we hear or have already heard—"Happy New Year." What does this mean except "may your year be blessed—may God be with you—may you truly experience peace in your life."

I look forward to eight days of peace and blessing as I begin the New Year. I will join the bishops of the Northwest (Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Mon-



tana) at Picture Rocks Retreat Center, near Tucson, Arizona. There we shall gather for a retreat to help us reflect on blessings and begin the New Year.

May I ask that you pray for each of us (12 in all)?

My promise to you is that I will pray for you. I know my brother bishops will also join me in this prayer, as it is one custom when we celebrate Mass together.

Reflect on your intentions. Submit them to God. Join them to our prayers.

May we truly begin our New Year blessed and happy.

**Bishop Michael P. Driscoll,
Roman Catholic Bishop of Idaho**

With Christ up to Jerusalem


We have been commemorating the beautiful events of the infancy of Jesus since Christmas day. In next week's liturgy (Jan. 14) however, we witness Jesus as an adult. We see him being baptized, and we hear the voice of God the Father saying to him: "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

The liturgical Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the church's celebration of Christmas. It helps to remind us that Jesus was born to be our Savior. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, which culminates in his paschal sacrifice, his death and resurrection. Jesus was born to die. He came into the world to offer himself in a perfect sacrifice to his heavenly Father for the salvation of the whole world.

All through his gospel, St. Luke presents Jesus as on a relentless journey to the city of Jerusalem since it is there that he will fulfill his mission. Remember that 40 days after his birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem. That event symbolized that the purpose of his birth would be accomplished in the holy city.

When Jesus was 12 Mary and Joseph feared that he had become lost during their pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. Jesus seemed surprised that they did not understand that he would be in his Father's house, the temple of Jerusalem. That temple

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

he would replace in his own person through his sacrifice on the cross, and he would thereby fulfill the meaning of the Passover, which his parents came every year to Jerusalem to observe.

At a critical moment during his public ministry, Jesus said to the apostles, "We must now go up to Jerusalem so that all that was written concerning the Son of Man may be accomplished. They will scourge him and put him to death, and on the third day he will rise again" (Luke 18:31-32).

Although the baptism of Jesus was not the sacrament, which we receive, our baptism is related to his.

Our baptism marked the beginning of our Christian lives. God the Father looked upon us with pride and declared, "You are beloved children, my sons and daughters, upon whom my favor rests."

Because we are the sisters and brothers of Jesus as part of God's family, we share his destiny. Baptism begins our journey up to Jerusalem with Christ to share in his paschal mystery. The journey will culminate for us, as it did for Jesus, with death and resurrection. But the Christian life is a constant, relentless journey with Christ up to Jerusalem.

The church building, our place of worship, is our Jerusalem. Our gathering every Sunday is the enduring characteristic of the sons and daughters of God. The Eucharist is our paschal sacrifice, our sacrament of sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ. Do you not know that on the Lord's day we must all be in our Father's house?

As we enter our spiritual Jerusalem we find a font. We bless ourselves with its holy water. That action is meant to be a reminder of our baptism, that great event which brought us into God's family and formed us into such an intimate union with the Son of God that his destiny is our own.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Is shopping on Sunday really a mortal sin?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. I am a 16-year-old who is being taught in my high school CCD class that shopping on Sunday is a mortal sin. My family used to shop almost every weekend, usually on Sunday, and we always looked forward to it. It was a recreational activity.

But our priest says it is a mortal sin because we make the stores stay open on Sundays so they get business. I never heard this before. Is it true? If shopping on Sundays is a sin, then what is the difference in going to a golf course, an amusement park or a theater?

Where are we supposed to draw the line between "doing business" and "doing recreational activities?" (Illinois)

A. Christian prohibitions against certain activities, especially "servile work," on Sundays go back to the times of agricultural and feudal societies. It is not necessary to go into those problems here, because the Catholic Church's attitude and rules about Sunday observance now exist on a wholly different level.

We are obliged to participate at Mass on Sundays, of course. Beyond that, the obligations we are to observe are explicitly intended as aids to keeping a spirit of reverent re-

flection, worship and rest.

Vatican Council II, calling Sunday the original Christian feast day, urges that its observance should always be proposed and taught "so that it may become in fact a day of joy and of freedom from work" (*Constitution on the Liturgy, 106*).

The Code of Canon Law, the official legal guide for Catholic daily life, says much the same. "(The faithful) should avoid any work or business which might stand in the way of the worship which should be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day or the needed relaxation of mind and body" (1247).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church repeats those thoughts, adding that we should avoid making unnecessary demands on others that would prohibit them from observing the Lord's day. Situations require some people to work on Sunday, but everyone should take care to have sufficient time for leisure (2185-2187).

For reasons indicated in these sources, keeping the Lord's day holy is an important part of our Catholic life. And we obviously do have some obligation, for everyone's benefit, to help establish a reasonable Christian understanding and obser-

vance of Sunday rest.

Clearly, however, there is nothing in these Catholic rules that would in any way automatically prohibit shopping on that day, certainly not under threat of mortal sin.

Perhaps you misunderstood what the priest said. The rationale you relate for calling Sunday shopping mortally sinful is surely odd and, I believe, extremely hard to defend.

As you tell it, the shopper's sin would be a serious one of undermining the fabric of Christian society or of enabling and closely cooperating with the

serious sin of others, the stores and their employees.

Among other things, that would mean establishing first that those others are sinning seriously, at least objectively, by working on Sunday, and second that your cooperation in shopping is so closely connected that you also sin seriously. This would be difficult to prove.

It doesn't, as they say, take a rocket scientist to understand simply and prudently the vision and guidelines contained in the words I quoted from the council and from canon law.

Of course, the significant

population growth in our society of Muslim, Buddhist and a multitude of other religious and ethnic groups, not to mention Jewish people, adds a variety of other moral dimensions to the subject, which also could affect our decisions.

A free brochure in English or Spanish outlining marriage regulations in the Catholic Church and explaining the promises in an interfaith marriage is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY



Morality of embryonic stem-cell research

In August 2000 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued guidelines that lifted a moratorium on embryonic stem-cell research. Embryonic stem cells nestle inside every human embryo and are cells from which all kinds of adult tissues and organs grow.

"Condition 1" of the NIH guidelines specifically indicates that this research on "cell lines" can only use embryos that would otherwise be discarded in fertility treatments: i.e., so-called "spare or "frozen" embryos can be used in these experiments. However, no experiments on stem cells are permitted on cells that are derived from embryos produced merely for research purposes. The "ethical" distinction is thus made between "use" and "production."

The Catholic moral tradition sustains certain teachings that help critique these guidelines.

The 1974 "Declaration on Procured Abortion" from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) teaches, "From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a new life is begun which is neither that of the father nor of the mother; it is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth... right from fertilization is begun the adventure of a human life..."

In 1987 the CDF released its "Instruction on Respect for Human Life..." and presented guidelines regarding four key issues: the status of the embryo; the use of techniques that unite the gametes of a married couple; the use of techniques that involve donor gametes; and the role of public policy in controlling or banning reproductive technologies.

In regard to the first issue (status of the embryo), the instruction teaches that manipulation of the embryo in the laboratory manifests disrespect for its human identity, especially when "extra" embryos are permitted to die or are used for experimentation. The instruction adds that civil laws should prohibit the use of these technologies.

Some scientists claim that before implantation of an embryo in the uterus, there exists only a "pre-embryo" that is merely a "genetic individual" rather than

Theology Today



By Father Gerald D. Coleman, SS

a "developmental individual." In other words, before implantation there is only a "potential human life." The NIH guidelines presuppose this scientific understanding and thus the term "pre-embryo" has become an automatic death sentence for innocent human life.

What do scientists hope to accomplish in the use of stem cells taken from "pre-embryos?" The hope is to use these stem cells to cure diabetes, Parkinson's disease, and multiple sclerosis, as well as to reverse congestive heart failure and heal spinal-cord injuries. There is also the hope that someday stem cells can be used to regenerate a particular organ for replacement purposes. Some scientists thus see the use of stem cells as a "potential medical miracle," a "veritable fountain of youth."

In this light, actor Christopher Reeve names human embryonic stem cells as the "body's self-repair kit." Reeve has testified, "Is it more ethical for a woman to donate unused embryos that will never become human beings, or to let them be tossed away as so much garbage when they could help save thousands of lives?"

Reeve hits the ethical nail on the head. The use of human stem cells from embryos does treat the embryo as "garbage" since this "pre-embryo" is considered in some scientific theories to be only "potentially hu-

man," but not de facto human.

Hopefully we can see here precisely the moral difference between (a) the church's belief and teaching that from the time conception is complete, there is human life and (b) a scientific approach which believes that human life is not present until at least the completion of implantation.

In promoting research on developing human beings, the NIH is permitting human embryonic life to be destroyed. This research is, therefore, immoral.

In addition, the guidelines are misleading. They claim that human embryonic stem-cell research is needed for new medical advances, such as those already referenced. As a matter of fact, however, there have been numerous breakthroughs in research on adult stem cells: e.g., in late August researchers announced that they can produce a virtually limitless supply of new nerve cells for transplants from a patient's own bone-marrow stem cells. The Aug. 15 Journal of Neuroscience Research thus comments that this approach "overcomes the ethical and immunologic concerns associated with the use of fetal tissue." (pg. 369)

It is immoral to end one life (the pre-embryo or embryo) to benefit another (e.g., a person with Parkinson's disease). It is far more desirable to explore the direct use of human cells of adult origin to produce specialized cells for transplantation into patients. Current research demonstrates that these cells carry less risk of rejection; and do not involve the destruction of human life.

This approach endorses and supports medicine and the healing arts as a highly valued human action consistent with the Catholic moral tradition. A final but critical point that also needs to be explored is the affordability of this new technology; i.e., Will only the rich benefit?

Father Coleman is rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.

Readers Write

'Always enjoy Christmas edition

Editor, the ICR:

I always enjoy your Christmas edition, in fact, all issues of the ICR.

I'm an oldie and hopefully a goody. When Father Nicholas Walsh first started the IR, we were there for the birth and watched through the first and later years. So it has a good place in my heart and memories.

Sister Josephine Marie, CSC
Ventura, Calif.

Keepers Conference here in Boise. Your coverage played no small part in making the Conference the success it was.

Thanks go out as well to Bishop Driscoll and Father LaChance of the Presbyteral Council for their support, and to Father Wassmuth and St. Paul's Student Center for their sponsorship of this very important new ministry to fathers.

My personal thanks and prayers go out for these and to all the volunteers who worked so hard to prepare for this Conference. May the Lord bless you for all the good things you do!

Peter W. Schell
New Plymouth, ID

Thanks to all for Covenant Keepers

Editor, the ICR:

Thank you for the wonderful exposure provided by your paper of the recent Covenant

LETTERS

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Ice Fog

My God, You twirl
The icy mist around
The dormant rose and swirl
Sparkling tendrils
round the stark birch,
Bjeweling the earth
With quantum crystals
That reflect a billion times
The star that celebrated
Your Son's birth.

By B.J. Burns
Twin Falls

Who are today's 'gentiles'?

READINGS

Epiphany of the Lord

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-2

Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage?" not knowing the answer to this question, King Herod called his religious advisors together and then informed the visiting Magi—adding as he did so, Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word that I too may go and do him homage.

The Magi's question is one asked by people of good will as they begin to understand that Jesus Christ might offer hope and blessing to lives filled with emptiness and pain. Herod's response, on the other hand, sums up that of all who consider religion as something of no value, those who would rather that Christ be consigned to the scrap heap of history, those who see gospel values as opposed to personal license. "We've gone beyond all that," they say, "and its time that you did, too."

Herod completed his request to the Magi by commanding the massacre of the Innocents. He hoped to destroy the "King of the Jews" before the infant Savior could change the world. In actual fact he failed completely. His name and reign form a footnote in the history books. He is remembered mainly because he was a failure.

This will also be the long-term fate of those who seek to destroy—in whatever way they do so—the church, its values, and the Catholic way of life. Some things will endure until the end of time itself because God protects them. In this we can always trust.

When the Magi—people of good will—finally discovered Christ, they prostrated themselves and did him homage, offering as they did so the most precious gifts in their

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

possession—gold, frankincense and myrrh. These objects symbolized the gift of themselves. When they returned to their own country, they must have told many others about the One they had found and what He would mean to the world.

There are many ways to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, but the best is probably the simplest: to live in the spirit of the Wise Men, seeking Truth, committing ourselves to Him, and proclaiming Him and His message to all we meet.

St. Paul reminds us that "the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Now this seems old hat to us, but please remember who the Gentiles were. They were considered to be people beyond the pale of the Promise, people whose very presence brought ritual impurity, those who should not even be associated with.

Who are today's "Gentiles?" They are the very ones that we modern Magi should share our good news with. This might be all that's needed to help them become people who, in their turn, see his star at its rising and come to do him homage.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person. The *Idaho Catholic Register* will publish prayer groups on a "space-available" basis.

Jan. 14: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Latin Mass, 5 p.m., according to the 1962 Roman Missal. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant
Jan. 21: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School PASTA FESTA, all you can eat family style Italian dinner featuring "Brioschi's Best" sauce, 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person, \$30 per family, under five years, free.

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's Church Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests Every Thursday at 7 p.m.
Feb. 16-19: POCATELLO, Men's Cursillo Jim Montoya, 238-1867 or Jerry Downey, 234-1016. Palanca c/o John Murphy, 29 Cedar Hills Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204

Feb. 24: BOISE, Fire Rally, Bank America Ctr. Catch Fire Returns to Idaho, Front Street and Capitol Boulevard, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets \$15, students \$5. Call Kathy Hunt, 208-286-7496 or make checks payable to Bethany House, c/o Roger and Linda Graefe, 1005 Beachwood Dr., Boise, Id, 83709. Speakers are: Sister Ann Shields, SGL, Ralph Martin, Rev. Michael Scanlan, TOR, Rev. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Mar. 1-4: POCATELLO, Women's Cursillo Helene Stafford, 238-8033 or Sandi Lenker, 234-1466. Palanca c/o Ann Delmastro, 2670 Homestead Ln., Idaho Falls, ID 83404

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday-Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon
EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6-7 p.m.
GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, each First Friday, 3 to 7 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass
IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.
IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles-South, Adoration Thursday, 7-11 p.m.
NAMPÁ: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration-24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday-Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.
RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration-all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.
COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Jan. 3-11, 2001: Tucson, Ariz., Region XII Bishops' Retreat, Picture Rocks Retreat Center
Jan. 15-17: Washington, D.C., USCC Domestic Policy Meeting
Jan. 19: Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting
Jan. 19: Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
Jan. 20: Boise, St. Mary's Pastoral Visit, Confessions, 4 p.m., Mass, 5 p.m.
Jan. 21: Boise, St. Mary's Pastoral Visit, Mass, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the last part of December and first part of January:

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| Jan. 2, 1934 | Rev. Fintan A. Becker |
| Jan. 3, 1997 | Deacon Frank McNamara |
| Jan. 5, 1998 | Rev. William Dodgson |
| Jan. 13, 1898 | Most Rev. Louis Lootens, D.D. |
| Jan. 18, 1963 | Rt. Rev. Msgr. J.A. Jentges |
| Jan. 21, 2000 | Rev. George Gonzales |
| Jan. 23, 1937 | Rev. Joseph Beusmans |
| Jan. 25, 1938 | Rev. Joseph J. Dupont |
| Jan. 28, 1990 | Rev. Thomas C. Halpin |

Nazareth Schedule

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| Jan. 19-21 | Holy Apostles Life Teen Parent Retreat |
| Jan. 22 | St. Mark's Parish Catechesis |
| Jan. 24 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Jan. 26-27 | Sacred Heart, Emmett, Evangelization Team Retreat |
| Jan. 27 | St. Mark's Religious Education |
| Jan. 29-30 | Presbyteral Council |
| Jan. 31 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Feb. 3 | Congregation of Ahazath Beth Israel Womens' Retreat |
| Feb. 7 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Feb. 9-10 | Marriage Encounter, Keith and Therese Gerard, 208-344-7913 |
| Feb. 14 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Feb. 16 | St. Alphonsus Mission Services |
| Feb. 16-18 | Sweet Adelines-TVSC |
| Feb. 21 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Feb. 23-25 | S.U.F.I. Prayer and Dance |
| Feb. 28 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Mar. 2-4 | Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862 |
| Mar. 9-11 | St. Mark's Parent-Teen Retreat |
| Mar. 16-17 | Diocesan Pastoral Council |
| Mar. 21 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Mar. 23-25 | Deacon Aspirant Retreat |
| Mar. 29 | Faith Formation with Fr. John Donoghue |
| Mar. 30-April 1 | Deacon Community |

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Father Joseph Gebhardt dies

PORTLAND, Ore.—Father Joseph M. Gebhardt, 77, who served in the Diocese of Boise from 1967 to 1989, died in Portland, Ore., Dec. 26.

Father Gebhardt has been living at Mount St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Portland for a number of years.

Born in Alexandria, La., Nov. 4, 1923, he attended seminary in Louisiana, Illinois and Ohio, and was ordained June 25, 1950 for the Order of Friars Minor. After ordination, he earned a masters degree in journalism from Marquette University and served as a retreat master and on the province mission band in various friaries and retreat houses in Ohio, Illinois, and Tennessee.

He came to Idaho in 1967 and first served as assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus Parish, Wallace. The next year he taught full time at

Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, and cared for the Catholic communities in Idaho City and Lowman. He later served as assistant at Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls, and then Christ the King, Idaho Falls, administrator of St. Charles Hailey and mission, and then pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, Grangeville. Father Gebhardt was pastor of Our Lady of the Snows, Sun Valley, from 1974 to 1983.

He was on leave from the diocese with permission of the bishop for the next six years and retired in June 1989.

While in the Diocese of Boise he served as a matrimonial judge for the Office of Canonical Affairs.

Father Gebhardt is buried at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Portland. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Gebhardt, Monroe, La., and nieces and one nephew.

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JOURNEYS

Bishop Michael Driscoll makes list of most influential Idahoans

The Diocese of Boise's own Bishop Michael P. Driscoll was listed among this year's 100 most influential Idahoans.

The bishop, who started his work in Idaho in March 1999, was listed 68th spot.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne held his top spot, followed by U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo.

The list, which includes elected officials and business, religious, arts and academia leaders is compiled

each year by Ridenbaugh Press, a Boise publishing company run by local political author Rand Stapilus.

Another religious leader, Elizabeth Greene, minister at the Boise Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, was listed in the 100th spot.

A sampling of other Idahoans who made the list include Steve Appleton, CEO of Micron Technology, 5th, J. R. Simplot, potato magnate, 6th, Roy Eiguren, Boise Attorney and legislative

lobbyist and member of St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, 10th, Duane Hagadone, North Idaho developer and newspaper owner, 15th, outgoing U.S. Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hage, 21st, Greg Car, founder of the Harvard University's Carr Center for Human Rights and contributor to the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, 29th, and Wallace businessman Harry Magnusen and member of St. Alphonsus Parish, 53rd.

Vocation crosses

(Continued from page 1) them."

The 65 crosses that Idaho Catholics will use for the Vocation Cross Program were made by Clint (Red) Simonsen with help from Ken Doyle and Peter Grant, all of Payette. The men, all members of Corpus Christi Parish, donated their time and the materials.

The 13 inch crosses are made out of various woods, including pine, cherry, walnut and redwood. Each has a 3 inch wooden host and chalice and is inscribed with the quote from scripture: "Pray to the Master of the

harvest to send laborers for the harvest."

Simonsen said he and his fellow parishioners made the crosses as a gift to the diocese. They used wood they already had or wood that was given to them. Each cross was finished with a hard, glossy sealer.

"I feel like this is one of the most important jobs I've ever done," said Simonsen.

Families in each parish will have an opportunity to sign up to take their parish vocations cross and the accompanying prayer book home for the week. The priest will call the indi-

vidual, couple or family signed up for that week forward to receive the vocation cross at Mass. It is important that whoever has the cross for a particular week to make sure to return it so that the next family will have an opportunity to take it home.

While the cross is in their home, parishioners are asked to choose a convenient time each day to pray for vocations. That time might also be a chance for families to talk together about priests, deacons, sisters and brothers they have known and admired.

W. Deanery Pastoral Council elects new officers

By Marge Dilonzo
For the ICR

HOMEDALE—The Western Deanery Pastoral Council elected a new slate of officers at its Dec. 9 meeting in Homedale.

Bonnie Wissel, St. Paul's, Nampa, was elected president. Donna Watterson, St. Hubert's, Homedale, vice president, and Sherri Stelljes, Corpus Christi Parish, Payette/New Plymouth, secretary.

Other members meeting with Father Oscar Jaramillo, dean of the Western Deanery, were Carlene Prouty, representing the Cambridge and Council Catholic communities, and Lynne Tiddens, St. Hubert's, Homedale. Prouty and Tiddens are the Diocesan Pastoral Council representatives from the Western Deanery.

Tiddens reviewed the Deanery Pastoral Council Constitution and the Parish Planning Instrument, which has been distributed to all Idaho parishes and stations by the Diocesan Pastoral Council to assist with assessment and planning.

The instrument is a resource for parishes and stations to do ongoing goal-setting and self-assessment in the eight areas which the Diocese of Boise has identified as key to vital parish life. Those include: liturgy, evangelization, finances, hospitality, social concerns, education, pastoral life and spirituality, and leadership.

Tiddens said each parish will report to the deanery council, which in turn will take the information to the Diocesan Pastoral Council and on to the bishop. All the assessments will eventually be summarized into a "snapshot" of the state of the church in the deaneries and in the diocese as a whole. The compilation will be used for ongoing diocesan pastoral planning and evaluations, for determining the need for and functions of diocesan staff people, and to assist with diocesan communication.

In the deaneries and in the parishes and stations, the assessment instrument can be used to assure vitality by planning for the future, she said.

The Western Deanery Pastoral Council will meet again March 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Hubert's, Homedale.

KC PROMOTION



BRIEFS

Bishop Kelly Boosters to host Jan. 21 Pasta Festa fundraiser

BOISE—The Bishop Kelly High Booster Club will host Pasta Festa, an all-you-can-eat, family style Italian dinner, featuring “Broschi’s Best” sauce Jan. 21 at Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise.

Booster Club members will serve dinner from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person or \$30 per family, with free admission for children 5 years old.

The menu will include pasta, salad, and bread accompanied by Italian music and a live accordion player. Beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert will be available for an additional charge. Those who attend will have a chance at winning several door prizes.

All proceeds from the dinner will go to projects for Bishop Kelly to benefit the students.

Past year the Bishop Kelly Booster Club funded over \$60,000 in requests for everything from banners for the gymnasium and bleachers for the field to equipment for the mass communications class, foreign language department and library. The club also helped the Music Department purchase a new piano.

Saint Alphonsus RMC named again as one of nation’s top 100 orthopedic hospitals

BOISE—For a second year, Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center was recently recognized for excellence in orthopedic care to patients during 2000 and named a recipient of the 100 Top Orthopedic Hospitals Awards in the United States.

The award was made by the HCIA-Sachs Institute, an organization dedicated to the improvement of the healthcare industry through improved information.

Natural Family Planning classes to start in Boise Jan. 26

BOISE—Natural Family Planning classes, taught by Couple to Couple League certified instructors Susan and Dave Davies, St. Mark’s Parish, Boise, will start Jan. 26 in Boise.

Registration is necessary. Call the Davies at 378-1137.

Modern Natural Family Planning uses no drugs or devices, builds marriages, is highly effective in avoiding (99 per cent) or achieving pregnancy and is recommended by the Catholic Church, said the Davies.

NFP philosophy is well stated in a quote from Pope John Paul II’s document, “Humanae Vitae” —“It (periodic abstinence) demands continual effort, yet, thanks to its beneficent influence, husband and wife fully develop their personalities, being enriched with spiritual values. Such discipline bestows upon family life fruits of serenity and peace, and facilitates the solution of other problems; it favors attention for one’s partner, helps both parties to drive out selfishness, the enemy of true love and deepens their sense of responsibility.”

Caldwell area Catholics treated to enactment of Christmas story

CALDWELL—On Christmas Eve at St. Mary’s, Caldwell, vocalists Katie Comstock and Mario Espinosa and the Youth Strong Ensemble provided prelude music for the Children’s Mass.

Then Father Enrique Terriquez led his “band of lambs” (children of the parish dressed in costumes) to the altar where the Christmas story was enacted with the children announcing the Good News by giving the readings and singing hymns.

In other St. Mary’s news, the Diocesan Building Committee recently approved preliminary plans for the new Our Lady of the Valley Church. The parish will now proceed to the design and development phase.

Byzantine liturgies to continue in Boise in 2001

BOISE—Byzantine liturgies will continue in Boise in 2001 with Sunday, Jan. 28, as the next scheduled date.

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will take place at St. Paul’s Catholic Student Center on the Boise State University campus at 5:30 P.M. The date for the February Byzantine liturgy has not yet been determined.

Father David Loga, administrator of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church, Spokane, will serve as celebrant for both liturgies.

Father Logan said a possibility exists that the current Byzantine Outreach in Boise may be raised to mission status. He said a bishop must first be named for the Byzantine Eparchy (diocese) of Van Nuys. Currently, Father Stephen Washko, Phoenix, Ariz., is serving as eparchial administrator.

The Boise outreach already has many of the necessary accouterments for a Byzantine Catholic Church, according to Mary Ellen Nourse, Boise, one of the people who has been instrumental in bringing the Byzantine Masses to Boise.

The Byzantine Outreach in Boise is still small. As one “regular” remarked recently, “Father David knows everybody here.”



WELCOME ASSISTANCE—Grand Knight Howard W. Clark, Idaho Falls Knights of Columbus Council 1663, presents a check for \$3,311 to Mary Anne Fox.

The money will help defray the medical expenses for her son Jeremiah Hfelfinger who recently underwent a liver transplant.

KC Council 1663 helps family with son’s medical expenses

IDAHO FALLS—Grand Knight Howard W. Clark, of Idaho Falls Knights of Columbus, Council 1663, recently presented a check for \$3,311.25, to Mary Anne Fox to help with her son’s medical expenses.

The Idaho State Knights of Columbus Council donated

some \$500 of the total from their Pennies From Heaven Fund.

Council 1663 held an International Dinner Fund Raiser with all proceeds going to help defray Jeremiah Hfelfinger’s medical bills. Jeremiah recently underwent liver transplant surgery at Mayo’s Clinic in Phoe-

nix, Ariz.

The presentation of the check was delayed until Fox’s son’s condition improved enough so she could return home from Phoenix.

Clark said Council 1663 wishes to thank everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success.



SUMMER OF FIRE—Father Donald Fraser delivers a homily while celebrating Mass for some Fort Hood, Texas, soldier firefighters in a tent near the Burgdorf fire near McCall last summer. Fires, which consumed thousands of acres across Idaho,

were among the top news stories in Idaho in 2000. Idaho Catholics, including the clergy, ministered to those affected by the fires in every way they could. (Photo by Dick Porter)

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KCS HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS—Some Silver Valley Special Olympians and their coach pose for a photo with Silver Valley Knights who presented the coach with a check for their program. Pictured from left are Jim Miller Sr., Special Olympic athletes Stephen Mast, Joanne Coast, Ray Ward, April Cason, Coach Becky Hood and Tony Maravilla. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

KC Council 1293 assists Silver Valley Special Olympics Program

By Mary McKenzie
For the ICR

KELLOGG—The Knights of Columbus recently presented Coach Becky Hood with a check for \$1500 to benefit the Silver Valley Special Olympics Program.

Knights Tony Maravilla, Council 1293, Wallace, and Jim Miller, Sr., Father Cataldo Council 3762, Kellogg, met at Doc's Cell Block with team members to present the check. Each of those participating medalled in their respective

event at the Olympic games this past summer.

The Silver Valley Knights have supported the local Special Olympics for a number of years with their Tootsie Roll fund raising project. This year's donation will help continue the ski program at Silver Mountain, Kellogg, and start a general conditioning program at Doc's, according to Hood.

The Knights extended their thanks to all who help by donating to the Tootsie Roll Drive each year.



DEACON CHRISTMAS PARTY—Chuck Skoro, a Diocese of Boise deacon candidate and Deacon Alan Shaber entertain during a Dec. 15 Christmas party at the home of Deacon Gerry and Eva Pera, Meridian. The party for Idaho deacons and deacon candidates included time for prayer, singing, eating, and conversation. (Photo by Deacon Pera)

A Christmas story to warm your heart A true story about a Christmas miracle in Lewiston

LEWISTON—The first day of the Christmas Tree Sale 2000 began like most years' sales. The crew of volunteer parents from St. Stanislaus Parish School, Lewiston, was excited and hopeful for a big day of tree sales.

Not long into the day, a man pulled into the parking lot in an old pick-up truck with three children all in the front of the cab. The children waited in the truck and the man approached one of the parent volunteers on the lot.

"I was wondering if you might have a tree top from one of your trees," he said. "I've recently lost my job, and my family and I are living in a friend's camper. We don't have any money or much room in the camper, but I really want my kids to have a tree for Christmas."

The parent volunteer walked over to a 3½-foot tree and brought it to the man. "Merry Christmas," he said.

The man went to his pick-up and got his children from the cab, and had them come over to the parent volunteer to say thank you. When they had loaded the tree and left the lot, the parent volunteer made a mental note to himself to put the \$17 into the tree sale cash box to pay for the family's small tree. But there was no time to pay right at that moment as another customer was already looking and needing some help.

The parent volunteer helped the new customer choose just the right tree for his family. He seemed pleased with the purchase and wrote out a check to pay. The parent volunteer accepted the check and noticed the man had overpaid. He said, "Your tree was only \$33, and you have written your check for \$50." The customer looked at the parent volunteer and said, "No, I didn't overpay. Please use the \$17 for someone else."

Bilingual LIMEX students sought

CALDWELL—An information meeting will take place Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Chapel, Caldwell, for all Hispanics and others interested in joining a special pilot LIMEX group.

LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension) makes it possible for people to study religious education and pastoral studies for a masters degree or certificate without leaving the diocese.

All who join the bilingual class will be certificate candidates and all must be able to speak and read both Spanish and English and able to study on a college level, said Dan McGill, diocesan coordinator of adult education.

The facilitators for this group are John Hitchman, diocesan director of ethnic ministries and Father Jesus Camacho.

For more information, contact McGill at 342-1311.

New LIMEX meet planned

Due to continuing significant interest in LIMEX in the Western and West Central Deaneries, an additional information meeting will take place for those interested in joining the regular (graduate and certificate English) LIMEX program.

The meeting will take place Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 303 Federal Way, Boise.

For more information, contact Dan McGill, diocesan coordinator of adult education, 342-1311.



RAFFLE WINNER—Mary Ann Bedrchia shows off the afghan she won through St. Anthony's Christmas Raffle in Wendell. The afghan was made by Linda Servatius who won first place ribbons on her work at the Jerome and Gooding county fairs. Servatius donated the afghan for the raffle which raised \$1101. The money was used by parishioners for food and gift baskets for the needy at Christmas, according to Larry Connelly, Wendell, who helped with the project.

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Catholics return to spiritual direction tradition

By Christie L. Chicoine

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — For help in making a major life-changing decision or deepening their day-to-day faith experience, some Catholics are returning to the tradition of having a spiritual director.

"All of us need to be more conscious of God's presence in our lives and what God is 'whispering' to us," said Father Dennis J.W. O'Donnell, rector of a retreat house in Malvern.

"All of us need spiritual direction," added the priest, who is at St. Joseph-in-the-Hills, also known as the Malvern Retreat House.

Spiritual direction involves looking at the truth of God, self and others and how that truth is discovered or distorted by one's choices and or the choices of others who have influenced us, he told The Catholic Standard & Times, newspaper of the Philadelphia Archdiocese.

The format for spiritual direction can range from something highly structured to an informal arrangement. The format is usually decided on by the individual seeking direction and the director, who can be a priest, a religious or a layperson.

Some people meet on a periodic basis and pray, discuss and work on a specific area or theme. Others meet less frequently and focus on more spontaneous issues, according to Father O'Donnell.

For adults, any age is appropriate for spiritual direction, said Father Michael P. O'Malley, assistant principal of academic affairs at Lansdale Catholic High School in

Lansdale, Pa.

A signal that individuals need a spiritual director is if they are "looking for someone to talk to about their prayer and living the Christian life."

Both Fathers O'Donnell and O'Malley use Ignatian spirituality in their work as spiritual directors.

St. Ignatius says the director's role is "to let the Creator deal directly with the creature," said Father O'Malley. "The director is not counseling, providing answers, telling (the person) what to do or what God is saying, but listening to the person and facilitating the person's experience of God."

The method is "very loving, very gentle," said Terry Welsh, 38, a member of Corpus Christi Parish, who goes to Father O'Donnell for guidance. "It's not like somebody's pointing a finger (and saying), 'That wasn't a smart thing to do!'"

After talking to him, she said, she feels "10 years younger and 50 pounds lighter, knowing I'm trying my best to walk the right path."

Welsh, a single parent with four children, said she would recommend spiritual direction to anyone who is "serious about a relationship with God."

"(It) is just a way of deepening your relationship with God," she said. "It's really great to know there's somebody who actually cares about your soul and will help you become who God wants you to be."

Joe McGrath, 39, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, signed up for spiritual

direction 10 years ago.

"About 12 and a half years ago, I gave up drinking and felt to stay sober and have a good life, I had to get closer to God," he said.

McGrath, who also meets with Father O'Donnell, initially met the priest monthly, but now sees him approximately six times a year.

When his daughter Maura was born in April 1999 with Down syndrome, Father O'Donnell told him the child would be blessed and would lead him to people he would never meet otherwise.

The baby almost died, was hospitalized for a month and had open heart surgery at 4 months.

In the past year, the couple's second daughter, Michelle, was born, then McGrath's wife, Rita, was diagnosed with breast cancer. He also had to deal with both of his parents having surgery.

"Spiritual direction gives me the ability to face things like this," McGrath said. "It's almost like a spiritual bank account."

People can find spiritual directors through referrals from retreat houses or through their parish priest. But Father O'Donnell pointed out that the choice of director is important.

"When asked to choose between an intelligent or a holy person for spiritual direction, St. Teresa said go with the intelligent," Father O'Donnell said.

"Obviously both are important gifts in a spiritual director," he continued, "but what seems most important is some-

one who is able to discern God's unique whisper in his or her life and because of that grace is able to help direct others to listening to their unique calling from God."

Spiritual direction is about "walking with Jesus," so it dif-

fers from psychological counseling, Father O'Donnell added.

"God speaks in every person's heart," he added. "Every person can speak to God. That's the relationship that spiritual direction is trying to foster and nurture."



SAINT IN STAINED GLASS—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is shown in a window at a chapel in Emmitsburg, Md. Seton became the first American-born saint when she was canonized in 1975. Her feast day is Jan. 4. (CNS photo)

Year end

(Continued from page 16) voters narrowly rejected a proposal to legalize physician-assisted suicide, again leaving Oregon as the only U.S. state accepting the practice. The federal Pain Relief Promotion Act, designed to improve end-of-life care and thwart legalized assisted suicide, remained blocked in the Senate more than a year after the House passed it.

In the Netherlands, where patient-requested euthanasia has been technically illegal but tolerated for many years, the lower house of Parliament approved a bill in late November that would formally legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia in certain cases. Vatican spokesman Joachin Navarro-Valls sharply condemned the action.

Dominus Iesus

Other major church events emerging from Rome in 2000

included publication of a declaration on Christ and the church, "Dominus Iesus," by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and issuance of a new General Instruction of the Roman Missal, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

"Dominus Iesus," issued Sept. 5, emphasized the unique role of Jesus Christ and the church he founded for the salvation of all humanity. While it repeated standard church teachings found in Vatican II, its negative treatment of other religions and lack of reference to advances in ecumenical and interreligious understanding since then provoked criticism from a number of Catholic leaders as well as other Christian and non-Christian leaders.

A related document from the doctrinal congregation, which said the Catholic Church would not regard most Protestant

churches as "sister churches" in the proper use of that term, also drew criticism.

The new instruction on the missal, the first revision in 25 years, set new rules or revised or clarified existing rules for priests, ministers and people celebrating Mass. It replaced a controversial strict rule on placement of tabernacles with more flexible regulations, but in other areas it established stricter rules than those in force since 1975. Many church officials were upset about a lack of clarity as to when or how the changes were to take effect.

Despite negative reaction to "Dominus Iesus," Catholic ecumenical and interreligious dialogue generally advanced in 2000.

One of the most notable areas of advance was in Catholic-Jewish relations. A first international Catholic-Jewish theological dialogue was held in June. In Sep-

tember a group of prominent Jewish leaders issued a major statement urging Jews to reevaluate their attitudes towards Christians in light of significant changes in Christian attitudes toward Jews and Judaism.

A team of Catholic and Jewish historians jointly studied published Vatican records on the Holocaust during World War II and issued its first report on the study.

In July the often-troubled international Catholic-Orthodox dialogue held its first meeting since 1993, and its first ever in the Western Hemi-

sphere, in Emmitsburg, Md. Despite lack of agreement on the status of Eastern Catholic churches, the group reaffirmed its commitment to continuing the dialogue.


Catholic-Anglican relations got a major boost in May when Archbishop George Carey of Canterbury, primate of the worldwide Anglican Communion, and Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, convened a meeting of Catholic and Anglican bishops from 14 countries to pray and brainstorm on how to move ahead on church unity.

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La Comunidad

El Evangelio

Hemos visto su estrella

Por Padre Enrique Terrique Mt., 2:1-12



En la fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor que celebramos este fin de semana, celebramos todavía el nacimiento del "Niño Dios" En Navidad fuimos invitados a ir a Belén y reconocer al Hijo de Dios nacido en un pesebre. En Epifanía estamos invitados a reconocer al Hijo de Dios como Rey, como Pastor o como el Salvador del mundo.

El mensaje fundamental del nacimiento de Jesús es la realización del plan de salvación de Dios para toda la humanidad. En los planes que Dios tiene para salvarnos, el pueblo Judío juega un papel importante porque ahí vemos cómo Dios habla a través de los acontecimientos de la vida de un pueblo, y cómo empeña su palabra en la Encarnación de su Hijo el mismo que con toda su vida de entrega a la voluntad de su Padre Dios, nos revela la universalidad de su plan salvífico.

En el pasaje de San Mateo que nos

habla de unos Magos venidos del Oriente en busca del recién nacido rey de los judíos, Dios escribió otro capítulo de la misma historia de salvación que nos revela a estos hombres honestos y sabios de entre el pueblo gentil en busca del Mesías, como Herodes mismo lo llama. Ya el profeta Isaías había invitado a su pueblo a la fidelidad con Dios para así convertirse en luz para otras naciones que vendrían a reconocer al mismo Dios de Israel.

Las comunidades cristianas del tiempo en que se escribe el Evangelio dan testimonio del gozo con que el mundo pagano acoge la Buena Nueva de Jesús de Nazaret. La intranquilidad que experimentan Jerusalén, Herodes, los sacerdotes y maestros de la ley ante la noticia de que extranjeros buscan al recién nacido rey de los judíos, "aguada la fiesta" de los que se creían los únicos. El mismo San Pablo compartió no sólo esta falta de visión, sino que fué en persecución de los que reconocían a Jesús como el Salvador del mundo.

La estrella de la cual nos habla San Mateo y el Antiguo Testamento más que referirse a un astro celeste, se refiere a un símbolo religioso como cuando el profeta Balam refiriéndose muy probablemente al rey David anuncia que de Jacob nacería una estrella. Después la tradición judía vió aquí una referencia al Mesías que había de venir. También podemos recordar las creencias muy antiguas que decían que cuando nacía un rey, aparecía una estrella en el firmamento. Aún si fuera solo por la astrología que los Magos descubren al Mesías, vemos cómo Dios se da a conocer a cada pueblo según sus propias culturas y no sólo por la Escritura Sagrada. Hoy podemos constatar con tristeza en el Evangelio que no basta leer la Palabra de Dios, si no se le hace caso. Jerusalén no fué a adorar al Niño nacido en Belén. Jerusalén no conoció esa estrella que venía del cielo con tanta luminosidad que desde lejos pudo ser vista por hombres de buena voluntad.

Los regalos que traen consigo estos extranjeros son otro signo de la apertura de sus corazones para rendir

homenaje a un nuevo Rey. San Pablo después de su conversión no puede ocultar su emoción al ver "la estrella" que en otras palabras llama "el Misterio de Dios" revelado en Cristo que viene a unir a todo el mundo en un solo reino: paganos y judíos, coherederos del mismo reino, miembros de un mismo cuerpo.

Nuestra vida está llena de epifanías, o sea de constantes revelaciones de Dios para con nosotros en los acontecimientos de la vida diaria, así como en el trato con los demás. Solo debemos ser observadores de ese firmamento que nos haga ver las estrellas de tantas cualidades que tienen los demás para rendir homenaje al Cristo presente en ellos y abrir los cofres de nuestros corazones al estilo de San Pablo. Hoy en la fiesta de la Epifanía renovamos nuestra fe en un Dios que quiere que todo mundo se salve, y que nos hace responsables de anunciar esta Buena Nueva.

El Padre Terriques es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

LIMEX

Candidatos al Programa Bilingüe LIMEX tendrán una reunión de información el día 27 de Enero a las 10 AM en Santa Maria, Caldwell. Este curso está abierto a todo candidato interesado. Se obtendrá un certificado al término del curso. Los candidatos deben cumplir el requisito de ser bilingües, hablar y leer en español, además estar en condiciones de poder seguir estudios superiores.

El Papa se enfoca sobre las esperanzas de paz en el Medio

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)— En las festividades de Navidad que llevan a la Iglesia Católica a la fase final del Año Jubilar 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo II se enfocó sobre las esperanzas de paz en el Medio Oriente.

En la Misa de medianoche al aire libre y en su mensaje tradicional para Navidad, el Papa manifestó su preocupación por el futuro de la región, donde tres meses de violencia entre israelíes y palestinos han dejado a más de 340 personas muertas.

Durante la Misa de la Víspera de Navidad, celebrada al aire libre por primera vez durante su pontificado para dar cabida al gran número de peregrinos del Jubileo, el Papa Juan Pablo miró retrospectivamente sobre su peregrinación en marzo último a Tierra Santa y recordó sus momentos de oración en Belón.

"En esta noche," dijo el Papa, "me gustaría que las comunidades cristianas de la Tierra Santa sintieran que toda la Iglesia está muy próxima a ellas."

"Compartimos vuestra ansiedad por el destino de toda la región del Medio Oriente" dijo "el a cerca de 50,000 peregrinos que hicieron frente a los aguaceros para asistir a la Misa.

En su mensaje anual de Navidad a los funcionarios del Vaticano el 21 de diciembre, el Papa dijo que su viaje a Jordania, Israel y los territorios palestinos brindó un sabor anticipado del "gozo que todos los pueblos sentirán... cuando esa tierra, tan santa y desgraciadamente tan atormentada, encuentre finalmente la paz."

El 25 de diciembre, los pensamientos del Papa se volvieron nuevamente hacia la Tierra Santa, "donde la violencia continúa manchando de sangre el sendero difícil hacia la paz."

Su bendición semi-anual "urbi et orbi" (a la ciudad y al mundo), pronunciada en este año desde los escalones de la Basílica de San Pedro antes que desde el balcón de la Basílica, incluyó también una rogativa por la paz en Indonesia, donde una serie de atentados terroristas en la Víspera de Navidad mataron por lo menos a 13 personas.

En la sociedad de hoy, dijo el Papa, la "cultura de la muerte" adopta muchas formas, desde la violencia contra las mujeres y los niños hasta las "corrientes interminables de exiliados y refugiados."

Conclusión post-jubilar: El Papa que envejece se aventura en otro año atareado

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — A medida que el Papa Juan Pablo II guiaba a la Iglesia a través de un calendario congestionado de acontecimientos durante el Año Santo 2000, una pregunta lo seguía como una sombra: Qué viene después?

La inferencia era que el Pontífice de 80 años de edad, dejado cada vez más frágil por la enfermedad neurológica, disminuiría sus actividades oficiales, o hasta renunciaría una vez que hubiera conducido a la Iglesia al interior del Tercer Milenio.

Pero a medida que el Año Santo culmina, está haciéndose claro que este Papa no tiene intención de cerrar su taller una vez que él cierre la Puerta Santa.

En vez de eso, él esté preparándose para otro año de consistorios, sínodos, canonizaciones, viajes al extranjero, liturgias públicas, pronunciamiento de discursos y reuniones.

"No veo que él esté desacelerando," dijo a mediados de diciembre el portavoz papal, Joaquín Navarro-Valls.

En enero, se espera que el Papa nombre a 25 nuevos cardenales, cambiando una vez más la cara del cuerpo que un día elegirá a su sucesor. Después que ellos reciban sus gorras rojas — probablemente a fines de febrero — el Papa Juan Pablo habrá elegido a 110 de los 120 posibles electores papales.

Quizás si el renglón más exigente del calendario papal para el 2001 sea la asamblea periódica

del Sínodo de Obispos en octubre, pospuesto desde el año 2000. El Papa preside personalmente sus largas sesiones generales, y después almuerza típicamente con grupos de los participantes.

El Papa continuará su "papado de trotamundos" después del Año Santo. En mayo, él reanudará su serie de peregrinaciones a tierras bíblicas cuando haga su primera visita a Siria.

En junio, él se aventurará en Ucrania, donde una minoría católica está aguardándolo

Ornamento de Guadalupe un éxito para Hallmark

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Entre las exhibiciones de ornamentos de Hallmark para coleccionar, del Grinch, Mark McGuire, Santa Claus, Star Trek y Harry Potter, una imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ha comprobado ser una de las más populares del año.

La imagen de hojalata prensada, hecha a mano, de la Patrona de México y de toda la América, que es nueva en este año, está vendiéndose tan bien en las tiendas a través del suroeste como al por mayor, según la vocera Kristi Ernsting.

ansiosamente, pero donde los cristianos ortodoxos se hallan todavía escépticos sobre una visita papal. Una escala en Atenas, Grecia — donde predicó San Pablo — podría ser agregada a ese viaje, dependiendo de la reacción por parte de la Iglesia Ortodoxa de Grecia.

En septiembre, se espera que el Papa se dirija a Armenia, en el occidente de Asia, otro país predominantemente ortodoxo que está celebrando el aniversario de 1,700 años de cristianismo.

"Fué desarrollado en este año para el mercado mexicano-americano, ya que es una parte muy importante de la cultura hispana," dijo ella.

El ornamento es una versión estilizada de la imagen de la Virgen María que está impresa en una tilma que se exhibe en el santuario dedicado a la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México. Se cree que la imagen haya sido dejada sobre la tilma de ayate que llevaba un campesino indígena del siglo XVI, Juan Diego.

¿Noticias importantes?

Individuos y organizaciones católicas están invitados a mandar artículos para ser publicados en el *Idaho Catholic Register*. Estos deberán responder a las preguntas, quién, qué, cuándo, dónde, por qué, cómo.

Víelos por correo regular, correo electrónico o fax a Colette Cowman, editora del ICR, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.



Izquierda, jóvenes en procesion durante la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Catedral de Boise el 9 de Diciembre, portando nombres de los diversos países y localidades de



los participantes. Centro, Wendy Mena, 15, en danza folclórica como parte de la celebración después de la Santa Misa. Derecha, Alfredo (izquierda), Armando, Francisco, e



Iván portando una Cruz hacia el interior de la Catedral utilizada en la "Danza Silenciosa" como reverencia a la Cruz de Jesús. (Foto de Juan Mena.)

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Jesús el Señor de la historia

Por Juan Hitchman
Diocesan Ethnic Ministry director

La devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, venerada por cuatro siglos en la ciudad de México tiene carácter histórico. Es decir se refiere a hechos que ocurrieron y que fueron interpretados por los fieles de la época como una verdadera intervención de la Madre de Jesús. "Yo soy la Madre del verdadero Dios por quien se vive."

El escrito original de mediados del siglo dieciseis en lenguaje azteca, nahault, no se conserva. Hay un copia de él hecha por Luis Lasso de la Vega en 1649.

Los sucesos conforman una historia. La Virgen se presenta pidiendo que se construya una Iglesia. Mensaje que no es creído por cuanto el instrumento, Juan Diego no produce credibilidad "racional." En tercer lugar el milagro que refrenda el mensaje. Finalmente el posterior cumplimiento de la petición de construir una Iglesia para que la Virgen María—los siglos posteriores son testigos de ello—pueda "mostrar y dar todo mi amor, compasión, ayuda y protección porque soy una Madre misericordiosa contigo y todos los habitantes de esta tierra y con todos los que me aman, invocan y confían en mí, excucharlos en su lamentos y remediar sus miserias, aflicciones y penas."

Es un milagro el estampado de una imagen de una figura de mujer joven con características aztecas sobre una tilma o tejido de la época hecho de fibra vegetal. La conservación por cinco siglos, aseverada por comisiones de científicos, de la trama de la tela no tiene explicación natural. Los detalles de la imagen misma que a la luz de investigaciones radiológicas no presenta un "esbozo" previo sino aparece como una "impresión" homogénea efectuada de un solo trazo tampoco tiene explicación humana.

Esto ya bastaría pero durante siglos se constata la veneración de millones de peregrinos que han hecho de ese lugar un "encuentro de hermanos."

Las crónicas de la época del Padre Bartolomé De las Casas muestran que la invasión española no fue "tan cristiana" como quería el rey Felipe II o el mismo Hernán Cortés. De hecho trataron a los que no seguían la norma religiosa europea como al demonio mismo sin ver valor cultura. Es una época en que el invasor viene de una guerra al expulsar a los moros de España y el "conquistador" no siempre es el Caballero de Honor sino delincuentes ávidos de oro y aventura. En ese contexto el mensaje verdaderamente crístico toma forma "¿No estoy yo aquí que soy to Madre? La Historia muestra que desde ese

momento los Estados Unidos de México comienzan a nacer como una nación en torno a la Guadalupeana. Hoy millones de mexicanos y de otros países concurren a ese lugar de gracias para sentirse cobijados y transformados. Ese ejemplo se debe entender como un modelo para todos los países.

Las palabras y los hechos que rodean este acontecimiento concuerdan plenamente con la doctrina evangélica acerca de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Otro signo más de autenticidad.

La Virgen no aparece como una diosa azteca con su mirada altiva sino es María la Madre de Jesús del Evangelio "He aquí la esclava del Señor."

Posteriores tradiciones pintaron una cinta negra sobre el vientre de la figura de la Virgen. Es una prenda que usa la mujer latina embarazada. Generaciones siguientes han dado su aporte como un avance en la comprensión del mensaje.

Nuestra generación también debe recoger lo esencial del mensaje y llevarlo a cabo.

Por ello se puede decir que aquellos que desconocen o rechazan a la Virgen de Guadalupe o toda devoción mariana en general no saben interpretar el signo y se quedan con lo exterior, como peregrinaciones, mandas, comercio de "recuerdos," danzas catárticas, etc. y

no saben celebrar a Quien ella lleva en su vientre que es "Jesús el fruto bendito."

Al hacer el análisis de la devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe debemos defender la tradición católica que salió airosa de la horrible y desastroza polémica acerca de las imágenes hace ya más de quince siglos y que los Padres de la Iglesia Orientales van a responder con claridad y sólida teología. No podemos entender la fe de la Iglesia, si no reconocemos los "iconos" o imágenes sagradas que veneran los cristianos tanto de el Oriente como en el Occidente. (No hay ningún lugar en México, como taxis, tiendas, carros, restaurantes, negocios, edificios y hogares, etc., donde no exista una imagen de la Guadalupeana.)

Al ignorar a María se ignora a Dios quien la eligió y puso en un sitio de preferencia para ser "benedicida por todas las generaciones." Por ello la fe que el pueblo latino le profesa a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe encuentra expresión y reconocimiento de que ella es nuestra Madre.

El gran desafío de los hispanos es el cumplir hoy el mensaje de Nuestra Señora y hacer que el Cristo total, obediente al Padre, nazca en cada corazón.

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CELEBRATION—Young people from St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, re-enact the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe for nearly 1,000 people Dec. 10. The multicultural celebration of the Guadalupe Feast Day took place at Northwest Nazarene University, Brandt Center, Nampa.

Nampa parish celebrates Guadalupe feast day

By Sonia Peterson for the ICR

NAMPA—About 1,000 St. Paul's parishioners and guests participated in a two-fold celebration Dec. 10—the Jubilee Year and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The celebration took place at Northwest Nazarene University, Brandt Center, Nampa.

The big celebration focused on "Rejoicing Our Diversity—The Many Faces in Our Parish," for the Jubilee and the traditional Mexican *mañanitas* in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The event started with the Virgins Procession followed by a reenactment of the four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego. The reenactment, performed by St. Paul's parishioners, was written and directed by Benny Muñoz.

Multi-cultural choirs including the "Boitzetik"

Basque Choir, Boise, El Mariachi Acapulco, St. Paul's Choir directed by Helen Hoalst and Pat Papiez, Choir of Terry Burnett and El Coro de la Familia Salinas, gave performances.

Dance groups that performed included the International Oinkari Basque Dancers, Boise, and St. Paul's children's group, "Tonantzin Cuatlauej," choreographed and directed by Muñoz.

"It was certainly a unique and historical religious celebration in which all of us parishioners of St. Paul's rejoiced in our different races, ethnic backgrounds and nationalities uniting us as Christian brothers and sisters—as true children of God," said one parishioner.

Idahoans invite others to join in SOA protest effort

COLUMBUS, Ga.—It was a wet, cold weekend in Columbus, Georgia. The temperature was in the upper 30's. The rain started Friday afternoon and it rained on and off all day Saturday, the first day of the demonstration against the School of the Americas. It started again early Sunday morning. You might conclude that this would have dampened the spirits of the protesters, but it did not.

The nonviolent funeral procession started on time Sunday morning, and marched onto the U.S. Army base at Fort Benning, Ga. In protest to the existence of the infamous "School of the America's" located there. The cold rain and the gray skies attested to the solemnity of this funeral procession as it marched onto the base. As this rain fell, it felt like we were being washed in the tears of so many who have suffered. One could almost feel the presence of that denied justice, and whose presence was only through the named crosses carried by the marchers. The procession continued to the drumbeat and the call of "present" as each name was read.

The School of the America's was established in 1946 in Panama, to train the military of South and Central American countries in their struggle against communism. Since then the focus has changed dramatically. After being expelled from Panama and established at Fort Benning, Ga., the school has been a reminder of the dark sides of American foreign policy.

For the last 20 years the communist threat has been negligible. The purpose now of Latin American military is to keep in power the quasi-democratic regimes, along with the outright dictators and the unjust structures of many of these

countries. The U.S. Army and our tax dollars assist in that cause. We train and they learn how to return to their countries to be more effective oppressors of their own people. Their new enemies today are union leaders, democratic thinkers and those working for a better life for the poor and anyone who would stand in the way of the oppressors. The powers behind these unjust systems are the elite, the powerful and those who benefit from low wages and a voiceless populace.

In defense of the school, the U.S. Army says that they teach democratic principals to their students. I will take their word that this is so. This, however, is not the lesson learned, nor is it the primary focus of the school as shown by many of its infamous graduates. They have killed American nuns, Jesuit professors, a Catholic bishop in El Salvador, and they have wiped out the entire village of El Mezote, killing 900 people. Many hundreds of thousands more have been murdered.

The UN Truth Commission inquired into these tragic incidents and confirmed that these atrocities had taken place, and named those responsible. Vast majorities were School of the America graduates. They have not been brought to answer for their crimes, nor have they spent one day in prison for their heinous acts.

If it is our policy to be teaching democratic principals, the U.S. Army is surely not the one to do this. There are many other better-equipped, more knowledgeable sources to carry this out. This Army response is only a cover for maintaining the status quo and close relations with the unjust power structures in Latin America. This needs to end.

For Christians, especially Catholics, the pursuit of peace and justice for all people is not an option. We do not have the choice of withholding our outspoken condemnation of acts of oppression. Vatican II mandates that we cry out when and

where injustice is perpetrated, especially on the poor and the voiceless. To call ourselves followers of Jesus, we cannot turn our backs on our brothers and sisters who are being crushed and oppressed, regardless of their race, color, politics, religion or nationality. It is the hallmark of a truly Catholic community, when voices and actions are raised, where oppression exists.

On Nov. 19, despite cold and rain, 4000 people of all ages, nationalities, color, religion and political persuasion, marched onto Fort Benning in civil disobedience, for the eleventh year in a row. Some 1700 were arrested. For many it was their second, third or fourth arrest, and many have been to prison for their acts of civil disobedience.

Today, there are ten political prisoners from the 1999 protest serving time, up to one year in federal prison. These ten, most over 65, include a Medal of Honor winner from World War II, several ministers, priests and nuns and other activists. All told, protesters have served over 30 years in federal prisons for their beliefs that this "School of the Assassins," as it is called in Latin America, should be closed.

You can help. Familiarize yourself with the issue. Be convinced of its rightness. Join us next November at the gates of Fort Benning. In the meantime we ask that you write your congressmen and senators demanding the close of this school. A bill in congress is now pending to do just this. Please join this cause. Stand up for those oppressed. Be a voice for those who are voiceless to help bring about a more just society in Latin America. Make your voices heard!

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Year end

(Continued from page 1) the secular world as well, as the international movement to relieve the external debt of the world's most heavily indebted poor countries made 2000 the target year to achieve its goal.

Near year's end a long-recalcitrant U.S. Congress made a major contribution to the effort by appropriating \$435 million to fully fund the U.S. share of the multilateral debt relief package for the next year.

As the debt relief campaign gained momentum, it also brought new attention to the immense human and economic devastation caused by AIDS in Africa, home to most of the world's heavily indebted poor countries.

Religious leaders — especially the pope, who began to call for jubilee-year debt relief for poor countries back in 1994 — were widely credited as a major force behind the success of that campaign.

A large number of U.S. Catholic dioceses and religious orders took the jubilee concept of debt forgiveness to heart for themselves as well, writing off part or all of many of their loans to poor parishes and charitable agencies.

Saints

America got a new saint in 2000: St. Katharine Drexel, the Philadelphia heiress who founded the Blessed Sacrament Sisters. St. Katharine, who died in 1955 at age 96, used her \$20 million inheritance to found schools and missions for African-Americans and Native Americans. She was canonized Oct. 1.

Pope John Paul also canonized St. Mary Faustina Kowalska, originator of Divine Mercy devotion, 27 Mexican martyrs and 120 Chinese martyrs, many of whom were killed in the Boxer Rebellion. The Chinese canonizations drew sharp criticism from China's communist government.

Among those he beatified during the year were two of his predecessors, Popes John XXIII and Pius IX. Two more contrasting minds and personalities would be hard to imagine.

In a little over 22 years as pontiff, Pope John Paul has declared 446 people saints — far more than the previous 16 popes combined, who from 1588 to 1978

declared 295 saints.

Pope's health

His growing health difficulties — stemming mainly from an advancing central nervous disorder that causes hand tremors, a shuffling gait, facial rigidity and slurred speech — led to increased speculation that after seeing the church into the third millennium he might become the first pope since St. Celestine V in 1294 to end his papacy by resignation instead of death.

One unofficial jubilee-year event that did not please Pope John Paul was the July 1-9 celebration in Rome of World Gay Pride 2000, capping many years of growing gay rights activism around the world. The pope called the holding of the observance in Rome an "affront" to the church and the jubilee year.

In October the pope condemned legislation by the Dutch Parliament allowing homosexual partners to marry. In November the Pontifical Council for the Family warned against legal recognition of non-marital unions as a threat to marriage and family. In December Germany gave legal recognition to same-sex unions and the Finnish Parliament had similar legislation on its agenda.

In the United States, the Vermont Legislature made same-sex civil unions legally equivalent to marriage. Voters in Nevada and Nebraska overwhelmingly approved measures banning same-sex marriages.

A referendum in Maine banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation was narrowly defeated. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts can exclude homosexual leaders.

Genetics

Rapid developments in genetics also posed new challenges for church teachings in 2000.

Completion of the Human Genome Project, a computerized mapping of the entire human genetic structure, gave rise to new hopes of cures for genetic diseases.

But it also sparked new interest in moral questions posed by genetic coding and manipulation — questions ranging from the mo-

reality of human cloning and genetic selection to issues of privacy and the dangers of employment and health insurance discrimination against those with higher genetic risks for certain diseases.

The pope and Catholic moral theologians condemned British and U.S. decisions to allow therapeutic procedures using embryonic stem cells, which involves destruction of embryos, instead of adult stem cells.

The growing use of genetically modified crops and livestock was highlighted in the United States with national recalls of food products that had been made in part with genetically modified corn not yet approved for human use.

At a biotechnology conference in Rome a Vatican official, Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, praised the potential of such foods to help feed the world's hungry, but urged international controls and monitoring to guard against the risks posed by such changes.

Peace

On the world scene, the eruption of new Israeli-Palestinian fighting in the Middle East at the end of September threatened to reverse the hard-won gains of years of peace negotiations. In July President Clinton had tried unsuccessfully to jump-start the stalled peace process by bringing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat together for a summit at Camp David.

The people of Yugoslavia took a major step toward restoring peace in September by electing opposition leader Vojislav Kostunica as their new president, ousting President Slobodan Milosevic. In 1998 Milosevic had presided over the barbaric ethnic cleansing campaign in Kosovo that brought NATO to respond by bombing Yugoslavia into submission.

In Africa, Eritrea and Ethiopia were at war. Civil war and guerrilla struggles continued in several other countries, including Angola, Burundi, Congo, Sierra Leone, Sudan and Uganda, while protracted drought threatened the lives of millions in Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Eritrea and parts of Kenya and Sudan.

The U.S. bishops in November issued "Sudan's Cry for Peace," a statement seeking to draw public attention to 17 years of systematic — and increasing — destruction of the tribal peoples in southern Sudan by the Islamic military government. Sudanese Bishop Macram Max Gassis made several U.S. visits to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians there as Islamic fundamentalists engage in kidnapping, slavery and forced conversions.

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom ranked China with Sudan among countries of the world where religious persecution is most severe. Despite pleadings from religious and human rights groups, the United States normalized trade relations with China.

Election

Florida took the national lime-light again throughout Novem-



ber and into December as Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore sought repeatedly, but in the end unsuccessfully, to overturn the tiny margin of the state-certified popular vote held by his Republican opponent, George W. Bush.

Before the election both candidates courted the Catholic vote, which many analysts regarded as one of the key swing votes. Nationally Gore won the Catholic vote by about 3 percent, much more than his margin in the popular vote. In Florida, according to exit polls, he lost the Catholic vote by a hefty eight-point margin.

Public policy issues of concern to the U.S. bishops in 2000 included the death penalty, partial-birth abortion, the introduction of the RU-486 abortion pill, crime and criminal justice, assisted suicide and the treatment of immigrants.

In a major statement on the criminal justice system, they criticized the nation's growing reliance on incarceration and rigid sentencing rules, arguing that a greater focus on education, prevention and treatment could do more to reduce crime and rehabilitate criminals.

In an appendix to the statement the bishops reiterated their strong opposition to the use of capital punishment in the United States. Many bishops individually sought clemency for those facing execution and the bishops of Indiana distributed a video opposing the death pen-

alty to every parish in their state.

National calls for a moratorium on U.S. executions grew as the federal government prepared to execute Juan Raul Garza, the first federal prisoner facing execution since 1963. In July and again in December President Clinton postponed Garza's execution.

Partial birth abortion ban

Congress again passed a Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and President Clinton again vetoed it. Opponents of the practice were dealt a major blow in June when the U.S. Supreme Court declared a Nebraska law against partial-birth abortion unconstitutional. That decision provoked a brief but strongly worded statement by the bishops in November saying the high court has brought the nation's legal system "to the brink of endorsing infanticide."

In a ruling important for Catholic schools, the high court in June upheld the constitutionality of distributing federal funds evenhandedly to private schools, including religiously run schools, for computer and media resources. In November, however, voters in California and Michigan rejected proposals to offer school vouchers to parents of children in private schools. And in December, a federal appeals court ruled against an experimental school voucher program in Cleveland.

In the fall elections Maine (See 'Year end,' page 12)



ELECTIONS—President-elect George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore shake hands. Both candidates courted the Catholic vote during the recent election that made national news for weeks because it was so close. (CNS photo)

Msgr. Dennis Falk dies Jan. 10 of cancer

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Msgr. Dennis George Falk, 70, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise for nearly 44 years who served as moderator of the curia and vicar general for the past decade, died of cancer in Boise Jan. 10.

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 16 at St. John's Cathedral. Almost 50 of Msgr. Falk's brother priests participated in the liturgy, including Bishop Tod Brown, Diocese of Orange, Calif., who was previously bishop of Idaho. Bishop Brown named Msgr. Falk to his diocesan administrative posts and nominated him for the title of "monsignor."

Burial was at Morris Hill Cemetery, St. John's Section, Boise.

Msgr. Falk was born April 2, 1930 in Eau Claire, Wis., to the late Kermit and Frances Lennie Falk, and was raised in Idaho. He attended Mount Angel Preparatory Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., and St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash.

He was ordained to the priesthood May 18, 1957, at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, by Bishop James J. Byrne.

His parish assignments over the years included assistant at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, and pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Montpelier, and missions, St. Elizabeth's Parish, Gooding, and missions, Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, St. George's, Post Falls, and missions, Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls, Our Lady of the Lake, McCall, and missions, and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville.

Msgr. Falk was named moderator of the curia and chancellor of the Diocese of Boise in 1990. The next year he was appointed Diocese of Boise vicar general and moderator of the curia.

Pope John Paul II named him an honorary prelate with the title of "monsignor" on June 16, 1996. Bishop Brown conferred the honor on him at a special ceremony Oct. 28, 1996, at St. John's Cathedral.

Msgr. Falk's special diocesan appointments and honors included assistant vocation director, 1965-1966, diocesan vocation director, 1966-1969, diocesan consultor, Knights of Columbus chaplain, Diocesan Finance Council, 1991-2000, Presbyteral Council member, 1991-2000, Vicar of Religious, 1993-2000.

His family, friends and the people he pastored will remember Msgr. Falk for his gentle, pastoral ways, his great love of the Eucharist and the Mass, the way he ministered to people in their times of need, his easy laugh, his love of fishing and the State of Idaho, and his suspenders and crazy fishing hats.

Msgr. Falk felt very close to his



Monsignor Dennis George Falk, V.G.

family members and enjoyed fixing them holiday meals and getting them together for celebrations. He also enjoyed traveling and exploring Idaho and its neighboring states with friends during his vacations.

He loved history and was one of a handful of people in the Diocese of Boise who could "fill you in" on the history of the diocese, many parishes, and most of the priests who served during his time.

In his early years of priesthood, Msgr. Falk taught at St. Teresa's Academy, Boise. He also coached football and basketball teams when he served in Boise. Over the years he kept up on what happened in his students' lives and was always happy to see them. He did the same with people he served in his parishes.

He had a great love for the Liturgy of the Hours and prayed it daily. He also had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and prayed the rosary daily. He had moved into a Boise care center just the day before his death. The staff got him up early the next morning, and when he went back to bed he rolled on his side to pray the rosary. That was how they found him with rosary in hand.

Msgr. Falk is survived by his brother, Kermit and Anne Falk, Atlanta, Ga., sister, Darlene and Hubert Weber, Livingston, Mont., sister Jean and Roger Coonrod, Pocatello, brother Gordon and Jannine Falk, Boise, sister, Yvonne Falk, Boise, and sister-in-law Donna Falk, Billings, Mont., and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Darrell, niece, Anamarie, and grand

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Father West to speak at state Life rally

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Father Peter West of Priests for Life will speak at the 28th Annual Idaho March for Life Rally Saturday, Jan. 27 on the Statehouse Steps in Boise.

Idaho Catholics are encouraged to join the nearly 1,000 people expected to participate in the march starting at 1 p.m. at Julia Davis Park on Capitol Boulevard and proceeding north on the boulevard to the Idaho Statehouse.

Other marches protesting the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, that legalized abortion on demand in the U.S. are planned in Moscow and Coeur d'Alene.

The Moscow March for Life will take place Saturday, Jan. 20 starting at Logos School parking lot behind McDonald's at 1 p.m. and ending at Friendship Square. People who are not able to march are encouraged to meet at the square at about 1:30 p.m.

Participants are urged to bring signs and children are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Linda Geidl (208) 835-2004, or Teresa Kudrna, (208) 882-7141.

The Coeur d'Alene March for Life will also take place Jan. 20 starting at 10 a.m. on Sherman Avenue. Participants will march to St. Thomas Church for a rally. Between 200 and 300 people are expected to march.

Charlotte Homolka, Right to Life of Idaho area director, will speak to the crowd on partial birth abortion and show a video. She will also provide information on the abortion pill RU-486. Hot drinks and cookies will be served.

The National March for Life in Washington D.C., which draws thousands, is planned for Jan. 22. The theme will be "Motherhood, Fatherhood and Childhood Begin at Fertilization," which was inspired by the approval for personal use in 2000 of RU-486, the French abortion pill.

Nellie Gray, who has organized the National March for Life since the first one in 1974, said President-elect George W. Bush has received an invitation to attend the March for Life but has not yet responded.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will start at 8 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. At about 10:30 p.m. after the Mass, the group "Mothers of Mary" will lead a rosary. A Byzantine night prayer service, confessions and holy hours conducted by seminarians are planned throughout

the night.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law, Boston, will celebrate the end of the vigil with a 7:30 a.m. Mass at the basilica Jan. 22.

In Boise, besides Father West, Right to Life of Idaho President Jeannette McAllister will speak at the rally and local singing artist Kimberly Beau will sing.

McAllister has sent invitations to pastors throughout the Treasure Valley to attend the Idaho March for Life and to invite their congregations to do the same.

Father West is scheduled to celebrate a Life Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, at 11:30 a.m. prior to the march. All are invited to participate.

Following the March for Life the St. John's Cathedral Knights of Columbus will host a reception with hot chocolate and cookies in the cathedral basement. In a Jan. 8 statement from New Haven, Conn., the newly installed Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reaffirmed the resolve of all Knights of Columbus in the U.S. "that our nation will someday be 'a people of life and a people for life'....Nothing will deter the Knights of Columbus from this commitment."

Father West is scheduled to celebrate the 5:30 p.m. Mass Jan. 27 at St. Mark's Parish, Boise, and the 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. LifeTeen Mass Jan. 28 at St. Mark's. He will also celebrate the 9:45 a.m. Jan. 28 Mass at Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian.

A pro-life activist since 1986, Father West has been in ministry with Priests for Life since April 1998. Priests for Life, a non-profit private association under canon law of the Catholic Church, is a pro-life network of over 40,000 priests and deacons. Its mission is to train and motivate the clergy to be more effectively pro-life. Father West travels the country spreading the Gospel of Life.

He holds a masters degree in theology and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., in 1991.

Father West was founder and director of Amicus, a successful Catholic youth adult group for men and women. He has also worked with youth as a teacher and youth group leader.

In his pastoral ministry he has preached frequently on the topic of abortion. He has been able to dissuade women from having abortions and has helped women who have had abortions find healing and peace.

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BRIEFS

Pope sends prayers, agencies pledge help after earthquake

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Following a major earthquake in El Salvador and surrounding countries, Pope John Paul II offered prayers for victims, and the Catholic charity Caritas pledged to help relief efforts. In a Jan. 15 telegram and at his Jan. 14 weekly Angelus prayer, the pope said he was deeply saddened by the tragedy, and he urged the international community to mobilize quickly. In a Jan. 15 appeal, Caritas said Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Rosa Chavez of San Salvador told the agency to encourage monetary donations because all relief material could be purchased locally. Caritas set its initial goal for the El Salvador drive at \$1 million. In Baltimore, Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency, pledged an initial \$50,000 to assist victims. (See "Quake victims need assistance" this page)

U.S. Bishops' conference to take new name July 1

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As of July 1 the U.S. bishops' two national conferences will be combined, reorganized and given a new name: the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As with many similar names, the "United States" portion will often be shortened to "U.S.," and the entire name will often be abbreviated as USCCB. The name change comes when new statutes reorganizing the bishops national structures take effect. The bishops have been working at the reorganization for nearly a decade and received word in January that the Vatican has approved the last necessary element of the reorganization, the new statutes.

Lutherans, Episcopalians celebrate full communion

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Episcopal Church and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America inaugurated a new life together Jan. 6 with a national celebration of full communion. Some 3,500 members of the two churches filled the Washington National Cathedral, renewing their baptismal vows and sharing the Eucharist in a two-hour worship service that blended both liturgical traditions. ELCA Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson presided at the liturgy and Episcopal Presiding Bishop Frank T. Griswold preached the sermon. Full communion allows the 7.7 million U.S. Episcopalians and Evangelical Lutherans to share clergy and churches and engage in common mission. It is not a merger, however, and each church will retain its own structures and worship style.

U.S. Bishop says church opposition to homosexual acts won't change

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) — Despite ongoing pressure, political lobbying efforts and protests staged by gay rights advocates, including picketing the U.S. bishops in Washington, the church's opposition to homosexual activity and gay marriages is not going to change, said Auxiliary Bishop Roger L. Kaffer of Joliet. The bishop addressed more than 100 attendees at the winter district meeting of the Illinois Knights of Columbus in Springfield. He said the Catholic Church's teaching against homosexual activity is not intended to cause harm to gay individuals, but he admonished unchaste behavior. "It is called consistency. We love the sinner, but we hate the sin," he said.

Food for the Poor retains council membership after investigation

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — After an investigation of Food for the Poor's financial practices, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability has praised the agency's "commitment to employ corrective measures that will build an environment conducive to accountability and excellence." The council, based in Winchester, Va., released its findings Jan. 12 from an investigation of the Deerfield Beach-based charity, which works to improve the health, education and economic, social and spiritual conditions of people in Central America and the Caribbean. Last September, Food for the Poor founder Ferdinand Mahfood gave up his position as CEO after admitting he had diverted charitable donations—now estimated at more than \$400,000—to two female members of his staff with whom he was sexually involved and to members of their families.

Pope's liturgist praises pontiff's guidance of church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II's successful guidance of the church through Holy Year 2000 stands as one of his greatest personal accomplishments, the pope's liturgist said. "The pope often repeated what Cardinal (Stefan) Wyszyński told him: 'Lead the church and the people of God into the third millennium.' For Pope John Paul II, this was a primary goal. And happily, he has not only reached it, but has gone beyond," Bishop Piero Marini told Vatican Radio Jan. 4. As master of pontifical liturgical celebrations, Bishop Marini stood at the pope's side during the dozens of Masses, prayer encounters, processions and other events during the jubilee year. Bishop Marini said the pope's jubilee guidance was patterned on the example of Christ and the great leaders of the Old Testament.

Pope John Paul II receives Congressional Gold Medal

ROME (CNS) — More than a dozen members of the U.S. Congress and the chaplain of the House of Representatives will present Pope John Paul II with the Congressional Gold Medal Jan. 8 at the Vatican.

The delegation will be led by Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., speaker of the House, and by Sen. Sam D. Brownback, R-Kan., Senate sponsor of the bill. It will include Republicans and Democrats, according to the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See.

Father Daniel P. Coughlin, the first Catholic appointed House chaplain, was scheduled to join the delegation flying to Italy aboard a U.S. military aircraft.

The House of Representatives approved the awarding of the medal to the pope in May, and the Senate followed suit in early July. President Bill Clinton signed the measure July 27.

The legislation honors the pope "in recognition of his many and enduring contributions to peace and religious understanding."

Each Congressional Gold Medal is individually designed



CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL— Pope John Paul II receives the Congressional Gold Medal from House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., as Rep. Joseph Moakley, D-Mass., looks on Jan. 8 at the Vatican. More than a dozen U.S. congressmen went to Rome to honor the pontiff for his efforts to defend human dignity and promote peace. (CNS photo)

and minted at a cost of about \$30,000. Generally the presentation of the medal takes place about six months after it receives presidential approval.

Previous recipients of the

medal include Mother Teresa, Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York and Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, former president of the University of Notre Dame.

Pope outlines vision after Jubilee Year

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a final document on the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, Pope John Paul II revisited highlights of the Holy Year and suggested how its spiritual gifts can help lead others to the Gospel.

The apostolic letter, titled

"Novo Millennio Ineunte" ("At the Beginning of the New Millennium"), offered some last words on several controversial jubilee themes, including the tension between mission and proclamation.

The pope signed the 84-page document Jan. 6 on a small table brought to him in St. Peter's Square, where he had just celebrated a Mass to close the jubilee.

The document calls for a "new sense of mission" built

on the enthusiasm of the jubilee, one that leads people to holiness and finds new ways to proclaim the Gospel in a culture marked by diversity and globalization.

After the jubilee, it said, there is "no time for looking back, even less for settling into laziness." "A new millennium is opening before the church like a vast ocean upon which we shall venture, relying on the help of Christ," it said.

Quake victims need assistance

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Idaho Catholics invited to 'ignite faith" Feb. 24

All Idaho Catholics are invited to "ignite their faith" by attending the Feb. 24 FIRE Rally at the Bank of America Center, Front Street and Capitol Boulevard, Boise.

The FIRE team, which includes Sister Ann Shields, SGL, Ralph Martin, Father Michael Scanlan, TOR, and Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, will deliver talks on Faith, Intercession, Repentance and Evangelism (F.I.R.E.) designed to strengthen Catholics and help them live out their Christian lives in a faith-filled, vibrant and confident way. The day's activities will also include music, prayer and praise.

A FIRE Rally for teens is also planned at the Grand Ballroom of the Owyhee Hotel, 11th Street and Main, Boise, complete with talks by Father Pivonka, testimonies and witness from teens, skits, and music with the LifeTeen music ministry from St. Mark's Parish, Boise.

In the afternoon, the teens and Father Pivonka will join the FIRE Rally at the Bank of America Center for praise,

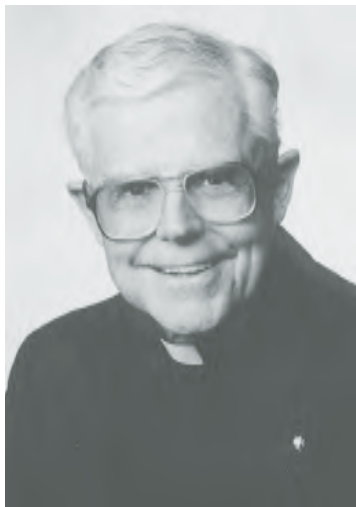


Sister Ann Shields, SGL

worship, and the closing liturgy celebrated by Idaho Bishop Michael Driscoll.

Advance registration for adults is \$15 or \$25 at the door. Advance registration for youth, grades 9 through 12, is \$5 or \$10 at the door.

To order tickets, send checks made payable to Bethany House along with name, address and phone number to: Roger and Linda Graefe, 1005 Beechwood Drive, Boise, ID 83709. Teens can also contact Kathy Hunt

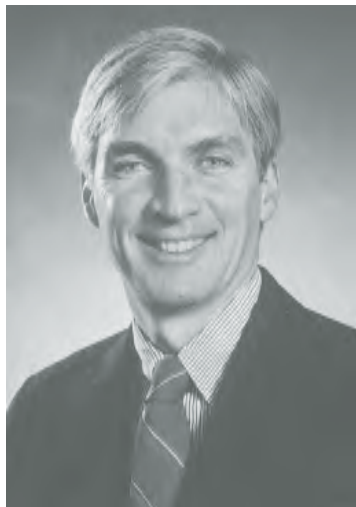


Father Michael Scanlan, TOR

(208) 286-7496. For more information or credit card orders call Pat Baker (208) 870-1200 or e-mail: pbaker@bonvyage.com, or call Hunt.

Families, youth groups, prayer groups, small faith sharing communities and others who plan to participate in the FIRE Rally are urged to bring a banner that will be used to decorate during the rally and then be carried in the procession before the final liturgy.

"FIRE promises a feast for



Ralph Martin

the heart, mind and soul—a booster shot for the spirit!," said Baker, Boise, Intermountain West Regional FIRE Rally coordinator.

FIRE was started in 1983 as an evangelistic ministry. Several of the founding speakers still serve on the team. FIRE Rallies have taken place in more than 30 states, five Canadian provinces and 15 foreign countries. The ministry has reached over 400,000 Catholics across the globe. The foundational



Father Dave Pivonka, TOR

scripture verse for FIRE is from the Gospel of Luke 12:49 which states: "I have come to cast fire on the earth; and would that it were already set ablaze."

All the speakers for the upcoming Idaho rally but Father Pivonka were in Boise for the November 1997 FIRE Rally that attracted 2000 people.

Father Pivonka is a youth minister known for challenging teens to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (See 'FIRE Rally,' page 12)

Weekday celebrations in the absence of a priest What are we to do?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth of four articles Father Ronald Wekerle has written to address the issue of "Weekday Celebrations in the Absence of A Priest." The articles are intended to promote thoughtful discussion among laity, priests and religious about the diminishing number of priests available to serve a growing, active Catholic population and how people can best worship and celebrate their faith together on weekdays in the absence of a priest.



Now that we have considered some of the problems associated with the frequent use of Communion Services, we must consider some options for renewal.

Even when a priest cannot be present, people should gather to worship God. The form of worship must preserve the integrity of our Eucharistic theology and at the same time incorporate the many good aspects of our Catholic tradition. Seeking the appropriate respect and balance among the various parts of a prayer—the liturgy of God's word, the reception of Christ's body in Holy Communion, the importance of intercessory prayers with and for each other, and the value of sacred music—is the goal.

An alternative form for a WEEKDAY prayer service that is clearly dis-

tinct from the Mass is the Liturgy of the Hours. Although used infrequently, this type of prayer has been part of our liturgical treasure chest for centuries. It combines the praying of the psalms, proclaiming the scriptures of the day, asking God's assistance for the needy and the distribution of Holy Communion can avoid many of the difficulties associated with the current model used for daily worship. The Liturgy of the Hours asks God's blessing on the day, is a time-tested, and an authentically Catholic form of prayer.

Other alternatives to the current model of Communion Services are the promotion of traditional Catholic devotions, the rosary, novenas, devotion to the saints, and other popular devotions are well-established forms of prayer that

have fallen into disuse. With some creativity many of these forms of popular prayer can be rediscovered, reworked and used in place of a typical communion service. In addition, parishes can be encouraged to promote forms of contemplative and/or centering prayer as a viable option to the typical communion service. These types of prayer can appeal to people's search for transcendence in life.

Whatever form of worship WEEKDAY celebrations in the absence of the priest takes, it is important that it preserve the integrity of the Eucharist, safeguard the ministry of the priest and strengthens the bonds between individual parishes and the larger church.

The church in Idaho seeks to promote a healthy prayer life for all people by carefully scrutinizing the current state of affairs and offering viable alternatives. Instead of simply hoping that the dilemma of a diminishing number of priests to serve a growing and ever active Catholic population will go away, our church is confidently trying to address the issue. Confident that God's Spirit will be our ultimate guide, we are creatively trying to respond to current issues with zeal and hope. There is nothing to fear! Jesus Christ has con-

quered sin and death. Our only difficulty is discerning a way to appropriately celebrate this reality.

As noted in the first of these articles, this series has attempted to promote thoughtful discussion among priests, religious and laity about the issue of WEEKDAY celebrations in the absence of a priest. It sought to identify the current dilemma, and clearly understand the many over-arching themes and ramifications of daily prayer. It focused on the use of Communion Services and specifically addressed the issue of the distribution of Communion in them. Finally, the series formulated several viable options to the current form of "communion service" and showed how this form of prayer may help parishes foster devotion to the Eucharist and preserve the dignity of the priesthood. In all, the aim was to help nourish people's spirituality and relationship with Christ by raising critical issues that are near and dear to our hearts.

Lex orandi, lex credendi. This ancient axiom of faith reminds us how the church prays reflects what it believes. May our prayer, whatever form it takes, give glory to God and more clearly show to others what we believe!

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The gift of faith

A little girl once asked me, in reference to the story of the Rich Young Man, in the Gospel of St. Matthew: "When Jesus quoted the commandments to the young man, he did not know the ten commandments! Isn't the first commandment 'Thou shall have no other gods but me?' Jesus did not mention it!" Sharp girl. (See the story of the Rich Young Man in Mt 19, 16-22).

I responded: "Well, Jesus mentioned that command, in an indirect way. He recalled specific commands. The young man boasted "Well, I have observed them, what am I missing?" Then Jesus said: "Then get rid of your money that makes you powerful and self-sufficient. Give it to the needy, and follow me!" You see, to renounce what we think makes us powerful and self-sufficient then follow Christ is the same as admitting that there is only one God, on whom we depend. Don't you think?"

"What is 'self-sufficient'?" the little girl asked me. Oh, well! Yes, how do you explain to a little girl the meaning of "self-sufficient" (in relation to God) when so many of us adults are still struggling to try to figure out what it means?

I read somewhere that God created the universe in order to have opportunities for him to give himself away to us (Another way to talk about grace). What a hope-filled view of the universe, and of every living creature that has been, is, and will be in this world. Consider, for instance, Gn 1, 26, Jn 1, 14; 6, 32-33, Rm 5, 7-8, Phil 2, 5-11—all texts that invite us to gorge ourselves with the free gift of transforming "faith in God" (See also, for instance, Is 55,1-3, 13; 61, 11; 65, 17-20; 66, 11-13; Hb 12, 1-2).

Ponder And Act



By Father Marcellus Fernandez

Some experience God giving himself away to them, and their fellow human beings at the heights of the Absaroka Mountains in Montana, others pausing to smell the sea air in Rye Beach, N. H. New parents do so when they see their newborn children for the first time.

I look at the faces of our war veterans. Some are now in their 70's, so many in their 50's. Some were in Europe, some in Vietnam. They are men and women, who heard the sound of bombs destroying buildings that once had sheltered families. They shot firearms and then saw the blood of their adversaries spilling on the ground. I look at the faces of those who once beheld those and other war horrors. I see their unshakable faith in God. Their straightforward faith becomes for all of us opportunities for God to keep giving himself away.

I think of: My friend, the 80-year-old widow who is eager to read books on theology, attend lectures on the Scriptures, and go to retreats to grow spiritually. Our homebound parishioners. Our older parishioners perennially tortured by chronic unbearable pain that some of us can't even imagine. Our single mothers and fathers who commute to work, come home, do house chores, play with their children, feed their pets, and have not had a vacation for some years. The refugee and the migrant. Kids growing in homes destroyed by alcoholic parents. Shocked young widows. The young men afflicted by sexual temptations. All of them faithfully come to church, genuflect, find a place and, genuinely, offer worship to God. All of them are opportunities for God to give himself away, as he discloses the power of his grace, made concrete by the acts of faith of so many.

They all have discovered that peace is theirs, the moment they accepted that they were not self-sufficient, but graced by God. Sometimes when I pray "The Canticle of Mary," I find myself wondering at her absolute faith that freed her to affirm "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord" (Lk 1, 46). I wonder if my life could possibly offer opportunities for others to experience God giving himself away. I wonder too if the gentle reader has similar thoughts, yet the strength also to keep trying. I wonder if they have discovered how God has made them opportunities to give himself away to their fellow human being.

Father Marcellus is administrator, Sacred Heart Church, Emmett.

Legislature 2001

Idaho Legislators must review all agency rules



By Ann Wheeler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving. The mother of five and grandmother of three holds a bachelor's degree in psychology with a teaching minor in English. In her community she serves on the Harms Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and on that hospital's board of trustees.

Legislative reports

The 2001 Idaho Legislature convened on Monday, Jan. 8. Sessions tend to run about 10 to 12 weeks. Contrary to what

many seem to think, we do not have a year round legislature.

The first major function was to receive Governor Dirk Kempthorne before a joint session in the House of Representative Chambers. The governor was invited there to deliver his annual State of the State address. Statehouse protocol says that during the legislative session, the governor of the State of Idaho may not go to either the third or fourth floor of the capitol unless invited. The reason for this is to prevent the perception that the governor is there to influence legislators regarding bills that may be in front of them. Legislators may go to the governor's office at any time however. A second invitation was issued for the governor to deliver his "State of the Budget" address.

Nothing is happening

It may appear that the legislature gets off to a slow start every year. Not much legislation shows up in the news, and very few announcements are made concerning issues. Both

chambers are very busy though.

Each year, the committees in both chambers *must* review all the rules that have been made by the various agencies, i.e. Fish and Game, EPA, Health and Welfare. These rules have been put in place in the past year. The legislative review determines whether to leave the new rules, or to eliminate them. Those not eliminated take on the force of law, and it is far more difficult to get rid of them later.

The review is an enormous and painstaking task, and usually goes on for the better part of two weeks.

The House of Representatives always seems to get the jump on the Senate when it comes to getting proposed legislation before the public. The main reason for this is that the house is allowed to pre-file bills. The Senate is not. Pre-filing is the process of filing proposed legislation *prior* to the start of the legislative session.

Any proposed legislation is given what is known as an RS

(routing slip). The next step is to assign these proposals to an appropriate committee to decide if the proposal will be printed in bill form to be debated in committee. Those that become bills will be discussed in committee and Legislators will vote on them. Hearings may be held to gather input from those who support and/or oppose a particular bill.

Any bills dealing with taxes *must* originate in the House of Representatives. Don't be upset if your Senator doesn't seem to be involved in starting tax relief. Eventually those bills come across the rotunda to be dealt with by the Senate.

Last year, there was a great deal of "back and forth" over the tax relief package." Both chambers amended, rejected, and finally agreed upon the amount.

Future reports

Future columns will deal with legislative action on particular bills and where they are in the legislative process.

To contact your legislators:

Recently, the state of Idaho was named as having the best state website in the country. The National Council of State Legislatures gave that honor. The NSCL cited Idaho for having the most accessible legislature in the country as well.

The best way to find out what's going on in the legislature, and track legislation of interest to you, is to visit the site at: www.accessidaho.org. Once there, click on one of two links: *The Legislature is Now In Session* (at the bottom of the page is a link to contact legislators. Each legislator has an individual e-mail address. This is a new service this year.) Or go to *Government*-scroll down to *Legislature* and click.

Alternative ways

Call the Information Center, 332-1000 and leave a message for your legislator, or Fax: 334-5397 (you must include name and phone number); or E-mail: infocntr@iso.state.id.us.

Question Corner

What are the horns on the sculpted head of Moses?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. Recently, at the tomb of Pope Julius in the Church of St. Peter in Chains in Rome, we saw the statue of Moses by Michelangelo. It's an awesome sculpture. But why does the statue have horns on the head of Moses?

I've seen the same since then on the copies of the statue. No one has been able to explain where the horns came from. (Illinois)

A. The book of Exodus (34:29-35) describes how the

face of Moses was transformed when he came down from Mount Sinai after speaking with the Lord. The Latin Vulgate translation of St. Jerome says the people at the time saw that Moses wore a horned face ("facies cornuta").

Horns, of course, appear throughout the Bible as symbols for God's power and majesty. For example, the lamb in Revelation (5:6) has seven horns. Luke (1:69) speaks of God raising up a "horn for our

salvation."

In addition, specialists in Near East history tell us that masks made from the horned skulls of cattle were known in that period, apparently in the context of religious or civil ceremonies.

This is certainly how Michelangelo came to include the horns on his statue. Since then, translations refer rather to "beams of light" emanating from the face of Moses. The King James Version says that

"the skin of Moses shone."

In 1986 a New Latin Vulgate, based on more extensive biblical scholarship, was published under the auspices of the Vatican Library. This edition says simply that the skin of Moses' face was radiant, a translation similar to the one used in most Bibles today.

In other words, Michelangelo followed the lead of the most acceptable Scripture translation available. He

would likely do it differently if he were creating his Moses today.

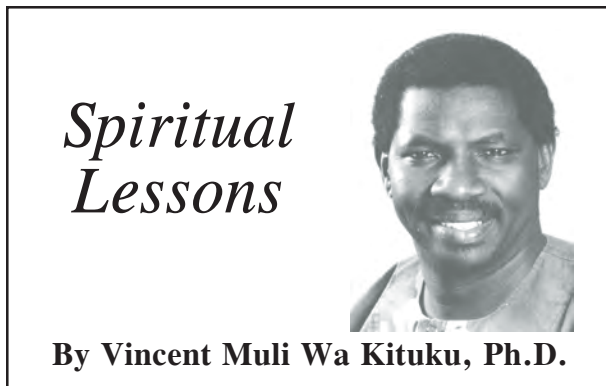
A free brochure outlining basic Catholic prayers, beliefs and moral precepts is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address, or e-mail: jjdietzen@aol.com.

We have to ask if we want to grow

There is an African folktale about a King's daughter who was very beautiful. All young men wanted to marry her. Privately, they expressed to one another how each desired to have her as his wife. In that community, there was a poor boy who had tattered clothes and was despised by the other boys. They left him when they went hunting, swimming or grazing. He was not their type, and they were ashamed of being seen by girls with him. One day this poor boy met the King's daughter and asked her to marry him. She gratefully accepted the proposal. The wedding day was announced and the village young men couldn't wait to learn who was to marry this beauty. On the wedding day they saw the poor boy become the lucky groom, and they wondered how she could have chosen him out of all the young men. Her answer was, "He asked."

Do you want to live a life of fulfillment? Ask. Do you want to have a great marriage relationship? Ask. Do you want your relationship with God to be deeper and more rewarding? Ask.

The ability to ask is a lost skill. That is why people, mostly men, can drive in circles before they stop and ask for directions. It's why marriage relationships become sour before spouses can sit down and ask one another what's going on. It's why people buy gadgets and struggle to put them together for hours before they can be humble and read the manual. The inability to ask has kept millions of peoples' lives below their



Spiritual Lessons

By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

potential.

The lack of asking is not a new thing. Jesus said, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name; ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full." (John 16:24).

What happens if we don't ask? When I was a sophomore in high school in Kenya, I helped a teacher carry a gas cylinder from a bus station to his house. His wife was so thankful she gave me a cake. I had never seen a cake like that. Without hesitation, I just put the cake into my mouth and started chewing, only to find that the cake was wrapped with a paper that had to be removed before eating.

I recently ate wax, over 25 years after eating a paper. I was in a board meeting where finger foods

were served. I picked something that looked very tempting—the inside was white and the coating was red. I took a bite and chewed a piece of the item. I asked a fellow board member, "What is this thing with red coating?"

She replied, "Oh, that's cheese wrapped in wax... I hope you didn't eat the wax."

I covered my humiliation with laughter, but deep inside it wasn't funny... I remembered my high school experience with the eating of paper.

All these humiliating experiences just because of not asking! We suffer from lack of peace of mind because of not asking. Marital relationships become sour before couples can ask for help. People live in abuse situations before they can humble themselves to ask for help from the many services available for them.

We live in an age when we don't know our neighbors. We think we are bothering others if we ask for help. We feel our status will change if others know what we asked for.

As long as we don't ask, we will not grow, learn and live up to our potential. As long as we don't ask for forgiveness, we can never enjoy the beauty of true freedom! James 4:4 says, "...yet ye have not, because ye ask not."

Kituku is a Boise author, motivational speaker and trainer and teacher.

Spirituality for Today

How to recognize your own spiritual joy

By Father John Catoir

Writing is a vocation within a vocation. Throughout my writing career I always have been fascinated by the concept of spiritual joy.

When Jesus told us that he wanted us to be joyful, he meant in this life as well as the next. At the Last Supper he said, "I have told you all these things that your joy may be full." What exactly does that mean?

The New Catholic Encyclopedia defines joy as a pleasant state of quiescence in which the will rests satisfied in possessing a good that once was desired or in accomplishing a goal that was pursued diligently.

Joy is a contentment of the

soul, as distinguished from a bodily delight.

St. Paul brings a faith dimension to the definition of joy. He calls it one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit; "the fruits of the Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness and perseverance" (Gal. 5:22).

Joy is a fruit of the tree of faith. It denotes a quality of the soul, which is the result of a process. Therefore, in the theological sense, joy is the byproduct of a meaningful life lived under the influence of the Holy Spirit. It produces an inner glow. "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit" (Cardinal Suhard).

Here are some examples of

joy: the delight that comes from a clear conscience; the feeling of satisfaction that follows the completion of a difficult task; the comfort of being loved, which is superadded to the pleasure of sex. Joy is the good feeling of knowing you saved someone from a miserable situation.

On the human level joy is a celebration of life. It is the wholehearted gratitude we give to God for his goodness and love.

To live in the Holy Spirit is to rejoice in the knowledge of God's unchanging love.

Striving for joy is a noble ambition, but do not be discour-

aged if you feel nothing. "Ask and you shall receive," says the Lord. Feelings are not facts in these matters. Beneath the pain of life, the Lord's joy is alive and well within you. Joy prevails over sorrow.

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Readers Write

Labeling for animal testing

Editor, the *ICR*:

Many thanks to Father Gerald Coleman for his very informative article on the morality of embryonic stem-cell research. When I meet my Maker, I'm going to have enough explaining to do without adding cannibalism to the list, and I suspect that many others share my unease.

The Humane Society has set an excellent precedent in their efforts to require manufacturers of health products to provide consumers with information about animal testing involved in their research and development.

How hard would it be to insist on similar labeling for medications that may have used embryonic stem-cells in the production process? We may be willing to mortgage our homes to obtain miraculous new medications but that doesn't mean we want to sell our souls, too.

Mary Kaufman
Lewiston

Need stated

Editor, the *ICR*:

May I wish you a smiling New Year of health, wealth, happiness and holiness.

We are grateful to you for all the services rendered to the missionary church in India during the last century.

This is to request you to help us again in our work for the Lord Jesus in the New Year.

Kindly send us your spare rosaries, statues, medals, scapulars, used Christmas cards, used magazines and other odds. Also please send ball pens, pencils, pens and other helps for our school children. (*Address below.*)

Your dear intentions will be remembered in our holy Masses and prayers in return.

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Our personal responsibility

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:1-4 and 4:14-21

Every priest worth his salt would be thrilled if the events described in today's first reading were to take place in his own parish.

What do I mean?

Some parishes have the reputation—sometimes well-deserved—of being cold, unwelcoming and (as one disgruntled pastor once put it) "just going through the motions of being Catholic."

A parishioner who later gave up Catholicism in disgust griped, "What this parish needs is a good dose of the Holy Spirit to cure what ails it."

Perhaps Jerusalem's religious leaders had been saying the same things to each other as God's people returned from the Babylonian Exile and attempted to begin life again in the Holy Land. If so, their complaints were ended when a scroll of "the law"—probably a copy of the present Old Testament book of Deuteronomy—was discovered during a cleanup of the Temple. It had been lost. Ezra and Nehemiah considered this book to be so important that they shared it with all the people in a solemn gathering.

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. As the people listened, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and brought to their knees in repentance. *Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.* They were not to lament. God had brought them to renewal.

This is what God wants to take place in

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

every parish.

"Let the priests take care of it," we might be prompted to say. "After all, that's their job."

Not according to today's second reading! St. Paul reminds us that we all form one body in Christ and that *we were all given to drink of one Spirit* who has given us the gifts and ministries needed to renew the body—the parish being its local manifestation—and help it become what God wants it to be.

Jesus came into the world *to bring glad tidings to the poor.* He was sent *to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* In short, the Father sent Him to establish the kingdom. He in turn formed His Church so that this work might continue until the end of time.

Only parishes whose members are renewed, alive and taking the Gospel seriously can do this. It is our personal responsibility to make sure that the final words of today's gospel will always be true: *Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person. The *Idaho Catholic Register* will publish prayer groups on a "space-available" basis.

Jan. 21: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School PASTA FESTA, all you can eat family style Italian dinner featuring "Brioschi's Best" sauce, 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person, \$30 per family, under five years, free.

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's Church Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests Every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Feb. 15-18: GENESEE, St. Mary's Men's North Idaho Cursillo.

Feb. 22-25: GENESEE, St. Mary's Women's North Idaho Cursillo. For information on both weekends and candidate and sponsor forms write to: P.O. Box 2205, Lewiston, ID 83501 or website: fritterweb.com/declores. Call Tom Aram 208-743-6456

Feb. 16-19: POCATELLO, Men's Cursillo Jim Montoya, 238-1867 or Jerry Downey, 234-1016. Palanca c/o John Murphy, 29 Cedar Hills Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204

Feb. 24: BOISE, FIRE Rally, Bank America Ctr. Catch Fire Returns to Idaho, Front Street and Capitol Boulevard, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets \$15, students \$5. Call Kathy Hunt, 208-286-7496 or make checks payable to Bethany House, c/o Roger and Linda Graefe, 1005 Beachwood Dr., Boise, Id, 83709. Speakers are: Sister Ann Shields, SGL, Ralph Martin, Rev. Michael Scanlan, TOR, Rev. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Feb. 24-25: POCATELLO, St. Anthony's Mardi Gras International Food Fair, 504 N. 7th Ave. and Wyeth, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment, food and beverage at moderate prices. For information, Call Tony or Dorothy Frangesh, 238-7502

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday-Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6-7 p.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles-South, Adoration Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration-24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday-Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration-all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Jan. 19: Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC) Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 19: Boise, DPC, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 20: Boise, St. Mary's Pastoral Visit, Confessions, 4 p.m., Mass, 5 p.m., Spanish Mass, 7 p.m.
Jan. 21: Boise, St. Mary's Pastoral Visit, Mass, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour and visit with Religious Education Students, and Mass 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour
Jan. 22: Boise, DPC, Bishop's Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m.
Jan. 22-23: Boise, DPC, Priest Personnel Commission, noon to noon
Jan. 23: Boise, St. Mark's, Vietnamese TET Celebration, 8 p.m.
Jan. 25: Nampa, 9 a.m., St. Paul's School Mass
Jan. 26: Boise, DPC, Catholic Charities of Idaho Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Jan. 27: Oreana, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Mass, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 27: Boise, March for Life and Rally, Julia Davis Park to Statehouse, 1 p.m.
Jan. 29-30: Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Presbyteral Council Meeting, noon to noon.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the last part of January:

- Jan. 21, 2000 Rev. George Gonzales
- Jan. 23, 1937 Rev. Joseph Beusmans
- Jan. 25, 1938 Rev. Joseph J. Dupont
- Jan. 28, 1990 Rev. Thomas C. Halpin

Nazareth Schedule

- Jan. 19-21 Holy Apostles Life Teen Parent Retreat
- Jan. 22 St. Mark's Parish Catechesis
- Jan. 24 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
Prayer Group
Sacred Heart, Emmett, Evangelization Team Retreat
- Jan. 25 St. Mark's Religious Education
- Jan. 26-27 Presbyteral Council
- Jan. 27 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
- Jan. 29-30 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
- Jan. 31 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
- Feb. 7 Marriage Encounter, Keith and Therese Gerard, 208-344-7913
- Feb. 9-11 LIMEX Facilitator Training
- Feb. 12-16 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
- Feb. 14 Idaho Power
- Feb. 15 St. Alphonsus Mission Services
- Feb. 16 Sweet Adelines-TVSC
- Feb. 16-18 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
- Feb. 21 S.U.F.I. Prayer and Dance

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Byzantine liturgies to continue in Boise in 2001

BOISE-Byzantine liturgies will continue in Boise in 2001 with Sunday, Jan. 28, as the next scheduled date.

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will take place at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center on the Boise State University campus at 5:30 p.m. The date for the February Byzantine liturgy has not yet been determined.

Father David Loga, administrator of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church, Spokane, will serve as celebrant for both liturgies.

Father Logan said a possibility exists that the current Byzantine Outreach in Boise may be raised to mission status. He said a bishop must first be named for the Byzantine Eparchy (diocese) of Van Nuys. Currently, Father

Stephen Washko, Phoenix, Ariz., is serving as eparchial administrator.

The Boise outreach already has many of the necessary accouterments for a Byzantine Catholic Church, according to Mary Ellen Nourse, Boise, one of the people who has been instrumental in bringing the Byzantine Masses to Boise. Phelions, the equivalent of Roman Rite chasubles, acolyte damatics, hand-drawn icons, a chalice and a tabernacle are being used in Boise. An iconostats (screen) is in storage in Spokane for future use in Boise if a mission is established.

The Byzantine Outreach in Boise is still small. As one "regular" remarked recently, "Father David knows everybody here."

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LIMEX stirs interest across Idaho

People have shown "a surprising amount of interest" in the LIMEX program since the information meetings began in the deaneries, Dan McGill, Diocese of Boise coordinator of adult education, reported this week.

LIMEX is the extension program of Loyola University, New Orleans, that trains people for church ministry in rural locations. McGill said the program has been very successful in years past here in Idaho.

"Bishop Michael Driscoll has directed that our people be given the opportunity to form new

study groups where there is enough interest," he said. "This will help train people already ministering in the Idaho Church, as well as prepare new leaders for the challenges that lie ahead of us in light of a renewed interest in adult faith formation and the shortage of priests and religious."

Almost 20 people indicated some interest in LIMEX in the Northern Deanery, which has never hosted a study group before. Initially, McGill said, only one or two expressed interest in the North Central Deanery, but when the information meeting was held there

on Jan. 9, over 20 people showed up. An additional 26 came to the LIMEX information meeting in Boise, and because of a significant number expressing interest, another meeting will take place Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

As liaison, McGill is also trying to initiate a bi-lingual Spanish/English LIMEX group in the Western and West Central Deaneries.

"This will be a pilot program for Loyola to try out a new approach to reach our growing numbers of Hispanic Catholics," McGill said. John

Hitchman, the new Diocesan Ethnic Ministries Office director, will serve as facilitator. An information meeting will take place Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. in Caldwell at St. Mary's Parish, for those who are interested in the bilingual LIMEX program.

"It is to be hoped that those who are fluent in both languages and comfortable studying and learning on a graduate level will take an interest, especially second generation or well established first generation immigrants," he said.

Information meetings are also scheduled in Sun Valley

at Our Lady of the Snows at 1 p.m. and Jerome at Ascension Monastery at 7 p.m. on Jan. 16; in Idaho Falls at Christ the King Parish at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17; and in Pocatello at Saint Joseph's Parish at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Anyone who is unable to attend one of those meetings but is seriously interested in the program, should contact Dan McGill directly at the diocesan offices, 342-1311. The deadline for registering for LIMEX is Jan. 31, but McGill will receive late applications until the groups begin if there is still room.

BK alumni basketball competition tradition continues

By Andy Brunelle

BOISE—Good fun and healthy competition were the rule of the day at the 13th annual Bishop Kelly Alumni Association basketball tournament. The event was held Dec. 30, in the new Carley Center on the BK campus in Boise and attracted nearly 100 participants.

"This has become a holiday tradition for the alums," said tournament director Bill Fritz ('69). "We even have fathers playing against their sons, both being BK graduates. The focus is on fun and socializing, but the games are definitely intense."

Members of the championship squad were Tim Brady ('79), Andy Brunelle ('78), John Brunelle ('79), Chris Jones ('78) and Mike Shalz ('78). The second place team included Steve Bruce ('68), Dennis McCarthy ('97) and Kevin McCarthy ('93). The score in the final game was 10-7.

The new gymnasium, named for BK supporters John and Joan Carley, allowed six games to occur at the same time. A round-robin preliminary led to a single elimination tournament. With a three-on-three format, each team played eight to 10 games.

"The interesting thing this year was the younger teams faded as the day went on, and the older players shot better and better," said Fritz. "Early in the day the younger fellows were making the older guys look pretty slow, but in the end some guys with gray hair got so hot no one could beat them." Fritz's comments bring to mind the saying that old age and treachery will overcome youth and skill.

Faces in the crowd included Deputy Secretary of State Ben Ysursa ('67) watching son Andrew ('00), and retired Idaho Power CEO Jim Bruce along with grandson Danny Bruce ('97) watching Danny's father do battle on the runner-up team.

"When Danny (who currently plays on the Albertson College basketball team) and Abe Jackson (Boise State University star forward) start playing in the tournament it will get

very interesting," commented Fritz.

Fritz added that Jim Potter ('91), who plays professionally in Belgium, will play in future tournaments. "We may need to bring Cory Violette ('00) back from Gonzaga (University, Spokane) to guard him," said Fritz. "We also might have to split this tournament into different divisions — seriously good players in one, and 90 guys in the other."

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North Idaho Cursillos set in February

GENESEE—The North Idaho Cursillo will have a Men's Cursillo Feb. 15-18 and Women's Cursillo Feb. 22-25 at St. Mary's, Genesee.

Candidate or sponsor forms may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 2205, Lewiston, ID 83501 or by going on the Internet to fritterweb.com/decolores or by calling Tom Aram, (208) 743-6456.

General palanca can be sent to the post office box also.

Salmon parish to offer Catholic Inquiry Program

SALMON—Father Alan Cox and the St. Charles Catholic Community, Salmon, will offer a Catholic Inquiry Program starting Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. for anyone who has been thinking about joining the Catholic Church, renewing their relationship with the church or introducing a friend to Catholicism.

The program will take place at the church on South St. Charles Street, Salmon.

For more information call (208) 756-3266 evenings or the parish Office Tuesdays through Thursdays, 756-2432 or 756-3098.

No silent night for St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, for Christmas program

COEUR D'ALENE—It was not a silent night in Coeur d'Alene Dec. 15 and 16 when 24 middle school youth presented a Christmas musical performance for parishioners and community.

Called "An eXtreme Christmas... Not A Silent Night," the 40-minute program of Christmas songs and testimonials earned the applause and \$700 in donations from the appreciative crowd.

The money was designated for a local homeless shelter for women and children.

Choir directors Beth Mitzelfelt and Mary Sibulsky organized and led the event.

Treasure Valley Knights of Columbus plan St. Valentine's Social Feb. 10

BOISE—All Knights of Columbus, First through Fourth Degree, in the Treasure Valley are invited to a Valentine's Dinner Social Feb. 10 at the Kopper Kitchen, 2661 Airport Way, Boise.

A no-host happy hour will start at 6 p.m. with dinner around 7 p.m.

The Fourth Degree Knights are requested to wear tux and baldric if possible. All other degrees are requested to wear jacket and tie.

Knights and their ladies will order from the regular or banquet menu, so prices will vary.

Those who plan to attend are asked to respond to Bob Wamelen, 429-9825 or Ben Drexler, 323-6738 by Feb. 3.

Catechetical Day offers inspiration and ideas

By Merri Lou Bailey Dobler

COEUR D'ALENE—A catechetical day came to the Northern Deanery recently, and presenter Lee Nagel left no doubts that the catechist is an important role model in religious education classes for Catholic youth.

"Know what you want to teach. Don't let anyone feel left out; they have to know you care about them. Allow time for stillness. Always invite participation." These words, along with a day's worth of practical ideas, group interactions, songs and storytelling by Nagel, the director of Total Catholic Education for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., made for a workshop of inspiration and enthusiasm.

Hosted by St. Pius X Parish and sponsored by the Diocese of Boise, the workshop, which was entitled "Sharpen Your Catechetical Skills: A Day with Lee Nagel", was organized by Sister Clarissa Goeckner, O.S.B., who coordinates elementary religious education for the diocese.

"I found this day really important and successful in that it supported the work of the catechists with new ideas and creative ways to present lessons," says Sister Clarissa, who trav-



CATECHETICAL TRAINING—Lee Nagel, director of Total Catholic Education, Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., talks to participants in Northern Deanery hosted catechetical workshop at St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene. (Photo by Merri Lou Bailey Dobler)

eled to Coeur d'Alene to introduce the day.

At the end of the workshop she expressed her contentment. "I went away feeling very happy that catechists participated and received a mid-year lift in their ministry," she said. I've participated in Lee's workshops a

number of times and I am always inspired and renewed."

The 40 catechists attending the catechetical day included teachers from Coeur d'Alene's Holy Family Catholic School and catechists from St. Maries, Sandpoint and Salmon, ID, as well as Spokane, Wash.

Pocatello parish to host Feb. 24 International Food Fair

POCATELLO—St. Anthony's Church, Hall, 504 North 7th Avenue and Wyeth, is the place for the Third Annual Mardi Gras International Food

Fair set for Feb. 24-25, the week before Ash Wednesday.

The fair will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Admission is free. Patrons

will be able to purchase for a moderate price a large variety of ethnic food, including Cajun, Slovenian, Middle Eastern, German and Polish from at least 10 different booths.

Continuous entertainment is planned.

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Annie Newlan knows the power of prayer

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
For the Idaho Catholic Register

TWIN FALLS—Annie Newlan is peaceful.

It's not just the calm quality of her light blue eyes. It's more—a confidence—the strength of having a relationship with God that she doesn't question and works daily to build.

At 17, the Twin Falls High School junior has found the walk with Christ many adults struggle to have. It may be the product of a Catholic upbringing and Catholic education, but it also may just be that Christ has found a vessel for His message.

"Spiritually, Annie just gets it," said Kathy Mullen, the director of Youth Ministries for the Southern Deanery. "She understands the power of prayer. She understands God is working through her. She stops and listens to God."

Newlan credits family support and her faith in Catholicism for her strength.

Not an hour of a day goes by without a bit of prayer and thanksgiving for the bright teenager.

"Every morning I just wake up and say my 'thank-yous' to God for everything He has given me," she said. Then when I eat lunch I just say my blessing to myself. I also always carry a rosary now to remind me that this is why I am here."

Newlan attended Twin Falls' only Catholic school—an elementary program at St. Edwards. She attends church regularly with her family and is very active in parish and deanery youth programs.

"I love going to church," Newlan said. "I am so active in my church because I was raised in the Catholic Church and because it's fun to associate with some of my friends there and to grow spiritually with them and to get to know others. I love the actual 'Mass' because it's just like 'wow I am actually



Annie Newlan

receiving Jesus right now'. It literally gives me goose bumps."

This not to say Newlan is a perfect

kid. She hates math. She struggles daily with "fitting in" in a school where Catholics are by far the minority.

"She's not the little saint always," said her mother, Jeannie Newlan, smiling. "But no one is."

Newlan said her parents have helped her build her faith by going to Mass weekly and encouraging her to participate in youth activities. Her mother said she used to remind Annie about youth events, but now she goes without any hints.

"We just planted the seeds," Jeannie Newlan said.

"I am always there," the younger Newlan said. "I'll go anywhere they want me to go."

She's been to seven or eight retreats, a couple of "lock-ins" and a number of Bible studies. Now she's active in St. Edwards Teen Life program and truly enjoys the Praise and Worship section (See 'Annie Newlan,' page 12)

Lewiston YM strives for vibrant program

LEWISTON—The tri-parish youth ministry coordinator in Lewiston is 5 feet tall, collects dolls and loves to read, take long walks, watch for trains, chat with friends and eat delicious food, especially her Mom's meatloaf.

Heather Ann Meiklejohn's favorite color is pink. Her favorite music is any that she can turn up loudly in her car and sing along, and her biggest pet peeve "depends on the day!"

The Seattle native holds a bachelor of arts degree (1996) in religious studies and sociology from Regis University and a master's degree in pastoral studies (1999) from Seattle University.

"At Regis I worked in the Campus Ministry Department for four years," she said. "I moved to Sitka, Alaska, as a Jesuit Volunteer following graduation. On the island of Sitka, I was a case manager for chronically, mentally ill adults. I lived with four other community members, and we followed four Jesuit values: Simplicity, Social Justice, Spirituality and Community."

Currently, Heather is studying for a youth ministry certificate in comprehensive youth ministry in Vancouver, Canada. The experience has shaped her philosophy of youth ministry.

The components of comprehensive youth ministry, she said, include advocacy, catechesis, community life, evangelization, justice and service, leadership development, pastoral care and prayer and



Heather Ann Meiklejohn

worship. "We need all of these components to create a healthy and vibrant youth ministry program," said the youth minister who has been serving in Lewiston for just over a year. She invites anyone who is interested in finding out more about the certificate program to give her a call.

In addition to their regular activities, Heather and the Lewiston youth group members teamed up with the Pregnancy Care Center in Lewiston and are teaching seven classes on Christian sexuality. They also participated in the season of RENEW 2000.

"I am thrilled to announce that we now have a Tri-Parish Youth Council," she said. "As a council we are working together to plan exciting events. The seniors have expressed interest in helping to coordinate deanery events."

Jesse Manibusan to speak at Jan. 26-28 youth conference

By Karma Metzler
Fitzgerald

TWIN FALLS—Catholic recording artist and minister Jesse Manibusan may be soft spoken, but when it comes to motivating our youth—his voice is loud and clear.

Manibusan is making a return trip to Idaho for "Open My Eyes, Lord" Jan. 26-28, a weekend of fun, faith and fellowship sponsored by the Southern Deanery. He appeared at Idaho's Catholic Youth Conference two years ago and won a number of fans.

"He was cool because he had cool songs and a great message to everyone and it was always positive," said Annie Newlan, St. Edward's, Twin Falls.

Saturday's workshop is focused on the junior high age group. Sunday is for high school students. Registration fee for each day is \$20.

"I would encourage people to go because he's a cool guy and because he has a great message for everyone to hear," said Newlan. "He is also very funny and you will have a good time."

The event is open to everyone from all parts of the state. Call Kathy Mullen 731-0577 for more information.

Manibusan will lead three separate workshops; all aimed at helping young adults learn more about their faith and encourage their families and their parishes to join them in their journey.

"It's pretty basic. We talk about baptism—the responsibility of baptism," Manibusan said. "My hope is whatever spoken word, song, stories we use that an appreciation will grow and they'll have an even more meaningful relationship to grow with the Catholic Church



Jesse Manibusan

and it's traditions."

The event kicks off with a free "family night" in which Manibusan plans to help families come together in their faith.

"It's a multigenerational event," he said. "I do a lot of youth rally events, but I wanted a night where I can bridge these worlds. The care for the faith of our youth belongs to the faithful. If you're a baptized Catholic, you're a youth minister."

Manibusan is the second "big name" Catholic artist to be part of a Southern Deanery youth rally. Kathy Mullen,

the Southern Deanery's director of youth ministry, said the rallies are just part of her efforts to help Catholic kids find their spiritual identity in a predominantly Mormon region.

"It's very important," Mullen said. "If we can give them a sense of who they are and where they fit in, it will last. If we don't, they will wander forever."

Manibusan has a "You're Catholic, so what?" challenge for his listeners.

"There's a huge issue with identity," he said. "It's about the acceptance and ownership of our faith and it's traditions. It's all locked into how we see the world and how we see ourselves."

Manibusan said he reminds kids they are not alone in their struggles to find themselves.

"It's not something new," he said in a telephone interview from his Alameda, Calif. office. "If we can understand that the first community was a very unique community. Christian Jews were a very small sect—unique and controversial. We're in good company. We have history and tradition to look to."

Fr. Foltz dedicates 'first Mass' to Msgr. Falk

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—Father Charlie Foltz recently celebrated Mass at ATRIA Assisted Living Center at Hillcrest, and for him it was a "great event!"

It was the first Mass Father Foltz has been able to celebrate in a year and ten months.

Father Charlie, who was ordained for the Diocese of Boise in June, 1968, is wheelchair bound. Two years ago he had a reaction to some medication, lost a lot of weight, which he couldn't afford, and ended up getting sores that wouldn't heal. He had to go to a nursing home for care.

Last July he went to Salt Lake City for surgery. Now the sores are healed and he is back at work.

He will start working three days a week in sacramental ministry for the Catholic patients at St. Alphonsus Regional Medi-

cal Center later this month and hopes to celebrate Mass there also. He will also celebrate a weekly Mass at ATRIA where he lives, and he will be available to fill for priests in the Treasure Valley on weekends when they must be away.

"I'm looking forward to being back in active ministry," said Father Foltz. "I'm feeling pretty good, and I'm enjoying my little apartment."

His new address is ATRIA - Apartment 133, 1093 South Hilton Street, Boise, ID 83705.

Father Foltz dedicated his recent Mass to Msgr. Dennis Falk, who had just died. Msgr. Falk was Diocese of Boise vicar general and moderator of the curia the past 10 years.

"Msgr. Falk and I have been friends for quite a few years," he said. "When I was first ordained I served in Idaho Falls and took communion to his parents each day. Later, Father

Falk was assigned to Holy Rosary in Idaho Falls and we both lived in the rectory there. Then when I was assigned to Our Lady of the Rosary (Boise), his brother lived in the parish, and he would sometimes celebrate Mass at the church when he came to visit.

"The last two years Msgr. Falk has been a tremendous support during the time I've been laid up," Father Foltz said. "He really coordinated with the diocese for my care and came to see me a lot while I was in the care center."

As Father Foltz said in his homily, he will remember Msgr. Falk for his perseverance and his dedication to the Lord.

"In spite of his own hardships with his health, he was like the Energizer Bunny," he said. "He just kept going, and going and going."



GREAT EVENT—Father Charlie Foltz, left, poses for a photo after celebrating his first Mass in almost two years. He celebrated the Mass at ATRIA at Hillcrest Assisted Living Center with friends and some of the residents.

Benedictine Sisters plan

COTTONWOOD—The Benedictine Sisters gathered at the Monastery in Cottonwood, on Dec. 27-28, to continue preparations for their strategic planning.

Their mission statement calls them to be eager to welcome God's transforming power in themselves and the world. They are discerning as a community what that implies in terms of their membership and ministries.

During the next three months the community will meet in smaller groups with facilitators from Gonzaga University's Center for Organizational Reform, Spokane, to articulate the practical steps the Sisters need to take to carry their mission of healing hospitality, grateful simplicity and creative peacemaking into the future.

At their December meeting, the Benedictine Sisters shared hopes that their future would be shaped by a diversity of new members who desire to give their best gifts to make the world a better place.

Annie Newlan

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of the Sunday night Youth Mass.

"I get goose bumps," she said. "It just reminds me it's Him working through me. It's like, WOW!"

She'll also be getting confirmed this spring.

"It means I get to receive even more of the Holy Spirit," Newlan said enthusiastically. "I am looking forward to it because there's no feeling like that! Trust me, it's so cool."

Newlan has two very special people who have guided her in journey with Christ: her brother, Nick, and a close

friend, Casey McCaughey.

"I look up to both of them and I can totally see Christ in both of them. Casey isn't my brother, but we are close enough to act like we are," she said.

"They are my role models because if I get off track in my faith they are right there if I need them, and I'm there for them too, which is awesome."

Newlan said one of the most important things she's learned from all of her teachers, role models and friends is the power of leading by example. She will never be the kind of person that leads without love,

prayer and a sense of humor.

"Say if one of my friends is having a bad day I will say, 'I will pray for you' no matter if they are different religion or not a Christian at all," Newlan said. "I will still say it, and I don't care what they think because it makes me feel good to say it out loud and let them know where I stand."

Newlan probably has no idea how much of a leader she has become. Mullen said others in the youth program listen to and respect her.

"She is a bright star. There's a quality about her," Mullen said. "She has been called to serve."

F.I.R.E. Rally

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He believes that if we act like Jesus Christ is the most important person in our life and believe that he saved us from sin and death, there will be people lined up to go back to church. He recently published his first book, "Rocked by God," which

contains stories of the conversion experiences of hundreds of teens.

He will have with him Jarrod Haselbarth, a student from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, who has spoken to teens at the university's Summer Conferences.

Sister Shields is the superior of the Servants of God's Love, a Catholic religious community in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich. She worked in higher education for 18 years and currently is host of a three-times a week short wave radio program, "Food for the Journey." She also frequently co-hosts with Ralph Martin on the weekly television program, "The Choices We Face."

Martin is president of Renewal Ministries, Ann Arbor, Mich., a Catholic mission organization dedicated to evangelization and renewal. Renewal Ministries sponsors Sister Shields radio program and the weekly television program. It also assists the church of Eastern Europe and Africa and

coordinates religious conferences throughout North America. Martin is the founding editor of "New Covenant Magazine," and author of numerous books.

Father Scanlan is chancellor

of Franciscan University where he served as president for 26 years. He has been a member of the New York State Bar Association and served as staff judge advocate in the United States Air Force.

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Cristo, la buena noticia

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 4, 14; 14-21



En este Evangelio la Iglesia quiere que reflexionemos sobre la Buena Nueva que Cristo vino a traernos. Para ello nos presenta el discurso de Jesús en la sinagoga de Nazaret, uno de los primeros discursos de su vida pública, y en cierta manera programático de esta Buena Nueva.

Con San Lucas nos preguntamos hoy sobre la identidad de Jesús de Nazaret. ¿Quién es realmente Jesús? La vida pública de Jesús fue muy breve; un año o probablemente dos años y medio. Moisés condujo a su pueblo durante 40 años; Buda enseñó por 45 años después de su iluminación y Mahoma durante veinte años más o menos. El ministerio de Jesús, comparado con el de estas

figuras fue como un relámpago o como un meteoro que brilló con mucha intensidad en la oscuridad de la noche. San Lucas reflexiona con nosotros, recoge todos los hechos de Jesús y nos presenta su identidad, su misión y todo lo que hizo para llevarla a cabo.

La visión de Cristo aparece muy clara en el versículo 49 del capítulo 12 de San Lucas cuando dice "Vine a traer fuego a la tierra" Jesús por lo tanto es un hombre "lleno de fuego." ¿Qué clase de fuego es este que Jesús vino a traer y que claramente lo consume? Podemos afirmar que este símbolo usado en otros personajes del Antiguo Testamento se refiere a la persona que está en contacto con el poder del Espíritu y se convierte en canal del mismo poder para transmitirlo a los demás. A esto se refiere Lucas en el pasaje del Evangelio que nos ocupa hoy, cuando nos presenta el dramático discurso inaugural de Jesús en la sinagoga de Nazaret con estas palabras del profeta Isaías: El Espíritu

del Señor está sobre mí (4:16-21). Toda la vida de Jesús está certrada en una constante relación con el Espíritu de Dios.

Para San Lucas no cabe duda de que Jesús está lleno del Espíritu en el Jordán y que por su muerte y resurrección se convierte en el dispensador del mismo Espíritu. Por esta razón en el "Hoy" histórico de Jesús de Nazaret se proclama la Buena Nueva de la salvación: La Buena Nueva está dirigida a los pobres. Con el fondo histórico de las palabras de Isaías al pueblo hebrero que safría en su propia carne la opresión y el desprecio, Jesús se presenta como el enviado de Dios a establecer el Reino de justicia y de amor, y los signos de su venida son que los ciegos verán, los sordos oirán, los cojos andarán, los presos serán liberados, los afligidos serán consolados, los pobres oirán la Buena Nueva (Lc 7, 22).

El mensaje de Jesús es una Buena Nueva de reconciliación (Año de gracia

del Señor). El Reino que El viene a inaugurar no es sólo de justicia (la liberación de los oprimidos y de toda servidumbre humana), sino también de fraternidad, a la cual se llega por la justicia y por el perdón mutuo. La Buena Nueva de la reconciliación es que Dios nos perdonó y nos dio la capacidad de perdonarnos mutuamente, para restablecer con el Padre y entre nosotros una fraternidad. Ese es el Reino de Dios que Jesús inaugura con la fuerza de El Espíritu que lo posee como fuego y que debe incendiar al todo mundo.

Hoy, se cumple entre nosotros la misma profecía. Dios nos da su Espíritu para continuar proclamando por todo el mundo la buena noticia de Cristo el Salvador.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

En un documento final del jubileo, el Papa subraya su visión del camino del iglesia

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—En un documento final del Gran Jubileo del Año 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo II revisitó destakes del Santo Año y sugirió cómo los dones espirituales del Jubileo pueden ayudar a otros seguir el Evangelio.

La Carta Apostólica, titulada "Novo Millennio Ineunte" ("Al Comienzo del Nuevo Milenio"), ofreció unas últimas palabras sobre varios temas controversiales del Jubileo, incluyendo la tensión entre misión y proclamación.

También bosquejó la visión del Papa sobre las prioridades de la iglesia en el tercer milenio, enfatizando que el encuentro personal con Cristo debería a lo largo influir en el comportamiento económico y social de la sociedad moderna.

El Papa firmó el documento de 84 páginas el 6 de enero sobre una mesa pequeña en la plaza de San Pedro, donde acababa de celebrar una Misa para terminar el jubileo.

El documento llama por un "nuevo sentido de misión" construido en el entusiasmo del jubileo, uno que pueda guiar gente a la santidad y encuentre nuevas maneras de proclamar el Evangelio en una cultura marcada por la diversidad y la globalización.

Depués del jubileo, dice que "no hay tiempo para ver hacia atrás y menos para la flojera."

"Un nuevo milenio se está abriendo antes de la iglesia como un mar vasto que aventuraremos contando con la ayudada de Cristo," dice la carta.

En el contexto del pluralismo religioso, el Papa se dirigió a la importancia del diálogo con los que no son Cristianos y el respeto por sus creencias especialmente desviándose del "espectro aterrador de esas guerras de religión que muchas veces han ensangrado la historia humana."

Pero para la Iglesia, el dijo, que el diálogo interreligioso nunca se entenderá como negociación, como si la fe fuera algo de pura opinión. De la misma manera, la proclamación alegre Cristiana del Evangelio no debería ser considerada como "un insulto a la identidad de otros," dijo.



EL PAPA CIERRA LA SANTA PUERTA EN LA BASILICA DE SAN PEDRO — El Papa Juan Pablo II cierra la Puerta Santa el 6 de enero en la Basilica de San Pedro marcando el fin del Santo Año y el aniversario de 2,000 años del nacimiento de Cristo. La puerta permanecerá cerrada hasta el año 2025. (CNS photo de Reuters)

Formación de grupo bilingüe LIMEX

Se ha mostrado un sorprendente interés en el programa de formación de LIMEX, desde que las Reuniones de Información empezaron en el Decanato. Dan McGill, coordinador del decanato de educación de adultos, informó la semana pasada.

LIMEX es un programa de extensión de la Universidad de Loyola, Nuevo Orleans, que prepara las personas para el ministerio de la iglesia en las áreas rurales.

"El programa ha sido muy exitoso en los años pasados aquí en Idaho, y el Señor Obispo Mike Driscoll dio instrucciones que se dé la oportunidad para que formen grupos de estudio allí donde haya interés. Esto ayudará instruir al pueblo fiel que ya está sirviendo en algún ministerio en la Iglesia de Idaho, así como para preparar a los nuevos líderes para los desafíos que se presentan delante de nosotros, a la luz de un renovado interés en la formación de la fe de adultos así como la escasez de sacerdotes y religiosos."

Debido a nuestra gran población hispana en la diócesis, McGill trata también de comenzar un Programa bilingüe de LIMEX, inglés, en español agrupado en los Decanatos de Occidente y de Oeste-Central. Este será un programa piloto de la Universidad de Loyola como una nueva forma de acercamiento al número creciente de hispanos en la Diócesis. John Hitchman, Director Diocesano de la Oficina de los Ministerios Étnico, servirá como instructor. Se sostendrá una reunión de información, el día 27 de enero, a las 10, en Caldwell en la parroquia de St. Mary, para los que se interesan.

Previo a su asignación en Colorado, McGill trabajó en la parroquia más grandes de la Diócesis de Pueblo que también tenía la población hispana más numerosa. Observó que los pocos parroquianos bilingües que se enviaron a un similar programa de nivelación para graduados, volvieron a la parroquia y tomaron lugares importantes en la dirección de la parroquia y son muy bien respetados por su trabajo.

"Esta es una manera," dijo, "para que la segunda generación de inmigrantes hispanos pueda dar el próximo paso al servicio a la Iglesia. Se espera que aquellos que son fluentes en ambos idiomas y puedan estudiar niveles superiores muestren interés."

Para más información contactar John Hitchman o Dan McGill a la Diócesis, a 342-1311.

Helada acorta la cosecha de naranjas y tiene un impacto sobre los trabajadores

APOKA, Fla. (CNS) — La extendida frente de frío que cubrió el noroeste con nieve mandó una ráfaga de invierno a la parte central de la Florida tenía a trabajadores buscando trabajo en las arboledas locales.

Las temperaturas heladas en los principios de enero, acortaran drásticamente la temporada de la cosecha cítrica. Mientras una corta actividad de clima frío enendulza las naranjas, las temperaturas muy heladas y la lluvia fría pueden destruir y amargar la fruta.

Cultivadores trabajaron alrededor del reloj en los días festivos para coger naranjas de los árboles antes que las temperaturas heladas arruinaran la fruta. Cuando las naranjas se congelan, no se pueden vender por precios vendibles y solamente se pueden usar para hacer jugo.

La corta temporada de naranjas puede causar estragos para los piscadores, quienes necesitan 13 semanas de trabajo sin interrumpir para calificar para el desempleo estatal. Solamente una declaración de desastre por el Gobernador Jeb Bush puede traer auxilio a los trabajadores que necesitan temporada cítrica para comprar comida y pagar cuentas.

James Cutliff, quien ha estado cortando naranjas en la

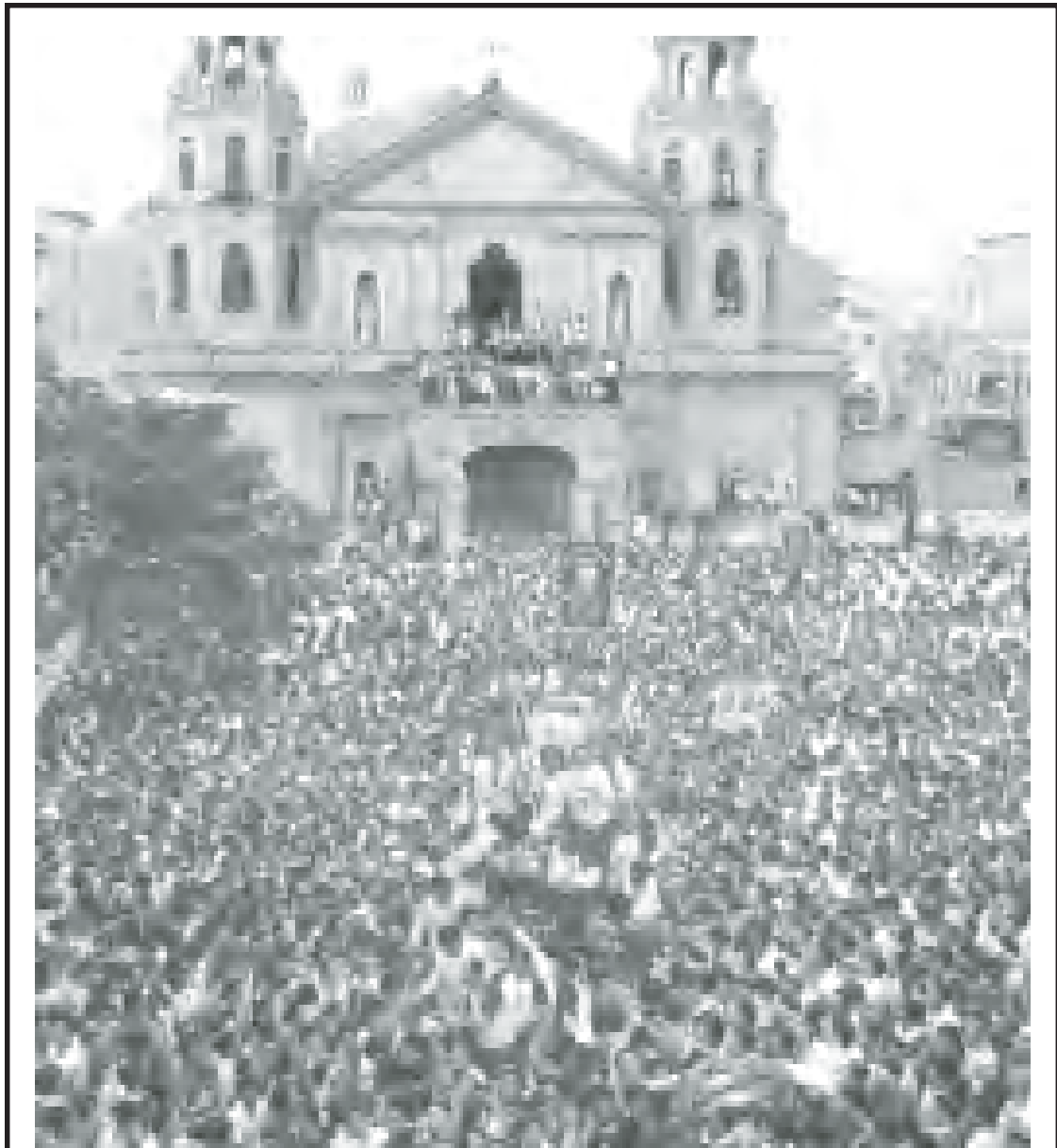
Florida desde 1951, tuvo un día difícil en las arboledas Bronson en Apopka el 4 de enero. Solamente pisca dos cajones de naranjas Hamilton a \$7.50 el cajón antes que sus músculos se acalabrarán y regresara al camión destartado para una cesta. Toma 10 cajas de naranjas para llenar los estrechos cajones negros.

Las manos del hombre de 67 años estaban encallecidas, afectadas por artritis y secas por las temperaturas frías. Cutliff dijo que el sueldo para un cajón a permanecido igual por los últimos 10 años, mientras ha visto el precio de las frutas cítricas aumentar en las tiendas locales.

“Estoy preocupado por la temporada corta,” dijo Cutliff, padre de ocho quien complementa su sueldo en cortando pastos.

“Se llama duro y difícil,” dijo Geraldean Matthew, formador outreach para la Oficina de Ministro a los trabajadores del campo. “Cogen del suelo, lo más pronto posible, cualquier cosa que se pueda salvar.”

La fruta dañada reducirá en forma significativa la cosecha y el tiempo de la temporada para los trabajadores migrante, mandando muchos fuera del estado para buscar otros trabajos o directamente a las líneas de desempleo, dijo Matthew.



CATOLICOS FILIPINOS MARCAN DIA FESTIVO POPULAR — Católicos Filipinos en miles siguieron la procesión del Negro Nazareno, un icono popular de Cristo, en una calle desde la Basílica de del Negro Nazareno en Manila el 9 de enero. La estuata de Jesús fue traída a las Filipinas desde México en el siglo 17. Muchos Filipinos creen que es milagrosa. (CNS photo of Reuters)

CCHD revela una campaña para levantar conciencia de la pobreza

WASHINGTON (CNS) — La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ha lanzado una multimedia campaña para levantar conciencia a lo que un anuncio de la radio llama al “más de 32 millones viviendo, soñando, preocupando, esperando, gente desesperada” quienes viven en la pobreza en los Estados Unidos.

La campaña — la cual incluye anuncios en la televisión y la radio en español e inglés, anuncios impresos para publicaciones Católicas y seculares y un sitio en la red que es www.povertyusa.org—ha designado al mes de enero como el Mes del Conocimiento de la Pobreza en América.

Enfocándose en “Pobreza EE.UU.” como el “segundo estado más grande,” el anuncio toma nota que una en 11 familias y uno en seis niños actualmente

viven bajo el umbral de pobreza de \$17, 184, que indica la agencia del Censo para los EE.UU., para una familia de cuatro.

“Diciembre atrae el bien y preocupación hacia los pobres, pero en enero la nación regresa a su rutina y los pobres siguen pobres,” dijo Padre Roberto J. Vitillo, el Director Ejecutivo del CCHD, en una conferencia de prensa el 9 de enero en National Press Club en Washington.

Agregó que “enfocándose en la pobreza en el mes de enero, esperamos recordales temprano cada año a todos americanos que la pobreza todavía es una gran parte de la vida americana.”

CCHD, el programa anti-pobreza de los Obispos Católicos de los EE.UU., financia proyectos de auto-

ayudamiento iniciados y dirigidos por la gente pobre. Los fondos vienen de una colecta anual de las parroquias católicas en los EE.UU.

También una encuesta fue intruducida en la conferencia de prensa, y encontró que la pobreza marca bajo en el conocimiento de la nación con solamente un 3 por ciento nombrándola como una preocupación general de la sociedad.

Pero cuando se le preguntó específicamente si la pobreza es una preocupación, 87 por ciento dijeron que estaban preocupados o un poco preocupados. En una encuesta diferente de americanos que su sueldo anual cae bajo de la marca de pobreza 94 por ciento dijeron estar muy o parcialmente preocupados.

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Msgr. Falk

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nephew, Brandon.

Reflecting on the life of the man who was his right hand man and second in command for the past two years, Bishop Driscoll said Msgr. Falk was "a man who was truly committed to a priesthood of service."

"I don't know if I ever heard him say 'no' to any request for service," he said.

Bishop Driscoll said Msgr. Falk did his job "very professionally, and it wasn't always easy," and "I never heard him say an unkind thing about anyone—priest, lay person or religious."

"He never used his authority as vicar general for power and prestige," he said. "He would have much preferred to contribute as a parish priest. He was a great source of advice to me, and his knowledge of the history of the diocese was invaluable. He knew so many people."

The bishop said he felt a bond with Msgr. Falk that was much more than just co-worker. He was a real friend and a "great example" to many.

"If the sole purpose of my becoming Bishop of Boise was to get to know Msgr. Falk, that was reward enough," said Bishop Driscoll. "I used to tease him that I wished I could clone him."

Bishop Brown said he will remember Msgr. Falk as a priest who was "totally dedicated to his priesthood and to the Church of Idaho."

"He was a very special person," he said. "In my book he was a giant. As time goes on, people will come to an even greater appreciation of the impact he had on the Diocese of Boise."

"He served flawlessly in the years we served together," he said. "A vicar general is the bishop's alter ego in a diocese. Msgr. Falk fit that description to a 'T.' He was always able to carry out his responsibilities completely in tune with my direction. During that time, there was a lot of change and tremendous growth, and he was always very wise and able to oversee what needed to be done. He had a keen pastoral sense. He was a tremendous gift to the Church of Idaho."



ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS—Msgr. Dennis Falk, who loved fishing and exploring Idaho, was often seen in overalls or pants and suspenders and a straw hat when he was relaxing. Here he is seen setting up for a liturgy at the 1998 Diocese of Boise's Deacon Campout near Grandjean. (Photo by Deacon James Bowen)

Sharon Rhodes, who served as Msgr. Falk's secretary at the Diocesan Pastoral Center the past five and one half years, said he was "one of a kind", and his presence will be missed.

"Knowing Msgr. Falk... has been quite an education for me," she said. "He must have been on practically every road and in every nook and cranny of the State of Idaho and had a story to tell about each area, it's fishing spots and it's people."

"At the office he took or returned every phone call," she said. "If someone called needing a priest, he would go immediately to the hospital or funeral home and comforted many families."

Father Kenneth Arnzen, who was a close friend of Msgr. Falk's, said he will remember his seminary classmate, fishing buddy and Scrabble partner as "a lovable person who would never let you down" and whose approach to a sticky situation was often to "pour a little oil on the water."

He said he and Msgr. Falk went to their St. Edward's Semi-

nary class reunion every five years after their ordinations, and Msgr. Falk never missed one. Father Arnzen missed the last one because he wasn't feeling well.

Father Arnzen said Monsignor was a very patient man who never lost his temper. One time the two or them went hunting and shot a deer.

"I thought I shot it, and he thought he shot it," he said. "We couldn't agree, so we just gave it away."

Phyllis Hand, Boise, said her family and Msgr. Falk go back to the time when he served in Montpelier. He gave her husband instructions when he joined the Catholic Church and their son John's baptism was the first Monsignor did as a pastor.

"He has been a great friend over a great many years," she said. "He taught us how to live, and now he taught us how to die."

Another friend who met Msgr. Falk in the seminary was Jim Kelsch, Boise.

He said Msgr. Falk "was all priest, a tremendous man, a beautiful person."

"I'm going to miss him," Kelsch said. "This is a real loss, but he is where he belongs."

He said when Msgr. Falk first told him about his illness, he expressed his sorrow. But Msgr. Falk just admonished him by saying, "To get to heaven, Jim, you've got to die."

One of the things Father Dennis Wassmuth, Boise, will remember about Msgr. Falk is that he was a firm believer in not rushing every place you go, taking your breaks and afternoon naps, and taking time to stop and visit with people. He will also remember how he would go out of his way, even to the point of traveling several hours in the middle of the night, to administer the sacrament of the sick when someone would call him.

The two of them spent a lot of their days off together when

both were working in Boise.

He said Msgr. Falk kept a map of Idaho on the wall at his apartment that showed all the roads. Monsignor had marked those roads he had been on personally. When they had a day off, he would choose a road he had not been on or hadn't been on for a long time, and they would journey to that place to explore.

Blanche Rockwell, Grangeville, said she and her husband John loved Msgr. Falk as a pastor. They frequently stopped to see him whenever they were in Boise the last 10 years.

"He was a real father—available, caring, kind, and helpful to the children, elders, everyone," she said. "He was committed to serve with beautiful liturgies, solid homilies, level-headed parish leadership."

As to 'how to die,' he was a model for all of us," said Rockwell. "He was at peace always in the will of God. We love him."

Three words come to mind when Father Boniface Lautz, OSB, prior at Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, thinks of Msgr. Falk: Integrity, loyalty and friend.

"Denny was a 'straight arrow' when it came to being up front about things, even if it was a hard thing to do," he said. "If principles were at stake, he didn't back away. I always found him to be pastoral in dealing with tough situations, but he didn't sacrifice principle to gain approval by others or to save his own neck. In my experience he was a man of integrity."

Father Boniface said Msgr. Falk's sense of loyalty led him to maintain ties with the Benedictine community at Monastery of the Ascension. His ties went back to the days when he was a student at Mount Angel Seminary, (in Oregon) years before the monks came to Idaho.

"He came to our ground breakings and profession ceremonies and anniversaries," he

said. "He was a strong supporter of our being here in the diocese and found ways to let us know. He was a friend. He always seemed to have time for a chat, and one could count on his keeping a confidence and giving prudent advice. We will miss him."

Father John Koelsch, Boise, said Msgr. Falk was "a very faithful, dedicated servant of the church, faithful friend and grand priest."

The two of them were ordained within months of each other and always kept in touch over the years. The past 10 years they have shared a good many Scrabble games.

"He was a real aficionado," said Father Koelsch, who admits Msgr. Falk won way more games than he did. "He was just an uncanny, clever player."



TRAVELING TO THE MISSIONS—Young Father Dennis Falk poses for a photo before taking off for some priestly business.



TWO HISTORIANS—In this 1990 photo, Msgr. Dennis Falk and Bishop Nicolas Walsh go through historical artifacts of the Diocese of Boise at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Their knowledge of the diocese was invaluable and will be missed by many. Bishop Walsh died in 1997. Msgr. Falk died Jan. 10 this year. (Photo by Colette Cowman)

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About 900 express support for life at rally

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—"Apathy and resignation" are bigger challenges in the respect life battle than small, vocal number of people who are fighting for abortion rights, Father Peter West of Priests for Life said at a Life Mass Jan. 27 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

Father West, Newark, N.J., celebrated the Mass just before the Idaho Right to Life of Idaho-sponsored March for Life and Rally in Boise at which he was the keynote speaker. About 500 people attended the Mass.

The march and rally attracted over 900, many of whom came from around the state. Idaho Bishop Michael P. Driscoll and several other Idaho Catholic clergy participated in the march from Julia Davis Park to the Statehouse, and the bishop gave the opening prayer at the rally.

"Some people have resigned themselves mentally," said Father West in his homily. "They say, 'We've always had abortion. It will always be with us.' The truth is... it doesn't have to be. We can change this. People said the same thing about slavery, but we have overcome slavery in the United States."

He said Martin Luther King once said that the greatest tragedy was not the bad people, but the "appalling silence" of the good people.

The laws that allow abortion or assisted suicide "are not somehow inevitable."

"We cannot accept them any more than we can accept that war or ethnic extermination is inevitable," Father West said.

People who believe in the sanctity of all life from conception to natural death need to remember St. Paul's words, "If



PRO-LIFE CROWD—About 900 people gather on the Idaho Statehouse steps Jan. 27 after participating in the annual Idaho Right to Life-sponsored March for Life. Marches are held all over the nation each year near the anniversary of the Jan. 22, 1973, Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in the U.S. The march-

ers, men and women, young and old, carried signs that said things like, "Life is good," "I was adopted, not aborted. Both of my moms love me," "Let God decide," "Execute justice, not people," and "Idaho's death penalty—unfair, unjust, unholy." (Photo by Bill Molitor)

God is with us, who can be against us."

He said there are many positive signs that the work of pro-life people is paying off. The Center for Disease Control reported that in 1998 there was a 3 percent drop in the number of abortions nationwide and the number of abortion among college students has dropped 10 percent in the last five years.

He noted that President George Bush has said he wants every new life protected and there are many pro-life appointments in the new administration. Also voters recently defeated an assisted suicide referendum in Maine.

"For the sake of our culture, our nation and the next generation, we cannot give up," Father West said. "By the power of Jesus Christ, who stilled the wind and the waves, we can make a difference."

He passed out a flyer produced by his organization, Priests for Life, a national pro-life organization that works to unite, encourage and motivate priests and deacons to take a more vocal and active role in the pro-life movement. The flyer lists 55 legal, peaceful and effective activities people can pursue to help end abortion in the U.S.

A few of those suggestions are:

—Pray daily for an end to abortion, for women tempted to have abortions, for doctors and nurses, legislators, clergy and those who work in the pro-life movement, and for those who do not realize how wrong abortion is.

—Write letters to newspapers, elected officials and other persons and institutions regarding respect for life.

—Encourage your priest, minister or rabbi to speak out against abortion.

—Donate pro-life books to your local libraries, schools, colleges and churches. Request such books at your libraries and bookstores.

—Fly the flag at half staff in respect for the 4000 babies who die every day from abortion.

At the Idaho March for Life Rally on the Idaho Statehouse steps, Carrie Uhlenkott, a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville, and legislative chairman of Right to Life of Idaho, announced that her organization will support Idaho Chooses Life's proposed pro-life legislation that would end tax funding of Medicaid paid "health abortions" in Idaho. Sen. Bart David, R-Idaho Falls, and Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona, are expected to introduce the legislation.

"We've learned that the health exception (for abortions) is a wide-open loophole and equals abortion on demand," said Uhlenkott. She said there are cases around the nation of Medicaid paid health abortions that were done for reasons like a mother not wanting to experience morning sickness or because a mother had a special affair coming up and was afraid she wouldn't look good in her swimsuit.

She said Idaho is one of only five states that require that tax monies be used to pay for abortions.

In his talk at the rally, Father West reminded the marchers that people who are working for protection of life are not seeking to impose their morality or religion on others.

"Sanctity of life is not just a religious doctrine," he said. "It is a law of the land, a fundamental civil right."

He said abortion is a "tragic solution" for women.

"We can do better for women," said Father West. "Abortion does not serve the needs of women nor promote women's health."



STAUNCH SUPPORTERS OF LIFE—Idaho Bishop Michael Driscoll and Father Peter West, Newark, N.J., of Priests for Life, applaud during one of the pro-life talks on the Statehouse steps Jan. 27 in Boise. The bishop gave the opening prayer for the March for Life rally and Father West was the keynote speaker. He also earlier celebrated at Life Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Boise. (Photo by Bill Molitor)

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Vatican says trip to Ukraine is on, despite Orthodox request

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite a request from Ukraine's largest Orthodox Church that Pope John Paul II delay his trip June 23-27 to Ukraine, the Vatican said the trip is on and the pope hopes it will contribute to improving Catholic-Orthodox relations. The Ukrainian Orthodox hierarchy in communion with the Russian Orthodox Church also said that if the pope meets with other Orthodox communities in Ukraine — communities they consider to be in schism — it could mark the end of Catholic-Orthodox relations. On Jan. 22 the Russian Orthodox Church released a letter from Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev, Ukraine, to Pope John Paul II, asking that the June visit be postponed. Metropolitan Vladimir leads the Ukrainian Orthodox community that is in communion with the Moscow Patriarchate.

'1,000 Years of Peace': 660,000 hours and counting

CINCINNATI (CNS) — A commuter pledges to "spend a few minutes in prayer for world peace" every day on his way to work. A soldier says he will help whoever needs it at work "regardless of the rank of the person. ... A little kindness can go a long way." A child promises to share crayons with classmates. They are among the thousands of men, women and children who have joined the "1,000 Years of Peace" project. Each participant pledges in a personal way to make the world a more peaceful place. Launched on the Internet in December 1999, the project's goal is to generate commitments that will add up to an entire millennium worth of action for peace — 8,765,808 hours. As of Jan. 22, 2001, the pledges, which are automatically tallied on the project's Web site — www.pledgepeace.org — added up to 662,755 hours.

Pope appeals for end to Colombian violence

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II appealed for an end to violence in Colombia and asked the government and rebels to return to the negotiations broken off in November. The pope, speaking at the end of his Jan. 24 general audience, decried the "awful increase of violence" in Colombia as the rebels refuse to negotiate because of what they see as a lack of government action against paramilitary groups. Human rights monitors have blamed the paramilitary groups for some 130 deaths since the first of the year. Meanwhile, the rebels continue to attack villages, kidnap people for ransom and fund their activities through the drug trade. Pope John Paul called on all Colombians "to rediscover the supreme value of life."

Catholics among Mongolian herders hit by blizzards

HONG KONG (CNS) — Catholic families are among more than a million herders in Inner Mongolia suffering from fuel and food shortages in blizzard-hit northern China. Father Kang Zhenqing, pastor of Xilin Gol in China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, said the local church was unable to render relief aid to those families because the blizzards, the worst in 40 years, have cut off communication with the areas. UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, said Father Kang was quoted by Beifang Jinde, a Catholic social service organization in China's Hebei province. Herders in China's northern neighbor, Mongolia, also have been hit by the weather. Eight herders and nearly 500,000 animals have died since November.

Young Africans sign chastity pledges to avoid AIDS

NAIROBI, Kenya (CNS) — Young Africans are signing strict chastity pledges to avoid AIDS and the sexual promiscuity of their peers. "Only abstinence will save our generation," said David Odero of True Love Waits, a group of young Kenyans who tour schools, universities and television chat shows preaching the message that sex before marriage is wrong. True Love Waits Kenya is a nondenominational movement but has received substantial funding from the Catholic Church in Kenya. "What they are doing is wonderful. I'm with them 100 percent," said Mercy Sister Mary Lavelle, medical coordinator for the Archdiocese of Nairobi.

Pope John XXIII's body to be transferred from grotto to basilica

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, recognizing the extent of popular devotion to Blessed John XXIII, has decided his tomb should be in St. Peter's Basilica rather than in the grotto under the church. The Vatican press office confirmed Jan. 22 that the body of Pope John, who convoked the Second Vatican Council, had been removed from the grotto Jan. 16 after a solemn and formal opening of the tomb and recognition of the body. The body will be placed in the basilica to make it easier for people to visit his tomb, the press office said. A recognition ceremony usually takes place before a person is beatified, but Vatican officials did not want to disturb the tomb during the Holy Year, when so many visitors wanted to pray there, said an official at the basilica.

Bishops' conference to take new name July 1

By Jerry Filteau
WASHINGTON (CNS) — As of July 1 the U.S. bishops' two national conferences will be combined, reorganized and given a new name: the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As with many similar names, the "United States" portion will often be shortened to "U.S.," and the entire name will often be abbreviated as USCCB.

The name change comes when new statutes reorganizing the bishops national structures take effect.

The bishops have been working at the reorganization for

nearly a decade and received word in January that the Vatican has approved the last necessary element of the reorganization, the new statutes.

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, president of the two current conferences — the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference — notified the bishops of the Vatican approval and issued a decree promulgating the statutes, effective July 1.

He said the six months before the changes take place "will provide the time needed for staff to register the new corpo-

ration name, notify vendors and modify contracts."

For a broader public, perhaps one of the more notable changes will be the renaming this summer of the conference's Web site, from www.nccbuscc.org to www.usccb.org. In the past year the Web site received nearly 2.2 million visitors. It carries daily Scripture readings for Mass, the complete New American Bible on line and movie reviews and classifications, as well as news and information about NCCB-USCC publications, statements and activities.

Pope John Paul II offers prayers, support for Indian earthquake victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Responding to news of an earthquake that devastated northwestern India, Pope John Paul II prayed for victims and survivors. At his Jan. 28 weekly Angelus prayer, the pope said he was following the latest reports from India "with great concern."

U.S. seismologists measured the Jan. 26 quake, centered in India's western Gujarat state and also felt in neighboring Pakistan, at magnitude 7.9, making it the strongest to strike India in 50 years.

Indian officials feared the death toll could rise to 20,000 people or more. Pakistan has reported a dozen deaths.

Idaho assistance

Just two weeks earlier, an enormous earthquake of a similar magnitude hit El Salvador and surrounding countries, killing more than 700 people.

Idaho Catholics who wish to make donations to assist the victims of the earthquake in India, El Salvadore and Guatemala, can send checks earmarked for that purpose to the Diocese of Boise, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705-5925.

The Diocesan Finance Department will gather contributions and send the money on to Catholic Relief Services.



SURVIVOR—A girl who survived the powerful earthquake in India Jan. 26 drinks water at a military hospital in Bhuj Jan. 29. (CNS photo from Reuters)

John Paul II blesses lambs on the feast of St. Agnes

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II, continued an ancient tradition Jan. 23 and blessed several baby lambs whose wool will be used to make the palliums given every year to new metropolitan archbishops as symbols of their office.

The ceremony took place in a room adjacent to the Paul VI Hall at the Vatican.

The blessing of the lambs, who are under one year of age, takes place on or near the Jan. 21 feast of St. Agnes for whom the traditional symbol is a lamb. This virgin-martyr died about 350 and is buried in the basilica named after her on

Rome's Via Nomentana.

Traditionally the lambs are raised by the Trappist fathers of the Abbey of the Three Fountains and, when shorn, their wool is made into the palliums by the sisters of St. Cecilia.

In a 1978 document, "Inter Eximina Episcopalis," Pope Paul VI restricted use of the pallium to the pope and metropolitan archbishops. In 1984 Pope John Paul II decreed that it would be conferred on the metropolitans by the pope on the June 29 solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

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World Day of Consecration Sisters work to raise vocation awareness

By Sister Mary Kay Henry
For the ICR

COTTONWOOD—How often do you thank God for the gift of Consecrated Life in the Church, promote religious life in your circles of influence, invite consecrated people to share their stories with you and your family?

“The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life on the weekend of February 3-4 gives the 14 women’s and 6 men’s religious communities in the Diocese of Boise opportunity to say again that religious life can be a very viable vocation option today,” said Sister Rose Mary Boessen, RSM, Diocesan Pastoral Council representative for women religious.

“We hope that every Catholic single person making a vocation choice will know about this option and will seriously include it in their search for their life’s call.

“For many people, religious life is the best context in which their gifts can be discovered, developed and put at the service of others,” she said.

To help raise awareness of the option of consecrated life,

the sisters, brothers, and religious order priests of the Diocese of Boise ask each parish to include an intercession for religious vocations during the Eucharist on Feb. 3 and 4.

To further raise awareness of vocations to consecrated life in the church, the Benedictine Sisters from the Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood are in the midst of an appeal to raise funds for a Vocations Promotion campaign.

So far they have raised 42 percent of their goal of \$74,000. The funds will be used for intensive marketing and advertising through personal contacts, presentations, brochures, posters, videos, website, scholarships for inquiring women to visit the monastery, and staff support for Vocation Director Sister Janet Barnard.

Armed with information from intensive market research by the National Religious Vocation Conference, Sister Barnard seeks out women curious about and interested in consecrated life.

She believes that personal contact with members of religious orders is the best advertising available.



LIVING IN COMMUNITY—A group of Idaho’s Benedictine Sisters from Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, can tomatoes for use during the coming year. World Day for Consecrated Life is cel-

brated this year the weekend of Feb. 3-4. Idaho Catholics are invited to get to know the 14 women’s and six men’s religious communities represented in Idaho and to pray for vocations to religious life.

Realistically, however, everyone interested in religious vocations might not have contact with a consecrated person. And, while nationally the average age for entering religious life is 39 for women and 34 for men, it remains a challenge to market effectively to this age group, as well as to younger people.

“Raising awareness of our monastery’s need for new mem-

bers actually helps the whole church,” said Sister Barnard.

“We hope that inquirers from our marketing and advertising efforts will feel called to join us, but the process of inquiry is a chance for women and men to ‘check out’ religious life and which community might be right for them.”

“It’s tough for us to send a potential candidate on to another community, but voca-

tion work is not only about St. Gertrude’s needs; it’s about the needs of the inquirer and the whole church.”

If you are interested in helping the Benedictine Sisters in Cottonwood promote vocation awareness to their community and to the church by making an offering, contact the Development Office at the Monastery, (208) 962-3224 or via email: develop@camasnet.com.

Bush launches faith-based offices in White House

By Patricia Zapor
WASHINGTON (CNS) — The White House and five federal agencies will each have an office dedicated to helping faith-based and community organizations work with the government to provide social services under a plan announced Jan. 29 by President Bush.

John DiIulio, a University of Pennsylvania public policy professor who helped create and run a program in Boston that is credited with helping reduce youth homicide in the 1990s, was appointed to run the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

“When we see social needs in America, my administration will look first to faith-based programs and community groups which have proven their power to save and change lives,” said Bush in announcing the program at the White House. “We will not fund the religious activities of any group, but when people of faith pro-

vide social services, we will not discriminate against them.”

As outlined in Bush’s executive order, the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives would establish policies, priorities and objectives for the federal government to “enlist, enable, empower and expand the work of faith-based and other community organizations.”

Its responsibilities would include mobilizing public support for faith-based initiatives; encouraging private charitable giving to such efforts; eliminating “unnecessary legislative, regulatory and other bureaucratic barriers that impede effective faith-based and other community efforts to solve social problems”; and ensure those organizations meet “high standards of excellence and accountability.”

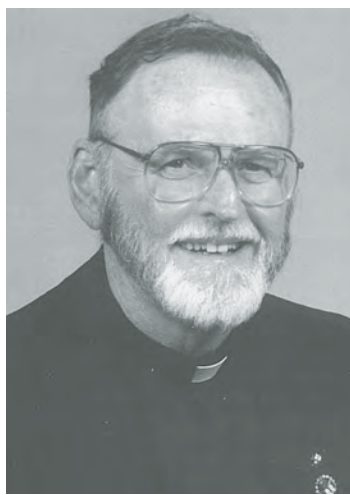
The offices would be established in the departments of Justice, Education, Labor, Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development.

Fr. Michael Logan, CSSR, dies

SEATTLE—Father Michael Logan, C.Ss.R., 69, who served twice at St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d’Alene, died in Seattle Jan. 19 after a long battle with Leukemia.

Father Logan was born May 15, 1931, in Taft, Calif. He studied at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and at Holy Redeemer College, Oakland, Calif.

Father professed as a Redemptorist after a year’s novitiate in DeSoto, Mo., on Aug. 2, 1942, and ordained a priest for the Redemptorists on July 2, 1957, Oconomowoc, Wis., where he had studied philosophy and theology.



For many years he served as chaplain to the Fred C. Nelles School for Boys in Whittier, Calif.

From 1978 to 1981, Father Logan was the rector of the Redemptorist community and associate pastor at St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d’Alene. He returned to St. Thomas in 1993 as pastor of St. Thomas and rector of the Redemptorist Community until Dec. 1996.

Father’s funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church in Seattle on Jan. 22.

Another funeral was celebrated at his brother, Msgr. James Logan’s parish, Holy Spirit, in Fresno, Calif. on Jan. 29. Burial followed in Fresno.

St. Gertrudes

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Why choose Catholic Schools?

Having been a student, teacher, coach, and/or administrator of public schools most of my life, one might ask why I am now such a proponent of Catholic schools.

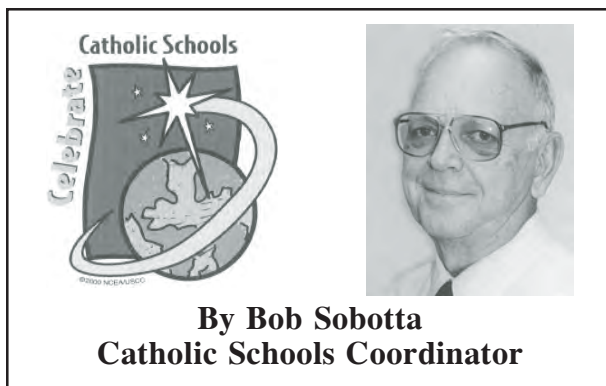
In truth, I have always been a proponent of Catholic education and Catholic schools. It really has nothing to do with my educational background or experience as to what my very strong personal bias is at this time.

I would never "bash" public education. For the most part public education in Idaho, and public educators, are far stronger than the media, most legislators and the general public give (or don't give) them credit. For over 30 years as an Idaho educator I have seen wonderful and convincing success stories as a result of public education.

One then might ask, "Why Choose Catholic Schools?" the reasons are varied and many. Catholic schools are simply the best option. It is a given that in Catholic schools, education is about student academic and moral endeavors. This is a balance that public schools cannot convincingly provide.

Since we recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children, Catholics view parental rights as priority. In secular philosophy, as related to public educators, their charge is to focus on educational statutes, rules, standards and policies as adopted by the state. This focus is not all bad. They simply do not address the moral education Catholic parents want for their children as well as academics. Certainly rigorous curriculum, good discipline and supportive school climate produce school advantage for our Catholic students.

I feel compelled to point out at least three other main reasons parents ought to consider Catholic schools as the best option. Education is, as a rule, a one time



By Bob Sobotta
Catholic Schools Coordinator

process and experience so we want the best we can get right from the start. The three major reasons I believe parents ought to choose Catholic schools—wherever and whenever possible, are:

1. The spiritual dimension is emphasized in Catholic schools with a primary focus on morals. When teaching in a public school setting there is always the danger that when one mentions the spiritual values or aspects of living, someone might cry out accusing that teacher of teaching religion, which conflicts with Church vs. State statutes. This intimidates good teachers and keeps them from capitalizing on good opportunities (*carpe diem*) to integrate the spiritual dimension into the curriculum. Catholic schoolteachers can and do seize the moment to integrate the spiritual with the academic.

2. Character education and Catholic core values are a major part of the Catholic schools Christ-centered education. (This of course fits into the spiritual dimension, as well.) In public schools, since there is a fear

of integrating the spiritual, there is also wariness of how a teacher can really teach core values. Public educators cannot include the Ten Commandments in the curriculum. Since the commandments are out, how does a teacher emphasize that lying, stealing, coveting, etc. are wrong, not only in society's eyes but also God's? Catholic schools not only teach the commandments, but Catholic educators go farther and teach the faith and how it fits together in one's overall learning about good character.

3. Academics, high expectations and excellent standards for high achievement are major focuses in Catholic schools. It makes good sense that if parents want the best for their children, they ought to research where one receives the best. Catholic schools in Idaho, from the smallest school (Sts. Peter and Paul in Grangeville) to the largest school (Bishop Kelly in Boise) excel and exceed academic test scores in nationally normed tests of their public school counterparts.

Leo XIII's encyclical, *Officio Sanctissimo*, provided the framework in the late 19th and early 20th centuries from which Catholic educational policy took its shape. Leo XIII asserts in the encyclical that it is the parents' obligation to bring their children up in the knowledge and religion and good habits as well as piety toward God. Leo XIII maintained that this might be at "the cost of great sacrifice and expense."

Catholic parents need to know that whatever the sacrifice and whatever the cost, the best education—spiritually, academically and morally—will reap great rewards for their children and their family. Choosing Catholic schools for your children is a choice that you, as parents will not regret.

Legislature 2001

Coeur d'Alene senator picked for lieutenant governor



By Ann Wheeler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving. The mother of five and grandmother of three holds a bachelor's degree in psychology with a teaching minor in English. In her community she serves on the Harms Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and on that hospital's board of trustees.

Idaho has a Lieutenant Governor. On Jan. 22, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne nominated Senator Jack Riggs, Coeur D'Alene

to be his second in command. Riggs, 46, a graduate of the University of Idaho, Moscow holds a medical degree from the University of Washington, Seattle. He was elected to his third, two-year state senate term in the fall of 2000.

Governor Kempthorne acknowledged there was a wealth of good candidates for the position. When asked directly about Sen. Jim Risch, the present Senate Majority Leader, the governor cited Sen. Risch as being one of the most astute legislators in Idaho over a period of three decades. He said he considered Sen. Risch, and other candidates, his friends.

Gov. Kempthorne pointed to the geographical balance of leadership in the state with the appointment of Sen. Riggs. "The Senate Pro-Tem, Bob Geddes, comes from Eastern Idaho (Soda Springs), the Speaker of the House, Bruce Newcomb, from the Magic Valley (Burley), the Governor from the Treasure Valley (Boise), and now the Lt. Gov-

ernor nominee is from Northern Idaho." Kempthorne and Riggs have known each other for 28 years from the time when both held offices in a residence hall at the U of I.

Sen. Riggs said he would be a "team player," helping the governor in whatever assignments he is given. The Senate State Affairs Committee approved his nomination Jan. 24. Senator Risch made the motion to approve Sen. Riggs's nomination. The entire Senate voted on the committee's recommendation Jan. 29.

The lieutenant governor also presides over the Senate when the legislature is in session, and is in charge when the governor is out of the state.

Legislation Update

The pace is picking up at the capitol. As of Jan. 23, 114 pieces of legislation had been introduced—85 in the House and 29 in the Senate.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, Moscow introduced **SB001**. This bill would repeal the disclaimer

that is currently required for programming on Idaho's Public Broadcasting System (IBPS).

He has also introduced **SB002**, to amend the Free Exercise of Religion Act, passed by the legislature last year. The amendment would add language that assures the act **does not establish or eliminate a defense to a civil action or criminal prosecution under a federal or state civil rights law.**

The full text of this bill and the proposed amendment may be found on the internet at [ACCESSIDAHO](http://ACCESSIDAHO.org).

SB001 has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee, of which Sen. Schroeder is chairman. **SB002** went to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Two bills have been introduced dealing with the minimum wage for farm workers. There will be a complete column on this issue in a later edition of the *Idaho Catholic Register*.

To contact your legislators:

Recently, the state of Idaho was named as having the best state website in the country. The National Council of State Legislatures gave that honor. The NSCL cited Idaho for having the most accessible legislature in the country as well.

The best way to find out what's going on in the legislature, and track legislation of interest to you, is to visit the site at: www.accessidaho.org. Once there, click on one of two links: *The Legislature is Now In Session* (at the bottom of the page is a link to contact legislators. Each legislator has an individual e-mail address. This is a new service this year.) Or go to *Government*-scroll down to *Legislature* and click.

Alternative ways

Call the Information Center, 332-1000 and leave a message for your legislator, or Fax: 334-5397 (you must include name and phone number); or E-mail: infocntr@iso.state.id.us.

Question Corner

Does the church recognize baptism in another church?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. Please discuss in your column if or when baptism in another church is recognized by the Catholic Church. If it is recognized, has it always been?

We are concerned because a relative wishing to enter our faith is reluctant to be baptized again. He feels he has already received this sacrament. We are receiving various answers from different priests. (Wisconsin)

A. Since as long ago as 1949,

the Catholic Church has explicitly assumed the validity of baptism in most Protestant denominations. Several of these churches were listed by name, but the ruling applied to any others if basically necessary rituals and intentions were present. (Reply from the Holy Office Dec. 28, 1949)

This position resulted partially from a better awareness by the Catholic Church of baptism in these other congregations, but also, at least to some degree, from a more developed

theology and practice concerning baptism on the Protestant side.

Since then, of course, the understanding of the meaning and significance of baptism has developed significantly, making conditional baptism (or, as it is sometimes erroneously called, "rebaptism") of converts to our faith quite rare.

Most times today, if a convert has belonged to and been baptized in a major Protestant denomination, conditional baptism may be ministered only if

the fact of the previous baptism is uncertain or if the individual has serious and specific doubts about the validity of the former baptism.

You should not be receiving varying responses about this. Present Catholic regulations explicitly forbid automatic or routine baptism of people already baptized in another Christian denomination.

The Rite for Receiving Baptized Christians Into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church (n. 480) says repetition

of the sacrament of baptism "is not permitted unless there is a prudent doubt about the fact or validity of the baptism already received." If after "serious investigation" it seems necessary to confer baptism again conditionally, "the minister should explain beforehand the reasons" for this action.

These same regulations are repeated in the Code of Canon Law (845) and the 1993 Vatican Directory on Ecumenism (Nos. 94-95).

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Killing the killer does nothing to affirm life

2001 has already surfaced murders of an extraordinary kind: in the first week of January, Michael McDermott walked through Edgewater Technology in Wakefield, Mass., carrying an AK-47 assault rifle, shotgun and semiautomatic pistol. He proceeded to systematically murder six of his fellow-workers.

In the second week of the month, the "Texas 7" broke out of prison and have already killed one police officer in cold blood.

Radio talk shows have taken on these events as "hot stories" and most people calling in demand death for the killers. The major reason seems to be: "The bastards did this to innocent people. They don't deserve to live."

If I were counseling a jury who might be considering capital punishment in these cases, I would suggest:

1. Human life is a great and precious gift. It is a horrible reality when any human life is taken. Killing the killer only continues a spiral of destruction and does nothing positive to affirm the significance of every human life, even of those who society considers despicable in their behavior and actions.

2. The "right to life" is prima facie and this right is not at the disposition of any authority: i.e., society does not sustain the authority to claim that some human lives are worthy and good, while others are not. This type of positivistic thinking leads to the

Theology Today



By Father Gerald D. Coleman, SS

unwarranted situation where human life gets its meaning not from itself but from others.

3. Justice demands that victims of violent crimes receive the greatest care possible. Killing the killer only represents a sense of vengeance, while doing little or nothing to surround the family of victims with authentic compassion and support.

4. We already live in a "culture of death" where human life is often treated with little respect: e.g., pornographic use of children and women; disrespect for older people; violence; and terrorism. A readiness to kill is never a viable solution to our many social problems.

5. If we take away the life of one person who has done great evil, we de facto devalue all human life.

6. The Christian churches have supported the death penalty in many societies and even traditionally. This support was given, however, at times when society could not be adequately protected until criminals were executed. Our society has moved beyond this inadequacy and is now able to protect the common good by incarcerating for life those who have committed heinous crimes.

7. Life imprisonment rather than the death penalty accomplish many things: addresses the crime committed by restricting the freedom of the offender; defends the public order; ensures people's safety; and provides the possibility for the offender's self-rehabilitation.

8. A vote for killing is a vote to continue the cycle of violence. Our society has taken clear stances against violence in its many forms: e.g., terrorism; drug trafficking; exploitation of the weak; racial discrimination. A vote to kill any human being is a vote to continue and promote a "culture of death." Each one of us has the power and responsibility to end violence of any kind. A vote against the use of the death penalty is a right step in this direction.

Father Coleman is rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.

Readers Write

'Never give up'

Editor, the ICR:

Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss in a letter to the Diocese of Omaha, Neb., in September, is I think a very fine letter. I applaud his firm stand against abortion and proclaiming we are a pro-life church.

In his concluding remarks he said: "The Catholic Church is the main supporter of human life from conception to natural death in the world today. Despite public media which for the most part support abortion as the right of women over their own bodies without any concern for the rights of their pre-born babies—despite massive opposition from a multimillion dollar abortion industry which has Planned Parenthood as a front—despite Supreme Court decisions which continue to leave pre-born and partially-born babies vulnerable to painful deaths—we Catholics must not cease our efforts to declare abortion a moral blight and a national scandal. We must not

cease our efforts to confront the evil of abortion in our cities and neighborhoods. We must not cease our efforts to pray for an end to abortion on demand and the barbaric procedure called partial-birth abortion.

"If we are constant in our prayer and steadfast in our opposition to abortion privately and publicly—if we continue to make our case for the continuum of human life from conception until birth from the scientific evidence—if we continue to proclaim the sacredness of human life from the Scriptures and the long tradition of the church—then we will be able to change the minds and hearts of many people who are hesitant to grant inalienable rights to pre-born babies because of cultural pressure.

"We must never give up on this sacred crusade to protect innocent human life in the womb. If we grow tired of the struggle or want to be free of the hassle, then the culture of death will continue to spread across our nation. It is up to us to make the case for the rights of pre-born babies based on God's revelation to us about the sacredness of human life. It is a duty no Catholic can shirk."

Evelyn Montreuil
Dalton Gardens

Enjoyed Kituku

Editor, the ICR:

Just wanted to say I really enjoyed "We have to ask if we want to grow," by Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D. Please let him know when I was a teenager my foster brother was from Nairobi, Kenya.

I hope he (Dr. Kituku) writes more articles. This was so good. I love the Idaho Catholic Register and I am so thankful to receive it.

Josephine Davis
Kellogg

'Enkindle the fire'

Editor, the ICR:

They stood admiring the plush seating in the sanctuary and the beautiful statues and the Internet ports in every classroom. And Jesus said to them: Don't bother with all of that, it

crumbles to ashes, it is unimportant.

I think every parish needs a watch dog group whose only mission is to measure every expenditure against our Mission. If it doesn't help grow the kingdom of God and bring the Good News of Jesus to the world, it's extra baggage. Worse than useless.

Jesus proposes a teaching for us. Look at the birds of the air that neither sow, reap nor store up stuff. Holy Spirit is a

dove, a symbol of peace and contentment, and a bird. What's with birds? It costs them everything to fly. No excess baggage. Every part of their body is re-crafted from their ground dwelling ancestors for a single-minded purpose. They're no good on the ground anymore. Who of us has not dreamed of flying when we were children? So close to the kingdom—then.

How truly important is entering the kingdom to you or I, who eat His flesh and drink His

blood each week? Important enough to toss out our baggage and become remade, reborn from the ground up?

When will we as a parish become bold enough to let go of the fascination with computers that multiply like rabbits and the never-ending competition for more and more dollars in the collection plate?

Come Holy Spirit; enkindle in us the fire of your love!

Phil Auth
Berger

A 'yes' can make a difference

READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians

15:1-11

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11

I know that a great many people have dreamed dreams, but I wonder how many have actually seen visions?

Some dreams well up from our unconscious. They tell us something about ourselves. Others, such as Martin Luther King's, can powerfully sum up our deepest hopes and aspirations.

But dreams, no matter how valuable they may be, are not visions. They usually arise from within us; authentic visions come only from God. Isaiah's experience is a case in point. While praying in the temple one day, he saw God seated on a high and lofty throne and surrounded by a vast number of angels. The vision filled the temple. Profoundly moved, Isaiah cried out, *Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!*

Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?

Who will preach truth to the people and help them come to repentance? Who will form them in God's ways? Who will help to change a godless and selfish society?

Filled with a sense of his own unworthiness and consumed with repentance—yet knowing that he had been cleansed by the seraph—Isaiah placed himself at God's service. *Here I am... send me!*

The task at hand—conversion of an entire society and people—was overwhelming. Yet Isaiah was willing to do whatever he could. In doing this he became one of Judah's greatest prophets.

Simon and the other fishermen were faced

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

with the same divine invitation. These men considered themselves to be quite capable when it came to running fishing boats and handling nets. They understood the meaning of that miraculous catch of fish, as well as what Jesus was asking of them.

Their first response reminds me of Isaiah's *Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.* How could they—sinners as they were—do anything for God that He couldn't do better Himself? Do not be afraid, Jesus told them, *from now on you will be catching men.* Convinced that they fit into God's vision, they did the only thing possible for believers *they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.*

God addresses the same invitation to each of us. He wants us to share His vision of a transformed world, to bear witness to the truth and proclaim it as courageously as St. Paul did, and help to convert not just individuals but also our whole society.

Are we willing to be caught up in that vision? I hope so, because one little "yes" can make a difference. Enough of them can actually change the world.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

I Can't Squeeze You In, Lord

"Here am I, Lord, to do Thy Will."

Stuck in my mind, I hear it still;

A prayer in church Repeated by all—

Now we are home. Our house is small,

We need more room. Our car is old,

It's hard to start when it's cold.

We need new clothes, Our food is plain.

Again no vacation is planned. His raise is phased out,

Our bills are due. Too many things

We have to do. Yet in my heart

It whispers still: "Here am I, Lord, to do Thy Will."

By Marie Buckley Fish
St. George's Parish
Post Falls

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person. The *Idaho Catholic Register* will publish prayer groups on a "space-available" basis.

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's Church

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests
Every Thursday at 7 p.m.

Feb. 11: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary

Latin Mass according to the 1962 missal, 5 p.m.
Father John O' Sullivan, celebrant

Feb. 11: EMMETT, Sacred Heart

Marriage Day at the 9 a.m. Mass, renewal of marriage vows, preaching on marriage, and praying for parish families

Feb. 12: COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius

Catholic Daughters Our Lady of the Lake, Court No. 1447, St. Thomas Center, 7 p.m., Valentine social. Bring Valentine for your "prayer sister." Plan book review. Hostesses, Joyce Pelisier, Elizabeth Smith, Rae Tardini, Mary Callahan

Feb. 15-18: GENESEE, St. Mary's

Men's North Idaho Cursillo

Febrero 16-19: NAMPA

Hombres Cursillo

El Secretariado Diocesano de la Diócesis de Boise esta organizando dos Cursillos en el área de Nampa y Caldwell

Febrero 22-25: CALDWELL

Mujeres Cursillo

Feb. 16-19: NAMPA

Men's Cursillo

Feb. 22-25: CALDWELL

Women's Cursillo

Feb. 22-25: GENESEE, St. Mary's

Women's North Idaho Cursillo. For information on both weekends and candidate and sponsor forms write to: P.O. Box 2205, Lewiston, ID 83501 or website: fritterweb.com/decolores. Call Tom Aram 208-743-6456

Feb. 16-19: POCATELLO, Men's Cursillo

Jim Montoya, 238-1867 or Jerry Downey, 234-1016. Palanca c/o John Murphy, 29 Cedar Hills Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204

Feb. 24: BOISE, FIRE Rally, Bank America Ctr.

Catch Fire Returns to Idaho, Front Street and Capitol Boulevard, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets \$15, students \$5. Call Kathy Hunt, 208-286-7496 or make checks payable to Bethany House, c/o Roger and Linda Graefe, 1005 Beachwood Dr., Boise, Id, 83709. Speakers are: Sister Ann Shields, SGL, Ralph Martin, Rev. Michael Scanlan, TOR, Rev. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Feb. 24-25: POCATELLO, St. Anthony's

Mardi Gras International Food Fair, 504 N. 7th Ave. and Wyeth, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment, food and beverage at moderate prices. For information, Call Tony or Dorothy Frangesh, 238-7502

Mar. 1-4: POCATELLO, Women's Cursillo

Helene Stafford, 238-8033 or Sandi Lenker, 234-1466. Palanca c/o Ann Delmastro, 2670 Homestead Ln., Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Mar. 3: BOISE, Sacred Heart School

Dinner, Dance, Auction, "Treasure Island," Boise Centre on the Grove. Tickets \$30 per person. Information: Diane Hickox, 342-7695, Sheryl Vaterlaus, 344-9738

Mar. 10: GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul

Sts. Peter & Paul School Chocolate Fantasy, Grangeville Elk's Lodge, 6 p.m. Tickets, \$10 available at Kate's Hallmark, Melinda's Fabrics, Sts. Peter & Paul School, 983-2182 (must be 21 years or older to attend)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy

Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church

First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI, Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles-South, Adoration Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA, St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO, Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 —9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT, St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass
COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD, St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL, St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOISE, Sacred Heart: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOISE, St. Mark's: Second and Fifth Thurs.,

Correction on F.I.R.E. Rally story

The telephone number and e-mail address listed in the story in the last ICR about the Feb. 24 FIRE Rally at the Bank of America Center and Owyhee Plaza, Boise, were incorrect.

The correct number and email address are: (208) 870-1299 and pbaker@bonvoyagelt.com.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Feb. 3: Boise, Boise Centre on the Grove, St. Joseph School Annual Crab Feed/Auction, 7 p.m.

Feb. 4: Boise, St. Marks Parish, Pastoral Visit, Masses 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Feb. 6: Boise, Bishop's Residence, Meeting with newly ordained priests, 1 p.m.

Feb. 7: Boise, DPC, Diocesan Pastoral Staff Lunch/Building Meeting, noon

Feb. 8: Boise, All Saints Episcopal Church, Interfaith Religious Leaders Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Feb. 10: Caldwell, Blessing & Dedication of St. Alphonsus Cancer Treatment Center, 2 p.m.

Feb. 10: Boise, St. Marks Parish, Pastoral Visit, Mass 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 11: Boise, St. Marks Parish, Pastoral Visit, Masses 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)

Feb. 12: Boise, DPC, Bishop's Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m.

Feb. 12-13: Boise, DPC, Priest Personnel Commission, noon to noon

Feb. 13: Boise, Bishop's Residence, Idaho Catholic Legislators Social, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Feb. 14: Boise, DPC, Blessing of Our Lady of Grace statue, gift from Legion of Mary

Feb. 15-16: Menlo Park, CA, St. Patrick's Seminary, Bishops/Vocation Directors Meeting

Feb. 17: Boise, Sacred Heart Parish, Hallissey Tournament Mass, 7 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the first part of February:

Feb. 2, 2000 Rev. Xavier Aresseril
Feb. 5, 1935 Rev. Francis J. Ogle
Feb. 7, 1998 Rev. Robert Grant

Nazareth Schedule

Feb. 7 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
Feb. 9-11 Marriage Encounter, Keith and Therese Gerard, 208-344-7913
Feb. 12-16 LIMEX Facilitator Training
Feb. 14 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
Feb. 15 Idaho Power
Feb. 16 St. Alphonsus Mission Services
Feb. 16-18 Sweet Adelines-TVSC
Feb. 21 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
Feb. 23-25 S.U.F.I. Prayer and Dance
Feb. 28 Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue
Mar. 1-2 Idaho Power
Mar. 2-4 Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862
Mar. 8-9 Co-Ad, Inc.
Mar. 9-11 St. Mark's Parent-Teen Retreat
Mar. 16-17 Diocesan Pastoral Council
Mar. 16-17 Vineyard Christian Fellowship

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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- * *Fatima / Lourdes / Santiago de Compostela* with Fr. Raul Covarrubias ~ September
- * *Betania, Venezuela* with Fr. John Donoghue ~ November

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St. Edward's, Twin Falls, celebrates 18 years of Eucharistic Adoration

TWIN FALLS—The 18th anniversary celebration for the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls was praise and jubilation to God for all His blessings.

More than 200 parishioners, many of which devote an hour a week at the chapel, gathered recently for Mass, Benediction and a reception. Father Ernest Anderson, Father Dominic, Nguyen and Father Perry Dodds presided at the Mass with deacons Lloyd LeClair and John McKinley, Jr.

Father Dodds, who established Eucharistic Adoration at the parish in 1982 when he was pastor, told the congregation that they will never know all the blessings that have poured forth from the chapel. When the parish was considering Adoration, Father Dodds said there were two conditions that were essential. First, adoration had to be perpetual. "Anything less would be token," he said. Secondly, once perpetual adoration started, quitting was not an option.

At the Mass, George Shannon and John Kalange gave heartfelt testimonials. Shannon, an initiator of the chapel,

described some of the trials he has faced since the perpetual adoration began, including a time of doubts and rejection of many of the church's teachings. Through it all, Shannon and his wife, Betty, have devoted two hours a week in the chapel.

"I am convinced that the constancy of the Eucharist and the power of prayer helped me to allow the Lord's love and truth to be re-established in my heart," he said.

The reception followed with praise and worship music from the Evangelization Ministry, coordinated by Paul and Roberta Reynolds. An elegant liturgical dance helped highlight the evening. Among those in attendance were the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) candidates and catechumens.

Later, Catholic authors Ronnie Cano and Phil Hofstetter of Salt Lake City spoke about God's awesome ways and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

At the podium, two angels painted and donated to the parish by artist Dianne Van Dloe framed the speakers.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—Phil Hofstetter, right, demonstrates an example of the Holy Trinity by having RCIA candidates Virginia Enriquez, left, Stacie Kubosumi, and Teresa Rogers unite the flames of their candles. (Photo by Andy Arenz)

St. Maries Catholics start grotto restoration project

ST. MARIES—St. Mary Immaculate parishioners, St. Maries, will start a grotto restoration project in April for their patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The grotto is located outside in front of the church. Plans are underway to enclose the two side walls and the wall behind the statue of Our Lady with bricks matching those on the church building. Plans also call for extending a lighted arch over the statue to match the design of the upper window in front of the church, cleaning and repairing the statue of Our Lady and enclosing it with Plexiglas to protect it from the elements. The estimated cost of this project is \$10,000.

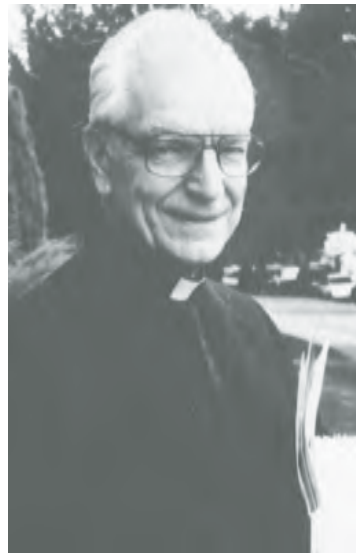
The fundraising committee is asking for monetary help and prayer support in making

this project successful. There will be an engraved plaque placed on the parish property, listing the names of those who contribute \$100 or more.

Donors have the option of designating one of three ways they wish to have their contribution applied:

1. Donation with no plaque inscription;
2. Family acknowledgement (*ex.: The Brown Family*); or
3. A memorial (*ex.: In memory of Jane Brown*).

Make checks payable to Grotto Restoration Project, in care of Kelly Pugh, 2224 Center Ave., St. Maries, ID 83861. A receipt will be issued upon request. For more information contact Pugh, 245-3527.



Father Armond Nigro, SJ

Father Nigro to present Wallace mission

WALLACE—Father Armond Nigro, SJ, who taught philosophy and theology for 40 years at Seattle University, Gonzaga University, Spokane, and three years in Africa, will present a mission at St. Alphonsus Parish, Wallace, Feb. 12-15.

"God's Loving Presence in Us" is the theme and focus for the mission.

Father Nigro will celebrate Mass each morning at 8 a.m. and give conferences at 7 p.m. each evening.

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BRIEFS

Saint Alphonsus pharmacist is Idaho's only board certified oncology pharmacist

BOISE—Jim Byron, who helped open the Saint Alphonsus Cancer Treatment Center in 1992, has received credentials as the only board certified oncology pharmacist in Idaho.

Byron recently passed the Oncology Board Certification Examination, which is designed to identify pharmacy practitioners who demonstrate specialized education, experience, knowledge and skills in their particular fields.

The 1978 Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, Pocatello, graduate serves as the lead pharmacist in Saint Alphonsus Cancer treatment Center's pharmacy. He joined Saint Alphonsus in 1980.

There are about 200 board certified oncology pharmacists in the U.S.

Coeur d'Alene Catholic Daughters plan Valentine Social

COEUR D'ALENE—The Catholic Daughters, Our Lady of the Lake, Court No. 1447, are planning a Valentine Social Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Center, Coeur d'Alene.

Members are asked to bring Valentines for their prayer sisters.

Open house, panel on international adoptions slated for Feb. 7 at Boise Library

BOISE—Merrily Ripley of Adoption Advocates Int. (AAI) along with Lutheran Social Services of Boise, Idaho will hold an Adoption Open House Feb. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the auditorium of the main branch of the Boise Public Library, 715 Capitol Boulevard, Boise.

Anyone interested in International adoption is invited to attend.

AAI is a non-profit, non-denominational adoption agency with over 25 years experience in adoption located in Port Angeles, Washington with local contacts in Boise. AAI specializes in International adoptions from China, Ethiopia, Thailand, India, Romania, Bulgaria and Vietnam.

Ripley will explain requirements for each country and answer questions regarding International Adoptions. There will also be a panel of adoptive parents who have used AAI including Steve and Jean Longbottom and Alan and Pixie Bosch, both from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise. The Longbottoms have two adopted daughters, Kaitlin from Thailand and Ann from China. The Bosch used AAI to adopt their daughter Reilly from China.

"Kaitlin and Ann are the greatest gift that we could ever know," said the Longbottoms. "We thank God for them everyday."

Jean Longbottom, 384-5444, is the local contact for AAI.

Idaho Falls Knights of Columbus Council No. 1663 to sponsor Mardi Gras Winterball

IDAHO FALLS—Knights of Columbus Council 1663, Christ the King and 11841, Holy Rosary will sponsor the 5th Annual Catholic Community Winterball 2001.

The dinner-dance will take place Feb. 24 at Christ the King Parish Center, 1690 East 17th Street, Idaho Falls. Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner catered by BJ's Bayou's at 7 p.m. Menu choices include a Mardi Gras platter, chicken rochambeau or prime rib. Music provided by the 45 RPM band.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Tickets may be purchased at either church or from Mount Carmel Bookstore. For seating reservations call John Painter, 529-0497.

Instructor to offer NFP classes at Holy Trinity Church, Nezperce

NEZPERCE—Michelle Koepf will offer Natural Family Planning classes in February at Holy Trinity Church, 505 Willow Street, Nezperce. Koepf is a member of Holy Trinity.

The classes are designed for engaged or married couples who are searching for a healthy method of avoiding or achieving pregnancy. The instruction is "very much in keeping with God's divine law of marriage for all couples," Koepf said.

"Classes are in depth, very enlightening and can be used and practiced under any situation," she said. "No artificial means are used. Couples simply learn what is already present in themselves. When taught and used properly, NFP is 98 percent effective."

The classes, which are a satellite program of Sacred Heart Medical Center, Spokane, consist of three sessions taught once a month for three consecutive months. Cost is \$65.

Exact dates have not yet been set. Call (208) 937-2325 for more information or to register.

Buhl Knights honor Evelyn Assendrup family

BUHL—The Evelyn Assendrup family was honored by the Buhl Council of the Knights of Columbus as the Immaculate Conception Parish January "Family-of-the-Month."

Evelyn was born in Beardsley, Minn., in 1915. She moved to Idaho with her parents when she was 8 years old. Her father farmed south of Twin Falls where they were very active in the community church. She was an accomplished pianist and was the musician for the church for many years. She also composed a number of original compositions for the piano.

She married Ralph Assendrup on Oct. 31, 1934. Evelyn must have known that life with Ralph would be an adventure when their honeymoon trip took them to Indiana. They picked up two new cars in Detroit and drove back to Idaho through blizzards. The Assendrups celebrated 65 years of marriage before Ralph's death last June. They had four children: Gary (deceased) (Jody); Jeanne McClung (Larry), Longview, Texas; Karen Hay (Bob), Fremont, N.H., and Bill (Carmen) of Buhl.



Lindsey Darline Dehl

Soda Springs teen to compete

SODA SPRINGS—Lindsey Darline Dehl, a member of Good Shepherd Parish, Soda Springs, was recently selected finalist for Idaho's 21st Annual Homecoming Queen Selection, which will take place April 28-29 at the Salt Lake City Airport Hilton, Salt Lake City.

Dehl, daughter of Curtis Dehl, Soda Springs, and Barbara Dehl, Nampa, is the Soda Springs High School homecoming queen.

Idaho's 2001 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the national finals to compete with queens from other states for America's Homecoming Queen. America's Homecoming Queen, Inc., is a nonprofit organization that promotes education, educational travel and nonviolence in schools in all 50 states.

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Evelyn has 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Evelyn was very involved in community functions including 4-H and various women's clubs, but still had time to care for her family. She was an excellent seamstress, cook, and most of all a wonderful friend to all. Both she and Ralph were members of the Filer Grange and the Cedar Draw Grange.

Evelyn recalls the Cedar Draw ladies performing a waltz drill that they choreographed and performed at the national convention.

Evelyn and Ralph volunteered many hours to community organizations and youth groups calling square dances. She can recall one six-week period in the 50's when they were home only one Sunday night. The rest of the time they were involved in calling square dances throughout the West End and beyond.

They moved to Buhl in 1959

and opened the Farmers Realty Office below the Farmer's National Bank. The name of the office changed in 1972 to Clear Lakes Agency. She also sold World Book encyclopedias at the same time because she felt so strongly that children needed reference books in their homes.

She became an organist for the Immaculate Conception Church in 1967 and continued for approximately 20 years. She was also a member of the Buhl Council of Catholic Women. She played piano in the scaled down Bohemian group consisting of Tom Tverdy, Sr., and Rudy Severa and played for weddings, birthday parties or wherever music was needed.

After having her second knee surgery in 1996, Evelyn would use her walker to get to the hospital area with the piano and entertain the patients on that floor. Evelyn has always been strength to her family and the parish.



Deacon Len and Peg Trueworthy

Trueworthy renew vows for 50th anniversary

COEUR D'ALENE—Deacon Len and Peg Trueworthy celebrated 50 years of marriage with a renewal of their vows at St. Pius X Church, Coeur d'Alene.

The renewal of vows took place at the 5 p.m. vigil Mass Jan. 6 and was witnessed by Deacon Gary McSwain. Father Roger LaChance gave the couple the church's blessing. A potluck anniversary party followed in the packed church hall.

Len and Peg were married Jan. 1, 1951, in Butte, Mont. They are the parents of Terri Lemieux, Chuck and Jim Trueworthy and grandparents of Katie Trueworthy, Nicole and Phillip Lemieux.

Out of town guests included Marian Simmons, Wayne and Dorothy Gagsbey, and Clair and Virginia DeWitt from Butte, Mont.; Peggy's sister Betty Delgado, and Len's sister Ruth Sylvain, and granddaughter Nicole from California.

Deacon Trueworthy was ordained May 25, 1985, in the Sacramento Diocese. The couple moved to Coeur d'Alene in 1998. The Trueworthys direct the home visitation program at St. Pius X Parish.

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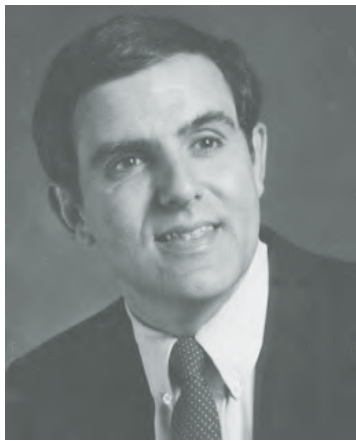
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Bishop Kelly High launches principal search

BOISE—David Lachiondo, Ph.D., Bishop Kelly High School principal, has announced his resignation effective at the end of the school year.

The school, in cooperation with the Diocese of Boise, has launched an aggressive search for a replacement for Lachiondo, who has served as principal of Idaho's only Catholic high school for 12 years.

Father James Wilson, a former Bishop Kelly principal, is chairing the search committee. Bob Sobotta, diocesan coordinator of Catholic schools is a member of the committee, and Jack Craven, diocesan director of education is serving as



Dr. David Lachiondo a consultant to the committee. "Dave Lachiondo has made an enormous and lasting contri-

bution to Bishop Kelly High School," said Dennis Gribble, Bishop Kelly Board of Trustees president. "We are certainly sorry to see him leave, but we are heartened by the fact that he leaves the school in outstanding shape with a great tradition that includes academic excellence, a commitment to spiritual growth, community and personal service and success in athletics and the arts."

Lachiondo said he is proud to have contributed to the growth and development of "Idaho's finest private high school."

"It's been a great job, working with great people at a great

school, but I firmly believe change is a catalyst for renewal, and it is time to move to new and different challenges," he said.

Father Wilson said the timing of Lachiondo's announcement gives the committee ample time to conduct a thorough search for the next principal.

"Our goal will be to attract an outstanding educator who is committed to the values and growth of Bishop Kelly High School," said Father Wilson. "It is a very attractive position at a great school, and I know we will find a worthy successor to Dave who can take the school to its next level of growth and

excellence."

Bishop Kelly offers a comprehensive educational experience to about 700 Catholic and non-Catholic students from its campus in west Boise. The school's mission is to develop the whole person—physically, mentally and spiritually. The school was founded in 1965.

In recent years, more than 90 percent of the school's graduates have attended accredited colleges. BK's athletic teams have won more than a dozen state championships in the last six years.

For more information about Bishop Kelly, go to the website: www.bk.org.

Orofino parish plans Valentine's Mexican Dinner

OROFINO—St. Theresa's Parish will host its annual Valentine's Night Out Mexican Dinner Feb. 10 in the Little Flower Room.

Chef Jo Moore and her crew will offer a full-course South of the Border meal from 6 to 8 p.m.

The menu will include appetizers, Albóndigas (meatball) soup, taco bar, enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans,

dessert and beverage.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 12 years, and families, \$30.

Proceeds from the Valentine affair will go towards paying for lodging at youth camp. The fifth annual camp at Three Meadows will take place in June.

To make reservations for eight or more, call Jo Moore, 476-7570.



VALENTINE'S NIGHT OUT—Jo Moore, left, and Ethel Kaufmann, St. Theresa's Parish, Orofino, invite the community to the annual Valentine's Night Out Mexican Dinner Feb. 10 in the Little Flower Room from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cochrans, Salmon, mark 50th anniversary

SALMON—The children of Maurice and Betty (Sheppard) Cochran will honor their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Salmon Elks Lodge Feb. 3 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The couple requests no gifts.

The Cochrans were married Feb. 3, 1951 at St. Charles Church, Salmon, by Father Thomas Lafey.

The couple has lived in Salmon ever since.

Betty spent 18 years as a high school homemaking teacher in Miles City, Mont., and in Salmon.

Maury was formerly a boys' baseball coach as well as a certified football referee. He held offices in the Chamber of Commerce, Elks and Parent Teachers Association. Presently he is a lector at St. Charles Parish.

Since retirement, Maury has appeared several times at the Salmon River Playhouse and has participated in the adult reading program. He also helped organize the Senior Golf League and still enjoys it.

The Cochrans raised four children and they have six grandchildren.



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What are the fruits of Catholic education?

St. Paul's School, Nampa My walk with Christ

I probably started to get more into faith when I started to go here at St. Paul's (Nampa), a Catholic school.

I don't get in trouble as much as I did at my old school. I don't cause as much.

I think this school has taught me a lot. I learn how to look up verses in the Bible, and now I even read the Bible once in a while. I think the school and the Bible have helped me a lot in my life. And I am thinking of becoming a deacon when I grow up.

I know God is watching over me because he gave me a family to live with and a home to live in. So I try to pay him back by praying, being an altar server and going to church every Sunday.

The used to whine and say I don't want to go to church. But now that I know God has given me a lot of things I don't whine anymore.

My family has changed a lot. We say grace before we eat now and my family says the rosary every night now. I thank God for everything he has given me.

Luis Granados, 6th grade
First Place

Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest

Sacred Heart School, Boise



THANK YOU LORD—Students and staff at Sacred Heart School, gather as a community each Monday morning to pray and worship the Lord. We begin the week with a prayer service and end the week with the Holy Eucharist. The prayer service provides students and staff

with an opportunity to ask the Lord to watch over us through our weekly activities, and the Mass on Friday provides students, staff and parents a chance to say thank you for all the gifts bestowed upon us, especially being able to have a Catholic education.

St. Mark's School, Boise



BUDDIES—The mission of a Catholic school is to emphasize intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical, and social values in students. The fulfillment of that mission is evident at St. Mark's School, Boise. Here, Toni Simmons, first grade, foreground, listens as her eighth grade buddy, Julie Meeks, reads to her. In the background, Elyse Whitesides, eighth grade, helps her first grade buddy, Mandy Carlson, with a project. (Photo by Rena Van Paepghem)

Saint Edward's School community celebrates families, vocations

TWIN FALLS—Catholic Schools Week gave students, parents and staff at St. Edward's Catholic School, Twin Falls, some good opportunities to celebrate the reasons they feel blessed because of their school.

The teachers sent home a banner for each family to decorate celebrating their family. Each family was asked to include photos, drawings or hobbies to represent themselves. The hallways are now adorned with these banners.

St. Edward's invited former Catholic school students to visit and share some of their memories of Catholic schools with

St. Edward's students.

The school also hosted a "Vocation Day." Priests, monks and nuns from the area went to the school to share about their lives with the children.

St. Nicholas School students, Rupert, traveled to Twin Falls Jan. 31 to share in a Children's Mass, lunch and fellowship.

On Friday, singer, composer and youth speaker, Jesse Manibusan, performed in concert for the students and brought them his message of love for the Catholic Church and the importance of knowing Jesus.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION — St. Nicholas School students Bronson Miller, Max Sanders, Taylee Miller, Alex Ruiuz and Landon Barnes look through some hymn books at St. Nicholas Church, Rupert. Their school

joined other Catholic schools in Idaho and throughout the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. St. Nicholas did everything from holding special Masses to overseeing a school carnival. (MCN photo by Lisa Dayley)



'SAINTS'—St. Edward's School students, Twin Falls, show off the costumes they wore for All Saints Day in November. They are from left, Midauti Lezamiz, Ashton Meeks and

Gabriela Rodriguez. The students were invited to dress as their favorite saint and share something about the life of that person with others.

Bishop Kelly High School— 'a counter cultural force'

By Camille Cooper
For the ICR

BOISE—Everyday at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, students discuss their faith freely. They pray for each other proudly. They define themselves by the morals they practice—and learn—at the state's only Catholic high school.

Administrators, coaches, teachers and students feel sure they are getting something special by choosing to work and learn in a Catholic school. Here are some of the "fruits" of Catholic education as described by a principal, a coach, a teacher and three students.

Dave Lachiondo, principal and father of two Bishop Kelly students:

The counter culture bombards our young people on a daily basis with values that are harmful, shallow and sinful. We can be a counter-cultural force for things like social justice, sexual morality, addiction and a general weakening in respect for human life.

As a father of two Bishop Kelly students, I know my daughters have learned a lot about English, about science and about math. But I'm most proud of their moral development. At Bishop Kelly, they have learned strong values.

Courtney Badgley, BK senior considering Notre Dame for college:

I've benefited from the strong sense of community at Bishop Kelly. I get a lot of time and attention from my teachers. That's helped my personal growth. Here,

I know I share a Catholic background with my teachers and other students.

Tim Brennan, BK coach and graduate:

We all go to Mass before football games. It brings the team together and it's something we do together that other teams don't. And if there is a tragedy at our school, on the field or off, we can respond in a spiritual way.

Joanne Gunther, BK teacher and parent:

Here, we live and work in an environment where we are able to express and practice our faith. As a teacher, when I deal with students I can approach it from a Christian perspective, not simply a legal one. I don't have to abandon my personal beliefs.

Max Batt, BK senior who attended public school for nine years:

Here, we are free to talk about many different views about life. I can talk about things here that I couldn't in public school. For instance, we could not debate evolution in public school.

Nathan Murphy, BK student and sophomore class officer:

Faith is an integral part of me, and it is very important that my education be in an environment where faith is encouraged and promoted. Here, the school takes time during the day to teach students about their faith. I also get a quality general education. What more could I want?



ALL SCHOOL MASS—Bishop Michael Driscoll and Father James Wilson work as partners with Bishop Kelly campus ministers to create a prayerful environment during the all-school Mass.

Holy Family School, Coeur d'Alene

FAITH IN ACTION—Daily the educational experience at Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, encourages students to put their faith into action. These opportunities not only enhance learning, but also emphasize an ethic of service so students realize the importance of being "life giving" to their community. This school year at Advent, the children collected and donated food to give to the three local parishes—St. Pius X, St. Thomas, Coeur d'Alene, and St. George's, Post Falls—for use in Christmas baskets for their parish outreach programs. Also, during Catholic Schools Week, each individual class will focus on a community outreach project of their choosing, such as visiting and reading to the residents of nursing homes and collecting baby items needed for the local Birthright organization. (Photo by Mary Stewart)

(See "Catholic Schools Week," page 16)



St. Joseph's School, Boise



SHARING—The fruits of a Catholic education are sharing talents and being friends. Katie Talboy, left, and Jessica Aldecoa, right, St. Joseph School, Boise, Fifth graders, help their kindergarten buddy, Madeleine Kirshisnik.



Moscow has seen fruits of Catholic education 92 years

MOSCOW—Moscow, Idaho, has received the fruits of Catholic education for over 92 years.

As the home of the Ursuline Academy and later St. Mary's School, the roots of Catholic education go deep. Catholic students have made their mark in Moscow and around the world since the early 1900's.

The Ursuline Sisters started the first school in Moscow in 1908. Later, when the Ursuline Academy closed in 1956, St. Mary's School provided a strong Catholic education in Moscow. Staffed at first by Ursuline Sisters, it has now evolved to a parish school staffed by lay teachers and an Ursuline principal.

Currently, St. Mary's has 185 students in grades P through 6. It serves both Catholic and non-Catholic families. Parents and community members also volunteer and help make the school a vibrant part of the Moscow community.

Many distinguished alumni, named and unnamed have gradu-

ated from these schools including, Father Jeremy Driscoll, Sam Butterfield, A.J. Marineau, William Mills, Sr., and Mary Williamson Easum. Many businesses in Moscow are either run by or employ former St. Mary's students, such as Moscow Insurance, Papineau Insurance, Latah County Title Company, Bennett Real Estate, Moscow Florists, Tri-State Distributors, the University of Idaho and Redinger Schools working there.

We have lots to celebrate at St. Mary's School in Moscow, along with thousands of Catholic schools in America. From academics to the arts, from the altar to athletics, St. Mary's is a special school that ministers to the "whole" child. It is the Spirit of God that animates us, and because God's Spirit is at work in our school, the education that we confer is eternally significant to our students... and that's the reason enough to celebrate.

If St. Mary's School is the trunk of a tree, then its roots are

faith, community, the parish, the school families, and friendship. Because of these strong roots, branches of almsgiving, prayer and service are giving fruit.

The fruits that show that God's Spirit is pervading our school are our joyful celebrations, prayers for each other, the poor, the sick, the needy and our neighbors. The fruits of almsgiving have been seen in the children, parents and alumni giving of their time, talent, treasure to help our community, our school and those in need.

The fruits of service can be seen in the leadership of graduates and students, the responsibility and caring for each other, and the role models for justice, such as Sister Margaret Johnson, that we have in our school.



SPIRIT AND TRADITION—Representing St. Mary's School family, Moscow, are from left, Jeff Helbling, former student, entrepreneur and parent volunteer, Josh and Jake Helbling, first and second grade students, Marissa and Mackenzie Payton, first and fourth grade, Evelyn Grassl, former student, retired Moscow business owner and lunchroom volunteer, and Diane Payton, school secretary and parent volunteer.



PUPPETRY—Puppeteer Bruce Chesse, Portland, Ore., works with Sts. Peter and Paul School second grader Benjamin Seloske and his puppet.

Grangeville school focuses on arts, cultural experiences

GRANGEVILLE—Internationally recognized puppeteer Bruce Chesse, Portland, Ore., worked with students at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Grangeville in mid January.

Chesse operates the Oregon Puppet Theater and works with all age groups and with special education and gifted and talented students.

The Artist-In-Residence Program provides students with hands-on experiences with art forms and artists that are otherwise unavailable to them. Due to the relatively remote setting, Sts. Peter & Paul School is missing the greater variety of

art and cultural experiences that can usually be found in more urban settings.

Chesse taught SPPS students the history of puppetry. He demonstrated how it is used as a form of personal expression.

Each student created their own puppet and then worked with other students to write and perform a short play.

The week-long program concluded Jan. 19 with an open house and puppet performance where all SPPS students were able to display their artistic efforts. Parents, family and friends gathered to watch creativity in the making!

Jesus is students' role model

POCATELLO—St. Anthony's Catholic Community School Principal Stephen Anderson is a firm believer that "religion plays an important part in a child's development."

The children are provided with a role model when they can talk about Jesus and God, he said.

In our Catholic school we are able to "build on what parents are teaching at home," said Anderson.

He said St. Anthony's School, by its nature, is able to provide the kind of schooling that parents who enroll their children there are seeking. Parents want not only a good education for their children, but a religious foundation that teaches children values and the difference between right and wrong, he said.

"We try to surround the kids with a solid Christian value system," said Anderson.

Holy Rosary School reflects on values

IDAHO FALLS—The students and staff of Holy Rosary Bi-Parish School, Idaho Falls, celebrated National Catholic Schools Week with a variety of activities.

The activities gave the Holy Rosary Bi-Parish School family the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the spiritual values of their school and to thank the pastors of the parishes for their support.

The school staff held an open house at the school the weekend of Jan. 20-21.

The students began Catholic Schools Week with Parents Night Out, an overnight sleepover for students PS through sixth grade. Swimming at the local pool, movies and a variety of activities

were planned. The event ended with breakfast on Saturday morning.

The sixth grade leadership group planned a week of activities that included many members of the community. Sixth grade leaders lectured at the 10:30 Sunday morning liturgy, and the school choir sang at Mass.

Monday was Community Day. The sixth graders delivered cookies to the neighbors in the homes surrounding the school. Each bag was decorated by a student and included a handwritten note.

Tuesday, in celebration of Student Day, the students competed with each other in floor hockey and crab soccer games. The cafeteria provided a special dessert.

Wednesday, there was a school

Mass and a treasure hunt. Volunteers were honored on Thursday with a luncheon catered in the cafeteria. The students created table decorations during a Family Activity the previous week. Each class provided a thank you note to the volunteers who help in their classrooms.

Friday was Teacher Appreciation Day. Students and parents were encouraged to send notes to teachers. The students celebrated with a PJ day and a movie in their classroom. The day concluded with the school carnival sponsored by Holy Rosary Home and School Association.

Lewiston school emphasizes social teaching

LEWISTON—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, has placed special emphasis on the principles of Catholic social teaching during the year of 2000-2001.

Solidarity—During Advent, the student council and teachers planned a day of retreat centered on the South American Christmas tradition of the Posada. The retreat emphasized the Catholic social teaching of "we are one human family, whatever our... differences." During the year all grades are studying Spanish and exploring the culture, geography and traditions of South America.

Call to Family, Community and Participation—The Advent retreat placed the students into "families" of students of all ages. The older students worked with the younger students demonstrating "human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community." The day's activities focused on working together in prayer, study and action.

Two Korean students have spent time in the fourth grade classroom. Sang Soo Kim and Haejun Min participate in classroom activities and share their culture with the fourth graders. The fourth graders have worked together and played together.



FULLFILLMENT IN COMMUNITY—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School sixth grader Nick Hansenoehrl, Lewiston, standing, helps kindergartners Andrew Dodge and Alex Brouillard while Curtis Becker, fourth grade, observes.

The fourth graders have learned some Korean words and the Korean boys have improved their English.

The 6th grade students are studying and comparing the Jewish/Christian communities. They are learning about the roots of the main religions of the world.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person—Throughout the year St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School celebrates the "life

and dignity" of each student in our school. Each child is honored during the year for the gifts of the spirit we see reflected in their life. We celebrate these gifts on a monthly basis during a student Mass.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable—Each class selects a service project during the year. In addition, students are asked to do volunteer work in their church, family or community.

St. Mary's Hospital named once again as nation's Top 100

COTTONWOOD—St. Mary's Hospital (SMH), Cottonwood, was recently named by the HCIA Sachs Institute as one of the nation's top 100 hospitals. SMH was awarded this honor in 1995 and received a regional Top 100 award in 1999. It is the only Idaho hospital to receive this award for the year 2000.

St. Mary's is a 28-bed Catholic hospital, which retains close ties to the Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, original founders of the hospital. Since 1989, the facility has been a member of the Benedictine Health System, based in Duluth Minn. BHS is a member of the Catholic Health System.

"Our employees, board members and patients deserve credit for being singled out once again for this honor," said Casey Uhling, chief executive officer. "Only 20 hospitals of 99 beds or less across the nation were named to the Top 100 list, and every individual who works at our hospital, every person we see as a patient and every one who contributes in any way can be very proud of being recognized as one of the best in the nation."

The HCIA Sachs Institute, based in Evanston, Ill., is part of a research and education firm dedicated to the improvement of the health care industry through improved information. They conduct studies and publish research reports that explore the impact of legislation, new technologies and clinical breakthroughs on the health care industry.

This is the eighth year they have designated the Top 100 Hospitals using seven overall

measures from Medicare MedPAR claims including risk-adjusted mortality indexes, severity adjusted length of stay, profitability, proportion of outpatient revenue and productivity. The awards are given in five different categories, based on size. St. Mary's is designated as a small community hospital with fewer than 99 beds.

According to HCIA Sachs, industry-wide, hospitals experienced the biggest drop in profits since 1993.

"In spite of this fact, the 100 Top benchmark hospitals maintained significantly higher profitability than their peers, treated more difficult cases and achieved better overall outcomes," said their announcement letter. "If all U.S. hospitals were to perform at the level of the 100 top benchmark hospitals, expenses would decline an estimated \$12 billion, resulting in lower health care costs and savings to Americans."

"The top 100 Hospitals study truly highlights those institutions with superior management teams who can operate well under very adverse conditions while providing high quality care to their communities on a consistent basis," said Jean Chenoweth, executive director of the HCIA Sachs Institute. Sixty-three percent of this year's Top 100 Hospitals have been named to the list more than once. Only one hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, has been on the list for all eight years. The results from this year's study was published in the Dec. 11 issue of Modern Healthcare Magazine.



BISHOPS ON RETREAT—The bishops of the Northwest, Region XII, were recently on retreat at Picture Rocks Retreat Center, Tucson, Ariz. Pictured here with Idaho's Bishop Mike Driscoll, left, are standing, Bishop William Skylstad, Diocese of Spokane, Auxiliary Bishop George Thomas, Seattle, Archbishop Alex Brunett, Seattle, Father Robert Barron, Mundelein College, Chicago, Ill., who

served as retreat master, Bishop Francis Hurley, Anchorage, Archbishop John Vlazny, Portland, Auxiliary Bishop Roger Schweitz, Anchorage, and Bishop Robert Vasa, Baker; seated from left, Bishop Thomas Connolly, retired, Baker, Ore., Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, retired, Seattle, and Bishop Anthony Milone, Great Falls/Billings. Not shown is Bishop Michael Warfel, Juneau, Alaska.

Sister Ellen Taylor, CSC, to serve as pastoral associate

LEWISTON—Sister Ellen Taylor, Congregation of Sisters of the Holy Cross, was welcomed at a brunch and shower following the 10:30 a.m. Mass Jan. 21 at St. James, Lewiston, as the parish's new pastoral associate.

She received many gifts to help turn her apartment into a home.

Father Dick Haldane, pastor, said Sister Taylor's work is already benefiting the parish and helping to even out his workload.

Sister Taylor was born in Paris, Bear Lake County, Idaho. Her early years in the

convent were spent as a teacher and principal in several different schools. Then she went to Bangladesh where she served three years. Her next duties took her to Israel, where she worked in spiritual formation at Tiberius. She went back to Bangladesh for another six years and returned to the United States because her mother was in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease.

While caring for her mother, she worked with deacon formation in Salt Lake City, Utah. The first group of her trainees were ordained in 1997 and a second group in November

2000. She left her deacon formation position to enable the deacons to assume leadership of their own program. But having helped to prepare them, she said she felt so strongly about the work, she wanted to do it herself.

Sister formed a favorable impression of St. James after her first week in Lewiston, saying, "The party was lovely. People have been very warm and I feel very welcome and at home here."

Sister Taylor is a sister to Father Bill Taylor, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, St. Marie's, and the late Father Tom Taylor.



OUR LADY—Amanda Cowin, 16, plays the part of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a parish celebration in Bonners Ferry. (Photos by Karen Tice)

Bonnors Ferry parish observes Guadalupe feast day

By Karen Tice for the Idaho Catholic Register

BONNERS FERRY—St. Ann's Catholic Community gathered to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 10 with a bi-lingual Mass.

Following Mass, and with the parish hall filled beyond capacity, Hispanic youth of the parish reenacted Juan Diego's experience of the Guadalupe virgin. The play was directed by Bob and Estella Overman.

Handmade colored roses adorned white lace-covered tables as parishioners feasted on a wide variety of Mexican fare.

Spanish vocalist, Tereas Solum, sang throughout the event.



COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY—Sister Ellen Taylor, CSC, the new pastoral associate at St. James, Lewiston, and Father Dick Haldane, pastor, pose for a photo during a Jan. 21 welcome reception for Sister Taylor. (Photo by Carolyn Frei)

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Baker's Bishop Vasa is a 'do-it-yourselfer'

By Ed Langlois

BEND, Ore. (CNS) — Bishop Robert F. Vasa has headed the Baker Diocese for almost a year now, but he still has the hands and temperament of a farm boy.

Having grown up in rural Nebraska, the 49-year-old bishop is showing that he would just as soon do the chores himself as call a handyman or a technician.

For example, he is finishing up an after-hours project that entails stringing computer cable through the diocesan chancery in Bend, setting up a network hub, placing network cards in computers and installing network software.

His goal: Internet access for each computer. "I also want to look into in-office messaging, fax access, and a possible network scanner," Bishop Vasa says casually.

As vicar general in Lincoln, Neb., he gained a reputation for a gung-ho, do-it-yourself attitude. There, after hours, he single-handedly converted a large room into a Lincoln Diocese museum, installing items like cabinets, ceilings and wiring.

"It is very enjoyable for me, a great hobby and diversion," the bishop said of his nighttime and weekend projects. "I grew up in an environment where we did most repair work around our home ourselves. I have simply continued to exercise, prudently, those repair and construction skills which I acquired growing up."

There is thrift in the man. He could have purchased computer cable with connectors for about \$8 apiece. But he could put the connectors on plain cable himself for a cost of about \$2. So he builds them. It just seems logical and natural to him.

Does a bishop, like many

home handymen, swear when he hammers a thumb or nicks a knuckle? "Skinned knuckles are a part of it but these have never been a source of expletives for me," Bishop Vasa said in an interview with the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Portland Archdiocese and the Baker Diocese.

"It's usually a shake of the head, a quick look to see if there is blood and hence the need of a bandage and then back to the project," he added.

This is just the hands-on work that balances the spiritual and administrative tasks that take up most days. In his first year, Bishop Vasa has launched plans to emphasize evangelization and priestly vocations, among other things.

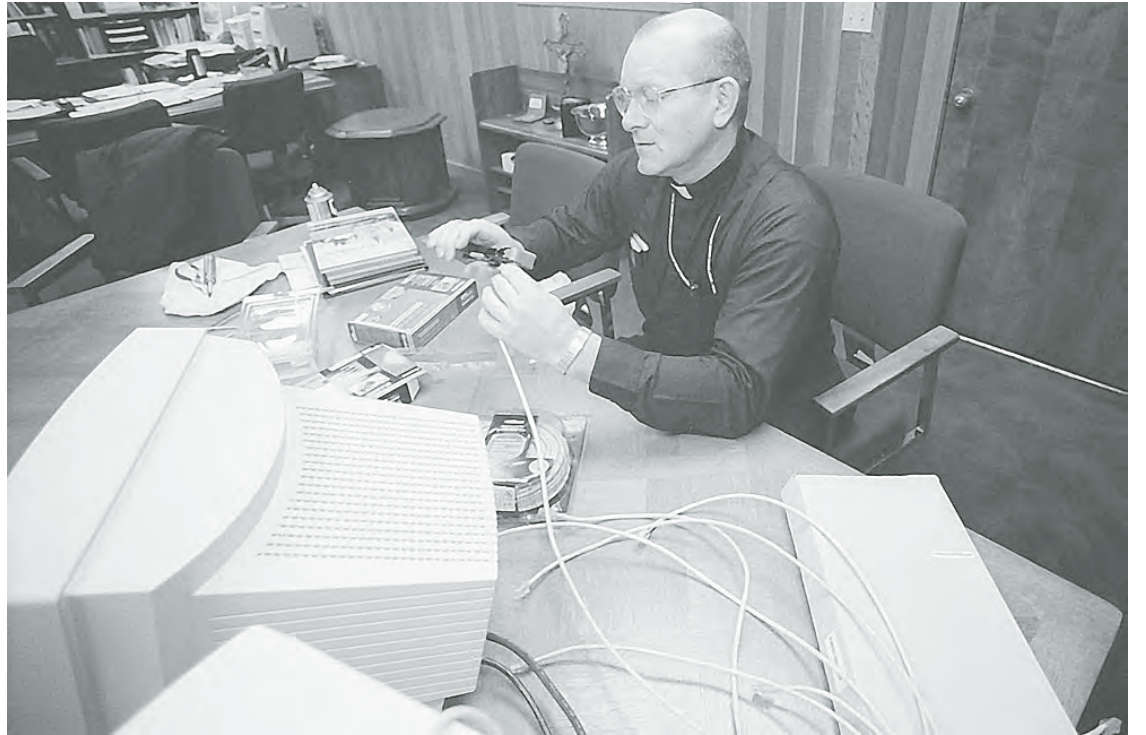
Readers of the Catholic Sentinel have lauded his weekly column. His staff tends to marvel at his energy and versatility.

Mondays come with great anticipation, as workers come to see what the bishop has done next, whether it be retiling a floor, repairing a light fixture, moving massive bookshelves or drilling dozens of access holes for cables.

"It is amazing the kind of stuff he can do," said Father Jim Logan, chancellor of the diocese. "He has a broad range of talents, everything from being able to preach well, exuding a lot of enthusiasm for the faith, to all of his hands-on projects."

Dominican Sister Mary Catherine Perkins, director of adult education in the diocese, said she can tell Bishop Vasa grew up on a farm because "he can figure out how to do everything."

Longtime secretary and receptionist Virginia Mohr described the bishop as someone who is able to look at anything and see the potential for adding on to it, changing it, or



HANDYMAN BISHOP—Bishop Robert Vasa assembles computer cables at the chancery building in Bend, Ore. The 49-year-old bishop of Baker, who grew up in a Nebraska farming community, has the temperament and skills of a do-it-yourselfer. (CNS photo by Dean Guernsey, Catholic Sentinel)

improving it. She also explained that he always does things right away and added that his tinkering does indeed improve matters.

"There is no way to stump him," said Peggy Buselli, a chancery secretary. "No matter what needs to be done, he can figure it out. Nothing is too heavy for him. If something really heavy needs to be taken out, it disappears over the weekend, and everyone knows Bishop Vasa is the only one who has been here over the weekend."

The new bishop, and his handiness, remind local folks of his predecessor as the spiritual head of Catholics in eastern Oregon.

Bishop Thomas J. Connolly, who retired last year after almost 30 years, was a fix-it man and country boy in his own right.

"The only other high church prelate with the kind of ability that Bishop Vasa has is Bishop Connolly," said Father Thomas Faucher, vicar of canonical affairs. "That the Holy Spirit would bless this diocese with two eminently practical do-it-yourselfers is a sign that God truly does live in eastern Oregon."

Workers here may be in

awe, but they are not afraid to tell Bishop Vasa when he needs to finish up his projects.

"The staff reminds me often of my need to keep moving forward," Bishop Vasa said. "Actually it's more like, 'When will you be done already!'" The bishop said he will continue to putter, repair and build as long as he is able.

Winter months can bring on emotional blues

ROMEDEVILLE, Ill. (CNS) — The icy grip of the winter months can bring on the blues.

And sufferers of something called "seasonal affective disorder" can find the winter to be an especially depressing season, according to psychology professor Ann Barich at Lewis University, a Catholic university in Romeville.

The disorder, first identified in 1988, afflicts between 3 percent and 6 percent of the population, noted Barich. Its major symptoms include depression, irritability, anxiety, increased sleep and weight gain.

"It's clinical depression with a seasonal tag," she told the *Catholic Explorer*, diocesan newspaper of Joliet.

Winter blues are much milder and affect roughly 10 to 20 percent of the population, said Barich, a member of the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

She pointed out that an individual must experience recurring seasonal depression for at least two years before psychologists will diagnose it as seasonal

affective disorder, known as SAD.

Most psychologists agree that its primary cause is lack of sunlight.

The incidence of the disorder increases as one moves north. Depending upon where a person lives, latitude determines how many hours of sunlight a region receives each day, explained the professor.

According to various studies, the most effective treatment for the disorder is therapy using a bright light, she said. Psychologists recommend that a person be exposed to the light for 15 to 45 minutes every day. Many patients use portable "light boxes" that emit light energy five times brighter than that found in a typical office, said Barich.

Some may treat their winter depression with traditional anti-depression medications or counseling. But according to Barich, a bright bulb may be more effective than a soft couch.

"I'm pretty sure it's a biological disorder. Counseling doesn't seem all that effective," she said.

Phone calls to Mass times line on the rise

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Phone calls to 1-800 Mass Times, the toll-free service that provides locations and times of Masses nationwide, are on the increase, according to the organization that runs the ministry to traveling Catholics.

The 1-800 Mass Times Trust said there were 66,000 telephone inquiries in 1998, 100,000 in 1999 and at least 130,000 calls in 2000.

Information also is available on the organization's Web site at www.masstimes.org, which received about 120,000 hits in 1999 and an estimated 150,000 in 2000.

The Web site was upgraded during the past year and now includes the times and

locations of religious services in English and other languages, as well as a special section on Mass locations at popular tourist sites.

The most phone calls to 1-800 Mass Times came from Pennsylvania, followed by California, New York, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Louisiana and Maryland.

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El Evangelio

Lo dejaron todo, y lo siguieron

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 5, 1-11.



Jesús se hace el invitado en la barca de Pedro, que no se niega a prestarle este servicio. En esta barca y por medio del milagro de la pesca abundante con todas las circunstancias que lo rodearon, Jesús dirige su llamado a Pedro y a los demás. "Yo los haré pescadores de hombres."

Con el Profeta Isaías, con el Apostol San Pablo a quien leemos también este fin de semana podremos recordar las circunstancias un tanto dramáticas o milagrosas que acompañan al llamado de Dios a estos hombres y la de muchos más hombres y mujeres cuya historia también conocemos. Sin embargo podemos también afirmar que no es la forma ordinaria que Dios usa para llamarnos a todos a convertirnos en apóstoles.

En los milagros de Jesús vemos otra

forma de enseñar. Para ser apóstoles hay que echar las redes: hay que obedecer al experto (Jesús) que desafía cualquier lógica humana. Pedro ya había amarrado las barcas y lavado las redes después de una noche de pesca infructuosa. Sin embargo, a instancia de Jesús, ilógica como parecía, se hacen otra vez a la mar sin importarles los años de experiencia que les decían que era inútil tratar de nuevo. No importó obedecer al que no tenía experiencia como pescador. A la orden de Jesús echaron las redes.

Aún cuando Pedro, Santiago, Juan y todos sus compañeros tuvieron una pesca abundante, sus acciones siguen siendo ilógicas, porque dejándolo todo lo siguieron. No necesariamente dejaron esa pesca abundante, probablemente las más grande de toda su vida, sino dejando todos los medios que tenían para vivir (botes, redes) siguieron a Jesús. Y, ¿qué podemos decir de lo inadecuado que se siente Pedro por sus debilidades para seguir a su maestro? No hay lógica humana para describir llamado de Dios a nosotros. Sólo vemos su gran confianza

en que si podemos corresponder con la misma actitud: "En tu nombre echaré las redes."

"Vayan por todo el mundo y proclamen la Buena Nueva," son las palabras de confianza de Cristo que vimos en San Mateo, dirigidas no sólo a los primeros apóstoles sino a todos y cada uno de nosotros bautizados en el mismo Espíritu. La lógica de nuestras objeciones ante tal llamado, no tienen sentido ante el Maestro de la confianza, Cristo el Señor quien nos dice necesita trabajadores en su viña, y quien nos perdona como a Pedro o a Pablo todas nuestras debilidades en nuestro deseo de conversión.

"Y desándolo todo, lo siguieron..." Para entender el seguimiento de Cristo (el cristianismo) esta actitud de los apóstoles es decisiva. El llamamiento del Señor tiene una dinámica de "dejarlo todo." La llamada podrá ser más o menos intensa, y aún podrá, como en el caso de Pedro y los otros, arrancar del hogar y de las tareas "profesionales" para una dedicación exclusiva a la

evangelización. Pero la dinámica de pobreza, de "dejarlo todo," está incluida en la llamada cristiana no como un consejo, para religiosos o misioneros, sino como un mandato para todos. "El que no renuncia a todo lo que posee no podrá ser mi discípulo..." Lc. 14,33.

El año jubilar que acaba de terminar nos invitó a una nueva evangelización, a echar las redes una y otra vez, porque bien pudo suceder que como Pedro "trabajamos toda la noche sin pescar nada" porque no contamos con el Señor, porque buscamos nuestros propios intereses y no los del Reino de Dios. Hoy estamos llamados a recordar el milagro de nuestro propio llamado no obstante toda nuestras limitaciones. Hoy, como Isaías o Pedro o Pablo debemos decir: "Aquí estoy Señor para hacer tu voluntad."

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

El Terremoto

Parroquias movilizan ayuda para víctimas en El Salvador

WASHINGTON (CNS)— A través de transmisiones de la media, programas especiales y pasando el plato de la colección, Católicos de los EE.UU. se han movilizado para ayudar a las víctimas del terremoto en El Salvador.

El desastre natural, que a reclamado 675 vidas, tocó profundamente la generosidad de salvadoreños en los EE.UU., que tienen la costumbre de mandar dinero a los miembros de familia que tienen poco.

El día después del terremoto de enero 13 en el país centroamericano, la parroquia de San Antonio en Falls Church, Va., invitó a los embajadores salvadoreños a los Estados Unidos y a la Organización de Estados Americanos para hablar en las Misas del domingo sobre las necesidades de emergencia en El Salvador.

Dentro de unos pocos días, la parroquia que es predominante salvadoreña ha ayudado ahorar \$70,000, reportó el Padre José Hoyos, párroco adjunto. El Padre nacido en Colombia ayudó el esfuerzo suplicando por fondos en una estación local de radio en español.

También, nueve miembros de la parroquia que son nacidos en El Salvador fueron al El Salvador como voluntarios, el dijo.

La Parroquia San Antonio está en la Diócesis de Arlington.

En la Arquidiócesis vecina de Washinton, varias parroquias con poblaciones



DANO DE TERRENO DESPUÉS DEL TERREMOTO— Una vista aérea enseña el daño a Las Colinas, una colonia en Santa Tecla, un suburbio de San Salvador, por un derrame de

tierra que fue causado por el terremoto de enero 13. (CNS foto de Reuters)

dominantes de Salvadoreños también empezaron a recolectar dinero.

Nacido en el Salvador, el Padre Vidal Rivas, párroco adjunto de la Parroquia San Gabriel, organizó un comité de representantes de 8 parroquias Católicas, dos parroquias

protestantes y varias uniones locales de labor, para coleccionar fondos.

Además de recolecciones en Misa, voluntarios pasaron el sombrero en lugares como escuelas y sitios de trabajo donde salvadoreños y hispanos se reúnen.

El 17 de enero, el Padre Rivas mandó un cheque de \$20,000 a los delegados de la iglesia en la Arquidiócesis de San Salvaor.

La Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón inmediatamente recolectó \$2,000 y recolectó medicinas, toallas y sábanas.

También planeó un concierto para recolectar dinero.

Las Arquidiócesis de Boston y Los Angeles son entre otras jurisdicciones con gran poblaciones salvadoreñas e hispanas que estaban organizando colecciones especiales en Misa.

El Papa apela para el fin de la violencia Colombiana

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Papa Juan Pablo II apeló por un fin a la violencia en Colombia y le pidió al gobierno y a los rebeldes que regresen a las negociaciones que rompieron en noviembre.

El Papa, hablando al fin de su audiencia el 24 de enero, criticó el "terrible aumento de violencia" en Colombia cuando los rebeldes rechazan negociaciones por lo que ven como una falta de acción del gobierno en contra de grupos paramilitares.

Observadores de abusos humanos han culpado a los grupos paramilitares de unas

130 muertes desde la primera semana del año. Mientras, los rebeldes coninúan atacando pueblos, secuestrando gente para recibir dinero, y financiando sus actividades a través del narcotráfico.

El Papa Juan Pablo II llamó a todos Colombianos "a que redescubrierán el valor supremo de vida. Uno no puede hablar de paz cuando la defensa de este valor básico está ausente.

"También quiero invitar a todos lados a que promuevan un efectivo y verdadero diálogo, mientras les ruego que paren los secuestros, los actos de terrorismo, los ataques contra

la vida y también la plaga del narcotráfico," dijo el Papa.

"Ahora es la hora para regresar al Dios de la vida, para que el mueva los corazones de todos los Colombianos y hacerlos entender que son una sola familia grande," dijo el Papa.

El Presidente Colombiano Andrés Pastrana, esta listo en decidir antes del 31 de enero si debería permitir a los rebeldes seguir controlando una zona demilitarizada en el sur de Colombia. El gobierno le dio a los rebeldes control sobre el área hace dos años como una conseción para traerlos a la mesa de negociaciones.

El Papa publica los nombres record 44 Cardenales, y colocó su estampa en el gobierno de la iglesia

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) - Publicando los nombres de un record de 44 cardenales en enero, el Papa Juan Pablo II colocó una estampa definitiva sobre el cuerpo que le ayudará gobernar la iglesia durante el resto de su papado y algún día elegir su sucesor.

El Papa aumentó la influencia de dos grupos en particular: Cardenales de la Curia Romana y Cardenales de América Latina.

Los 12 nuevos designados de la Curia, la estructura administrativa del Vaticano, significa que de los 135 elctores posibles en un cónclave, 41 serán oficiales, de carrera en el vaticano, activos o jubilados — más del 30 por ciento del total.

América Latina cogió 10 cardenales residenciales y uno en el Vaticano, que le dará al continente 27 cardenales

electores, o 20 por ciento del total. Ese porcentaje se aumentará cuando cardenales cumplán 80 años en los próximos años, porque los cardenales de América Latina a son más jóvenes que los demás.

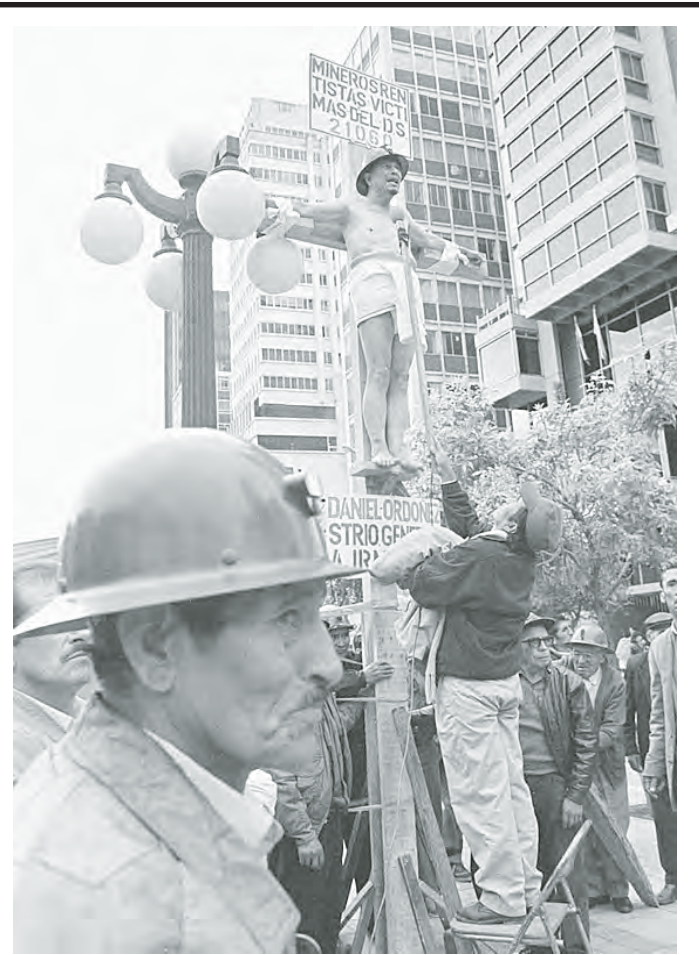
El proceso opósito ocurrirá con los votantes en la Curia Romana: de los 15 cardenales que cumplirán 80 años durante los próximos dos años, diez de ellos son de la Curia. Por tal razón, las influencias numerales del Vaticano en una posible cónclave está a un punto alto, pero disminuyendo poco a poco.

En los últimos años se habla en el Vaticano de un "momento Latioamericano." El Sínodo para las Américas en 1997 terminó siendo dominado por asuntos Latinoamericanos. Desde entonces, el Papa ha elgido un número de prelatos importantes de América Latina

para encabezar departamentos del Vaticano, incluyendo sacramentos y la culta divina, clérigos y cuidado de salud.

La idea de que el Colegio de Cardenales podrá elegir un papa Latinoamericano en la próxima cónclave no sería extraño, considerando que el continente es casa de más de 40 por ciento de los Católicos del todo el mundo. Pero hasta hoy, pocos cardenales de América Latina son conocidos afuera de sus regiones.

Eso claramente está cambiando, y el recién grupo de nominados incluyen varios líderes de alto perfil, incluyendo al cardenal-designado Hondureño, Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga de Tegucigalpa, anterior presidente del Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano y miembro de cuatro agencias mayores del Vaticano.



MINEROS BOLIVIANOS PROTESTAN SUELDOS —Un minero Boliviano se amarro a una cruz durante una protesta de sueldos bajos el 15 de enero en La Paz. Mineros ganan un promedio de \$52 al mes y demandaron al gobierno que aumente los sueldos. 5 de cada 8 Bolivianos viven en la pobreza. (CNS foto de Reuters)

Papa dice que música litúrgica tiene que inspirar la contemplación de oración

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Musica litúrgica tiene que inspirar la contemplación de oración, dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II.

El criterio que tiene que inspirar cada composición y presentación de canciones es la belleza, la cual invita oración, el dijo el 19 de enero, dirigiéndose a casi 200 personas de personal y estudiantes del Instituto de Musica Sagrada en Roma.

El Papa le pidió al instituto que particularmente promoviera cantos gregorianos, música de órgano, cuales dijo que son las formas músicas consideradas por el Segundo Consejo Vaticano particularmente apropiadas para rezar.

La tradición católica, incluyendo las enseñanzas del Segundo Consejo Vaticano,

considera música de la iglesia como una "parte necesaria e integral de liturgia solemne," el dijo.

"En verdad, musica y canción no son una simple decoración u ornamento sobre la acción litúrgica," él dijo. "Al contrario, son una sola realidad con la celbración, permitiendo una entrada e interiorización de los misterios divinos."

Establecido en 1910, por el Papa Pío X, el Instituto Pontífico para Música Sagrada promueve el estudio de música litúrgica de varias culturas y períodos históricos, incluyendo expresiones modernas. Ofrece títulos para los músicos de iglesias y maestros de música litúrgica.

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New U.S. cardinals share New York connection

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Of the three new U.S. cardinals, one was born in New York City and the other two live and work there.

The Americans, Archbishops Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington and Edward M. Egan of New York and Jesuit Father Avery Dulles, were among 37 new cardinals named by Pope John Paul II Jan. 21. They are to be installed Feb. 21 at a consistory in the Vatican.

Their elevation will bring the number of U.S. cardinals to 13. Of those, 11 are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote for a new pope.

Dulles

Cardinal-designate Dulles, 82, is the first American ever named a cardinal to honor his work as a theologian. Most cardinals are heads of Vatican offices or major archdioceses around the world, but in his 22-year pontificate the pope has now included seven of academic theology's elder statesmen among his nominees.

The Jesuit theologian, who has been the Laurence J. McGinley professor of religion and society at Fordham University in New York since 1988, is the son of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state under President Eisenhower.

Born in Auburn, N.Y., Avery Dulles converted to Catholicism in his senior year at Harvard University. He joined the Jesuits in 1946 after serving as a Navy intelligence officer.

Of his 21 books and more than 600 articles and essays, his most famous and influential was "Models of the Church" in 1974. It gave tens of thousands of bishops, priests, seminarians and lay leaders a deeper understanding of the different but complementary theologies of the church underlying the work of the Second Vatican Council.

Ordained a priest in 1956, he earned a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1960. He taught at Woodstock College in Maryland, from 1960 until it

closed in 1974. He then taught at The Catholic University of America from 1974 until 1988, when he retired there and became the first holder of the McGinley chair at Fordham.

Long one of the pre-eminent U.S. theologians, he is regarded as a meticulous, articulate scholar. He is a strong defender of papal teachings and in recent years has sharply criticized what he has described as a "prevailing climate of dissent" in the church.

Egan

Cardinal-designate Egan, 68, was born in Oak Park, Ill., and was ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese in 1957 after theology studies in Rome.

After an early parish assignment he was made assistant chancellor and secretary to Cardinal Albert Meyer.

He returned to Rome in 1960-64 as assistant vice rector at the North American College while earning a doctorate in canon law.

Back in Chicago 1964-72, he was assistant chancellor, then co-chancellor for human relations and ecumenism and secretary to Cardinal John Cody.

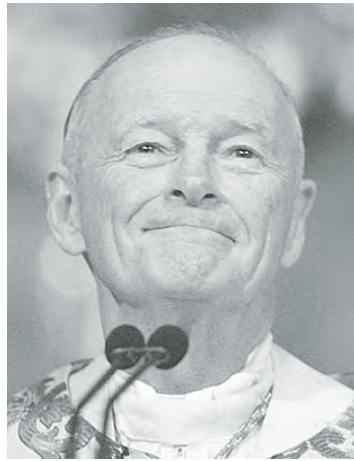
From 1972 to 1985 he was a judge of the Roman Rota, the church's central court of appeals in Rome. During that time he also taught in the Rota's postgraduate canon law school and was one of six canonists who helped the pope review the final draft of the new Code of Canon Law before it was issued in 1983.

He was named an auxiliary bishop of New York in 1985 and three years later was made bishop of Bridgeport, Conn.

Last May 11, just eight days after the death of New York Cardinal John J. O'Connor, he was named archbishop of New York. He was installed as archbishop June 18.

He is fluent in Spanish, Italian, French and Latin and is an accomplished classical pianist.

He is the seventh New York archbishop to be made a cardinal, and his seven months between taking up the post and being named a cardinal is the



Cardinal-designate Theodore E. McCarrick

shortest in New York history.

McCarrick

Cardinal-designate McCarrick, 70, is close to the modern record—if not actually holding it—for the shortest time between becoming archbishop of a major see and being named a cardinal. Formerly archbishop of Newark, N.J., he was installed in Washington Jan. 3, just 18 days before his elevation was announced.

He is the fourth Washington archbishop to be made a cardinal.

Born in New York, he was ordained a priest of that archdiocese in 1958.

He spent the next seven years in Washington, where he earned a master's degree in social sciences and a doctorate in sociology from The Catholic University of America while serving as a chaplain and later dean of students and director of development.

From 1965 to 1969 he was president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico.

Returning to New York in 1969, he was made archdiocesan associate secretary for education and the following year became secretary to Cardinal Terence Cooke.

He was made a New York auxiliary bishop in 1977, first bishop of the new Diocese of Metuchen, N.J., in 1981, and archbishop of Newark in 1986.

Widely known for his work for peace, human rights and the



Cardinal-designate Edward M. Egan

poor, he has traveled to many world trouble spots and has chaired the U.S. bishops' committees on migration, international policy and aid to the church in Central and Eastern Europe.

In 1998 he chaired and hosted an international conference on the ethical dimensions of international debt, co-sponsored by the Vatican and the U.S. bishops, at Seton Hall University in the Newark Archdiocese.

The conference is credited with having a significant impact on the U.S. and world commitment to reducing the debt of heavily indebted poor countries, and last fall Cardinal-designate McCarrick was one of the speakers at a White House meeting called to urge congressional approval of a major debt relief package for those countries.

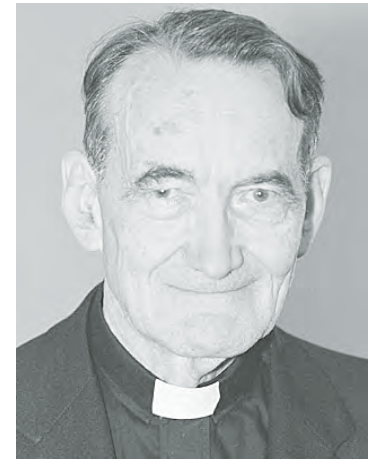
He speaks French, German, Spanish and Italian and says he "can understand Portuguese and a little Polish."

Other U.S. Cardinals

Of the other 10 U.S. cardinals only one—retired Cardinal James A. Hickey of Washington—is over 80 and therefore no longer eligible to enter a conclave to elect a new pope.

Of the other nine active U.S. cardinals, six are residential archbishops and three are officials of the Roman Curia. They are Cardinals:

—Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia.



Cardinal-designate Avery Dulles

—Francis E. George of Chicago.

—William H. Keeler of Baltimore.

—Bernard F. Law of Boston.

—Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles.

—Adam J. Maida of Detroit.

—William W. Baum, a former archbishop of Washington and now head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a special court in the Vatican that handles sins or censures reserved to the Holy See.

—J. Francis Stafford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and former archbishop of Denver.

—Edmund C. Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and former archbishop of Detroit.

From a U.S. perspective, Cardinal Luis Aponte Martinez would also be regarded as an American, since he is the retired archbishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, a U.S. commonwealth.

The Puerto Rican bishops have their own bishops' conference, however, and in church terms are treated as part of the church in Latin America.

Though retired, Cardinal Aponte will remain eligible to enter a conclave until his 80th birthday in 2002.

Of the U.S. and Puerto Rican cardinals, only Cardinals Baum and Aponte participated in the 1978 conclaves that elected Popes John Paul I and John Paul II.

Two Washington D.C. 'newcomers' get acquainted over Chilean sea bass

By Patricia Zapor

Catholic News Service
HYATTSVILLE, Md. — For "just a dinner," the arrangements for two of Washington's newest residents to sit down over a little Chilean sea bass were pretty elaborate.

Even when you're the archbishop of Washington, if the president and his wife accept your invitation to dinner, nothing is simple.

Besides worrying about the menu, there's the question of when to send home all the employees of the archdiocesan pastoral center who share the building with your apartment to allow time for the Secret Service security sweep. There's figuring out where to park a couple dozen members of the

president's traveling press pool during the dinner. And what sort of a gift do you give a new president of the United States?

Cardinal-designate Theodore E. McCarrick didn't really have to sort out all those details himself before President Bush and first lady Laura Bush came to dinner at his apartment Jan. 25.


But someone did — along with working out security clearances for the few staff people who stayed; temporarily closing streets for the motorcade on the 6.5-mile route between the White House and the pastoral center; scanning everyone on the premises for weapons with a hand-held magnetometer; and a hundred other details.

Cardinal-designate McCarrick wasn't exempt from

a little last-minute scurrying up and down the stairs to his apartment — making sure everything was ready for his guests before he met the presidential limousine at the front door.

The dinner came in a momentous week for both men. Bush was inaugurated as president just five days earlier. And on the day after Inauguration Day, the new archbishop of Washington — who'd officially been on the job just two and a half weeks — was among 37 new cardinals named by Pope John Paul II. They will be installed at a consistory at the Vatican Feb. 21.

The Washington newcomers were joined by Cardinal James A. Hickey, who recently (See 'Dinner,' page 24)



Cardinal Electors

Number of cardinals eligible to vote for a new pope by region

Western Europe	49	Italy	24
Latin America	26	<i>largest country voting blocks</i>	
Asia	13		
U.S. and Canada	13	U.S.	11
Africa	12		
Eastern Europe	11		
Oceania	4		

Includes cardinals named Jan. 21.
One cardinal of Puerto Rico is included in Latin America.

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Pope congratulates Bush, prays for future of U.S.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, congratulating President George W. Bush on his inauguration, prayed the future of the United States would be marked by justice, freedom and respect for human dignity.

The pope, in a Jan. 20 telegram, told Bush he prayed “that almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength of purpose in the exercise of your high office.”

Popes traditionally send a telegram of congratulations to new presidents of the United States on the day of their inauguration.

In his message to Bush, Pope John Paul said he prayed that under the new president’s lead-

ership, “the American people will discover in their rich religious and political heritage the ethical foundation for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom with unflinching respect for the dignity and rights of each individual, especially the poor, the defenseless and those who have no voice.”

The pope also prayed that God would guide the president’s efforts “to foster understanding, cooperation and peace among the peoples of the world.”

Pope John Paul also asked God to bless the Bush family and all the people of the United States.



FIRST DAY OF BUSINESS—George W. Bush meets with Republican leaders at the White House on his first business day as U.S. president Jan. 22. One of his first acts was reversing aid to overseas groups that

promote abortion. Seated from left are House Majority Leader Richard Armey, R-Texas, Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., Bush and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. (CNS photo)

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GIFT FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT—Cardinal-designate Theodore E. McCarrick presents a gift to President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush Jan. 25 at the residence of the archbishop of Washington

in Hyattsville, Md. The first couple dined with Cardinal-designate McCarrick and several other bishops in a private meeting just five days after Bush’s inauguration. (CNS photo)

President Bush bans U.S. funds for international abortion groups

(CNS) — On his first workday in office, President Bush signed an order reinstating restrictions on U.S. funds for international family planning groups that encourage abortion.

The order was signed Jan. 22 as tens of thousands of abortion protesters went home

after the annual March for Life from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court.

Bush’s order bans the use of U.S. aid funds by international organizations that spend any money — even from other sources — on either promot-

ing or performing abortions.

Two days after he took office in 1993, on the 20th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, President Clinton rescinded the ban on such funding, which had been in place since it was instituted in 1984 by President Reagan.

Dinner

(Continued from page 23) retired as Washington’s archbishop; Washington’s longtime auxiliary, Bishop William E. Lori, named Jan. 23 to head the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn.; the president of the U.S. Catholic bishops’ conference, Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, from the Galveston-Houston Diocese in the Bushes’ home state of Texas; and the president’s guests, White House General Counsel Al Gonzales and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Archdiocesan spokeswoman

Susan Gibbs said after the dinner that the evening was primarily a “friendly, get-to-know-you dinner.” There was some brief discussion about Bush’s plans for new initiatives encouraging faith-based organizations to take on various programs from the government, she said. But it wasn’t substantial, two of the bishops at the dinner told her.

At an event earlier in the day, Bush said he hoped to talk to the bishops about education reform as well. None of the participants spoke with the press

after the event.

By the way, here’s how those questions facing Cardinal-designate McCarrick and the archdiocesan employees planning the event were handled: Employees at the pastoral center were dismissed about mid-afternoon. The press corps cooled their heels in a conference room a floor below the archbishop’s apartment, where Gibbs provided coffee. And Cardinal-designate McCarrick presented the Bushes with two gifts, a small icon and a medalion of the pope.

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Idaho faithful urged to share blessings

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

"Share Your Blessings. Give with A Thankful Heart" is the theme for the 2001 DDP (Diocesan Development Program), which will take place in parishes across the state starting the weekend of March 11. This year's goal is again \$2 million.

The DDP is the Diocese of Boise's annual drive to support such programs as Pope John Paul II's Peter's Pence fund, the Holy Land, vocations' promotion, Idaho seminarians, retired priests and religious. The DDP also provides funds for administration of the diocese and the bishop's staff, for Catholic Charities of Idaho and for many diocesan ministries including state prison, family life, liturgy and worship, evangelization, ethnic, youth, young adult and adult ministry, Catholic schools administration, campus ministry and the Diocesan Resource Center.

In his DDP message to the diocese, Bishop Michael Driscoll recalls for Idaho Catholics the just completed Jubilee Year 2000, which brought the Idaho Church many blessings for the new millennium.

"The Jubilee Year promoted optimism about ourselves, our faith, our church and our life," said Bishop Driscoll. It helped bring us out of our complacency and gave us new energy to care for one another and build God's kingdom on earth. The Lord Jesus deserves our sincere thanks for all these blessings."

Bishop Driscoll is inviting all Idaho Catholics to join him in giving thanks by continuing the momentum set in the Jubilee Year through support of the DDP.

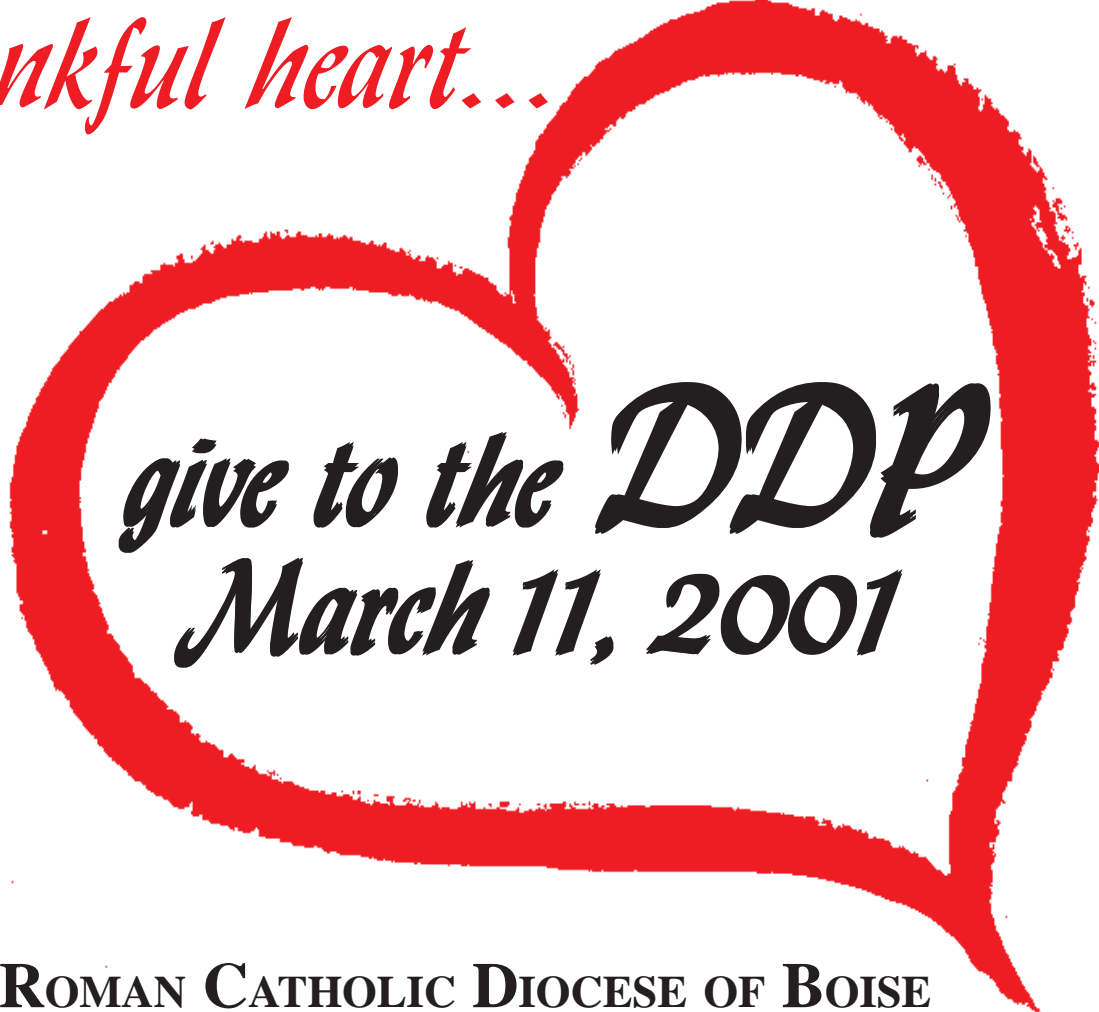
"Please be as generous as possible," he said. "Make your parish goal to be fully a part of the great church of Idaho. Thank God for His blessings and show Him how we love one another and His church."

Idaho Catholics are encouraged to give one percent of their annual income to the DDP. For example, the family or individual that makes \$20,000 a year would give a \$200 gift and a family that makes \$70,000 a year would give \$700.

Pastors throughout the state will soon be mailing DDP information and a contribution envelope to each parish family or individual. Using those envelopes, parishioners can make a lump sum donation or indicate their annual pledge and include their first installment, and place the envelope in the collection basket at church on March 11.

Some parishes continue to follow a long-standing DDP tradition in the Idaho church and send workers door to door on DDP Sunday to collect parishioner's DDP envelopes.

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BOISE
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Steps taken to assist Salvadoran earthquake relief

By Agostino Bono

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Relief workers from Catholic and other agencies praised fund-raising efforts for quake relief by Salvadorans in the United States and said the U.S. government should grant those in irregular situations special status so they can remain in this country.

They also asked the U.S. government to increase emergency aid and favored a greater role by Salvadoran local and non-governmental organizations in distribution and rebuilding programs.

Representatives of Catholic Relief Services and three other U.S.-based agencies that are providing aid spoke at a congressional briefing Feb. 12 organized by U.S.

Rep. Joe Moakley, D-Mass.

Salvadorans in the United States send back \$1.7 billion a year to relatives and "this is one of the most important sources of revenue" for El Salvador, said Jared Hoffman, CRS regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Hoffman said CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, supports a request by the bishops to grant Temporary Protected Status to Salvadorans in irregular situations.

The temporary status would allow Salvadorans to remain and work in the United States for a 6- to 18-month period regardless of their legal status.

The request that such a status be granted

was made in a Feb. 9 letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft by Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio of Camden, N.J., as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration.

The bishop said the status can be granted to nationals of countries who would face "natural disaster" or "extraordinary temporary conditions" if they returned.

"The earthquake in El Salvador, in our view, meets this definition," he wrote in the letter.

Hoffman said the severe quake that hit Jan. 13 with a magnitude of 7.6 left more than 700 people dead, destroyed or damaged 200,000 houses and left 1 million people homeless.

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Pope: Unity with Rome

strengthens identity of Melkite Catholics

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II told Melkite Catholics that church unity with Rome, far from threatening their Eastern identity, further strengthened their unique character. Addressing the church's newly elected Patriarch Gregoire III Laham and about 700 pilgrims Feb. 12, the pope praised the Melkite Catholic Church's recent efforts in ecumenism and liturgical renewal. "Union with the See of Rome does not diminish your specificity nor your own richness," he said. "On the contrary, it strengthens them and makes them a precious gift that enriches" the whole Catholic Church. The pope said Melkite Catholics were "justifiably proud" of their Eastern Christian traditions.

Catholic official expresses surprise, hope after Israeli election

JERUSALEM (CNS) — A Catholic Church official expressed surprise at the overwhelming victory of Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and said he hoped he would be committed to the peace process. Father Majdi al-Siryani, legal director of the Latin-rite Patriarchate of Jerusalem, said it was "alarming" that Sharon garnered 60 percent of the vote to defeat Labor Prime Minister Ehud Barak Feb. 6. "I wasn't shocked that Sharon was elected, but by the percentage with which he was elected," said Father al-Siryani. He added that while Barak and Sharon were military men, perhaps Sharon's extensive experience in the political arena would allow him to approach the peace negotiations in a more pragmatic way.

Sexual behavior increases on TV, study shows

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new study has found that sexual behavior on television has increased from levels of two years ago. The study, "Sex on TV," found that 68 percent—more than two-thirds—of programs surveyed during the 1999-2000 TV season contained sexual content, up from 56 percent during the 1997-98 season. "This study confirms that sexual messages are an increasingly frequent part of the television landscape," the study said. Commissioned by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, the study was released Feb. 6. The foundation also had issued a similar report two years ago, and plans to do a third report two years from now. The study looked at a week's worth of programming on 10 different channels: the Los Angeles affiliates of ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, PBS and WB, plus the HBO, Lifetime, TNT and USA cable channels.

No good can come from cloning plans, pro-life official says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The announcement that a pair of U.S. and Italian scientists plan to proceed with the cloning of a human being strikes fear—and disgust—in the heart of Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. "This is awful if it does work," said Doerflinger, associate director for policy development in the pro-life office, in a Jan. 31 interview with Catholic News Service. "And it's worse that it will often fail and lead to the destruction of a great deal of innocent life," he added. Panayiotis M. Zavos, professor of reproductive physiology at the University of Kentucky, and Dr. Severino Antinori, director of a Rome-based artificial insemination clinic, announced Jan. 25 in Lexington, Ky., that they planned to begin cloning human beings for couples who have not been able to bear children.

Outgoing general secretary calls World Youth Day best experience

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Looking back on 11 years at the U.S. bishops' national offices in Washington, Bishop-designate Dennis M. Schnurr said, "For me the highlight was without question the World Youth Day in Denver." That 1993 event, which he coordinated, "was really a life-transforming experience, because it gave me a new awareness of the potential that we have in our young people and the eagerness of our young people to make a contribution to the church," he said. Bishop-designate Schnurr ended his term of office Feb. 2 at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference, where he was general secretary for the past six years and associate general secretary for five-and-a-half years before that. Pope John Paul II has appointed the 52-year-old priest from Sioux City, Iowa, to be bishop of Duluth, Minn.

Pope: Church leaders in former Soviet republics must witness hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With the many difficulties Catholic leaders face in the former Soviet republics, one of the most powerful witnesses they can give is to be men of steadfast hope and prayer, Pope John Paul II said. In separate messages Feb. 9 to the heads of church jurisdictions in Russia, the Central Asia republics and the Caucasus states, the pope said special care must be taken in training priests and in supporting families. The church leaders from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan were making their "ad limina" visits to Rome to report on the status of their church communities. According to Vatican statistics, the 10 republics have a combined population of more than 220 million people; an estimated 1.9 million of them are Catholic.

Pope: Trusting in God, the sick proclaim life's value

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When those who are ill or infirm trust completely in God's care, they proclaim to the world that life is always worth living, Pope John Paul II said.

Greeting the sick, the aged and people with handicaps Feb. 11, the pope thanked them for their "silent mission in the church" and their witness to the world.

Hundreds of sick people, health care workers and volunteers attended an afternoon Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Feb. 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which the Catholic Church marks as the World Day of the Sick.

Pope John Paul spoke to the pilgrims after the Mass, telling them that their example of hope and joy proclaims to "men and women of our time, who are frequently anxious and unable to give meaning to suffering, that God has not abandoned us."

"Living your situation with faith, you testify that God is near," the 80-year-old pope said. "You proclaim that the tender and loving closeness of the Lord ensures that there is no

season of life which is not worth living.

"Sickness and death are not realities to flee or to criticize as useless, but are both stages of a journey," he said.

The pope reminded the pilgrims of Mary's words to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, "I did not promise you would be happy in this world, but in the next."

Her words, he said, are a call to look on one's life on earth as part of a journey whose ultimate promise is happiness with God for all eternity.

Earlier in the day, reciting the Angelus with pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope said too many of the world's people have no access to basic health care.

"This is a serious injustice," he said. All people of good will, but especially political and economic leaders, are called to work to ensure the situation is corrected, he said.

Pope John Paul offered thanks on behalf of the whole church to the members of religious orders and to lay people who provide health care "in the poorest countries, in the midst of difficulties and conflicts, even risking their

lives to save the lives of their brothers and sisters."

The pope also sent a message to participants at an international gathering in Sydney, Australia, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers.

The church needs to focus new attention on the field of health care, he said.

"Not only is health care facing unprecedented economic pressures and legal complexities, but at times there is also an ethical uncertainty which tends to obscure what have always been its clear moral foundations," the pope wrote.

The first point, he said, must be that "the essential purpose of health care is to promote and safeguard the well-being of those who need it."

"The weak and those who may seem unproductive to the eyes of a consumer society have an inviolable dignity that must always be respected," the pope said.

Health care is a basic human right that should be available to all, he said, and medical research and practices must follow ethical guidelines.

Colombian bishop welcomes agreement on renewed peace talks

BOGOTA, Colombia (CNS) — The president of the Colombian bishops' conference expressed "unconditional and enthusiastic support" for the agreement made by Colombia's president and the leader of the Marxist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia to renew peace talks.

Archbishop Alberto Giraldo Jaramillo of Medellin praised the 13-point agreement signed by President Andres Pastrana and Manuel Marulanda in early February after the president traveled to the demilitarized zone of San Vicente del Caguan.

The archbishop hailed the agreement's plan to "make of San Vicente del Caguan a demilitarized zone only for the purpose of peace, and not for the guerrillas to recruit new militants."

If the guerrilla army "keeps its word in this regard, it means

that children will not be forced to join the guerrillas," he added.

Known by its Spanish initials FARC, the guerrilla army was to return to formal peace talks Feb. 14 for the first time since it broke off peace negotiations in November.

Regarding the critical reaction of some sectors to Pope John Paul II's decision to send a medal to Marulanda, Archbishop Jaramillo explained that "this gesture does not express any moral judgment of the recipient, but is an act aimed at expressing the Holy Father's desire for peace and

justice in Colombia."

On Feb. 10, Pastrana gave Marulanda a medal with the pope's image on one side and St. Paul on the other. The medal also had the phrase "Peace is in Truth."

Pastrana said that the pope gave him the medal when it was known that he was going to meet the guerrilla leader.

A nearly 40-year conflict involving guerrillas, death squads and government security forces in Colombia has claimed more than 35,000 lives in the last 10 years alone and left some 1.2 million people displaced.

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Lent: Forgiveness is only way to peace, pope says

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II asked Christians to radically embrace the Gospel command to love one's enemy, saying forgiveness was the only way to peace between peoples and nations.

"In our times, forgiveness appears more and more as a necessary dimension for an authentic social renewal and for the strengthening of peace in the world," he said in his annual message for Lent.

The 1,600-word message, centering on the scriptural phrase, "Love is not resentful," was presented at a Vatican press conference Feb. 9.

The pope said Lent, a traditional time of reconciling with God, should prompt believers to re-examine whether their lives conform to Christ's command to "love your enemies (and) do good to those who hate you."

"They are words that, if taken seriously, demand a radical conversion," he said.

In addition to asking forgiveness for wrongs committed, "the Christian must make peace even when feeling as the victim of one who has unjustly offended and struck," he said.

He said only interior conversion and "humble obedience to the command of Jesus" could enable believers to resist "the psychological mechanisms of self-pity and revenge."



Pope John Paul, II

He particularly emphasized the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation, saying the experience of receiving God's forgiveness "encourages us to live in love, considering the other not as enemy but as a brother."

In addition to its spiritual fruits, forgiveness brings peace between peoples and opens individuals to the material needs of others, he said.

Especially in places where conflict has left enduring animosity among peoples, accepting and offering forgiveness interrupts "the spiral of hatred and revenge, and breaks the chains of evil which bind the hearts of rivals," he said.

"For nations in search of reconciliation and for those hoping for peaceful coexistence among individuals and peoples,

there is no other way than forgiveness received and offered," he said.

He said spiritual reconciliation also predisposes individuals to see and respond to the material needs of others, because "a heart reconciled with God and with neighbor is a generous heart."

When done with a reconciled heart, the traditional Lenten practice of almsgiving "assumes a deeper meaning, because it is not just giving something from the surplus to relieve one's conscience, but to truly take upon one's self the misery present in the world," he said.

At the press conference, Archbishop Paul Josef Cordes, president of the Vatican aid agency "Cor Unum," unveiled a new papal charity project to assist AIDS orphans in Uganda over the next two years.

Funded by a gift to the pope of about \$500,000 from the northern Italian city of Milan, local Ugandan Catholic organizations hope to care for some 2,000 children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS in and around the capital, Kampala.

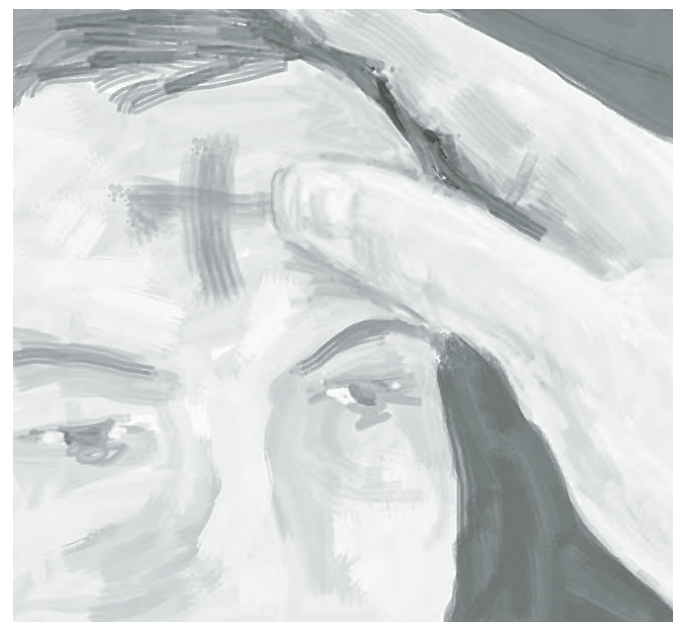
"Cor Unum" officials also reported that the pope gave about \$4.9 million in charitable aid in 2000. Of that, more than \$1 million was spent for 32 disaster relief projects, with the largest donation—\$140,000—going to help Mozambique's

flood victims.

The pope gave about \$2 million each to the Populorum Progressio Foundation, instituted in 1992 to assist poor Latin American farming communities, and to the John Paul II Sahel Foundation, instituted in 1984 to

combat desertification and boost clean water resources in nine African countries.

The pope receives his charity funding from the annual Peter's Pence collection and donations from religious communities and private individuals.



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Lenten regulations

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the six weeks of Lent, is Feb. 28. Christ calls us all to join in fasting and prayer as we prepare for Easter, April 15.

As a foundation for our Lenten Penance, the church asks us to observe the following penitential practices:

—All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is 14 years of age and older.

—Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28 and Good Friday, April 13, are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons between the ages of 18 and 59.

Following are some other suggested penitential practices for Lent:

—As a way to align yourself with Jesus, "fast" from alcoholic beverages, desserts, coffee, television, movies, eating out or some other luxury.

—Focus on one aspect of your life that you would like to change.

—Practice charity in thought, word and deed, using Jesus as your model. Especially remember the hungry and homeless.

—Pray both in private and in communion with others. Participate in the Stations of the Cross, read Scripture, pray the rosary, meditate, go to a prayer group or Bible study.

—Participate in the sacramental life of the church, especially Eucharist and reconciliation, perhaps attend daily Mass.

Father Robb Keller, Twin Falls, awaits lung transplant in Denver

DENVER—Father Robb Keller, a member of the pastoral team at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Twin Falls, recently moved to Denver to await a lung transplant. He is second on the waiting list.

Father Keller, who has been on medical leave since August 2000, is doing therapy to prepare his body for the upcoming surgery and to reduce the chances for rejection. He is working with the medical team at University of Denver Medical Center and National Jewish Institute. National Jewish Institute is the top transplant facility in the Northwest, said Sue Martinez, Diocese of Boise insurance coordinator.

Bishop Michael Driscoll asks



Father Robb Keller

Idaho Catholics to remember Father Keller in prayer.

"Please join me in asking Our Lord for a healthy lung for Father Keller soon, for a successful lung transplant, for his speedy recovery and for peace and comfort for him and his family," said Bishop Driscoll. "We look forward to Father

Keller returning to his ministry in Twin Falls."

Father Keller was 95th on the waiting list for a lung in December but has since moved up to second on the list, according to Martinez. "All he needs is a donor match," she said.

Martinez said Father Keller's spirits are "excellent."

"He wants to get going and get it over with so he can get back to work," she said.

She said doctors believe Father Keller is a good candidate for the lung transplant and feel his prognosis is "very good."

"They don't foresee a lot of problems," Martinez said. "The estimated recovery time is three to six months if there are no complications. Father Keller will have to stay in Denver during the recovery time so the doctors can monitor him.

The Catholic community in Twin Falls continues to pray for Father Keller at all weekend and weekday Masses, including the Wednesday school Masses, according to parish staff members.

People who wish to send notes of encouragement to Father Keller can send them to him at: The Breakers, Oyster Keys, 9085 East Mississippi Avenue, Apartment 201, Denver, CO 80231.

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Memories of 'Ramonas,' 'Dannys,' 'Roberts'

When I read the article "Katies Do What 'Normal' People Won't" in the *National Catholic Register* recently, I had so many memories of the very special people I was privileged to minister to and with as a priest and bishop these past 36 years.

Really getting to know them as individuals and as friends taught me the uniqueness of every single human being created in the image and likeness of God. This is a fundamental truth of our faith. Yet how easy it is to forget, if we stare and fail to understand someone different.

Read the article. Remember in whose likeness all are created. Reflect on the "Katies," "Dannys," "Roberts," we know. And thank God that it is not what we do but who we are that really counts in this life and in the next.

Katies do what 'normal' people won't

By Michael Coren

My sister Steph wants to write a book about her seven-year-old daughter.

The title would be "What Katie Didn't Do. Why?" Because Katie is what society would describe as "handicapped." She was born four months premature and spent rather a long time in the hospital. Accompanied by a nursing team, she came home to a house wired for oxygen.

Katie had two strokes when she was tiny and is now classified as autistic. Which means many things to many people. I'll offer one example.

A large hospital in England. My dad lies in bed, having also suffered a serious stroke. We all sit around and do the usual hospital things—make jokes that aren't funny, pretend that everything is okay, and be abnormally normal. Katie walks in. No inhibitions, none of our silly preconceptions and prejudices.

She climbs on the bed, gets under the blanket, puts her arms around her grandpa and cuddles up to him. And for the very first time since he was hit by fate's cruelty, my father smiles—a smile as wide as the world itself.

Katie achieved that. Because that is what Katies do. What the physically and mentally challenged do every day. Cut through the nonsense and the fear. They are in the frontline of the battle for civilization, teaching

Just
A
Thought...



By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

those of us who are without disability what honesty and simplicity are all about.

They are also the last people who have to fight for civil rights. Much as we congratulate ourselves on our liberal attitude toward those who are different, we regularly discriminate against the Katies of the world. The handicapped have no powerful lobby group behind them, no multimillion-dollar advertising campaign, and few friends in the media and in Hollywood.

Goodness me, her mom and dad have witnessed discrimination for years: They even had to change their church because their daughter was not accepted.

We know the way it happens. Oh boy, don't we.

"Of course you are welcome here—there's a ramp for you outside and we'll fine anyone who parks in the handicapped parking space. Of course you are welcome here. As long as you don't get in the way, speak too loudly or make any of us, the lucky ones, feel in any way uncomfortable." Katie can do jigsaws like Super-Girl. She starts not from the outside but from the middle. The complex shapes that so baffle us take form in her beautiful mind. Wonderful pictures come alive and speak. Speak in a way Katie cannot. Hey, not like Super-Girl. She is Super-Girl.

She doesn't have an extensive vocabulary, even though her parents have added "speech therapist" to their many other roles. But sometimes words aren't so important. When I arrive in England she walks straight up to me, grabs my hand and takes me to a chair. She crawls all over me, showing total and unconditional trust and love. Katie doesn't impose rules and regula-

tions on her affection. She sees goodness and beauty in everybody and everything.

It's true that she doesn't always look you in the eye and that her attention seems to wander and that she appears to be distracted. Unlike, of course, those people who always look you straight in the eye and seem to take in every word you say. Then forget your name and care not a fig for your life or anything in it.

I sit down and chat to my sister. Has it been difficult? "Yes, but also joyous beyond belief," she tells me. "A new adventure every day and a new path of discovery. Wouldn't change it for the world. Katie has made us all grow so much, taught us things we didn't know about ourselves, about what it really means to be human."

We chat about the number of abortions of unborn children who are shown by ultrasound to possess some sort of handicap and how in many countries Katie would never have been allowed to live. We discuss the plight of the handicapped in society and the fact that there are allegedly serious philosophers about who make cases for euthanasia of the Katies of the world.

"I remember one woman looking at me, then at Katie, and saying, 'It's such a shame, isn't it,' and tilting her head as if to show sympathy for my terrible condition," my sister says. "I felt like tilting it a little further until it came off," she says, laughing just to reassure me that murder was not really on her mind.

"Yes we cry, but we laugh, too. Actually being a mum to Katie is about saying 'yes' to things. Yes to life, yes to love. Yes."

At which point Katie trots her way into our conversation, into our world. She wants to watch a video of *The Jungle Book*. She's seen it hundreds of times, but that doesn't matter. It pleases her and she learns from it. Katie doesn't need expensive toys or fashionable luxuries. She's so much more than that. Perhaps so much more than us.

Fly Super-Girl, fly Katie. Fly as high as the mountains and as swiftly as the eagles. And never care about those who would clip your wings.

Michael Coren writes from Toronto. This article reprinted with permission from the National Catholic Register.

Legislature 2001

Legislators strive for balance with Safe Haven Act



EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving.

By Ann Wheeler

The bills are starting to roll out of the committees in the Idaho legislature. Here are some of the bills getting a lot of attention. Details of all of these bills may be found on the legislative web site.

SB 1037—Idaho Safe Haven Act—Sponsor—Sen. Bart Davis (R-Idaho Falls). The main legal thrust of this bill provides that the mother of an abandoned infant will not be subject to criminal and/or civil liability if the child is left in a "safe haven" place. The child may be up to 30 days old.

The bill passed the Senate on Feb. 6. It will now go to the House Health and Welfare Committee. Legislators will follow this bill closely to see if

amendments are needed in the future. The author is Sen. Bart Davis (R-Idaho Falls). Co-sponsor is Sen. Grant Ipsen (R-Boise).

Davis, an attorney, said that while parents can still be prosecuted for crimes other than abandonment, the measure should help save babies who may otherwise be left.

He said it's important for the legislature to balance "the right to prosecute for abandonment for what we get in return, and that is the life of a child."

Rep. Margaret Henbest (D-Boise) helped with the development of the bill. Pediatricians, hospitals, and the Department of Health and Welfare were also involved.

SB 1045—Crime Victims – Senate Judiciary and Rules. This bill allows the records of victims of crime in the possession of the Industrial Commission to be kept confidential, with certain exceptions. The bill has been sent to the Senate floor.

HB 71—Minimum Wage for Farm Workers—Agricultural Affairs. This controversial bill passed the full house on Feb. 5. It now proceeds to the Senate Agriculture Committee. (Note: There has been a separate bill introduced dealing with the bonding and licensing of farm contractors—crew bosses—**HB 87**).

Education

District Judge Deborah Bail has ruled that the legislature must do more to help struggling school districts maintain a safe physical environment for students. This applies particularly to small rural districts. Now that this long awaited decision has been handed down, the legislature is scrambling to present some solutions before time runs out for some of these districts.

Legislators had delayed presenting ideas on how to do this until the decision was issued, anticipating specific guidelines they would have to follow. There were none, however. The

lack of specifics prompted concerns that what solutions the legislature arrives at may be overturned, as Judge Bail has retained jurisdiction in the case.

Tax Bills

No tax package has surfaced that has a great deal of support. There is still a push by some to offer tax relief by eliminating the grocery tax completely. Opponents to this measure point to the amount of money that the state will lose over the years. It is a tax that everyone pays, including tourists. An alternative offered is to raise the grocery tax credit, **HB 157**, which

has remained at \$15 per person for over 30 years. The saga continues!

To contact your legislators:

The best way to track legislation of interest to you, is to visit the web site at: www.accessidaho.org.

Each legislator has an individual e-mail address.

You can also call the Legislative Information Center, 332-1000 and leave a message for your legislator, or Fax: 334-5397 (you must include name and phone number); or E-mail: infocntr@iso.state.id.us.

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Guest Column

Showing reverence for God—before taxes!

By Jeanette Martino Land

When my friends of other denominations spoke of tithing, I didn't understand what they were talking about. Since I didn't want to show my ignorance, I didn't ask. This kind of shyness has made tithing one of the best-kept secrets in the Catholic Church!

In midlife, I accepted a position as part-time secretary at an Episcopal Church. One of my duties was typing Father Bill's weekly sermons. And one of those sermons was on tithing. Although my interest was aroused, I still asked no questions. Then, a seminar on "stewardship" was scheduled for the parish, and tithing was also part of it.

In preparation for this seminar, my desk became a clearinghouse for leaflets, memos, letters, etc. in the course of my job, I read them all. And my curiosity prompted many questions. Father Bill showed me passages in the Bible relating to tithing and told me to read and digest them.

What a revelation! As I read and pondered the passages, my eyes were opened—often painfully so! The concept of tithing gnawed at my conscience.

I looked up tithe and discovered the noun, tithe, means tenth—a tenth part of something paid as a voluntary contribution or as a tax for religious purposes. The verb, tithe, means "specifically, to give a tenth of one's income as a tithe, especially for

the support of church or religious work." (This, I was told includes charities.)

Well, I was "giving." That is, we dutifully put our envelope in the collection basket most Sundays. But, the amount usually depended on what cash was "left on hand" at week's end!

Again, I turned to Father Bill. "How can I give a tenth of my income, when there's barely enough to pay the bills now?" I demanded.

Yet, he assured me that was the *full amount*, the command mentioned in Mt. 23:23-24. Father Bill then explained that each of God's commands is followed by a promise. In this instance, God promises that if we do what he asks, he will be faithful to our needs.

Still, I wasn't completely convinced. To be more exact, my faith wasn't strong enough.

We discussed more passages. In Pr. 11:25, the command to *Be generous*, is followed by the promise: *You will be prosperous*. How could I be prosperous if I had a tenth less to live on?

Father Bill suggested that I begin by tithing a smaller amount. I mulled that over and again read the passages in the Bible. Finally, I found my answer. The reason for tithing is *to have reverence for the Lord your God always* (Dt. 10:12-13). That spoke to my heart.

"Father Bill!" I excitedly exclaimed as he handed me my paycheck that week. "I've come to a decision. Today, I am going to begin tithing—and I am going to

tithe the full 10 percent.

I discussed my feelings with Father Bill. "Am I really expected to give 10 percent of this sum?" I queried.

"You know the answer to that, Jeanette," Father Bill gently admonished.

"Well," I persisted, "Is that before or after taxes?" I was looking for a way out of my commitment!

Emphatically, Father Bill: "Before taxes. The first fruits, the best." I felt trapped.

To add to my misery, Father Bill put II Cor. 9:6-11 before me. I read the command: *Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly*.

Now it was time to stand firm. I tithed the full 10 percent—before taxes—gladly, because of my reverence for the Lord.

That was over ten years ago. Have I regretted my decision to tithe? Never! For I have discovered the absolute faithfulness of God's word.

Since I began living the law of the tithe, my debts have always been paid on time, with money to spare. And God's promise of blessing me in everything I do (Dt. 28:1-13) has come true: it's no secret what God can do!

Jeanette Martino Land is a freelance writer who lives in Marco Island, Fla.

Part II: God of mystery—God of love

By Rob Cook

Do you ever step back and ask questions about God?

In a previous reflection I asked this question and a couple others like it. I reflected upon the importance of questions and the ability to wonder about God. Now, I would like to take this a step further.

In the process of allowing

ourselves to question and wonder, we may often come to questions that simply can't be easily answered or understood. For example, it would be quite normal to stumble over things like pain and suffering. It is difficult to understand and accept our own suffering or that of other people. It is therefore quite natural for us to wish and pray that

God would give us some sort of explanation. We may even suspect that it would be quite easy for God to simply remove these things from our lives.

I know that I have questioned God on related topics at different times. I also know that God has never really made everything exactly clear to me. However, God has somehow shown me that much of life is a

mystery and to simply accept this can be a very wonderful and beautiful thing. In fact, sometimes the ability to accept the mystery in faith is what deepens our love relationship with God.

Another simple example for us to contemplate is that of the Eucharist. There is definitely mystery involved when we think about the fact that our gifts of bread and wine actually be-

come the body and blood of Christ. This is one beautiful mystery that we can receive everyday and we don't have to be able to comprehend it completely to realize how much love is communicated in this miracle!

Rob Cook is a seminarian of the Diocese of Boise who is serving at pastoral year at St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert.

Readers Write

'Gift' appreciated

Editor, the ICR:

When I was a lad of 10 or 11 living in Redmond, Ore., our parish priest left the first of June on a 30-day retreat. A new priest came to fill in for him. I was an altar boy at the time and served at Mass the first week the new priest was there.

After the second or third day the priest asked me if I knew of any good fishing spots. I told him I knew of a couple on the Deschutes River, and he said, "Why don't we go this Saturday after Mass." I told him I would like to, but being from a family living on welfare, I did not have any fishing gear. He replied "I'll take care of that." He and I went fishing several times, and he loaned me a pole each time. We caught lots of fish, and he seemed to enjoy it. He left in July, and I never saw him again.

The day before Christmas that year there was a knock on the door. A man from the local sporting goods store told my mother that a priest had purchased a package in June and asked him to deliver it to me at Christmas. In the package was a pole, a reel, hooks, line and sinker.

I have been an avid fisherman for the last 45 years because of that priest. I never got to thank him and I hope that

wherever he is, he might read this and know how much I appreciate his gift.

Chuck Felton
Challis

Falk family touched, honored

Editor, the ICR:

It was so nice to meet you when we were with Msgr. Falk in November at the Diocesan Center and again at Msgr. Falk's funeral in January. He always spoke fondly of you and your staff.

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you our deep appreciation for the well-done eulogy in the Idaho Catholic Register in honor of Msgr. Falk. We were also very touched by the article on Father Foltz dedicating his Mass to Msgr. Dennis.

We were also very honored to have a visit from Bishop "Mike" when we were in Boise for the funeral. He got a very high rating with us. We visited with many of God's wonderful people.

Again, the testimonials in the ICR article were much appreciated but not unexpected. I'm sure there were more than space would allow. Keep up the good work!

We thank all of Monsignor's friends for all they've done.

Hubie and Darlene (sister)
Weber
Livingston, Mont.

Love your enemies

READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38

"It's not easy to love people who've decided to hate you and who do everything they can to make your life miserable," the man said sadly as we sat talking in the rectory parlor.

He was speaking of his in-laws, people who not only disapproved of his marriage to their only daughter, but who—in his words—had done everything they could to break up the marriage.

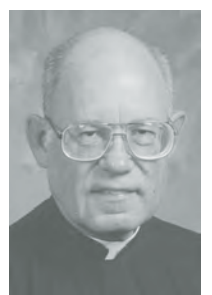
Why did they have this attitude? "I just work at a service station. I'm not good enough for them," he said.

As the months passed, I got to know the man better. He was a thoroughly good person. He was also an excellent husband and a good father. But that didn't seem to be enough for his wife's parents.

People become enemies for different reasons. Sometimes prejudice causes it. At other times it is a real or even a fancied injury, or perhaps they just don't like each other. But whatever the cause, Jesus has something rather important to say about the whole situation.

To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. In today's gospel He goes on to talk about turning the other cheek, forgiving debts and treating others as you would have

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

them treat you.

David had reason to hate Saul. The king had treated him unjustly, had outlawed him, and was trying to put him to death. But today's first reading tells us that the young man forgave his persecutor and turned away from revenge. *The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed.*

This is the attitude we should all have. "But it's so hard to do," is our automatic response. It certainly is! Only God's presence in our lives—His grace—makes this kind of love possible. That's why we need to become people of prayer. Only people who pray can love as Jesus commands.

The man who found it so hard to love those who hated him? As far as I know, he still finds it difficult—but he's doing his best. As should we.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person. The *Idaho Catholic Register* will publish prayer groups on a "space-available" basis.

Feb. 15-18: GENESEE, St. Mary's

Men's North Idaho Cursillo

Febrero 16-19: NAMPA

Hombres Cursillo El Secretariado Diocesano de la Diócesis de Boise esta organizando dos Cursillos en el área de Nampa y Caldwell

Febrero 22-25: CALDWELL

Mujeres Cursillo

Feb. 16-19: NAMPA

Men's Cursillo

Feb. 22-25: CALDWELL

Women's Cursillo

Feb. 22-25: GENESEE, St. Mary's

Women's North Idaho Cursillo. For information on both weekends and candidate and sponsor forms write to: P.O. Box 2205, Lewiston, ID 83501 or website: fritterweb.com/declores. Call Tom Aram 208-743-6456

Feb. 16-19: POCATELLO, Men's Cursillo
Jim Montoya, 238-1867 or Jerry Downey, 234-1016. Palanca c/o John Murphy, 29 Cedar Hills Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204

Feb. 24: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary

Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night, by Knights of Columbus and OLR Youth Group, following 5 p.m. Mass. Donations for dinner gladly accepted. Bingo proceeds to help OLR youth attend the Moller Basketball Tournament in Rupert. Cash and Gift prizes

Feb. 24: BOISE, FIRE Rally, Bank America Ctr.

Catch Fire Returns to Idaho, Front Street and Capitol Boulevard, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets \$15, students \$5. Call Kathy Hunt, 208-286-7496 or make checks payable to Bethany House, c/o Roger and Linda Graefe, 1005 Beachwood Dr., Boise, Id, 83709. Speakers are: Sister Ann Shields, SGL, Ralph Martin, Rev. Michael Scanlan, TOR, Rev. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Feb. 24-25: POCATELLO, St. Anthony's

Mardi Gras International Food Fair, 504 N. 7th Ave. and Wyeth, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment, food and beverage at mod-

erate prices. For information, Call Tony or Dorothy Frangesh, 238-7502

Mar. 1-4: POCATELLO, Women's Cursillo
Helene Stafford, 238-8033 or Sandi Lenker, 234-1466. Palanca c/o Ann Delmastro, 2670 Homestead Ln., Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Mar. 3: BOISE, St. Mark's

Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Westpark Event Center. Spring and summer fashions, gift baskets auctioned and raffle prizes. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$8.50 for youth. Proceeds will benefit the WCA. Call for tickets, 375-0272

Mar. 3: BOISE, Sacred Heart School

Dinner, Dance, Auction, "Treasure Island," Boise Centre on the Grove. Tickets \$30 per person. Information: Diane Hickox, 342-7695, Sheryl Vaterlaus, 344-9738

Mar. 10: GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul

Sts. Peter & Paul School Chocolate Fantasy, Grangeville Elk's Lodge, 6 p.m. Tickets, \$10 available at Kate's Hallmark, Melinda's Fabrics, Sts. Peter & Paul School, 983-2182 (must be 21 years or older to attend)

Mar. 23-25: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake
Evangelization Retreat. For information and registration call 634-5474

Mar. 24: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus

Tri-Parish School 26th Annual A.C.T.I.O.N. (All Christians Together In One Need) Auction. Red Lion Hotel, main ballroom. No charge for admission. Silent Auction, 5 p.m., Live Auction begins at 7:15. Sweet & Sour Chicken Dinner, tickets in advance: 2/\$25 or \$15 each at the door. Call St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, 743-4411

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church

First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Feb. 15-16: Menlo Park, CA, St. Patrick's Seminary, Bishops/Vocation Directors Meeting

Feb. 17: Boise, Sacred Heart Parish, Hallissey Tournament Mass, 7 p.m.

Feb. 23: Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC), Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 23: Boise, DPC, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 24: Boise, Owyhee Hotel Grand Ballroom, Youth FIRE Rally, 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 24: Boise, Bank of America Center, Adult FIRE Rally closing Mass, 4 p.m.

Feb. 25: Boise, St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Mass and social, 7 p.m.

Feb. 26-27: Spokane, Wash., Region XII Bishop's Meeting

Feb. 28: Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Ash Wednesday Mass, 7:30 p.m.

March 2: Lewiston, St. Stanislaus, Rite of Election, 7:30 p.m.

March 3: Coeur d'Alene, St. Pius X, Rite of Election, 11 a.m., Holy Family School Dinner/Auction/Dance, 5 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the last part of February, beginning of March:

Feb. 22, 1974

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. Ahern

Feb. 26, 1948

Rev. Martin Baerlocher

Mar. 3, 1999

Deacon James Goettsche

Nazareth Schedule

Feb. 16-18

Sweet Adelines-TVSC

Feb. 20

Ethnic Ministries

Feb. 21

Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue

Feb. 23-25

S.U.F.I. Prayer and Dance

Feb. 27-28

Idaho Power

Feb. 27

Faith Formation, The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue

Mar. 1-2

Idaho Power

Mar. 2-4

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862

Mar. 8-9

Co-Ad, Inc.

Mar. 9-11

Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Mark's Parent-Teen Retreat

Mar. 16

Department of Health and Welfare

Mar. 16-17

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Mar. 16-17

Vineyard Christian Fellowship

Mar. 21

Faith Formation The Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue

Mar. 28

Faith Formation, the Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue

Mar. 30-April 1

Deacon Community

April 2-3

Presbyteral Council

April 4

Faith Formation, the Ten Commandments, with Father John Donoghue

April 6

Catholic Charities

April 6-7

St. Paul's and St. Mary's RCIA

April 8

St. Mark's Confirmation Retreat

April 9

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

April 10

Diocesan Pastoral Center Staff Retreat

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.



ISLAND ADVENTURE—Sacred Heart School Pirate, or rather Principal John Loffer invites all those ready for an island adventure to "Treasure Island," Sacred Heart School's Dinner Dance and Auction March 3 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. The no host cocktails and auction will start at 5 p.m.

with dinner and the dessert auction and "Survivor" Game. The live auction will start at 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$30 each. Reservations must be made by Feb. 23. To purchase tickets or for more information call Sacred Heart School, 344-9738.

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NW MANAGEMENT

March 2 is national day of prayer for healing

By Darla Anglen-Whitley

COTTONWOOD—The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) in the U.S. knows that true change happens only out of prayer and fasting. They have organized the communities of sisters in the country to make 2001 a year of contemplation and fasting to heal broken relationships within the church and the society.

They have set March 2 (early Lent) and Dec. 7 (early Advent) as public national days of prayer and fasting for this healing. All members of the Diocese of Boise are invited to make March 2 a day of contemplation. Some women religious in Idaho are inviting people in their areas to specific times of prayer with them. People unable to participate in one of the public prayer times are asked to spend some time on their own praying for healing.

Sister Jean Lalande, prioress of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, is a member of LCWR. On behalf of the Northwest region of the conference, she encourages the Sisters and all the faithful in the Diocese of Boise to take seriously this call to conversion.

“One example of a move toward healing is Bishop Mike’s (Driscoll) call for a more-collaborative approach to being church,” she said. This requires us to let go of past wounds and to give our best talents in our faith-communities and the larger community.”

Sister LaLande said she sees the establishment

Catholic Charities of Idaho as an acknowledgement of the many ways our culture is in need of healing.

“I hope many people in our diocese will join the women religious of the country in seeking wisdom to know how to respond in love to the overwhelming needs of our times,” she said.

A statement from LCWR national office reads in part: “Brokenness exists in our world and in our church and we long for wholeness. We want to respond.

We want jubilee to be a reality.

“God’s dream of unity for the world and for our church can come in our time, only if we are willing to change. It is God’s love that will bring conversion and healing to us and through us to the world. In the spirit of Jubilee we want to let the ‘land lie fallow.’ We want to find a space in time and a place with a community of believers to pray and fast together. We want to enter into contemplation and stir our God-given creativity so as to imagine new ways of responding in love. The challenge before us is great but we know that authentic spirituality calls us to holiness.

“Sharing a passion for restoring right relationships, we enter into contemplation where together: —We experience God’s love in the quiet of contemplative prayer.

—We know our dependence on God through fasting.

—We rediscover our unity with all creation and

our singleness of purpose as a religious people.

—We act with new wisdom and new energy to heal the brokenness within ourselves, in our church and in our world.”

Following are some of the times and places set up in the Diocese of Boise for prayer for healing in church and society:

Desert House, Pocatello

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist
March 2, Community Day of Prayer
Contact: Sister Mona Brunner, 233-7462

St. Charles, Hailey—Regular Adoration

March 2, 9 p.m.—March 3, 8 a.m.
Contact: Sister Arlene Ellis, 788-3024

St. Gertrude’s Monastery, Cottonwood

March 2, 10:30 a.m. Prayer, 11:30 a.m. Mass
Contact: Sister Esther Velasquez, 962-3224

St. Mary’s, Cottonwood—Stations of the Cross

focused on the suffering and healing of the Body of Christ—March 2, 6 p.m.
Contact: Father Andy Schumacher, 962-3214

Sts. Peter and Paul, Grangeville

March 2, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
During regular First Friday Holy Hour
Contact: Rev. Tom Loucks, 983-0403

St. Stanislaus, Lewiston

Friday, March 2, 7:30 a.m.
Contact: Sister Margie Schmidt, OSB, 743-7331

Five women participate in Benedictine Experience weekend

COTTONWOOD—“I wanted to see what a monastery was really like,” said a recent participant in the first of three Benedictine Experience Weekends scheduled at the Monastery of St. Gertrude for 2001.

The woman, one of five who participated, went on to add that the weekend was “filled with many blessings as the sisters provided a welcoming, God-centered place that allowed me to keep an open heart to life with the Benedictines.”

Sister Janet Barnard, vocation director for the monastery, facilitated the weekend. Attendees participated in the daily prayers, meals, work and study of the Benedictine Sisters.

Each woman came for a different reason. One was searching for a means to grow closer to

God and to strengthen her spirituality, another to explore the possibility and reality of community life as a choice for her.

Ranging in age from 19-42, participants said they found the weekend filled with blessings, less scary than expected, enlightening, exhausting, spiritually moving and one to be repeated.

The next Benedictine Experience Weekend is scheduled for March 2-4.

The Monastery of St. Gertrude hosts and annual Monastic Living Experience. This year’s live-in is set for July 1-12 and will provide a time for women ages 18-45 to live the rhythm of Benedictine life a two-week time period. The Monastic Living Experience is free to participants.

For more information on either the Benedictine Experience Weekend or the annual Monas-

tic Living Experience, contact: Sister Janet Barnard, OSB, HC 3, Box 121, Cottonwood, ID

83522-9408; (208)-962-3224; vocation@camasnet.com; www.rc.net/boise/st_gertrude.



BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE—Sister Janet Barnard, left, vocations director at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, talks with the women who recently completed a two-week monastic living experi-

ence at the monastery. They are Tanya Gould, Boise, back to the camera, Karina Kroll, Boise, Gena Diltz, Missoula, Mont., Ina Howe, Vancouver, Wash., and Katherine Beckley, Pullman, Wash.

Want to go fishing with the bishop?

POST FALLS—How would you like to go fishing with the bishop?

The Idaho Knights of Columbus are offering the winner of a statewide raffle an opportunity to fish with Bishop Michael Driscoll on the first day of their state convention at Templin’s Resort, Post Falls, April 20-22.

Proceeds will go to help promote vocations in the Diocese of Boise and to Right to Life,

Birthright and other pro-life organizations.

Jeff Smith, owner of Fins and Feathers, Coeur d’Alene, and a licensed guide, has donated a fishing trip on Lake Coeur d’Alene on his boat. The bishop has already reserved that date. A second seat is available for the winner.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from any active member of the Knights of Columbus in any Idaho parish. Tickets are

\$5 each or six for \$25. Make checks and money orders payable to the Knights of Columbus.

Anyone who is not able to locate a Knight can send tickets and checks to Steve Pelsma, 9380 North Ash Street, Hayden, ID 83835 or call him toll free, 1-888-772-7147 for tickets or more information.

The drawing will take place April 6 in time for the winner to make the necessary arrangements.

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BRIEFS

Bishop Kelly Boosters to host Irish Fest on St. Patrick's Day

BOISE—The Bishop Kelly Booster Club is planning their annual Irish Fest for March 17 this year at Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road.

All proceeds from the event will go towards fund requests from Bishop Kelly teachers, departments, clubs and programs.

The evening will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:30 p.m., a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m., a silent auction, including desserts, and a live auction starting at 8:30 p.m. Attendees can finish the evening dancing.

In conjunction with the event, there is a raffle. The grand prize is a Pentax EI-2000 digital camera donated by Thornton Oliver and Keller Commercial Real Estate, with camera accessories donated by Idaho Camera. The package is worth \$675. First prize is a \$250 Hitachi DVD player donated by Commercial Home Furnishing.

Tickets for the raffle may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Tickets for the Irish fest are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Make reservations by calling 888-3013.

Pastoral Musicians bring Oliver Douberly to Idaho for singing techniques workshop

BOISE—The Idaho Chapter of National Pastoral Musicians is bringing Oliver Douberly to Idaho Feb. 24 for a voice and signing techniques workshop.

The workshop will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Boise, starting at 9 a.m. Cost for chapter members is \$5 (those who attended the music track at the Diocesan Fall Conference are members) and \$15 for nonmembers. Lunch is included.

Douberly, who is sponsored by Oregon Catholic Press, is music director at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oklahoma City, Okla. He was at Fall Conference in 1999. Many who participated requested that he return to give more training in music ministry.



St. Mark's CCW to present

Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon March 3

BOISE—St. Mark's Council of Catholic Women, Boise, will present "Time to Change," their annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon March 3 at 11 a.m. at Westpark Event Center, Boise.

Proceeds will benefit the Women's and Children's Alliance.

The fashion show will feature spring and summer outfits for morning, noon, afternoon and evening. The event will also include a gift basket auction and raffle prizes.

To purchase tickets call Danielle Gilliam, 375-0272.



THANKS TO THE DDP — Gloria Pettinger, Diocesan Resource Center manager, looks through some of the videos that are available for Idaho Catholics to check out at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The Resource Center also has an extensive collection of books and other resource materials to assist Idaho Catholics with children's and adults' religious education, parenting, and personal research. The center, which is part of the Diocesan Office of Education, is funded by the annual Diocesan Development Program (DDP). DDP Sunday is March 11 this year. Contact Pettinger for further information about the Resource Center. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Tappens, Buhl, honored as KC Family of the Year

BUHL—Surrounded by their children, grandchildren and the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, the Buhl Knights of Columbus honored Tom and Georgia Tappen as the Parish's

Family of the Year 2000.

The ceremony took place in front of the congregation after Mass, Jan. 21. Buhl Knights of Columbus honored Tom and Jamie McCreery and Craig Karel, along with Father John Worster,

pastor, made the presentation.

Not only did the Tappens receive the Family of the Year Award, but letters of love and appreciation from their children and grandchildren were read in their honor.

Referring to the nicknames of their grandparents, "Guppy" for Tom and "G.G." for Georgia, grandson Chase said they deserved the Family of the Year because "they had the coolest names around!"

The Tappens moved to the Magic Valley area 40 years ago after Tom graduated from optometry school in Los Angeles. Tom is a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and has held most offices including Grand Knight. He has been active in Rotary, Kiwanis, the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, and was on the city Council for 16 years.

Georgia is a member of the Buhl Council of Catholic Women and is an eucharistic minister. She has worked as a timekeeper for Green Giant/Seneca during the packing season for 30 years and is involved with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

The Tappens raised eight children and have twelve grandchildren. They say they realize how special and important their family life is to them and the community.



FAMILY OF THE YEAR—Georgia and Tom Tappen, Immaculate Conception Parish, Buhl, right, pose for a photo with their pastor, Father John Worster. The Tappens were selected as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year.



2001 COUNCIL CHAMPIONS—Four boys and girls were recently honored as "2001 Council Champions" in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship sponsored by the St. Mary's Council of Boise. Pictured with St. Mary's Knights of

Columbus Grand Knight Lou Schumacher are the champions, Jacob Kartes, left, Bryanne Gribble and Rory Cooper. Not pictured is Jim Schumacher, the 12 year old champion.

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Parish event aims to promote awareness, prayer for vocations

**By Kathy Barkdull
For the ICR**

P O C A T E L L O — The Pocatello/Chubbuck parishes of St. Joseph, St. Anthony and St. Paul sponsored a Vocation Awareness Event on Jan. 21 and 22 for the first through twelfth grade students.

Representatives of the Benedictine, Dominican, Franciscan and Apostolic Life Community of Priests religious orders, as well as the diocesan priesthood and diaconate, were present to share with the students how they were called by God, the characteristics of their specific vocation and the joys of their ministry. They shared their stories and answered questions for the junior and senior high students Sunday evening.

On Monday they visited St. Anthony Catholic Community School campus with the first through sixth grades and the students from the religious education parish programs in the evening.

The Knights of Columbus from all three parishes provided all the meals for those participating.

Participants for the Voca-

tion Awareness Event were Father Jude Anderson, Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, Sister Janet Bernard, St. Gertrude's Monastery, Cottonwood, Sister Betty Kugi, Our Lady of the Snows, Sun Valley, Sister Mary Paul Moeller and Sister Janet Marie Bagniewski, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in Pocatello, Father Camillus Temba, St. Paul, Chubbuck, Deacon Mel Hardy, Pocatello, and Father Carlos Velez, Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls.

The students had the opportunity to learn more about some of the religious vocations that are available in the Diocese of Boise.

The parishes of the Pocatello/Chubbuck community hope this event will promote more support and prayers for vocations. Following this event, each parish will initiate the Diocesan Parish Vocation Cross Program to encourage individual families to pray for vocations each week.

The parishes of Pocatello/Chubbuck plan to host a Vocations Awareness Event each year.



VOCATIONS AWARENESS—Sister Janet Barnard, vocations director for the Benedictine Sisters at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, speaks to junior and senior high youth at St. Paul's, Chubbuck, during a Vocations Awareness Event in January sponsored by the Pocatello and Chubbuck Catholic community. (Photo by Kathy Barkdull)



MANY FACES—Father Patrick Dennis, St. Mary's Parish, Boise, presents a picture of Christ made up of many faces to St. Mary's School first grade students Joshua Meyers and Michaela Gerard. A copy of the same picture now hangs in every classroom to remind students that we are all part of the Body of Christ. (Photo by Marcia Beckman)

St. Mary's students, Boise, strive to grow, be "one in Christ"

BOISE—Father Pat Dennis, pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Boise, recently presented a picture of Christ to first grade students Joshua Meyers and Michaela Gerard from St. Mary's School. The picture of Christ is made up of many faces, some of them famous people — a symbolic way to show the students how they are part of the Body of Christ.

Father Dennis encouraged St. Mary's students to be "one in Christ" as St. Paul said in scripture.

A copy of the picture the children received will be in each classroom so that the students

can study and be inspired by the picture.

For the concluding Catholic Schools Week Mass, the first grade students prepared the readings and assisted Father Dennis with the Liturgy.

During Catholic School's week Jan. 29 - Feb. 4, St. Mary's School celebrated its academic achievement, and history.

"We took time to thank our parents for all their efforts by inviting them to a 'picnic' lunch in the auditorium," said Marcia Beckman, principal. "The Liturgy of the Mass was offered on Friday for our benefactors.

Students ended the day with interactive games in the classrooms."

Beckman said St. Mary's strives to put the focus on students' growth — mentally and spiritually.

"We nourish more than the students' ability to read and write," she said. "At St. Mary's, we teach students to respect themselves and others and to have an appreciation for the beauty and wonder of the world around them. This is done in a safe and well-ordered atmosphere where parents and teachers work as a team for the good of the students."

WOMEN RELIGIOUS

Journeys

Weiser, Payette, and stationso host Apostles of the Word for missions on apologetics

Parish missions focusing on "Apologetics—Defend Your Catholic Faith," are scheduled in March for Corpus



Kathy Hicks



Nick Senger

NCEA honors two NW educators

SPOKANE—The National Catholic Education Association, Washington, D.C., has awarded top honors to two Northwesters—both members of All Saints Catholic School, Spokane, Wash.

All Saints Principal Kathy Hicks has received the 2001 Distinguished Principal Award for the NCEA's northwestern region. She was honored for her dedication and commitment to Catholic education.

Nick Senger, vice principal and eighth grade teacher at All Saints received the 2001 Outstanding Educator Award from NCEA.

The northwest region encompasses all Catholic schools in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Alaska. Both Hicks and Senger will receive their award this spring at the NCEA convention Milwaukee, Wis.

Christi Parish, Payette, St. Agnes Parish, Weiser, Holy Rosary, Cambridge, and St. Jude's, Council, in March.

The presenters will include Martin Zavala, Oscar Esparza and Juan Rios from The Apostles of the Word, Phoenix, Ariz. Some sessions will be offered in English and others in Spanish. Everyone interested in learning more about the teachings of the Catholic Church is welcome to attend. Cost is a donation.

When Pope John Paul II closed the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica Jan. 6 to end the Jubilee Year, he signed a letter to all Catholics, which said, "The missionary mandate accompanies us into the third millennium and urges us to share the enthusiasm of the very first Christians."

"In order to share our faith with enthusiasm we have to have knowledge of the teachings of our Catholic faith," said Father Nondier Zuleta, a member of the pastoral team for Corpus Christi and St. Agnes parishes. "We as Catholics are often challenged by other religions. Are we prepared to answer questions about Jesus, the Virgin Mary,

the Apostles and disciples and other issues dealing with our faith? Should we become more enlightened about our faith?"

Father Zuleta said apologetics is a way in which the first Fathers of the church defended and extended their faith.

"We are in a country that has many challenges, Father Zuleta said. "We face them daily. There are so many different churches with different theologies. We, as Catholics, need to know the difference between Catholic and non-Catholic ideas. We must know our faith, otherwise we follow wrong doctrines that look good but are not part of our richness of being Catholics."

Following is the mission schedule. All sessions are from 7 to 9 p.m.

—March 12-14, Holy Rosary, Cambridge (English)

—March 12-13, St. Agnes, Weiser (Spanish)

—March 11-13, Corpus Christi, Payette (English)

—March 14-16, Corpus Christi, Payette (Spanish)

—March 14-16, St. Agnes, Weiser (English)

—March 15-16, St. Jude's, Council (English)

Lewiston school plans A.C.T.I.O.N.

LEWISTON—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School will present the 26th Annual A.C.T.I.O.N. (All Christians Together In One Need) Auction March 24 at the Red Lion Hotel Main Ballroom.

The theme is "Treasure Island. There is no admission charge.

The silent auction will start at 5 p.m. The live auction begins at 7:15 p.m.

Patrons can purchase a sweet and sour chicken dinner. Tickets are two for \$25 or \$15 a piece at the door.

Call the school, 743-4411, for more information.



GEOGRAPHY BEE FINALISTS—Finalists at the recent Holy Family Catholic School Geography Bee are standing from left, Charne Kuebler, Clayton Klukas, Justin Traw, Maggie Williamson, and sitting from left, Libby Redline and Isabel Pennings. Not pictured are Sarah Dean and Noah Rinaldi.

Holy Family student vies for Geography Bee win

COEUR D'ALENE—Clayton Klukas, a 6th grade student at Holy Family Catholic School, recently won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee, and a chance at \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 13th annual National Geographic Bee.

The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of Nov. 27, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Clayton, will now take a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 6.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship May 22-23. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

With Clayton, the other finalists at the Holy Family Catholic School Geography Bee included 7th graders Sarah Dean and Maggie Williamson, 6th grader Justin Traw, 5th graders Noah Rinaldi and Libby Redline, and 4th graders Charne Kuebler and Isabel Pennings.

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Senate passes resolution eliminate 'squaw'

By Anne Wheeler

The state Senate passed a resolution Feb. 12 to eliminate the word "squaw" from all Idaho place names. The resolution now goes to the House.

If approved, it orders the start of the process for changing the names of 93 geographic locations that are currently identified using the word in some way.

The sponsor of the resolution is Sen. Moon Wheeler (R-American Falls). Wheeler chairs the Indian Affairs Council, established two years ago. The council is composed of legislators and representatives of all of the Idaho Native American tribes.

The request to eliminate the word "squaw" from place names in Idaho was brought to the council by the Coeur D'Alene Tribe. Ernie Stensgar, tribal spokesman, explained that the word is an insulting term to Indian women. The word is not spoken in his home.

The word has its origin in the Algonquin language, (earliest reference found indicates 1634) and was brought west by the trappers, hunters and frontiersmen as the country expanded to the west. Not all Indian languages have the word, but there is a general acceptance that the word "squaw" refers to an American Indian woman.

The word in many tribes is demeaning and refers to female genitalia in a coarse, crude, way.

The tribes of Idaho are in agreement that the word should be eliminated. Sam Penney, Nez Perce tribal chairman, said Idaho has spent a great deal of money

trying to improve Idaho's image in the area of racism. He feels that passing this resolution will be a positive step toward this goal.

"We are not changing history, but erasing a derogatory past," said Penney.

"The people in this room that know me, know that I am not known for being a 'politically correct' person," said Sen. Wheeler during the hearing on the resolution in the Senate State Affairs Committee Feb. 7. The comment brought smiles and nods from the committee members and some observers in the room. Those who support changing the name seem not to view this as a "politically correct" move, but simply the right thing to do.

At the end of the testimony, committee member Sen. John Sandy (R-Hagerman) said his mother instructed him not to use the word when he was a small boy, telling him that it was not a nice word.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) also offered testimony in support of the measure.

When asked about the much feared "slippery slope" of starting a rush of requests to change other names, Wheeler said there is already a process in place to handle such requests. The process, which will be followed by this resolution, is:

1. The request, if passed by the whole legislature, will then go the Idaho State Historical Society. The Society will refer it to a subcommittee to determine its' validity.

2. If approved, the request will be forwarded to the National Geographic Names Board, a federal department that has the authority to authorize the name change on maps, etc.

3. If the request passes muster there, name changes will be made to the appropriate places.

Supporters believe education is the key to acceptance by the general public. They feel that as people become aware of the ugly nature of the word, place names such as Squaw Lake and Squaw Mountain will be seen as demeaning titles rather than a honor in remembrance of Native Americans.

Asked about the economic impact of such a move, Wheeler acknowledged that there would be a cost connected with it. Signs and maps will have to be changed on both public and private property. Advocates of the change will look for ways to ease the strain.

"Idaho has a reputation, I think undeserved, of being racist," Sen. Wheeler said. "This is one of the options we can take to show how Idaho really feels about people."

Should Idaho adopt this resolution, the state will be the fifth to act on eliminating the word from state place names. Minnesota (1995), Montana, (1999), Maine, (2000), and Oklahoma (2000), have already taken steps to do this. The procedures vary in each state. South Dakota and Nebraska legislatures are in the first stages of doing this as well.

Called and Gifted Workshop slated for March 17-18

BOISE—St. Mark's Parish, Boise, will host the Called and Gifted Weekend March 17-18 at St. Mark's gymnasium, 7503 Northview, Boise.

Called and Gifted, sponsored by the Catherine of Siena Insti-

tute, Seattle, Wash., is aimed at equipping Catholics to explore their unique, personal call from God and to discover the gifts God has given them for the sake of others.

Dominican Father Michael

Sweeney, Catherine of Siena Institute, one of the architects of Called and Gifted, will facilitate the workshop.

The weekend is open to all interested persons across the state. Cost is \$65 per person,

which includes workshop, materials, light breakfast, lunch, snacks and personal interview.

Partial scholarships are available, said Kathy Sells, parish adult education director, who is coordinating the workshop. For information or to register call Sells at 375-6651.

Called and Gifted is especially useful for young adults discerning career and vocational direction, parents who want to help their children live their faith and recognize their gifts, people in transition with jobs,

children leaving home, or retirement, new or returning Catholics who want to explore what it means to live their faith as an adult, parish staff and leaders who want to nurture and empower parishioners

Attendees will learn the ancient teaching of the church on how gifts of the Holy Spirit work in our lives and in the lives of the parish community, the five steps of discerning the gifts God has given us and the signs and characteristics of 24 of the most common gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Mitchells, Boise, celebrate 50th anniversary

BOISE—John and Rena (Inama) Mitchell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends at their Boise home recently.

Married in Sun Valley Dec. 26, 1950, the Mitchells started their life together on a dairy farm just outside Rupert. They were active in St. Nicholas Parish. John taught at St. Nicholas School while Rena stayed at home to raise their four small children. She liked to write and was one of the Idaho Register's first parish correspondents.

The Mitchells moved to Boise in 1965 where John took a teaching position at Bishop Kelly High School and served as head of the math department. He was named Bishop Kelly's Teacher of the Year in 1980.

An active member of the Knights of Columbus since 1954, John held many local offices and was elected state deputy of the Idaho Knights of Columbus Council from



John and Rena Mitchell

1968 to 1970. He was instrumental in the formation of the Idaho Right to Life Society and served as the group's first president. In his "spare" time, he volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul's and served on their board of directors. John loved to sing and was a member of the Sacred Heart Church adult choir until suffering a series of strokes.

In addition to raising a busy family and staying involved in many church activities, Rena worked at the Idaho Surveying

and Rating Bureau as a fire insurance examiner. Today she is caring for John in their home.

The Mitchell's children and their spouses are: Bill and Sharon Mitchell, Meridian, Mike and Debbe Mitchell, Emmett, Terri Mitchell, Seattle, Wash., and Sue and Jerry Conolly, Ellensburg, Wash. They have eight grandchildren.

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Youth talk about S.P.A.M. in Twin Falls

By Karma Fitzgerald
For the ICR

TWIN FALLS—The residents of Seventh Avenue East in Twin Falls probably weren't sure just what sort of people had taken over their neighborhood.

The laughter and singing drifted through the doors and windows of St. Edwards Parish Hall and out to the sidewalks of the normally quiet Twin Falls residences. And then, there was all this talk of SPAM.

Participants in the Southern Deanery's Youth Conference weren't talking about the canned meat prod-

uct. The weekend's message was about Spirit, Peace And Mercy—S.P.A.M.

The weekend youth rally, held Jan. 26-28, featured the singing and motivational talents of Jesse Manibusan, Catholic recording artist, youth speaker and minister from Alameda, Calif.

He encouraged the sixty participants to "be intentional" in their words, thoughts and actions.

"God has faith in us," he said. "It's not about us, it's about God."

Southern Deanery Director of Youth Ministries

Kathy Mullen said 136 families were served on the first day of the event—38 junior high students came on the second and 88 senior high students participated in day three's festivities.

"I thought it was fantastic," Mullen said. "We had some involvement with some churches we didn't have before. It's good to see the youth ministry in the Southern Deanery taking hold and making a difference."

The next deanery-wide event is a Confirmation Retreat set for Feb. 25.



SIGN ME UP—LEFT, Southern Deanery Director of Youth Ministry Kathy Mullen, left, and Ken Cook, Diocese of Boise coordinator of youth ministry, watch as Daniel Auth, Filer, checks in

at the Southern Deanery Youth Conference Jan. 26-28 at St. Edward the Confessor Parish Hall, Twin Falls. RIGHT, teens at the Southern Deanery Youth Conference play "Birdie On A Perch."

That game and the "thumbs up" sign to say "Yes, Lord," were motivated by keynote speaker Jesse Manibusan, a singer songwriter from Alameda, Calif.

Winners of all-school science fair finals announced

The Sixth Annual Bishop Kelly All-School Science Fair Finals took place Feb. 2, in the Bishop Kelly High School cafeteria, Boise.

Teams of scientists from the National Weather Service, Bishop

Kelly High School educators and advanced physics students from Bishop Kelly gathered to judge the top science projects from Boise-area Catholic schools. Winners at each grade level are as follows:

Kindergarten: 1st, Hannah Shirley, Sacred Heart School, "Just A-Swingin'"; 2nd, Patrick Higgins, Sacred Heart, "This Takes The Cake"; 3rd, Robert Thomas, Sacred Heart, "Hungry Birds."

First Grade: 1st, Anne Selvage, Sacred Heart School, "Bottle Organ"; 2nd, Mandy Carlson, St. Mark's School, "Comparing Ice and Water"; 3rd, Jamie Wees, St. Mark's, "Lego Magnet Motor."

Second Grade: 1st, Rachel Albertson, St. Mark's School, "Freezing Liquids"; 2nd, Michelle Resman, St. Mark's, "Mix-up magic"; 3rd, Class Project, St. Mary's School, "Spouting Seeds in the Dark."

Third Grade: 1st, Kendahl Melvin, Sacred Heart School, "Seismology"; 2nd, Logan Doperalski, St. Mark's School, "Regular or Low Fat"; 3rd, Patrick Van Paepghem, St. Mark's, "Steamboat Boiler."

Fourth Grade: 1st, Chrissie Hepworth, Sacred Heart School, "What Brand of Paper Towel Holds Up the Best?"; 2nd, Chip Kalousek, Sacred Heart, "Ink Stain Challenge"; 3rd, Meredith Metsker, St. Mark's School,

"Woodstock" (xylophone).

Fifth Grade: 1st, Larissa DeHaas, Sacred Heart School, "Pears"; 2nd, Christopher Daly, Sacred Heart, "Lung Capacity"; 3rd, Lauren Franklin, St. Mary's School, "How do Changes in Air Pressure Relate to Weather Changes."

Sixth Grade: 1st, Anneliese Rice, Sacred Heart School, "Growing Yeast"; 2nd, Trey Moore, Sacred Heart, "Water or No Water"; 3rd, Josh Osich, Ike Sample, Kevin Stroscheir, St. Mary's School, "Trak Faster?!"

Seventh Grade: 1st, Kara

Bermensolo, Sacred Heart School, "Effects of Workout on the Body Temperature"; 2nd, Brielle Paolini, Sacred Heart, "Why do Hands Wrinkle in Bathwater?"; 3rd, Sarah Belmont, St. Mark's School, "What Kind of Soft Drink Discolors Your Teeth?"

Eighth Grade: 1st, Matt Payne/Ben Rowett, St. Mary's School, "Is Wider Better?"; 2nd, Brian Huntington, Sacred Heart School, "Transformation of Electrical and Mechanical Energy to Heat"; 3rd, Richard Thomas, Sacred Heart, "Connect With Your Conductor."



CONCERT FUNDRAISER—The Sacred Heart School Foundation, Boise, will host an evening with New York jazz pianist Paul Tillotson, and bassist Jeff Rew, Hailey, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Faith Hall, 811 South Latah, Boise. Tillotson, son of Sacred Heart parishioners Tom and Mildred Tillotson, has shared his talent the last four years for this annual fundraiser. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, and wine may be purchased. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be obtained through Sacred Heart's parish office, 344-8311.

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'Our Hearts Burn' is ICYC 2001 theme

Eric Sova to keynote convention
at Bishop Kelly High March 30-April 1

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

Eric Sova, national speaker, veteran youth minister, guitarist, singer and song writer, Colorado Springs, Colo., will keynote the 2001 Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) March 30 to April 1 in Boise.

All Idaho Catholic youth, ninth through twelfth grades, are eligible to attend the convention, which will take place at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

Theme for this year's conference is "Our Hearts Burn." Lourdes Gomez, St. Ann's Parish, Bonners Ferry, is the winner of the ICYC logo contest.

Ken Cook, Diocese of Boise coordinator of youth ministry, said the theme is a take off on Luke 24:32: "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

"We're excited to have Eric Sova coming," said Cook. "He



Eric Sova

is very energetic about the Catholic faith and Jesus' message, and he is able to captivate his audiences both through speaking and music."

Sova worked in youth ministry for 12 years in parishes in Colorado Springs and Manhattan, Kan. He is founder and coordinator of the annual Revive Conference for adult and senior high youth leadership training that take place

each summer in Manhattan. He has produced two albums, "Wind, Fire & Rain," and "Fall (On Your Knees)."

Registration fee for this year's ICYC is \$50 for those whose registrations are posted by Feb. 28 and \$60 for those who register after that date. Registration packets have been sent to all Idaho parishes and stations. Youth who plan to attend ICYC should register through their parish youth minister or parish office. There must be one adult chaperone for every seven youth who attend. Youth attending from around the state will stay at host homes in the Treasure Valley.

The convention will offer Idaho Catholic youth an opportunity to meet other Catholic youth from around the state, make new friends, participate in workshops based on the convention theme, experience prayer and praise and the closing liturgy with Bishop Michael Driscoll, and attend a dance and celebration Saturday evening.

Cook said participants can expect plenty of music throughout the convention and opportunities during breaks and lunch time to sing karaoke and play in the interactive inflatables.

This year ICYC will feature four mega workshops in English and two in Spanish, said Cook.

Deacon Paul Heric, a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Spokane who will be ordained to the priesthood in May, will present "Selling Your Soul and How to Buy It Back." The workshop will deal with teen identity and the real world.

National Youth Choir accepting applications

The National Catholic Youth Choir is accepting applications for its second season—June 8-24.

This choir, directed by Dr. Axel Theimer, is open to Catholic students entering grades 10, 11 and 12 and is held on the wooded campus of St. John's Abbey and University in cen-



Michael Benton, youth minister at Our Lady of the Valley, Saint Mary's, Caldwell, and a singer, songwriter and conference speaker, will do a workshop called "Hearts Burning or Heartburn? Following Jesus in a Consumer Culture."

Tammy Evevard from Alabama will present a workshop entitled "Breaking the Seductive Lie." The workshop will deal with questions like: In a world saturated by sensuality and sex, how do we experience "real" relationships? Evevard has been involved in youth ministry for 15 years addressing women's issues and God's great love for us. She is a past member of NET Ministries and REACH Youth Ministries traveling evangelization teams.

Brian Kraut, youth minister at St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, whose life motto is "Pray and Play," will give a workshop called "See the Light, Be the Light." It is a

challenge to respond to the call of the church to give witness to God's love and will include some practical ideas about how to be a reflection of Jesus with words and actions.

The two workshops in Spanish will be "El reto de la Cristianidad" (The Challenge of Christianity) and "Juventud Evangelizada Y Evangelizadora" (Youth Evangelizing and Evangelizer).

Father Paco Flores, parochial vicar at St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, will present the first workshop. Father Carlos Felipe, parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls, is the presenter for the second workshop. The two priests were ordained for the Diocese of Boise on June 8, 2000.

For more information about ICYC 2001, contact your local youth minister, parish office of call Ken Cook or Pat Thomas at the Diocese of Boise Office of Education in Boise, (208) 342-1311.

ICYC host homes needed

Host homes are needed for hundreds of teens from around the state who will attend the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) March 30-April 1 at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

Catholic families in the Treasure Valley can sign up to host two or more teens or their chaperones by contacting their parish youth minister. Signup forms must be returned to the youth ministers.

Beds are not necessary at host homes. Floor space will do. All ICYC delegates will bring their own sleeping bags and personal items.

Host families will be responsible for transportation to and from Bishop Kelly Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning, breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday and possibly dinner on Saturday night.

Potential host families are asked to provide their name, address, phone number, (and reference if the host family does not belong to a local parish). The host families can indicate how many teens or adults they want to host and which gender they prefer.

Information about the number of pets the family has and whether they are indoor or outdoor, if they have smokers in the home, if they have special dietary restrictions (vegetarians, for example). Such information will assist in placement.

For more information contact your parish youth minister or call Pat Thomas at the Diocese of Boise Education Office, (208) 342-1311.

tral Minnesota.

Students are accepted on the basis of their application and audition tape. For the entire camp the cost is \$350, which includes both room and board.

Curriculum includes intensive daily choral rehearsal of classical literature, and daily music and religion classes.

Applications are due March 19. Contacts for information and application materials are Michelle Plombon, St. John's University, School of Theology, Collegeville, MN 56321; 320-363-3062; Fax: 320-363-2614, E-mail: mplombon@csbsju.edu. Website: <http://www.csbsju.edu/ncyc>.

DeSmet called 'one of top five missionaries ever'

SPOKANE—Jan. 30 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Father Peter John DeSmet, S.J., whom Gonzaga University history Professor Robert Carriker, Spokane, author of the 1995 book "Father Peter John DeSmet: Jesuit in the West" calls "one of the greatest missionaries of all time."

"I purposely did not qualify that remark by saying 'Jesuit' missionary or even 'Catholic' missionary," said Carriker in a recent campus ceremony to mark the bicentennial. "DeSmet stands alone among all denominations acknowledged as one of the top five missionaries ever."

Carriker's book about the Jesuit leader who helped bring religion to the American West, published by the University of Oklahoma Press, is volume nine in the Oklahoma Western Biographies.

DeSmet was the first Jesuit in the Spokane region. The oldest residence hall (1925) on the Gonzaga University campus bears his name in tribute to his missionary work from which Gonzaga eventually sprung. Gonzaga gave the name "DeSmet" to one of its campus streets shortly after it opened to students in 1887. Since 1930, Gonzaga has conferred the DeSmet Medal as its highest award at commencement.

Father DeSmet also played a major role in the early history of Christianity in what is now Idaho.

Carriker describes DeSmet's love for the American West and the Native tribes who lived there, including the Potawatomis, Flatheads, Coeur d'Alenes, Kalispels, Blackfeet, Yankton Sioux, and others to whom the Jesuit father carried Christianity. Known as "Black Robe" by the Indians, DeSmet traveled relentlessly throughout the upper Missouri River country and Pacific Northwest to bring peace and religion to Indians. He became known as a man of peace, a friend of the Indians and the founder of missions.

Profoundly sensitive to criticism by his fellow Jesuits, DeSmet did not always enjoy community living. He felt most at home on the frontier, where he



DEPICTION—This depiction of Father Pierre DeSmet celebrating the first Mass in Idaho was drawn by Marie Jenkins, Grace, Idaho.

maintained his reputation as an affable companion on the trail, whether seated in a canoe or astride a mule, until his death in 1873.

Carriker's book not only looks at DeSmet as a missionary, but also as a talented fund-raiser who raised more than \$250,000 in his lifetime and as a writer of travel books read avidly by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The book provides abundant evidence to support the conclusion of his contemporaries that DeSmet was the best known, and most indispensable, Catholic missionary in America.

DeSmet taught thousands of Native American students, and baptized every one, Carriker said. "He was introduced to President Abraham Lincoln with the words: 'Mr. President, no white man knows the Indians as Father DeSmet does, nor has any man

their confidence in the same degree'"

DeSmet wrote four books—each published by a commercial firm—and his books went through 11 editions and were published in six languages.

As a scholar, Carriker said DeSmet broke new ground. "Most travelers in the mid-19th century merely recorded in their journals the essentials of the material culture of the Indians—the size, weight, color and so on of canoes, lodges, bowls, etc., but Father DeSmet penned his observations on the Indians' lifestyle and spiritual condition. DeSmet is credited by anthropologists as being the first Euro-American to comment upon the Indians' sense of humor."

DeSmet, originally from Belgium, was responsible for bringing no fewer than 88 Jesuit priests and brothers from Europe to

America to the missions.

"His was a straight-on approach of unvarnished truth to young men seeking the life of a missionary. After just his first trip to the Pacific Northwest, DeSmet wrote to Jesuit scholastics:

"Certainly the life of a missionary has its trials and dangers. But providence has provided admirably for the needs of those who inhabit the wilderness.

— Buffalo, dear, bighorn all roam in the thousands. Yet a fast of a day or two—I speak from experience—gives zest to the appetite.

— Should a storm keep one awake, one sleeps better the following night.

—The sight of the enemy lying in wait to take one's life teaches more confidence in God,

teaches one to pray well, and to keep his account with God in order..."

Carriker offers another sample of DeSmet's persuasive letters:

"Sleeping on the snow and in the open may sound uncomfortable to those accustomed to soft mattresses and warm rooms, but never was there a greater mistake. Come and breathe the pure air of the mountains, where coughs and cold are unknown, and where condiments are not needed to excite the appetite! Come and try a nomad's life and see how the fatigues of a long day's journey are forgotten, wrapped in a buffalo hide, lying upon pine branches beside a crackling fire!"

For more information, call Professor Carriker at 509-323-6693.

New Catholic foundation directory published

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new edition of "The Catholic Funding Guide: A Directory of Resources for Catholic Activities" has been published.

The 504-page book "is designed to simplify the work of the nonprofessional fund-raiser," said Francis J. Butler, president of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities.

"This book will become an indispensable tool for clergy and lay volunteers alike," he said.

FADICA, a Washington-based association of Catholic-oriented foundations, published the first funding guide in 1998 and the second edition this February.

The new edition has nearly 1,000 grant-maker entries, about 300 more than the first edition. Like the earlier book, it was edited by FADICA consultant Kerry A. Robinson.

Most of the book is devoted to a state-by-state listing of foundations that include Catholic activities among their funding interests. There are also separate sections on international funding agencies, U.S. church-based funding agencies, and religious orders and fraternal societies that offer funding for certain projects or activities.

The guide includes an introductory essay on how to prepare and present a funding proposal, how to search out foundations that may be interested, and how to tailor a grant application to the foundation's interests.

Each listing gives the organization's address and telephone number, the name of the president or other key contact person, its special interests, assets, total grants in the most recent year available, range of grants, limitations, and information on how and when to apply.

There is also a section on the Foundation Center, which has a national databank on foundations, and the addresses of local cooperating resource centers throughout the country.

USCC FEBRUARY FILM RATINGS

NEW YORK (CNS) — Here is a list of recent films the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability.

The first symbol after each title is the USCC classification. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

USCC classifications: A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations (this indicates films that, while not morally offensive in themselves, are not for casual viewing because they require some analysis and explanation in order to avoid false impressions and interpretations); O — morally offensive.

MPAA ratings: G — general audiences, all ages admitted; PG — parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13; R — restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; NC-17 — no one 17 or under admitted.

All the Pretty Horses, A-III (PG-13)
The Amati Girls, A-II (PG)
Antitrust, A-II (PG-13)
Bedazzled, A-III (PG-13)
Billy Elliot, A-III (R)
Cast Away, A-II (PG-13)
Cattfish in a Black Bean Sauce, A-III (PG-13)
Charlie's Angels, A-III (PG-13)

Chocolat, O (PG-13)
Chunhyang, A-III (R)
Cirque du Soleil Journey of Men, A-I (G)
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, A-III (PG-13)
Double Take, A-III (PG-13)
Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas, A-II (PG)
Dude, Where's My Car? A-III (PG-13)
The Emperor's New Groove, A-I (G)
The Family Man, A-III (PG-13)
Finding Forrester, A-II (PG-13)
The Gift, A-IV (R)
Hannibal, O (R)
Head Over Heels, A-III (PG-13)
The House of Mirth, A-II (PG)
In the Mood for Love, A-III (PG)
The Invisible Circus, A-III (R)

Left Behind: The Movie, A-III (PG-13)
Malena, A-IV (R)
Meet the Parents, A-III (PG-13)
Men of Honor, A-III (R)
The Million Dollar Hotel, A-III (R)
Miss Congeniality, A-II (PG-13)
O Brother, Where Art Thou? A-II (PG-13)
102 Dalmatians, A-I (G)
Panic, A-IV (R)
The Pledge, A-III (R)
Proof of Life, A-III (R)
Quills, O (R)
Remember the Titans, A-II (PG)
Requiem for a Dream, O (no rating)
Rugrats in Paris - The Movie, A-I (G)
Save The Last Dance, A-III (PG-13)

Snatch, O (R)
State and Main, A-III (R)
Sugar & Spice (New Line), O (PG-13)
Thirteen Days, A-II (PG-13)
Traffic, A-IV (R)
Two Ninas, A-III (R)
Unbreakable, A-II (PG-13)
Vatel, A-IV (PG-13)
Vertical Limit, A-III (PG-13)
The Wedding Planner, A-II (PG-13)
Wes Craven Presents Dracula 2000, A-III (R)
What Women Want, A-III (PG-13)
Wonder Boys, A-III (R)
Yi Yi (A One and a Two), A-III (no rating)
You Can Count on Me, A-IV (R)



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El Evangelio

La utopía cristiana

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc 6, 27-28



El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta una paradoja. Amar a los enemigos, compasión, misericordia y perdón parecen ser el meollo del Sermón de las Bienaventuranzas. El Padre John R. Donahue que escribe las homilias en la Revista América, empieza citando a Mahatma Gandhi en una alocución a un grupo de cristianos cuando dijo: "Si yo tuviera frente a mí sólo el Sermón de la Montaña y mi propia interpretación, yo diría sin dudar un instante que, por supuesto, sí soy Cristiano. Pero con toda tristeza tengo que decir que lo que se llama cristiano en nuestro mundo es la negación del Sermón de la Montaña.

De verdad que muchas veces no damos la medida como cristianos.

Este Evangelio nos enfrenta con una de las consecuencias más difíciles del amor radical que Cristo nos exige: el amor de los enemigos, el no juzgar ni condenar a las personas, la misericordia.

Esta exigencia de la caridad viene a ser un símbolo de la utopía cristiana: el seguir a Cristo dejándolo todo. Utopía que tenemos que reconocer que no podemos realizar con nuestras propias fuerzas. No sabemos amar a los enemigos, no sabemos perdonar. La causa de ello lo da el mismo Jesús, al darnos la razón de estas exigencias radicales. Estas no descansan en motivos racionales; esta lógica no nos lleva al radicalismo del Evangelio. La razón de sus exigencias es "para que sea como vuestro Padre celestial, que hace llover sobre buenos y malos." Hay que amar a los enemigos,

y a todos los demás, porque Dios Padre es así, y tenemos que imitarlo.

En las formas de ética de los griegos existía la reciprocidad. Si alguien recibía algún regalo o un favor, éste o ésta quedaba obligado a corresponder de la misma manera. El mensaje de Jesús va mucho más allá de estas normas. Su mandato va más allá de estas reglas de urbanidad. "Da a quien te pide," no sólo a quienes debemos generosidad. Más aún, no se puede esperar recompensa o pago. En definitiva, el amor misericordioso que Dios nos ofrece en Cristo es la norma. "Sean misericordiosos como vuestro Padre es misericordioso."

El mensaje del Evangelio de hoy, es que la tarea de Cristo no se agota al darnos sus exigencias radicales del amor, que por lo demás son el distintivo del cristiano. En este caso, el cristianismo no sería mejor que otras sabias religiones

humanas, o que muchas ideologías. La necesidad del amor mutuo y de la reconciliación, para que haya paz y la vida sea mejor y más feliz, es algo en que todos estamos de acuerdo. El problema no está en la "exigencia" sino en el cumplimiento que la historia nos demuestra que los seres humanos hemos fracasado en este terreno. No sabemos amar, menos sabemos asegurar que el futuro sea de la caridad.

Somos cristianos en definitiva porque Cristo no sólo nos exige amar, sino hace posible que amemos. La Pascua renovada en la Eucaristía que celebramos cada Domingo hace posible que la exigencia de amor radical se pueda realizar por nosotros.

¡Qué el perdón sea la mejor prueba de que somos cristianos!

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Mensaje papal de cuaresma: El perdón es el único camino a la paz

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El papa Juan Pablo II les pidió a los cristianos que siguieran totalmente el mandamiento del Evangelio de amar a nuestros enemigos, diciendo que el perdón era el único camino para la paz entre las gentes y las naciones.

"En nuestro tiempo, el perdón aparece más y más como dimensión necesaria para una auténtica renovación social y para el fortalecimiento de la paz en el mundo," dijo en su mensaje anual de Cuaresma.

Las 1,600 palabras del mensaje que se centraron en la cita bíblica, "El amor no recibe agravios," se presentó en rueda de prensa en el Vaticano el 9 de febrero.

El Papa dijo que la Cuaresma, tiempo tradicional para reconciliarse con Dios, debería mover a los creyentes a

reexaminar si su vida se conforma con el mandamiento de Cristo "ama a tus enemigos (y) haz el bien a quienes te odian."

"Esas son palabras, que si se toman seriamente, demandan una conversión radical," dijo.

Además de pedir perdón por faltas cometidas, "el cristiano debe hacer la paz aun cuando se sienta víctima de alguien que lo haya ofendido injustamente y lo haya dañado," dijo.

Dijo, además, que solamente la conversión interior y "la humilde obediencia a los mandamientos de Jesús" podría ayudarles a los creyentes a resistir "los mecanismos psicológicos de propia compasión y de venganza."

Particularmente enfatizó la importancia del sacramento de la reconciliación, diciendo que la experiencia de recibir el

perdón de Dios "nos anima a vivir con amor, considerando al prójimo no como enemigo, sino como hermano."

Añadido a sus frutos espirituales, el perdón trae la paz entre las gentes, y abre el entendimiento de las personas hacia las necesidades de otros, dijo.

"Para las naciones que buscan la reconciliación, y para aquellos que esperan una coexistencia pacífica entre los individuos y las gentes, no existe ningún otro medio que el perdón recibido y otorgado," dijo.

Dijo también que la reconciliación espiritual predispone a los individuos a que vean las necesidades materiales de otros y respondan a ellas, porque "un corazón reconciliado con Dios y con su prójimo es un corazón generoso."

Influencia cultural de música rap daña a la juventud, dice monja

NEW YORK (CNS) — La directora de Covenant House dice que la letra de la música popular de rap representada por Eminem y otros, es un ejemplo de influencia cultural que les está dando a los jóvenes de hoy una interpretación de la vida falta de esperanza.

Tales influencias están haciendo que "prolifere una generación de muchachos que se sienten más perdidos, aterrados, desposeídos, heridos y sin esperanzas" que cualquiera otra generación de la historia, dijo la hermana Mary Rose McGeedy,

Hija de la Caridad.

La directora del refugio para jóvenes, que tiene sus oficinas principales en Nueva York, expresó sus comentarios en la carta mensual dirigida a las personas que la apoyan, fechada el 7 de febrero.

También ella mencionó que los iconos del rap Puff Daddy y Dr. Dre no hacen otra cosa que destacar la letra de canciones de Eminem en las que se imagina "el placer" de matar "a esposas, monjas, gente de mal vivir cualquiera."

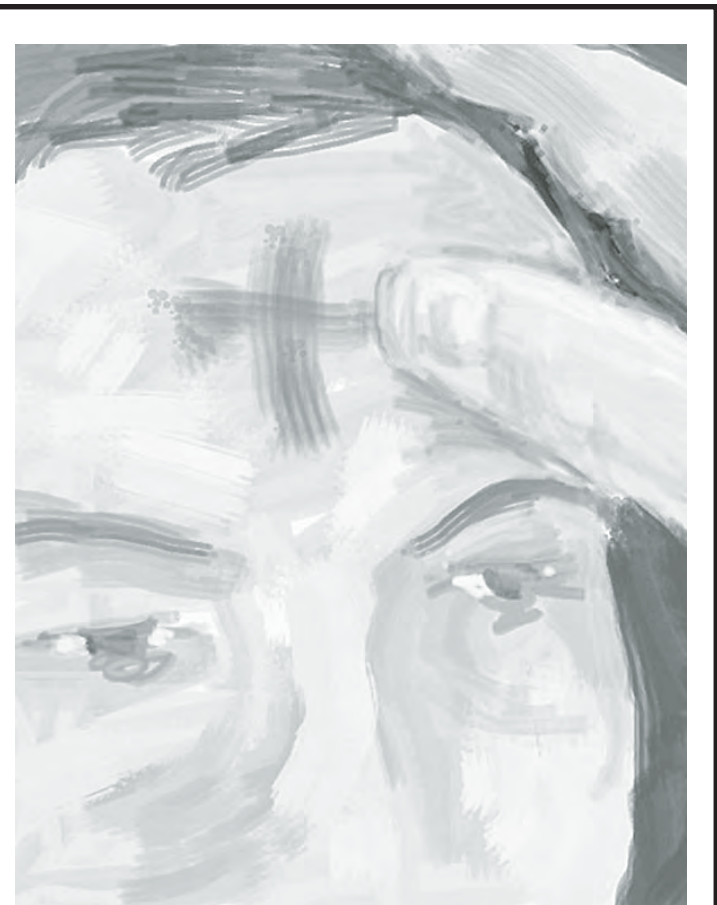
Ella indicó que en el mensaje

del rap se encuentra al descubierto "una filosofía oscura del no me importa nada, no espero nada y nada existe que valga la pena."

Pero a pesar de lo "pavoroso" y de "la temeridad exhibida" que porta el mensaje de Eminem, él ha llegado a convertirse en "una parte de la corriente cultural prevalente" y uno de los cinco nominados para recibir el honor del Album del Año, en los premios Grammy del 21 de febrero, dijo ella.

La hermana McGeedy dijo que había escuchado algunas

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Regulaciones para la cuaresma

El miércoles de ceniza, empezamos las seis semanas de cuaresma, Febrero 28. Cristo nos llama a que oremos y ayunemos para prepararnos para la pascua, Abril 15.

Como una raíz y fundamento para nuestra penitencia cuaresmal la Iglesia nos pide que observemos las signientes practicas penitenciales.

Todos los viernes de cuaresma son días de abstinencia de carne o de productos de carne. Esta ley obliga a todas aquellos que tengan 14 años de edad.

Miércoles de ceniza, Feb. 28 y viernes santo, Abril 13 son días de ayuno y abstinencia (una comida completa ó 2 pocas comidas, no carne, nada de comidas entre el almuerzo y cena). La regla de ayuno y abstinencia obliga a todas las personas entre las edades de 18 y 59 años.

México listo para enfrentar la violencia fronteriza

WASHINGTON (CNS) — El nuevo gobierno mexicano quiere tomar acción rápida con respecto a los problemas fronterizos, especialmente la violencia en contra de muchos mexicanos indocumentados que ingresan a los EEUU, dijo el ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Jorge Castañeda.

El gobierno también ha dado grandes pasos para ganarse la confianza de los insurgentes zapatistas del estado sureño de Chiapas para que regresen a la mesa de negociaciones, dijo.

“La violencia en la frontera es intolerable para México. Cantidad considerable de mexicanos mueren,” declaró ante un grupo de periodistas, diplomáticos y expertos de política exterior, en Washington, el 30 de enero.

Permanecía en Washington para trabajar junto con funcionarios de Estados Unidos en el planteamiento de la agenda a tratarse en la junta del 16 de febrero en México, entre el presidente de los Estados Unidos, George W. Bush y el presidente de México, Vicente Fox.

Otros puntos a discusión de interés para México incluyen el trato a indocumentados mexicanos en los EEUU; visas

para trabajo temporal en los EEUU y eliminación del porcentaje límite de algunas clases de visas de inmigración para mexicanos, dijo el señor Castañeda.

El presidente Fox tomó posesión oficial de la presidencia el pasado primero de diciembre, bajo promesa de cambios extensos en la política mexicana, tanto nacional como extranjera. Su victoria política puso fin a la supremacía del Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), que había ocupado el poder máximo de la nación durante los pasado setenta años.

Hechos y condiciones fronterizas son “de gran importancia,” dijo el señor Castañeda, hablando la mayor parte en inglés e improvisando sobre la marcha a preguntas en español.

“Hay claros indicios evidentes para los demógrafos en México y los EEUU que todavía habrá que esperar un periodo de 10 años en el que los mexicanos continuarán viniendo a los EEUU a trabajar, no obstante la postura política de ambos países,” dijo.

Este movimiento migratorio se debe a “un aumento creciente en la tasa de nacimientos” en México, y se cree que sus

efectos perduren hasta el año 2010, dijo.

Las leyes de los EEUU deben

ser respetadas con respecto a los inmigrantes indocumentados; pero para México,

es todavía tema de discusión el trato que los mexicanos reciben en los EEUU, añadió.



HOMBRE MEXICANO SE ESCONDE DE LA VISTA DE AGENTES FRONTERIZOS — Mexicano migratorio trata de ocultarse de la vista de agentes de la patrulla fronteriza de los EEUU en el desierto Calixico de California el

pasado noviembre. Decenas de miles de inmigrantes indocumentados son sorprendidos cada año por agentes solamente en esta región. (CNS foto de Reuters)

Prelado de D. C. visita El Salvador y pide ayuda para viviendas

ARMENIA, El Salvador (CNS) — Su excelencia Theodore E McCarrick, nombrado cardenal, observó las pilas inacabables de escombros, único vestigio de las casas que el terremoto dejó en este poblado.

“Me preocupa cómo estas personas van a poder gozar de un techo antes de la temporada de lluvias,” dijo. “También me preocupa cómo se van a sobreponer al choque emocional de esta tragedia,” añadió, contemplando cómo las familias continuaban trabajando a su alrededor para limpiar las ruinas.

El cardenal McCarrick le dijo a Catholic News Service que las dos acciones más importantes a tomar en respuesta al desastre eran la de encontrar viviendas

para los sobrevivientes del terremoto — que se calcula corresponden a un diez por ciento de la población total de 6.1 millones — y la necesidad de otorgar Status Temporal Protegido para los salvadoreños refugiados que viven en los EEUU.

“Existe verdadera urgencia en conexión con estos temas,” dijo en una entrevista a finales de enero-febrero, en su segunda visita a esa nación azotada por el terremoto.

El terremoto del 13 de enero, con magnitud de 7.6, mató a más de 700 personas, y todavía no hay informes de 500 desaparecidas. Se calcula que unas 200,000 casas quedaron destruidas o inhabitables; y los

daños a la economía fluctúan entre los mil millones y medio de dólares.

La época de lluvias empieza en El Salvador a finales de abril y dura hasta principios de noviembre.

La región cafetalera al oeste de El Salvador, en donde el cardenal McCarrick apreció los daños, fue una de las zonas más afectadas del país. En la diócesis de Sonsonate, 7,500 casas se derrumbaron con la presión del terremoto.

Armenia fue la más dañada. Más de mil casas hechas de adobe fueron destruidas dejando a cientos de familias de pequeños agricultores en precarias condiciones, sin casa y sin trabajo.

“Todo mundo sabe que están peleando con el tiempo” en la fase de reconstrucción, dijo el cardenal McCarrick, quien también se entrevistó con el

presidente salvadoreño Francisco Flores, con el embajador norteamericano, y con miembros de la conferencia de obispos de El Salvador.

La musica

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letras del rap cuando había ido a avisarles a un grupo de jóvenes de Covenant House que la cena iba a estar lista en 20 minutos; y que decidió quedarse para ver la programación de MTV que “tenía a los jóvenes como pegados en su asiento.”

“Los siguientes 20 minutos fueron como una corriente sin fin de horror y de pesadilla,” dijo ella.

Añadió que la televisión no era el factor más importante en la vida de los jóvenes; pero que los programas que toleran la violencia, los prejuicios y el odio hacen que esos mismos jóvenes sientan que es “brutalmente difícil” superar las dificultades que encaran en el mundo.

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'Hands on' charity was Orlean Chaussee's way

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register
editor

"Hands on" is the kind of charity M. Orlean Chaussee practiced during her lifetime, just as her parents did before her.

Over the years, needy children at St. Joseph's School had their dental and medical bills paid by Orlean anonymously. Continuing her parents' tradition, she regularly sent money to assist Native American children in South Dakota.

She shopped for carloads of blankets and sleeping bags each fall and had them taken by taxi or some other means to Treasure Valley agencies where those who needed them would receive them. The recipients never knew who sent the bedding.

She donated the elevator at St. John's Cathedral in memory of her parents. She had friends assist her in purchasing a snow blower and a lawn mower and other items to assist St. Jude's in Garden Valley where her friend, the late Msgr. Raymond Peplinski, served for many years.

All year around Orlean shopped for toys that she would donate at Christmas to the Marine's Toys for Tots Program and the Women's Crisis Center in Boise. She also bought clothing for about 15 needy children at Christmas and had it delivered to the children along with toys and other needed items.

Now the Diocese of Boise and many other organizations will continue to benefit from

her generosity and good works.

Orlean Chaussee, a member of St. John's Cathedral Parish for many years and later Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, died May 22, 2000, at age 92 in Boise. In her will, she left a "significant sum of money" to the Idaho Catholic Foundation for retired priests, according to Pat Crisler, Diocese of Boise finance officer.

She also left generous gifts to Sacred Heart Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Francis Indian Mission, S.D. and St. Joseph's Indian School, Chamberlain, S.D., the Idaho Black History Museum, the Idaho Humane Society, and the Guide Dogs of America.

"Orlean wouldn't like it one bit if she knew her picture was going to be in the paper and a story about her giving," said Father Perry Dodds, Twin Falls, the personal representative for her estate. "She always did everything very quietly without any desire to have credit for herself."

Father Dodds describes Orlean as a "remarkable woman, a crusty, wonderful friend who had a dry, keen sense of humor."

Orlean moved to Boise in 1920 with her parents, Elizabeth and A.J. Chaussee, who eventually made their fortune in the gravel business. She was an only child. She never married. She never learned to drive, but she had her ways of getting around town efficiently by taxi and with special friends. She loved cats, and she loved reading. One of her heaviest crosses



PHILANTHROPISTS—Orlean Chaussee, in the rear, is shown in this September 1966 photo with Msgr. Nicholas Hughes, who was then rector at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, and her parents, Elizabeth and Albert J.

Chaussee. The occasion was the award of the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal to Mrs. Chaussee. The Chaussee family was always finding ways to make life better for others, according to those who knew them.

in life was her diminished eyesight due to macular degeneration.

Her stewardship included, not only her money, but her time and effort too. She was always active in her parish, taught catechism in her younger years, was active in Catholic Daughters of the Americas and served as a Girl Scout leader. She also did what she could to make sure that the Anne Frank Memorial in Boise was realized.

Tom Smith, Boise, who was Orlean's attorney for several years, remembers his former client as an "excellent business woman—although she never crowded around on it." He said she managed her money well as well as the money left to her by her parents.

For some years, she ran the office for the family business. Then when her parents both became ill in their old age, she gave up her independent social life and took care of them.

"She was one great lady," said Smith. He admired her dry wit, sense of humor and her generosity.

Father Dodds said Orlean lived comfortably, but he noticed that she often made little

sacrifices in her own life that would assure that she had the money she felt she needed to give to a particular charity.

"Her family was like that," he said. "They didn't change their style of living as they made more money. They just changed their pattern of charity."

Orlean never spent the money her parents left her. She kept it separate from her own earnings and investments, and in the end gave it all to charity.

Orlean's friend and accountant, Sandra Majet, Boise, was in on some of Orlean's charitable efforts the past five years.

"She came to me as a client and we hit it off well," said Majet. "She was a very strong Catholic. She believed in doing good deeds."

Majet accompanied Orlean several years in a row on her Christmas shopping trips for children.

"She always liked to go shopping the first week of December," she said. "She would get the names of about 15 children from St. Vincent de Paul's or the Women's Crisis Center and each one's gender, sizes, likes and dislikes."

Majet said the first year

Orlean, at 87, was ready and waiting in her driveway at 9 a.m. They went to a local department store and ended up shopping until almost 3 p.m. without a break.

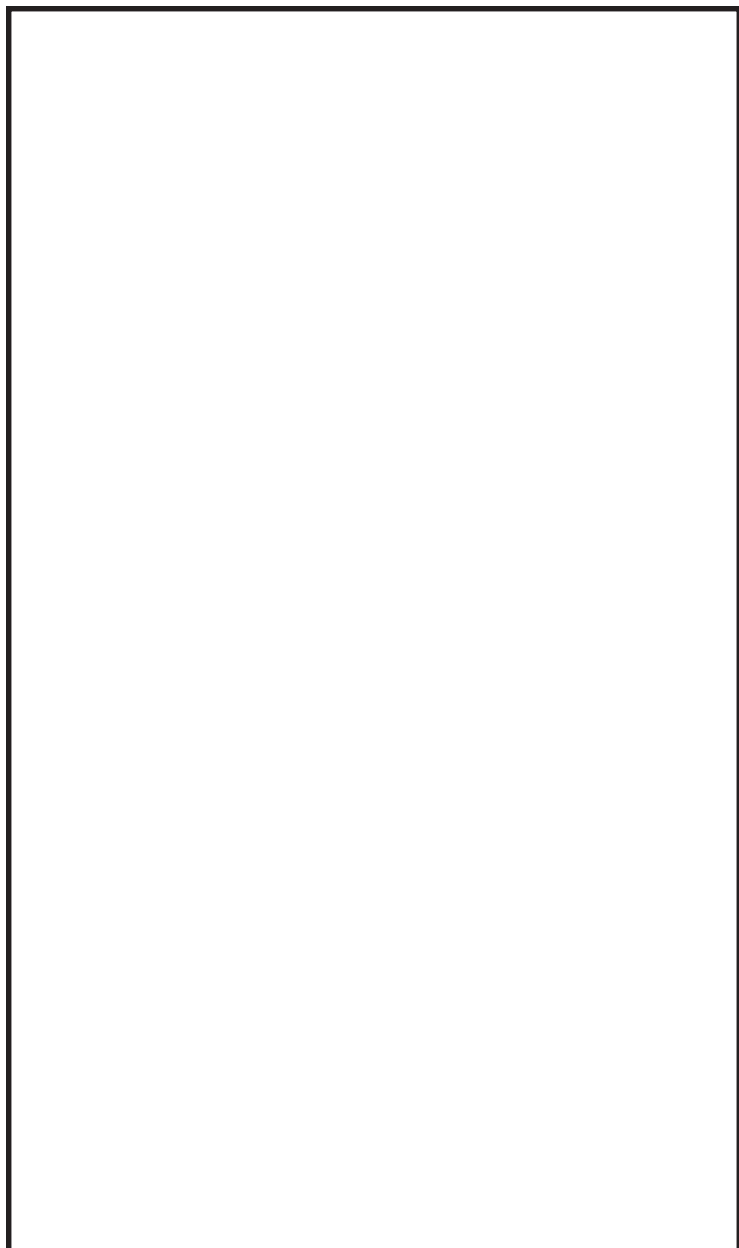
"She would buy dresses, shirts and pants, coats, underwear, pajamas, socks and slippers," she said. "Every child on her list could go to school at least three or four days wearing a different outfit."

Majet said Orlean's "joy in life was giving." She recalled how Orlean's spare bedroom was usually stuffed with toys and dolls and trucks she was carefully shopping for all year for Christmas presents for needy children.

"She did not want any recognition," she said. "She just loved doing it. She lived a real Christian life, and you just know she is in heaven now."

Majet said Orlean worked on the details of her contribution to the Idaho Catholic Foundation for retired priests for some time.

"She always thought the world of all the priests and felt that something extra should be provided for them in their retirement after so many years of service," Majet said.



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F.I.R.E. RALLY—LEFT, Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan, chancellor of Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, and a member of the

F.I.R.E. team, speaks to the crowd at the Bank of America Center, Boise, Feb. 24 at the FIRE Rally. RIGHT, a group of FIRE Rally partici-

pants from Corpus Christi Parish, Payette, and St. Agnes, Weiser, join in prayer and praise between talks. (Photos by Cliff Hampel)

Holy Spirit evident at F.I.R.E. Rally

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register

BOISE—Nearly 1,900 people burned Feb. 24 at the Bank of America Center in Boise. They burned with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Those people, who came from all over Idaho and from Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Montana, and Washington, were attending the F.I.R.E. Rally (faith, intercession, repentance and evangelization).

This was the 125th rally led by the FIRE team. Those rallies have taken place in 31 states, Canada and 15 foreign countries, according to Father Michael Scanlan, TOR, former president and now chancellor of Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. He was one of four people who felt challenged to take action 18 years ago after being inspired by the scripture passage from Luke 12:49: "I have come to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already set ablaze."

The day's activities included everything from FIRE team talks and prayer and praise led by Glory Report Music Ministry, Boise, to prayers for healing and an altar call for all those who think God may be calling them to a religious vocation and Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Driscoll.

Father Dave Pivonka, the newest member of the FIRE team, led a youth rally at Owyhee Plaza Hotel for about 250 youth the morning of Feb. 24. He and the youth joined the adults at the Bank of America Center for the afternoon sessions and Mass.

In his talk, Ralph Martin, Ann Arbor, Mich., president of Renewal Ministries, a Catholic evangelization and renewal organization, founding editor of "New Covenant" magazine, and au-

thor of numerous books, addressed faith and holiness.

"The church is about coming to Jesus, finding rest and peace in him and, through him, coming home to the Father," Martin said.

Reflecting on the just completed Jubilee Year, Martin said Pope John Paul II has said that the Jubilee is a culmination of 40 years, starting with Vatican II, to prepare the church for the new millennium and to prepare Catholics for a life of holiness and carrying out the mission of Jesus.

"The mission of Jesus is not just for priests, deacons and sisters," he said. "The pope's vision of our church is that every Catholic is open to the Holy Spirit working to fulfill the mission of Jesus in every aspect of their lives."

Martin said the pope has invited all to do what the Spirit is leading us to do, whether that is pray more, share our faith journey with someone else, forgive, repent, share encouragement, be obedient, work for peace and justice, nurture another.

The greatest legacy of the Jubilee Year, said Martin, was not the number of people who participated or the spectacular events that took place, but that people "encountered the person of Christ."

"Every single one of us is being personally addressed by Jesus," he said. "He is calling us to holiness. The pope says that holiness is the major pastoral task of all Christians. He says that the ways of holiness are many, according to the circumstances of each person's life."

"The source of all unhappiness in our lives is due to a lack of holiness," Martin said. He said holiness is love—loving our neighbors with our whole

strength, allowing the Spirit to move us.

Intercession was Sister Ann Shields' topic. She is the superior of the Servants of God's Love, a charismatic religious community canonically established in the Diocese of Lansing, Mich. She is a noted speaker and author who hosts a daily radio program, "Food for the Journey," which is sponsored by Martin's organization.

"God holds every circumstance of our lives in his hands," said Sister Shields. "He loves us, and he brought us into life with him in baptism. God shares with us

his very nature through baptism. The most important thing we can do is love him and serve him in prayer."

After telling several stories about the power of prayer, Sister Shields advised the audience to set aside some time for prayer every day, to read some scripture every day, because it shapes us according to the mind of Christ, and to never give up.

"If you pray, it will bear fruit," she said. "God never disappoints. God keeps his promises. God will not be outdone in
(See 'FIRE,' page 16)

Northwest bishops seek spiritual dialogue on Columbia watershed's future

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

Catholic bishops of the Pacific Northwest and southeastern British Columbia, Canada, released a pastoral letter Feb. 22 that calls for people to use the watershed resources responsibly to promote the human community and the well-being of all people.

Idaho Bishop Michael P. Driscoll is among the bishops who signed the document.

The pastoral letter addresses the regional economic and ecological conditions and conflicts that are involved with the 259,000 square miles of the Columbia Watershed. That watershed includes 1,200 miles of the Columbia River, which begins in British Columbia and is fed in the U.S. by tributaries in Montana, Idaho,

Washington and Oregon and flows to the Pacific Ocean.

"We hope that we might work together to develop and implement an integrated spiritual, social and economical vision for our watershed home, a vision that promotes justice for people and stewardship of creation," said the bishops.

The pastoral letter was released simultaneously at press conferences in Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore. The letter is in English, Spanish and French and can be accessed on the Internet at www.columbiariver.org. The letter, entitled "The Columbia River Watershed: Caring for the Common Good," is the first combined regional/international pastoral letter released by a group of
(See 'Columbia River Watershed Pastoral,' page 16)

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BRIEFS

In largest consistory in history, pope creates 44 new cardinals

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Presiding over the largest consistory in history, Pope John Paul II created 44 new cardinals and asked them to “shine in wisdom and holiness” as they guide the church around the world. Gazing over a panorama of red vestments and pilgrims’ flags in St. Peter’s Square Feb. 21, the pope said that in elevating the new cardinals, the church was not celebrating earthly power but a sense of service and humility. “Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant,” the pope said at the start of his sermon, quoting Christ’s words to his apostles. The new cardinals included the heads of major archdioceses, Vatican officials, eminent theologians and one longtime personal friend of the pontiff.

Bishop asks Bush for U.S. support of East Timorese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The bishop of Dili, East Timor, called on President Bush to support the international peacekeeping mission in East Timor and to help the population rebuild from 1999 violence by Indonesian troops. Congratulating Bush on his inauguration, Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, apostolic administrator of Dili, said in a Feb. 12 letter that he wanted to “make a few suggestions about the way in which the power and prestige of the United States may be directed that would be of great help to my people in East Timor.” He urged Bush to support the presence of the international peacekeeping force under U.N. leadership, saying it would be “badly needed in East Timor for the foreseeable future” to protect against attacks by militias and Indonesian forces.

Build on past legislative successes, says bishop’s official

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Catholics have “plenty of ideas” on legislation and must continue building on successes such as reducing the foreign debt of poor countries, said John Carr, secretary of the U.S. bishops’ Department of Social Development and World Peace. Carr spoke Feb. 26 to more than 500 Catholic social ministry officials. He said that, in order to effectively pressure Congress, Catholics need to recruit more people and develop more allies. Carr said the U.S. bishops’ five key legislative priorities for Congress this year are assistance for low-income families, opposition to the death penalty, reshaping foreign aid, debt relief and ending economic sanctions against Cuba. The Catholic officials were attending the Feb. 25-28 annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington.

Making others feel welcome called essential to good liturgy

TRENTON, N.J. (CNS) — Making one another feel welcome is essential to what good liturgy is all about, an internationally known musician, composer, recording artist and author told parish groups in the Trenton Diocese. Grayson Warren Brown — who travels throughout the country 35 weeks a year conducting parish missions, speaking at conventions and workshops, and giving concerts — greets his audiences by giving time for them to meet and greet one another. “There is nothing that I’m going to say that is more important than what you are about to do — welcome each other and make each other feel at home,” he said. “I believe that we never sit in the house of God as strangers because we are brothers and sisters in the Lord.”

In Christ, God’s plan for creation is being restored, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In Christ, God’s original plan for creation is being restored and will be marked at the end of time by peace and harmony, Pope John Paul II said. “In fact, nature itself, subject to the nonsense, degradation and devastation provoked by sin, will participate in the joy of the liberation worked by Christ in the Holy Spirit,” the pope said Feb. 14 at his weekly general audience. Speaking to about 4,000 visitors in the Vatican’s Paul VI Audience Hall, the pope said that when the Bible says all things will be summed up in Christ, it means all of creation, not just men and women.

Czechs urged to declare themselves Christian in census

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The Catholic Church in the Czech Republic has launched an advertising campaign to persuade citizens to declare themselves Christians in an upcoming government census. A spokeswoman said the aim was to uphold the country’s “Christian character” and reassert the church’s place as an “integral part of society.” In a statement, circulated in January and February, the Catholic bishops said the nationwide census offered Czechs a chance to “acknowledge their adherence to state, nation and faith.” They added that the results of the census that was to begin in early March would be “significant for the state” and help the country’s churches “prepare their organizational plans.”

Kansas bishops call for conversation on agriculture

TOPEKA, Kan. (CNS) — The Catholic bishops of Kansas called for “a large and sustained conversation” on the future of agriculture in a white paper released Feb. 13 in Topeka.

It is “past time” to begin such a conversation, which should include farmers, ranchers, family members and multinational corporations, implement dealers, retailers, and city, county and state officials, as well as “the eaters of the world,” the five bishops said.

“The time is now to correct, and even to change, course so that we might have an agriculture that is economically viable, environmentally sound and socially acceptable,” they said.

The church also has a role to play in that discussion, even though it has no technical or political expertise, the bishops said.

“The church does have a deposit of ethical principles” to bring to the conversation and is “something of an expert in humanity,” they added.

It is important to remember, the bishops said, that agriculture is not driven simply by “blind market forces” but results from “human choices” that “can be unmade if reason dictates and coalitions form.”

“Our educational choices, our business choices, our per-

sonal choices, our recreational choices, our agricultural choices ... all are fraught with implications that go far beyond this world,” they said.

Another essential element of the conversation about the future of agriculture is that “there can be no divorce between economics and ethics,” the Kansas leaders said.

“Those who try to answer the question without the security of clear moral standards wander aimlessly in a fog, and they produce no policy that is effective in safeguarding the concerns of nature and those of society,” they said.

The bishops also said the Old Testament’s admonition in the Book of Genesis to “fill the Earth and subdue it” does not make humans “the absolute arbiters of the Earth’s governance.”

Rather, they said, it makes them “the Creator’s co-workers: a stupendous mission, to be sure, and one that is already marked by precise boundaries that can never be transgressed with impunity.”

“Each advance through biotechnology must be looked at very carefully, therefore,” the bishops said. “It cannot be evaluated solely on the basis of immediate economic interest.

It must also be submitted to rigorous scientific examination,

and equally rigorous ethical examination, lest it become disastrous for human health and for the future of the Earth.”

The bishops also called for a rejection of the “unhealthy consumerism” that is spreading in developed countries, “leaving us mired in a culture of waste.”

“This tendency must be opposed,” they said. “We must try to teach, rather, a use of goods which never forgets either the limits of available resources or the poverty of so many human beings, and which consequently tempers our manner of living with the duty of fraternal sharing.”

The bishops offered several policy recommendations at the federal and state levels. They included:

— “Fundamental change” in the federal farm bill to continue the planting flexibility of the current law, modify income support payments to reward conservation, set maximum limits on federal payments to individual farms, and establish a national competitive grants program for farmers and ranchers.

— Establishment of agriculture research priorities that reflect stewardship incentives.

— Passage at the state level of “a contract grower bill of rights that would develop a fair and open market for both the farmer and the processor.”

Oregon report links more suicides to fear of being burden on friends, family, caregivers

By Ed Langlois

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — A report on assisted suicide in Oregon for the year 2000 shows that more patients than ever took their lives because they felt they had become a burden on friends, family and caregivers.

That development calls to mind warnings Catholic leaders have issued since the Oregon suicide law was first approved in 1994: The right to die will evolve into the duty to die.

Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director for policy development in the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, noted that the report showed 63 percent of the 27 people who took their lives using the Oregon law had feared being a burden.

“Some patients and families are learning all too well the deeper message of Oregon’s law: Terminally ill patients have received this special ‘right’ to

state-approved suicide not because they are special in any positive way, but because they are seen as special burdens upon the rest of us,” Doerflinger said.

The Oregon Health Division report, issued Feb. 21, said the number of people using physician-assisted suicide in the year 2000 remained the same as in 1999. That compares with 16 in 1998, the first year it was permitted.

But Doerflinger noted that the figures “are simply those cases which the physician-perpetrators themselves chose to report.”

“The total number of actual cases, not to mention the number of times various ‘safeguards’ were distorted or simply ignored, remains concealed in the name of physician-patient confidentiality,” he added.


State health investigators called for a discussion about the phenomenon of feeling like

a burden, but dismissed any connection to outside pressure to die sooner.


“That Oregon physician-assisted suicide patients almost always discussed concern about becoming a burden in conjunction with losing autonomy suggests that it might be part of patients’ ideas about losing independence,” said the report.

It found that, for the third year in a row, loss of autonomy was the main reason patients sought suicide. But the 63 percent of patients who cited such concerns was much higher than the 26 percent in 1999 and 13 percent in 1998.

“The tragedy of today’s report is that a number of our fellow Oregonians have died without experiencing sufficient love and support from the entire community to dissuade these individuals from physician-assisted suicide,” said Bob Castagna, executive director of the Oregon Catholic Conference.



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INTERESTED NURSES—Nurses from the Treasure Valley listen during an parish nurse orientation meeting Feb. 22 at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. The hospital and Catholic Charities of Idaho are sponsoring the program for parishes in the Diocese of Boise. (Photo by Marie Hoff)

Catholic Charities, St. Alphonsus collaborate on parish nursing program

Catholic Charities of Idaho and St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center (RMC) have signed a contract to collaborate in the development and sponsorship of parish nursing in the Diocese of Boise.

Catholic Charities and St. Alphonsus conducted a parish nursing orientation meeting Feb. 22 at the hospital. Twenty-four nurses attended. A Parish Nurse Basic Preparation Course is planned in October. Nurses who attend will receive credit hours as well as a certificate saying they attended the workshop.

Marie Hoff, Catholic Charities of Idaho executive director, said the program will start in Boise area parishes and eventually expand to Northern, Eastern, and Southern Idaho parishes.

"Through parish nursing, Idaho parishes can expand their social ministry to deepen their response to the needs of the whole person," said Hoff. "It includes attention to both the physical, emotional and spiritual dimensions of illness and is part of the church's overall commitment to health and healing ministry. It also provides an opportunity for professionally skilled parish-

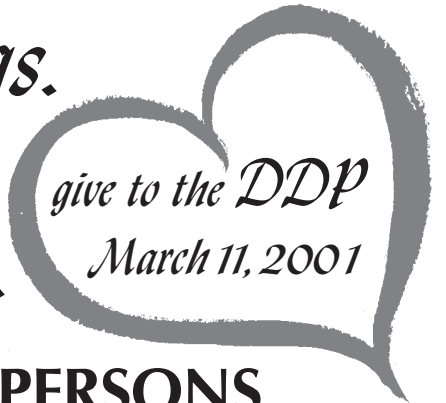
ioners to participate more fully in parish ministry."

Sister Alice Mary Quintana, CSC, St. Alphonsus RMC mission outreach specialist, said parish nursing is a ministry that has developed rapidly throughout the U.S. in the last 20 years in both Catholic and Protestant congregations and parishes starting in the East and Midwest. Currently, a strong parish nursing program exists in the Northwest and California.

"Parish nursing is seen in all denominations, but history shows it was started in the Lutheran congregations," she said. "There are different models on how to set up the program. The one we have here in Idaho is hospital connected. Parish nursing provides an opportunity for professionally skilled parishioners to participate in parish ministry as educators, advocates and resource informants for members of their congregations."

For more information contact Hoff at the Catholic Charities of Idaho office, 345-6031. Catholic Charities is partially funded through the Diocesan Development Program (DDP).

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The address printed in the Feb. 16 issue for Father Robb Keller who is in Denver awaiting a lung transplant had the apartment number transposed. The correct address is: 9085 East Mississippi Avenue, A102, Denver, CO 80231.

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Prayer: The 'simplest thing'

By Father Thomas J. McSweeney
Director of The Christophers

One year—I forget just when—the Lenten sermons at St. Patrick's in New York were given by a famous Jesuit who took "prayer" for his theme. His efforts were much admired, but the compliment that stuck in his memory was that of an old priest who praised the Jesuit for the great length and number of his sermons. Then, nudging him in the ribs, he whispered conspiratorially "Actually, Father, for all we make of it, prayer is the simplest thing."

I suspect the illustrious preacher did know, through the simplicity of prayer, its sheer, startling uncomplacatedness, seems to be the last thing that strikes most of us.

It is not difficult to intellectualize about prayer. Like love, beauty and motherhood, it triggers a flow of eloquent and pious expressions. It is not difficult, but it is often futile.

I just finished culling about 20 different articles on prayer—some scholarly, some popular—in the hopes of finding some fuel for this column. And I have con-

cluded that you really can have too much of a good thing.

Writing about prayer, reading about prayer, talking about prayer, thinking about prayer, longing for prayer and wrapping yourself more and more in sublime abstractions can—if carried too far—set up a barrier. They can create a smoke screen that allows you to put God on hold while you analyze the subject to death.

What about actually praying?
 "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus never seems to contemplate giving a theological answer, going into the question of what prayer is and what our dispositions should be. If you ask Jesus a question, you get an immediate working reply. Not "to get ready to pray," but "When you pray, say: 'Father.'" (Luke 11:1-2)

Jesus teaches that prayer is above all your response to God as His child. You stand alone before God, and what happens? You understand that you belong to God your Father—and He belongs to you. And that this is the purpose of life.

To belong to God means using your free will to choose God's will. In experiencing God's presence in

prayer, you no longer need personal ambition or achievements for comfort. You do not have to fear being an "unprofitable servant" rather than a "faithful servant." Through grace you will be God's loving child, just as you are His deeply loved one, already.

Prayer is prayer if you want it to be. Ask yourself: "What do I really want when I pray?" do you want to belong to God? Do you even want to want it? If you desire this communion, this belonging to one another, then you are praying. That is all prayer is. There are no secrets, no shortcuts. Prayer is the utterly ruthless test of your sincerity. It is the one place in the entire world where there is nowhere to hide.

Prayer is the last thing you should feel discouraged about. It concerns nobody except God—always longing to give Himself to you in love—and your own decision. God always whispers, "I love you. I want you—but do you want Me?"

That wanting is ever the crux of the matter.
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Legislature 2001

Legislators grapple with tax, abortion, wage issues



By Ann Wheeler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving.

Taxes

After weeks of bickering and some caustic comments, a tax package has finally emerged from the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, and passed the full House by a vote of 54-14. The package, (**HB 275**), which enhances Governor Kempthorne's proposal,

more than triples the permanent tax cuts he suggested. The governor has not supported the increases.

Opponents to the \$91 million tax cut are quick to point out that the personal rebate will be subject to taxes at the federal level. Most of these opponents would rather see the proposed tax rebate abandoned and put into fixing school buildings and some one time projects around the state.

Supporters say that returning money to taxpayers is the only fair thing to do. The tax bill will have had a hearing in the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee by the time this report appears. Most House and Senate members expect the Senate to do some severe adjusting to the bill. After the full Senate passes their version of the tax package, it will go back to the House for concurrence.

If things go as they did last year, it will take several trips back and forth across the roundtable before this issue is settled.

Abortion

A House bill that would eliminate many abortions now funded by the state has been introduced by Rep. Tom Loertscher (R-Iona), and Rep. Bill Sali (R-Kuna), Idaho law now allows abortion in the case of rape, incest, the life of the mother, or the health of the mother. The new proposed legislation would eliminate the cases involving the health of the mother. Action on this bill was expected right at press time. Look for further coverage in the next column.

Minimum wage for farm workers

The Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee closed on **SB 1029** concerning minimum wage for farm workers Feb. 27 but sent a revised **HB 71** to the Senate floor. The compromise bill has the support of the governor and would cover about 95 percent of all farmworkers under minimum wage. There is a possibility that amendments will be offered to

HB 71.

The move was accepted by both the Farm Bureau and farmworker advocates, including Idaho Migrant Council. Look for further coverage in next issue's column.

Resolution to eliminate term 'Squaw'

The House State Affairs Committee, with a vote of 10-9 killed the resolution Feb. 26 that would have eliminated the word "squaw" from the names of Idaho landmarks. The vote held the legislation in committee, preventing it from consideration on the House floor. That resolution passed in the Senate last week with only one dissenting vote.

Sponsors of the bill and representatives of Idaho's Native American tribes expressed disappointment because they felt the legislation was an opportunity to show the state welcomes and respects all people. Native Americans have asked that the word "squaw" be eliminated

because it is a derogatory, sexual term that they feel is insulting.

Sponsors are hoping for a reconsideration of the bill in the House State Affairs Committee.

Education

The House Education Committee has just printed a plethora of bills. They deal with everything from teachers' salaries to buildings and discipline policies. Further actions will be reported as they occur.

To contact your legislators:

The best way to track legislation of interest to you, is to visit the web site at: www.accessidaho.org.

Each legislator has an individual e-mail address.

You can also call the Legislative Information Center, 332-1000 and leave a message for your legislator, or Fax: 334-5397 (you must include name and phone number); or E-mail: infocntr@iso.state.id.us.


LENT — Beginning the journey

Jesus prepared for his public ministry by 40 days of prayer and fasting in the desert. He emerged from his retreat to begin his public ministry: to teach and to preach, to heal and to forgive. Above all he came forth from the solitude of the desert to start his journey up to Jerusalem where he would suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. His ministry would reach its climax in what the church calls the paschal mystery.

St. Luke, whose gospel is featured this year, could have been a travel agent. He is intent whenever possible to show that Jesus was on a relentless journey up to Jerusalem, that all of his teaching and preaching, all of his healing and forgiving would find their fulfillment in what would transpire in the holy city over a period of three days.

In our annual liturgical celebration we call these three days the sacred triduum. They are Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. They commemorate the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus, all of which transpired a very long time ago as our dating of this year, 2001, reminds us. Those events, however, have not been lost in the past. They have passed into eternity. They are no longer constrained by the limitations of time, and neither are we so constrained. The liturgy, by the almighty power of

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

God, lifts us up to participate in these events of the holy three days.

That participation is the goal of Lent. During these 40 days we are on a journey with Jesus up to a liturgical Jerusalem. That spiritual journey will reach its ultimate goal when we have completed our time on this earth and entered eternity through the dark, awesome doors of death. The life of faith on this earth prepares us for the life of fulfillment in heaven.

Pope John XXIII had a keen sense of the journey of life. He was 77 years of age when he was elected pope in 1958. He liked to say, "I have my bags packed." He

was ready for the trip into eternity.

When the Second Vatican Council, which he convened, came to compose its dogmatic constitution on the Church, John XXIII insisted that there be a chapter on "The Pilgrim Church," the Church which is on a journey from this world to the next.

In every Mass we have a liturgical symbol of journey. As we go in procession from our place in the church to the communion station, we symbolize that we are a pilgrim people. The Eucharist, the Body and the Blood of the Lord, which we consume, is our nourishment and strength for the journey.

Standing to receive communion is an expression of our faith that we will reach the end of our journey, which is not a place but a destiny, a sharing the resurrection of Christ. In Holy Communion we live in accord with the promise of Jesus, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have life everlasting and I will raise them up on the last day."

Lent directs us to join Jesus in his journey up to Jerusalem there to suffer and die with him so that we may also be raised up with him.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Washington Letter

Faith-based initiative draws mixed ideas

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Bush administration's quest to make more faith-based charities eligible for federal funding to provide social services is getting an unusual mix of supporters — and opponents.

Helping lead the opposition is the Rev. Jesse Jackson, director of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition in Chicago.

In a Feb. 7 syndicated column, he declared: "The Founding Fathers were particularly suspicious of anything that might get the government into favoring one religion over another. Since America has been built by people of many faiths, such favoritism would drive the country apart."

Also opposing the initiative are groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. They contend President Bush's initiative will help crumble the wall of separation between church and state to the detriment of the state.

The Rev. Pat Robertson, a religious broadcaster who sought the Republican nomination for president in 1988, has called Bush's plan a "Pandora's box" that "can rise up to bite the organizations."

In a Feb. 20 broadcast of his program "The 700 Club," Rev. Robertson complained that religious organizations like the Scientologists, the Hare Krishnas and the Unification Church could become eligible.

Among those lining up in favor of grants to more faith-based organizations is, of course, the Republican president's director of the new White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Democrat John DiIulio.

And within the government there are sectors that already have experience working with faith-based groups. One is the Cabinet-level Department of Housing and Urban Development, which established its Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships in 1997, during the Clinton administration.

Directing the center was Jesuit Father Joseph J. Hacala, formerly director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops' domestic anti-poverty program.

Thomas Shellabarger, a U.S. Catholic Conference domestic policy adviser, said the push for charitable groups to perform service work on behalf of the government is less of a sea change than an evolution. Bush's new initiative is "a different way of looking at it," he said.

The president also has support from traditional Republican allies.

Rep. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., R-Md., in a Feb. 12 essay distributed to newspapers in his congressional district, called Bush's plan "a new, innovative partnership" and a "forward-thinking initiative."

Ehrlich added, "The president's plan neither advances nor inhibits religion, but rather lifts up those unfortunate souls in need of a nation's compassion. ... It is this government's duty to encourage the indispensable work of faith-based groups and, with the president's leadership, give hope to those who struggle every day to share in America's prosperity."

Six years ago, though, when the Republicans took control of both houses of Congress, Ehrlich seemed to take a different approach to the place of faith-based groups in public life. He and two other GOP freshmen, Reps. Ernest Istook, R-Okla., and David McIntosh, R-Ind., tried to put limits on lobbying money spent by nonprofit groups that receive federal funds.

The three lawmakers tried to push through an amendment to an appropriations bill that would have capped the lobbying amount spent by such groups at 5 percent of their nongovernmental sources of income.

Nonprofits already were prohibited from spending federal money on lobbying efforts. The amendment was opposed by hundreds of nonprofits of various stripes, including the U.S. Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Health Associa-

tion. The effort ultimately died.

Ehrlich, through a spokesman in his office Feb. 21, was silent on whether he still believed nonprofits should have limits placed on their lobbying abilities.

McIntosh is no longer in Congress to pursue curbs, and Micah Swafford, a spokeswoman for Istook, said, "I don't think his personal beliefs (on curbing nonprofits' lobbying) have changed." But she added that it's also an issue "that we haven't pursued in quite a while."

However, others are still pressing for such a curb. In a January report called "Revitalizing the Non-profit Sector," the Capital Research Center, which bills itself as "the philanthropic watchdog," suggested, among other things, banning most nonprofits from lobbying Congress with tax-sheltered funds, or from campaigning on state and local ballot initiatives.

Sharon Daly, Catholic Charities USA's vice president for social policy, derided the Capital Research Center as the group "which attacks CCHD each year as the root of all evil." The center for several years in a row criticized organizations the campaign funds.

The idea there should be a curb on lobbying by nonprofits, she said, is tantamount to government telling the nonprofit funding recipient, "When you take our money, you have to shut up."

If the head of a nonprofit writes a letter to Congress on the group's stationery describing the conditions its volunteers see in a facility where they are working, that's not lobbying, Daly said. But if the next paragraph of that letter advocates passage or defeat of a particular piece of legislation, that would be considered lobbying, she added.

Nonprofits that get money from government to do the work government wants them to do are uniquely qualified in this "partnership" to report on the conditions they encounter in American neighborhoods, cities, and towns, Daly said. But if groups like the Capital Research Center got their way, it would become "a silent partnership," she added.

Readers Write

Moral high ground

Editor, the ICR:

Ever notice the most vocal anti-abortion advocates either have had abortions or often times have a potload of Catholic kids? Why the latter? I suspect it is because they have chosen the moral high ground that encircles anti-abortion action with lived prolife lives.

The two are not the same. One says we as humans must not sacrifice children on the altars of materialism, higher education or convenience. A kind of passive silent majority.

Vocal proliferers go one more step. They take offense because they possess a lived faith in the church's teachings on artificial birth control. They as couples truly united, are open to love and life in a way that only counter cultural lived faith can experience.

Just as a few Catholics are fully prolife, so I think, there are a few priests who preach the fullness of church teaching. They have an attitude of radical openness to the full gospel that says, "Give me a parish of 2000 families if you want, Lord. Together, the two of us united in love can handle it, even revel in it!" They have a spirit of child-like creativity that opens to all the kids, not just the rich or the most whiny.

Jesus was not anti-abortion. He was pro-life. "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened..." They came. As a huge family, they came.

So, as a church, if we want to truly make a difference in the world, we must preach Jesus'

full gospel of pro-life (not simply anti-abortion). But that will happen only when we start living that gospel ourselves.

Phil Auth Berger

It's my body!

Editor, the ICR:

For those Catholics who may have any doubts about the evil of abortion, for those women who might say, "It's my body, and why shouldn't I have the right to choose," please think.

The word "choose" here really means choosing life or death for someone else. The life being aborted is not your body at all, but a completely separate entity. You and your body may be going out to dinner a few days after the procedure or back to work, but the tiny human being that was thrown in the pail will never be doing those things. He or she will never have a chance to experience childhood, friendship, love or parenthood. Who knows what potential may have been fulfilled in that life, tossed in a pail by someone who says, "It's my body"?

We don't have the right to dispose of the unwanted, whether they be unborn infants, the aged or chronically ill, or anyone else we consider to be an obstacle standing in the way of our own well-being or happiness. And as Catholics who believe that God instills an immortal soul into each life He creates, and in the sanctity of that life with all that implies, you already know the truth in your heart.

Joan Kelly North Providence, R.I.

A time to focus on conversion

READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

SECOND READING: Romans 10:18-13

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13

What's Lent all about?

First of all, it's about conversion of mind and heart—total conversion to God and His ways. Then it's about learning how to live as a converted person should. Both of these things are so intimately linked that, in the words of the old song about love and marriage, "you can't have one without the other."

In our first reading, Moses reminded his people that they owed everything to God. Without Him they would still be an enslaved people maltreated and oppressed by the Egyptians. God had freed them from slavery, cared for them, and brought them into their Promised Land. This being true, they owed Him everything. *And having brought them (the first fruits of the soil) before the LORD your God, you shall bow down in his presence.* Bowing down in His presence was not just an act of worship, but an outward sign that they would serve God completely.

We prefer to think that we've pulled ourselves up by our bootstraps and are personally responsible for all our successes and all the good things we possess. That's a classic American attitude. But all things—our lives included—still come as gifts from God. Just as we owe Him for everything, so we also (just as the ancient Israelites) must serve Him with all that we have and are.

But this doesn't come naturally. We need to learn how to do it. This is what conversion is all about.

Lent is a time in which we focus on conversion. What can we do that will help us give our lives more completely to our God?

St. Paul reminds us that God's word will help us. If we study scripture's message and make it part of our life, we will possess the

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

proverbial "lamp for our feet" that will light our path and guide us in God's ways. As the apostle plainly says: *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* God's Word nourishes our faith, helps us learn the values that should be integral to our lives, shows us how to live, and helps bring our hearts to Jesus Christ. Therefore reading and reflecting on scripture should form an important part of our Lenten practices.

The gospel tells us that we should also "stare Satan in the eyes" and refuse to give in to temptations to do evil. Lent is the time to discover how much good we have inside us. It is also a time to strengthen that good, to repent of any wrongdoing, and to decide to follow Jesus' example. *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*

God wants us to make the best Lent possible. We will do this if we understand the purpose of this holy season, and then decide to live what it is all about. Good intentions, a firm purpose of amendment, and plenty of God's grace will make it all possible.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Mar. 2-3: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus School gymnasium, Court Cataldo, No. 158, Catholic Daughters of the Americas five-parish indoor yard sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. Homemade baked foods.
Mar. 1-4: POCATELLO, Women's Cursillo Helene Stafford, 238-8033 or Sandi Lenker, 234-1466. Palanca c/o Ann Delmastro, 2670 Homestead Ln., Idaho Falls, ID 83404
Mar. 2-April 6: CALDWELL, St. Mary's Lenten Friday Dinners: Deep Fried Alaskan Cod, potato wedges, cole slaw, drinks. Adults \$7, family \$25, children 5-12, \$5, under 5 free. Beer, wine and pop. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3086
Mar. 3: TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's Authentic German Dinner, 5-8 p.m. Cost: \$8 adult, \$4 age 12-under, \$25 family
Mar. 3: BOISE, St. Mark's Fashion Show and Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Westpark Event Center. Spring and summer fashions, gift baskets auction and raffle, \$15 adults, \$8.50 youth. Proceeds will benefit the WCA. Call for tickets, 375-0272
Mar. 3: BOISE, Sacred Heart School Dinner, Dance, Auction, "Treasure Island," Boise Centre on the Grove. Tickets \$30 per person. Information: Diane Hickox, 342-7695, Sheryl Vaterlaus, 344-9738
Mar. 4: CHUBBUCK, St. Paul's CCW Annual spaghetti dinner, 12:30-6 p.m. Authentic Italian spaghetti, meatballs, salad bar, rolls, desserts and beverage. Adults, \$6.50, Children, 6-12, \$3.50, under age 6, free
Mar. 5: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Cash Prize Bingo Think Green for St. Patrick's Day \$\$\$. Doors open 6:30 p.m., games start promptly 7 p.m. Open to public 18 years or older. \$1,000 prize money guaranteed, refreshments available. Information 888-1182

Mar. 10: GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Sts. Peter & Paul School Chocolate Fantasy, Grangeville Elk's Lodge, 6 p.m. Tickets, \$10 available at Kate's Hallmark, Melinda's Fabrics, Sts. Peter & Paul School, 983-2182 (must be 21 years or older to attend)
Mar. 11: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Latin Mass according to 1962 missal, 5 p.m. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant
Mar. 16-17: BOISE, Called & Gifted Weekend St. Mark's, 7503 Northview. Cost, \$65 per person, includes workshop, materials, light breakfast, lunch, snacks and personal interview. Partial scholarships available. For information and registration call Kathy Sells, 375-6651
Mar. 17: MELBA, St. Joseph St. Patrick's Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed, 6-8 p.m. Bingo and Irish Heritage Dancers. Adults-\$8, families-\$25, seniors-\$6, under age-8, free
Mar. 17: BOISE, Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 899, annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6-8 p.m., to benefit vocations. Cost \$8, single, \$15, couple, \$25, family. Call David Francis, 376-3196 for tickets or purchase at the door
Mar. 18: POCATELLO, St. Joseph's Feast of St. Joseph all-you-can-eat dinner, 12-5 p.m. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad and dessert. Donations accepted for wine and proceeds go to seminarians in Father Camillus' home town. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children 6-11, under 6 free, family \$25. Live music
Mar. 23-25: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Evangelization Retreat. For information and registration call 634-5474
Mar. 24: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School 26th Annual A.C.T.I.O.N. Auction. Red Lion Hotel. Silent Auction, 5 p.m., Live Auction begins at 7:15. Sweet & Sour Chicken Dinner, tickets: 2/\$25 or \$15 each at the door. Call St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, 743-4411

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Mar. 2: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus, North Central Deanery Rite of Election, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 3: COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X, Northern Deanery Rite of Election, 11 a.m., Holy Family School Dinner/Auction/Dance, 5 p.m.
Mar. 5: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, Eastern Deanery Rite of Election, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 6: TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's Southern Deanery Rite of Election, 7 p.m.
Mar. 7: BOISE, St. John's West Central Deanery Rite of Election, 7 p.m.
Mar. 8: NAMPA, St. Paul's Western Deanery Rite of Election, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 9: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Catholic Charities Board Meeting, noon
Mar. 10: BOISE, Boise Centre on the Grove, State Leadership Prayer Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Mar. 11: RUPERT, Burley Inn, Andrew Moller Tournament Mass, 8 p.m.
Mar. 12: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Bishop's Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m.
Mar. 12-13: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Commission, noon to noon
Mar. 16: BOISE, Lutheran Social Services, 8:30 a.m.
Mar. 16: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Mar. 16-17: BOISE, Nazareth, Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting
Mar. 17: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School, Bishop Kelly Irish Fest, 7 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the first part of March:

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| Mar. 3, 1999 | Deacon James Goettsche |
| Mar. 6, 1998 | Rev. Gerald B. Dye |
| Mar. 7, 1945 | Rev. Bartholomew A. Ronayne |
| Mar. 9, 1947 | Rev. James E. Dolan |
| Mar. 9, 1952 | Rev. Nicholas F. Wirtzberger |
| Mar. 13, 1951 | Rev. Joseph M. Haegy |
| Mar. 16, 1998 | Rev. Michael Spegele |

Nazareth Schedule

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| Mar. 1-2 | Idaho Power |
| Mar. 2-4 | Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862 |
| Mar. 8-9 | Co-Ad, Inc. |
| Mar. 12-16 | Department of Corrections |
| Mar. 16-17 | Diocesan Pastoral Council |
| Mar. 16-17 | Vineyard Christian Fellowship |
| Mar. 21 | Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue |
| Mar. 24 | Community Church of the Valley Elders Retreat |
| Mar. 28 | Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue |
| Mar. 30-April 1 Deacon Community | |
- To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Diocese of Boise Confirmation dates set

Following are the dates set throughout the Diocese of Boise for the sacrament of Confirmation. All weekday confirmations will be at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Sat., April 21:** Post Falls, Coeur d'Alene at Post Falls, 11 a.m.
Sun., April 22: DeSmet, 11 a.m.
Mon., April 23: Bonners Ferry
Tues., April 24: Wallace
Wed., April 25: St. Maries
Thurs., April 26: Lewiston Parishes, Genessee at St. James, Lewiston
Fri., April 27: Cottonwood, Ferdinand, Greencreek at Cottonwood
Sat., April 28: Grangeville, 5:30 p.m.
Sun., April 29: Weiser, Payette, New Plymouth, Council at Weiser, 10:30 a.m.
Mon., April 30: Caldwell, Nampa, Homedale at Nampa
Tues., May 1: Emmett
Fri., May 4: Sun Valley, Hailey at Sun Valley

- Sat. May 5:** Challis, Salmon at Challis, 11 a.m.
Sun., May 6: Blessings of new church and First Communion, Driggs, 11 a.m.
Mon., May 7: Idaho Falls at Christ The King
Tues., May 8: Blackfoot
Wed., May 9: Pocatello, Chubbuck, Soda Springs at Chubbuck
Thurs., May 10: American Falls, Aberdeen at American Falls
Fri., May 11: Rupert and Burley at Rupert
Sat., May 12: Twin Falls, Jerome at Twin Falls, 11 a.m.
Wed., May 16: Buhl
Thurs., May 17: Shoshone, Gooding, Wendell at Shoshone
Fri., May 18: Mountain Home
Thurs., May 24: St. John's, St. Mary's, Our Lady of the Rosary, Risen Christ at St. John's Cathedral
Fri., May 25: St. Mark's, Boise
Fri., June 1: Holy Apostles, Sacred Heart at Holy Apostles, Meridian

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JOURNEYS

Knights of Columbus plan state convention April 20-22 in Post Falls

POST FALLS—Knights of Columbus from councils across Idaho will assemble in Post Falls the weekend of April 20-22 for their annual convention.

The convention will be held at the Best Western Templin's Resort Hotel. Convention co-chairmen are Larry Major who is the district deputy for the sponsoring councils of St. Thomas, St. Pius and St. George, and Gary Fessler, who is the financial secretary for Coeur d'Alene Council 1363.

Many local Knights and their spouses are involved in the ongoing planning for the convention. An interesting and fun-filled weekend is planned, including the "Bishop's Dinner," a cruise and luncheon on the RiverQueen for the ladies, and the Awards Banquet.

The winner of a special drawing will join Bishop Michael Driscoll on a fish-

ing excursion on Friday, April 20.

State Deputy Rudolph Wilson will preside at the convention. Representatives of each of the state's 35 councils are expected to attend, along with their district deputies, state officers and chairman directors.

All delegates should have already received information packets for the convention, and are asked to respond to the hotel and convention committee as soon as possible. Discount rooms are available at the resort, plus meal package discounts for those who purchase the package before March 19.

A special Mass for Knights and their wives is planned on Sat., 4 p.m. at St. George's Church, Post Falls.

Direct questions to either Major, 208-765-9255, or Fessler, 208-772-4231.

Cottonwood monastery forest named Tree Farm of Year

COTTONWOOD—The Idaho Tree Farm System recently named the forest owned by the Benedictine Sisters at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, as "Idaho Tree Farm of the Year."

The monastery forest, which is on a 120 acre hillside behind the monastery and on another 880 acres on Cottonwood Butte, will now advance to a regional competition, and if successful, to a national contest sponsored by the American Tree Farm System.

Managing the forest for a balance of aesthetic and economic benefits is the Sisters' goal, according to Sister Carol Ann Wassmuth, OSB, the monastery's forester.

"I firmly believe that (balance) is part of the Benedictine tradition," she said. "We care for what we have. That's the Benedictine concept of stewardship. There is a way to find a balance in forest management between income and productivity and good health. And that's what we aim at."

When Sister Wassmuth became the monastery forester in the early 1990s, the Sisters developed a management plan with the help of forestry consultants. They have been working to fulfill the goals of that plan ever since.

The Sisters strive to keep the woods behind the monastery in park-like condition so they and their guests can go there for meditation and prayer.

Part of the Benedictines' retreat ministry

is to keep the forest "beautiful, healthy and peaceful so people can go walk back up here and experience the whole healing, prayerful environment of a forest," said Sister Wassmuth.

Although some trees are cut for the wood, older trees and slash piles are often kept in place to provide habitat for small animals and birds. Brush in the area feeds larger animals.

The Sisters are in the process of having some of the less desirable trees thinned and pruned and are replacing them with hardier species, such as Ponderosa pine and larch. They also hope to establish some Western white pine there.

They had 10,000 seedlings of various species planted two years ago. This year they plan to plant 40,000 seedlings and next year 20,000.

The forest on Cottonwood Butte is managed more for its marketable value, said Sister Wassmuth, although even there, good stewardship is the ultimate goal.

The American Tree Farm System's annual award program is a way to reach the 9.9 million landowners who own more than 57 percent of the forested land in the U.S.

For more than 50 years, the organization has certified more than 70,000 tree farms across the U.S. and has recognized landowners for their commitment to sustainable forest management.

Idahoans train to facilitate next LIMEX groups

BOISE—Cathy Zeph and Butch Ekstrom from Loyola University, New Orleans, came to Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, Feb. 12-16 to train local facilitators for the LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension) program.

Hosted by Dan McGill, diocesan coordinator of adult education, Zeph and Ekstrom each took half of the group through a week long training that formed the prospective facilitators in skills for adult facilitation in addition to training them in administrative procedures.

Bishop Michael Driscoll has approved the restarting of LIMEX in the Diocese of Boise. The program offers degrees and certificates in religious education and pastoral studies through local learning groups of 10-15 students. Each group is led by a local facilitator who presents videotape instruction, written lecture notes, and learning activities from Loyola. Students do additional reading, write papers and work on other educational assignments. Students also stay in direct contact with the professors at Loyola through phone calls or email. Usually groups take four years to cover the 12 courses required for the degree or certificate, each course meeting for ten, three hour meetings.

About 90 Idaho Catholics have



LIMEX TRAINING—One of two groups of LIMEX trainees participate in a classroom exercise during Feb. 12-16 training sessions at Nazareth Retreat Center. They are, from left, Sheila Fix, Eagle, Father Francisco Flores,

John Hitchman, Boise, Butch Ekstrom, Loyola University, New Orleans, Dan McGill, Diocese of Boise adult education coordinator, Boise, and Scott Pearhill, Pocatello.

completed LIMEX and are using what they learned in all sorts of ministries throughout the Diocese of Boise.

Usually, Zeph said she trains facilitators in groups no larger than eight, but due to needs of the Idaho church, she asked Ekstrom, another trainer, to join her.

"Our diocese is training sufficient facilitators to be able to offer LIMEX in all of our deaneries and possibly as an exclusively bi-lingual group," said McGill.

Trained at this session were:

Deacon Dave Beuerman and Shannon Shepperd from the Northern Deanery, Christine Frei and Bob Ross from the North Central Deanery, Father Francisco Flores from the Western Deanery, John Hitchman and Sheila Fix from the West Central Deanery, Megan Murphy Kendall and Father Hugh Feiss from the Southern Deanery, and Scott Pearhill from the Eastern Deanery. Veteran facilitators Jennifer Wise, Eastern Deanery, Cliff Yeary, Western Deanery, and Deacon Rick Bonney and Sister Beth Mulvaney, the West

Central Deanery, will join the new facilitators when groups form.

"The trainees were very impressed by how important the process of group facilitation is, using techniques that insure that adult learners will take responsibility for their own education," McGill said. "These skills, which

will be acquired by all students in the program, will be useful in a wide variety of settings within church ministry, especially in adult education which we hope to renew in this diocese. These techniques will also challenge students to learn church teachings and to reflect upon them critically so that they can present them with integrity and full understanding."

Now that training is completed, the facilitators are assisting McGill in recruiting students for the program.

McGill said there appears to be sufficient applicants to start groups in the North Central and West Central Deaneries with growing interest in the other deaneries, especially the Northern and Eastern. Groups are still possible in every deanery, he said. People who are interested are encouraged to contact McGill at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 208-342-1311. Recruitment will continue until groups form.

McGill is asking that groups register this spring, but can start as late as next fall.

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BRIEFS

Spokane priest to celebrate March 25 Byzantine Liturgy in Boise

BOISE—Father David Logan will celebrate a Byzantine Divine Liturgy March 25 at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center on the Boise State University campus.

Father Logan is administrator of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church, Spokane. He will celebrate the Liturgy of St. Basil, a Liturgy that Byzantines use during Lent.

Barbara Marrs, 336-9669, is the contact person in the Boise area.

Caldwell Knights plan annual Lenten Fish Fry for Fridays during Lent

CALDWELL—Knights of Columbus Council 3086, Caldwell, will sponsor their annual Lenten Fish Fry on all the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church Parish Center, 6th and Dearborn, Caldwell. The first one is March 2.

The Knights will serve a meal of Alaskan cod, potato wedges, and cole slaw each Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All are welcome. There will be Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Church at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinners will support the Knight's Boy Scout troop, vocations, parish youth groups and other church-related ministries.

Cost for the Lenten Fish Fry is \$25 for families or \$7 for adults, \$5 for children, 5 to 12 and children under 5 eat free.

St. Joseph's, Pocatello, to host Feast of St. Joseph Roast Beef Dinner March 18

POCATELLO—St. Joseph's parishioners, Pocatello, are inviting all to help them celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, March 18, by participating in the Annual Roast Beef Dinner at St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

All proceeds will go to help seminarians in Father Camillus Temba's hometown in Tanzania.

The meal will include mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. Donations will be accepted for wine. Dinner tickets are \$25 per family or \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 6 to 11, and children under 6 can eat for free.

There will be live music from 2 to 4 p.m.

Moller Tournament slated for March 9-11 in Burley/Rupert

RUPERT—The Tenth Anniversary Andrew Moller Basketball Tournament is slated for March 9-11 in Burley and Rupert.

The tournament was started in honor of Andrew Moller, whose family belongs to St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert, and who played basketball in the area. Moller was the only Idaho casualty of the Gulf War.

High school age teams, boys, girls and co-ed, from parishes throughout Idaho and Eastern Oregon were invited to participate.

The Moller Tournament offers a number of scholarships to seniors who participate in the tournament. That participation can include playing, scorekeeping, cleaning, or fundraising. Applications will be available at the coaches' meeting, March 10.

This year the tournament committee is planning an alumni game, which will be played March 10. Anyone who has played in the Moller Tournament in the last 10 years and would like to participate should contact Steve Mani as soon as possible at (208) 436-1185 or e-mail: AMP@PMT.org. Mani also has information about times and location of games.

More host homes needed for Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC)

BOISE—More host homes are needed in the Treasure Valley to house the expected 600 teens from around the state who will attend the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) March 30-April 1 at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

Host families can sign up to host two or more teens or chaperones by contacting their parish youth ministers.

All ICYC delegates will bring their own sleeping bags and personal items. Beds are not necessary. Floor space will do.

Host families will be responsible for transportation to and from Bishop Kelly Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and possibly dinner on Saturday night.

For more information contact your parish youth minister or call Pat Thomas at the Diocese of Boise Education Office, (208) 342-1311.

St. Joseph's Church "Winter Picnic" planned for Sunday, March 4

Idaho City — St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold its annual "winter picnic" March 4. Father Dennis Wassmuth, Boise, will celebrate Mass at 12 noon.

The potluck supper will follow immediately after at the Senior Center on Bear Run Road. Donna Jenkins, 392-4762, is coordinating the potluck. The parish welcomes all visitors.



'BUNDLES OF JOY'—Surrounded by a half dozen of the quilts they have made to give to Birthright and other good causes, Isabelle and Joe Boos show off two of their great grandchildren. Isabelle is holding Catilynn Marshall, and Joe is holding Hailey Boos. Both girls are seven months and live in Meridian.

Retired Meridian couple make quilts for Birthright

By Colette Cowman

MERIDIAN—For 20 years now Joe and Isabelle Boos, Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, have worked together to make dozens of tied baby quilts to give to Birthright, to the elderly, and to other children and adults they know will enjoy them.

They started their blanket project when they lived in Pocatello. After Joe's retirement, they thought making the blankets would be a way they could contribute to the pro-life movement. They continued their tradition after moving to the Treasure Valley.

Currently, Holy Apostles Council of Catholic Women and Meridian Knights of Columbus, Council 11548, donate money to purchase of materials.

"We also receive donations from private individuals," said Isabelle.

Joe and Isabelle make their

quilts "crib size." They are all 45 by 60 inches.

"That way the child can use the blanket for five or six years," she said.

They shop for the materials. Isabelle cuts the fabric and batting to size and lays them out. Joe measures and ties, and Isabelle finishes the edges. All the quilts are made out of fireproof materials and are made to look nice, even after many washings.

The Boos said they have made some quilts for elderly people who called them "dragging blankets" because they liked them so much that they dragged them from the rocking chair to the couch to the bed or wherever needed.

"But the young kids called them 'dragon'—more scary and interesting," said Isabelle.

The Boos made 57 quilts this year. Most of them went to Birthright and will be given to Moms

in crisis pregnancies who choose to keep their babies and not abort.

"We are so thankful for God's faithful servants, the Boos," said Roberta Nichols, Birthright of Boise volunteer chairman. "Babies all over the Treasure Valley are kept warm through their service."

Isabelle also sent 20 quilts to a baby care center in Nebraska where her daughter in law works.

"The kids just loved them," she said. "They use them for nap time. My daughter in law said some of the children's blankets were dirty and thread bare. One little boy covered up with a beach towel. Now they can keep the quilts at the care center and wash them regularly."

As part of her pro-life commitment, Isabelle also makes herself available to give presentations to organizations on midwifery—its fact, fiction and folklore.

Men's Group to present Malory Scholarship

By Karla Rinckwald For the ICR

HAILEY—The St. Charles Borromeo, Hailey, Men's Group has announced they will give their second Annual Scholarship in the memory of Deacon Bill Mallory, who served the parish from 1980 until his death in 1998. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded in his name to students who are members of St. Charles Parish to aid in meeting their educational goals.

The scholarships are available to any St. Charles Parish member who is a high school graduate with at least a 2.5 grade point average and is enrolled or planning to enroll in a school of higher learning,

whether it is a college, university, or a certified industrial/technical school. Applications are available at the parish office and must be turned in by April.

Men's Group Chairman Bruce Truxal said that the group hopes the endowment fund eventually grow enough to fund the entire scholarship program.

The St. Charles Men's Group has set up a scholarship selection committee, headed this year by John Davies, to review scholarship applications. Selection Criteria include an applicant's academic achievements, school, religious and community activities and applicant's need for funds.

The scholarship program,

originated in 2000 by the Men's Group, was the brainchild of member Harvey Collett who died in 1999. Last year's scholarships were awarded in Collett's name by his widow Jackie Collett to St. Charles parishioners Katie O'Farrell and Frances Nagashima.

St. Charles Men's Group will announce this year's scholarship winners this spring at a Sunday Mass honoring the St. Charles 2001 high school graduates.

For more information about the scholarship program, making donations to the endowment fund, or setting up a similar scholarship program in your parish, contact Davies, 208-788-2348.

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Falash, Weiser, attends NCCW board meet

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Diane Falash, Weiser was among 45 women from across the U.S. who met in Washington, D.C., Jan. 24-28, as members of the National Council of Catholic Women, (NCCW) board of directors. Falash serves as province director for the Province of Portland, Ore.

Corinne (Lindy) Boggs, former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, was selected to receive the NCCW Distinguished Service Award to be presented at the national convention in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 28.

As one of the nation's largest Catholic women's organizations, NCCW has been studying societal changes in the lives of women today and that impact on its membership, said Falash. Its "Shaping Our Future" program proposes changes for the organization to consider that will address current trends, she said.

In response to listening sessions held around the country, NCCW's board ap-

proved a pilot program for a regional consultant who will provide additional support services to provinces and geographical areas of the members.

"I am very happy that the NCCW Board voted to have this pilot program in the West," said Falash. "This will be a real asset to western provinces."

NCCW will initiate its new leadership training program "Spirituality and Service" in Joliet, Ill., Feb. 17. The new program is designed specifically for Catholic leaders. A session for the Portland Province is scheduled at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, June 23, 2001. The cost for the one-day session is \$65. For more information contact Falash at 208-549-2011.

While in Washington, NCCW board members received a private tour of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

"This impressive facility is the Vatican Millennium Project," said Falash.



NCCW MEET—Posing for a photo in Mary's Garden in Washington D.C. are National Council of Catholic Women Board members Dolores Scarban, province director, Province of Milwaukee, Wis., Esther Velasquez, province director, Province of Denver, Colo., Dolores Schoewe, province director, Province of Chicago, Ill., Barbara

Garavalia, first vice president, Naperville, Ill., Diane Falash, province director, Province of Portland, Ore., Mary Ann Berger, Legislative Concerns chair, Green Bay, Wis., Chris Young, province director, Province of Cincinnati, Ohio, Nancy Wilson, Family Concerns chair, Sheridan, Wyo., Alice Fox, province director, Province of Kansas City, Kan.

The Washington D.C. site was chosen by the pope as a "crossroads of the world" location.

"The Hands of Peace dis-

play with statements by Catholics from countries the Holy Father has visited really impressed our board members," Falash said. "It

has been interesting to watch the center go up right next door to the Washington Retreat House where our board meetings are held."



BISHOP KELLY PRIDE—A group of Bishop Kelly High School students show their school pride with smiles for the camera.

BK sets March 10 open house

BOISE—Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, Idaho's only Catholic high school, will hold an open house for new and prospective students March 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to meet Bishop Kelly students and faculty and tour the school facilities at 7009 Franklin Road.

Parents of prospective students and continuing students are invited to attend the annual Bishop Kelly Town Meeting March 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Principal Dave Lachiondo said at this year's Town Meeting parents will hear about the 2001-2002 budgetary goals, next year's tuition and fee charges, capital projects and curriculum changes.

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RECENTLY INSTALLED—These three boys were recently installed as chorister officers of the Holy Apostles Parish Chancel Choir. They are from left, Kaleb Boyer, deputy head choris-

ter, Matthew Keenan, head chorister, and Ernest Slagle, deputy head chorister. **RIGHT**, members of the Holy Apostles Chancel Choir process down the center aisle of Holy Apostles Eagle

chapel in preparation for Liturgy of the Hours, which takes place there every other Wednesday. Lenten Compline services are planned for March 7 and 21 and April 4.

Holy Apostles Chancel Choir inspires faith

EAGLE—Each Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Holy Apostles Parish, Eagle chapel, the harmonious voices of six men and 12 boys are heard practicing the sung verses of the psalms and singing hymns of praise and prayer.

The voices are those of members of Holy Apostles Chancel Choir that was spearheaded in the parish by Holy Apostles parishioner John Burns, M.D. The classical Chancel Choir, made up of boys, ages 8 to 13, and men, provides a choral presentation of Liturgy of the Hours in the Compline form every other Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Chapel, Eagle.

"This is the only midweek service of its kind presented in a church west of the Mississippi River," said Burns, who started researching Chancel Choirs after experiencing them in churches in England in 1999. "The choir sings the whole service."

The Holy Apostles Chancel Choir was designed through consultation with Father Len MacMillan, who was then chairperson of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and is directed by qualified musicians.

"The choir does a great job and it compliments the other 53 Holy Apostles Parish ministries," said Deacon Jack Pelowitz, who provides pastoral supervision for the choir.

Liturgy of the Hours is a service that has been part of the Christian tradition since the fourth century, Burns said. "There are many forms in Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran churches. It is a service that can be performed by clergy or laypersons. It is made up of psalms, sung or spoken, readings from the Old and New Testament, and prayers and hymns. It can be done in parish, cathedral or monastic form. When presented by a choir in the cathedral mode, the music is most inspiring and creates a deep sense of worship."

In the Chancel Choir, the boys provide the lead backed up by harmony from the men.

"The program is particularly helpful to boys because of the role modeling provided by the men and the opportunity for the boys to learn to worship at an earlier age," Burns said. "During past centuries, many of the boys who went on to priesthood had experienced the opportunity of this choir tradi-

tion."

Participating in the Chancel Choir also helps the younger members learn the meaning of reverence and furthers their study of scripture and Bible history.

One choir member, Chris Bermensolo, 12, said he didn't feel very enthusiastic when his Mom signed him up for the Chancel Choir because she thought he had a good voice. But now he says, "It is actually very fun. It is a really great experience because you learn a lot of stuff about the psalms and the Bible and you make a lot of good friends."

He has noticed the choir is getting better as the members practice, and participating has helped him realize the importance of prayer. He also likes the fact that the choir "is doing something nice for people."

Burns said the Chancel Choir wants to expand to 18 boys and 12 men to give the choir greater flexibility musically. Boys from outside of Holy Apostles Parish are welcome. For more information call the parish office, 888-1182 or visit a practice or service at the Eagle chapel on Wednesdays.

Bishop to preside at Rite of Election in each deanery in early March

The dates, times and places for the Rite of Election of Catechumens that will take place in parishes throughout Idaho are now set. Bishop Michael Driscoll will preside at each.

The rite, also called the Enrollment of Names, is a ceremony in which the church recognizes and celebrates the reality that persons have been "elected" by God to take part in the sacraments of initiation to become full members of the church. Those persons are "catechumens," people who have

been making their faith journey through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process and are ready to take the next step toward Easter when they will receive the sacraments of baptisms, confirmation and Eucharist.

In the Rite of Election, catechists and sponsors who have been working with the catechumens are asked to testify that the catechumens have acquired the knowledge and attitudes necessary for living the Christian life within the Catholic

Church.

The catechumens are also called to express their desire to receive the sacraments and to continue to develop within the faith community.

In the same ceremony, individuals called "candidates," those who have already been baptized, but who are preparing through the RCIA to complete their initiation into the Catholic community through the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist, are also welcomed. They too are promised contin-

ued support from their sponsors and the parish community members who have journeyed with them.

The Rite of Election takes place during the first week of Lent to remind the elect, as the catechumens are called after the Rite of Election, and all Catholics to intensify their spiritual preparation for Easter.

Following are the Rite of Election dates:

North Central Deanery: Friday, March 2, St. Stanislaus, Lewiston, 7:30 p.m.

Northern Deanery: Saturday, March 3, St. Pius X in Coeur d'Alene, 11 a.m.

Eastern Deanery: Monday, March 5, Holy Rosary in Idaho Falls, 7:30 p.m.

South Deanery: Tuesday, March 6, St. Edward the Confessor, Twin Falls, 7 p.m.

West Central Deanery: Wednesday, March 7 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, 7 p.m.

Western Deanery: Thursday, March 8, St. Paul's, Nampa, 7:30 p.m.



B.E. LEADERSHIP TEAM—Members of a Beginning Experience leadership team pose for a photo following a planning session on Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome. They are from left, Father Norbert Novack, OSB, Jerome, spiritual director, Auralee Prophet and Tom Demopoulos, Idaho Falls, Lisa Green, Meridian, Anita Hoebelheinrich, Rupert, Jenny Smith, Boise, Tom Clements, Idaho Falls, and Teresa Hove, Eagle. Members not in the photo are Mary Gagne, Gooding, Cathy Servatius, Boise, Jacque Laats, Boise, and Sharron Tanner, Burley.

B.E. retreat for divorced, widowed, Mar. 23-25

JEROME—The next Beginning Experience (B.E.) Retreat—a weekend program for those who were married and are now single either because of divorce, separation or death of a spouse—is set for March 23-25 at Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome.

B.E. is designed to create a space where separated, divorced or widowed persons can come together in a caring, supportive atmosphere to re-examine their lives and move on to the future with renewed hope.

At a B.E. weekend participants can anticipate an intense, reflective, possibly painful, but spiritually honest, self-encounter. They will also find support, warm fellowship and community.

Although the program was designed by and for Catholics, it is open to persons of all faiths.

For more information or to sign up for the next B.E. weekend contact: Jenny Smith, 383-1093, or Lucy

Hahn, 375-7584, in the Boise area, Anita Hoebelheinrich, 436-4767, in the Rupert area, Bill Holley, 733-5454, Twin Falls area, Tom Demopoulos, 524-2052 or Gary Pettinger, 529-8646 in the Idaho Falls area.

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El Evangelio

Cuaresma: tiempo de conversión

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
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Después de que Jesús experimenta esa manifestación poderosa del Espíritu Santo luego de ser bautizado, es conducido por el mismo Espíritu al desierto para ser tentado. En la Sagrada Escritura el desierto se entiende como el lugar de la prueba o de la tentación. Por esto la experiencia de Jesús se entiende a la luz de los hechos que lo precedieron: Moisés pasa 40 días en la montaña sin comer nada; Elías se escapa por 40 días a través del desierto rumbo al Monte Oreb, y lo que es más importante son los 40 años del peregrinar de Israel por el desierto rumbo a la tierra promeida los que nos recuerdan que la tentación no es nada inusual, sino más bien parte de la experiencia humana.

La cuaresma es tiempo de la conversión e implica el que sepamos

vencer las tentaciones y vicios que habitualmente nos dominan, y que la obstaculizan. Por esto el Evangelio nos habla de las tentaciones de Cristo, y de la forma como El las superó.

Cristo hombre, encargado por su Padre de liberar a la humanidad de todo pecado, fue realmente tentado. Su tentación fundamental fue la de alterar la naturaleza de su misión, que debía pasar por la humillación y la cruz redentoras para convertirse en un Mesías, terreno de influencias y poderes que esperaban los Judíos.

La tentación tiene la forma de una conversación o debate entre el Jesús lleno del Espíritu y el diablo. Claramente esta escena nos revela que Cristo tiene muy clara su misión en el tipo de respuesta que da al enemigo.

“Dile a esta piedra que se convierta en pan:” usa el poder que tienes indiscriminadamente; abusa de los milagros y transformaciones mágicas; asume esa forma de mesianismo; évitate el camino de la pobreza y de la cruz.

“Si tú te arrodillas delante de mí, será tuyo el poder y la gloria del mundo:” tendrás riquezas, prestigio, poder, pero renuncia a la misión que el Padre te recomendó; cambia la cruz por estos ídolos.

“Tírate de aquí abajo, porque está escrito que los ángeles cuidarán de ti:” toma un camino espectacular; imponte a los hombres con tus poderes divinos; toma la ruta fácil de deslumbrar y hacerte servir.

La trip le tentación de Jesús es un símbolo de nuestras propias tentaciones. Estas se presentan en muchas formas en cada uno de nosotros, según el temperamento, las condiciones de vida, nuestra misión particular. Hay tentaciones que nacen en nuestro interior, otras provocadas desde afuera. Pero en el mensaje de las tentaciones de Jesús encontramos las grandes raíces de las nuestras.

La raíz de nuestros pecados es el de cambiar al Dios a quien sólo debemos adorar, por los ídolos de la tierra, por los falsos dioses que se nos presentan a

cada momento. Los ídolos pueden ir cambiando según las circunstancias: *el ídolo de la riqueza*, de la posesión de bienes a cualquier precio. *El ídolo del poder*, que nos tienta de diversas formas. Hay muchas maneras de dominar a los demás, de buscar nuestro prestigio y posición sobre todo, de trabajar para hacernos un “reino” en nuestro medio, ignorando o aplastando a los demás. *El ídolo del orgullo*, que nos hace pensar que somos ilimitados, que no necesitamos a Dios.

Jesús rechazó las tentaciones del demonio, acudiendo a la luz y a la fuerza de la Palabra de Dios, que destruye ídolos: “No tentarás al Señor tu Dios.” Con esto nos muestra a quién recurrir para superar toda crisis. La Cuaresma nos recuerda que en las luchas con nuestros propios demonios debemos confiar en Dios, al estilo de Cristo.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.



CONSISTORIO — Su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II pasa frente a nuevos miembros del Colegio Cardenalicio durante la ceremonia del consistorio en la plaza de San Pedro, el 21 de febrero. El Papa elevó a 44 líderes de la iglesia al rango de cardenal. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

El Papa creó a 44 nuevos cardenales en el grande consistorio de la historia

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — A la cabeza del más grande consistorio de la historia, su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II creó a 44 nuevos cardenales y les pidió que “brillen en sabiduría y santidad,” al tiempo que guían a la iglesia alrededor del mundo.

Dirigiendo su mirada sobre las vestimentas rojas y banderas de los peregrinos en la plaza de San Pedro el 21 de febrero, el Papa dijo que al elevar a los nuevos cardenales, la iglesia no estaba celebrando los poderes de este mundo, sino el espíritu de servicio y de humildad.

“Cualquiera que desee ser el mayor entre todos ustedes será su servidor,” dijo el Papa al iniciar su sermón, citando las palabras de Cristo a sus apóstoles.

Entre los nuevos cardenales se cuentan prelados que están a la cabeza de arquidiócesis mayores, oficiales del Vaticano, eminentes teólogos y un amigo personal del pontífice, de largo tiempo atrás; como también algunos dirigentes de la iglesia que han sido perseguidos u obstaculizados por autoridades durante su carrera pastoral.

Acudieron provenientes de 27 países y cinco continentes— mezcla geográfica que, como dijo el Papa, enaltecía la presencia global de la iglesia en el siglo 21.

Tres americanos se contaban entre los que fueron vitoreados por amigos, familiares y creyentes cuando se hincaban frente al Papa y recibían el tradicional solideo rojo de cardenal: sus Excelencias cardenales Edward M. Egan de New York, Theodore E. McCarrick de Washington y Avery Dulles, teólogo jesuita.

Su Santidad el Papa, revestido de ornamentos dorados que brillaban a la luz del sol, leyó la fórmula de creación y mencionó los nombres de todos los 44 cardenales al principio de la Liturgia de la Palabra. Les pidió también que fueran “intrépidos testigos” del Evangelio en todos los rincones de la tierra.

La ceremonia se distinguió por la elevación al cardenalato del mayor número de cardenales nunca antes nombrado, aumentando el número total del Colegio Cardenalicio a 184. De estos, 135 tienen menos de 80 años de edad; y por lo tanto, son elegibles para votar en el cónclave papal.

Obispos mexicanos señalan como ‘muy positiva’ la junta de Bush-Fox

CIUDAD DE MEXICO (CNS) — Un alto representante oficial de la iglesia mexicana señaló la junta de mediados de febrero entre los presidentes de EEUU y México como “muy positiva” para establecer mayor igualdad entre los dos países vecinos en la resolución de problemas fronterizos.

La junta de México “marca una nueva etapa en la cual los problemas

comunes se estudiarán con un nuevo enfoque de responsabilidad compartida,” dijo el señor obispo Abelardo Alvarado Alcántara, secretario general de la Conferencia de Obispos Mexicanos.

Un “clima de cordialidad” se estableció en el cual México no es visto como “el malo,” dijo.

Esto es importante en referencia a materias tales

como la emigración mexicana a los EEUU y el contrabando de drogas, dijo el obispo.

Los obispos mexicanos no habían emitido una declaración acerca de la junta, pero el señor obispo Alvarado presentó sus puntos de vista en una conversación telefónica el 19 de febrero.

La junta entre los presidentes George W. Bush y Vicente Fox se llevó a

cabo el 16 de febrero, y fue la primera visita oficial de Bush al extranjero como presidente de los EEUU.

“El señor presidente Bush reconoció y aceptó que podemos tener una fórmula mediante la cual los mexicanos puedan trabajar legalmente en los EEUU y bajo la protección de las leyes americanas,” dijo el señor obispo Alvarado.

“Esto significa una gran

avance, aunque todavía se necesite detallar el proceso,” dijo.

Los dos presidentes acordaron establecer un grupo de trabajo conjunto para desarrollar planes que terminen la violencia en contra de los mexicanos en los EEUU, y para expandir el programa de trabajadores temporales que permita a los mexicanos trabajar en los EEUU por un periodo de tiempo determinado.



HALLISSEY SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHIES—Bishop Michael Driscoll and Msgr. James Hallissey presented sportsmanship trophies for the 38th Annual Hallissey Invitational Basketball Tournament at a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Boise, Feb. 17. Those teams that won the sportsmanship

trophies are, above left, Sts. Peter and Paul, Grangeville, Boys Division; above right, Our Lady of Good Council, Mountain Home, Coed Division, and below, St. Mary's, Caldwell, Girls' Division. (Photos by Cliff Hampel)



38th Annual Hallissey tourney attracts 29 eighth grade teams

BOISE—Twenty-nine eighth grade boys, girls and co-ed teams participated in the 38th Annual Hallissey Invitational Basketball Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Boise.

Father James Hallissey, who was then pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, and a parishioner, John Kirk, founded the tournament in 1964. Its name was changed to Hallissey Invitational in honor of Msgr. Hallissey in 1982. The tournament is organized and managed each year by the Sacred Heart Athletic Committee. This year's chairman was Brett Job.

The highlight of the tournament each year is the Saturday night Mass at Sacred Heart at which time the sportsmanship trophies are presented. Bishop Michael Driscoll celebrated the Mass this year. Several hundred players and parents participated.

This year's sportsmanship awards went to Sts. Peter and Paul team, Grangeville, in the boys division, St. Mary's, Caldwell, in the girls division, and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mountain Home, in the co-ed division.

Following are the tournament champions:

Boys' Gold Division—Risen Christ, Boise. **Boys' Blue Division**—St. Anthony's, Pocatello. **Boys' Red Division**—St. Nicholas, Rupert.

Girls' Gold Division—Prarie Released Time, Cottonwood. **Girls' Blue Division**—St. Mark's, Boise. **Girls' Red Division**—St. Hubert's, Homedale.

Co-ed Gold Division—St. Therese of the Little Flower, Burley. **Co-ed Blue Division**—Knights of Columbus, Lewiston. **Co-ed Red Division**—Immaculate Conception, Buhl.



Sister Mary Litell, OSB

Franciscan to give Peace Workshop March 3

BOISE—Franciscan Sister Mary Litell, Oakland, Calif., will present a workshop on "Nurturing a Culture of Peace" March 3 at Risen Christ Catholic Community, 11511 Lake Hazel Road, Boise.

The workshop, sponsored by Risen Christ and Boiseans for Peace and Justice, will run from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of lunch.

To register or for more information call 362-6584 or 853-9593.

Sister Litell, who has a degree in history and fine arts and a masters in sociology, current works with Pace e Bene, a Franciscan Service for Nonviolence. She has developed a program called "Nurturing a Culture of Peace," in conjunction with the United Nations International Decade of Education

for a Culture of Peace.

She is also working with Capacitor International, teaching wholistic techniques for transforming the effects of trauma among people who are living in situations of high stress, such as poverty, violence, and war.

"Violence is not inevitable," said Sister Litell. "We can offer hope...to all humanity by beginning to create a new culture of nonviolence."

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Bishop blesses Legion's Jubilee statue of Mary

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—About 20 members of the Boise Curia of the Legion of Mary gathered with Diocesan Pastoral Center staff Feb. 14 to witness Bishop Michael Driscoll's blessing of statue of the Blessed Mother that the curia donated to the diocese as a Jubilee Year gesture.

Eva Pera, president of the Boise Curia, said the statue, a depiction of Our Lady of Grace, is the same one that is present at all Legion of Mary meetings. She said the idea to purchase the statue came after Pope John Paul II entrusted the Third Millennium to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He did that on Oct. 8, 2000, at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome during the Jubilee Year gathering of the world's bishops.

The statue will stand in the garden outside the front door of the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The inscription on it reads: "Idaho entrusted to the Mother of God. Jubilee 2000. Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, Bishop of Boise. Donated by the Legion of Mary."

Legion of Mary members are passing out prayer cards that con-



OUR LADY OF THE MILLENNIUM—Members of the Legion of Mary, Boise Curia, gather outside the Diocesan Pastoral Center Feb. 14 to witness Bishop Michael Driscoll blessing a statue of Our Lady of Grace, a gift to the Diocese of Boise from the curia. The statue stands in front of the center. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

tain the prayer said by the pope asking "Our Lady of the Millennium" to intercede for the church and whole of humanity.

Bishop Driscoll thanked the Legion of Mary for the statue, which he said is a reminder of the great power of the Blessed

Virgin Mary as a mother who always points people to her son.

"The church recognizes in Mary the model of the path and the practice it must follow to reach complete union with Christ," he said.

With hands outstretched over

the statue, Bishop Driscoll prayed in part, "You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother and companion of your Son, the image and model of your church, the Mother and advocate of us all....In her flesh she was his (Jesus') Mother, in

her person, his disciple, in her love, his servant.

"Father, may your children who have provided this statue of Mary know her protection and trace in their hearts the pattern of her holiness," the bishop said. "Bless them with faith and hope, love and humility; bless them with strength in hardship and self-respect in poverty; bless them with patience in adversity and kindness in times of plenty. May they search for peace, strive for justice, and realize your love, as they pursue their journey through life toward your heavenly city, where the Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes as Mother and reigns as queen."

Bishop Driscoll reminded those in attendance that the Blessed Mother is a model of trust and humility for all. He said when the angel appeared to her to tell her she was to be the mother of Jesus, even though she didn't understand what all was involved, she said, "Be it done unto me according to your will."

After the blessing, Legion of Mary members hosted a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Rupert Catholics continue nearly 70-year Ravioli Dinner tradition

By Lorraine Apple
For the ICR

RUPERT—The musicians played "Let's Have A Party" as the doors of St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Rupert, opened Feb. 10. The people, who had been in line up to half an hour, entered the festively decorated dining

room to enjoy the antipasto, ravioli, rice, salad and "grostoli" a crispy sugar-covered dessert.

The effort that brought this evening together began some time in the early 1930's, to the best of anyone's recollection, as a fundraiser. This group of

Italian women rented a hall in Rupert and started selling tickets and cooking. Parishioners donated supplies. Pots, pans and dishes had to be carried upstairs to the hall. There was no hot water, but the dinner proved a success.

Today the dinner is sponsored by the St. Nicholas Council of Catholic Women. Originally the ravioli was prepared the day of the dinner. Now preparations are begun days in advance. Help is recruited, food is ordered, tablecloths are aired and the parts to the mixer are collected.

This year preparations started on Tuesday, when the dessert was made. Wednesday the 500 pounds of chicken and 100 pounds of pork were cooked. Thursday, the meat was ground, vegetables were chopped and the salad dressing was mixed. Friday, the sauce was made. The recipe included 45 pounds of butter, and yielded 50 gallons of sauce, 250 quart bags of which were frozen for sale at the dinner. The volunteers then chopped more veggies and cooked the filling for the ravioli.

Saturday, the big day, began at 7 a.m. when Jim Henscheid, St. Nicholas custodian, taped down 100 feet of 24 feet wide plastic on the hall floor. Next, the assembly crew arrived. This process involves several groups of workers—the dough makers,

the dough "weights" (they ensure the volume of dough used on each board of ravioli), the rollers and the marker.

The rolling requires skill and dexterity. The dough is rolled into two rounds, a bottom to which the filling is applied, and a top which, when rolled over with the marker, forms the meat filled pocket or ravioli. The pockets are then cut apart with a tool that looks like a mini pizza cutter.

The ravioli marker St. Nicholas parishioners use has its own history. At 40 inches in length, it resembles a giant rolling pin with checkerboard cutouts. It

first came to the dinner in the hands of Linda Gabardi, one of the original cooks. Because of its unusual size and efficiency, the marker served through three generations of ravioli dinners.

Saturday afternoon, the crew made final preparations. The ravioli and risotto (11 batches) were cooked, the dining room set up featuring two Italian chef figurines made by a parishioner as centerpieces, red and white checked tablecloths, white dishes and glassware.

Next year, in early February the people of St. Nicholas Parish will continue the tradition. They invite all to join them.




MIXING DOUGH—St. Nicholas parishioners Tim Vaughan, left, and Alan Johnson, mix dough for the annual St. Nicholas Council of Catholic Women's Ravioli Dinner. Preparations for the event take a several days and a team effort. (Photo by Lorraine Apple)

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Columbia River Watershed Pastoral

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Catholic bishops.

Copies of the pastoral letter are available for \$4 each through the Washington State Catholic Conference, 508 2nd Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119 or by calling (206) 301-0556. Reflection guides for use by parishes and other organizations are available at 75 cents each. Bulk discounts are also available. A video on the project is also in the works. ICR readers can watch for further coverage on the pastoral in future issues.

With assistance of grants from the United States Catholic Conference Environmental Justice Program and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, the project started four years ago with an international steering committee. The committee represented Canadian and U.S. watershed dioceses and Catholic colleges and universities.

A series of "Readings of the Signs of the Times" was held in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Representatives of industry, agriculture, fishing, education, community organizations and native peoples presented their perspectives on the regional needs.

The bishops released an exploratory document, "The Columbia River Watershed: Realities and Possibilities" in May, 1999. The bishops and other groups in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia then held listening sessions. Hundreds of people from all walks of life participated in the process.

Bishop Driscoll said the final document turned out much different than the exploratory document.

"In the document, the bishops are not asking any one group to make changes or take actions," he said. "We are merely asking all groups involved to imagine what they would like the watershed to be like in the future and work together conscientiously to make that image a reality. We are asking that people use the watershed resources responsibly to promote the human community and the well-being of all people and find ways to work in harmony to use the resources more efficiently while doing much less harm to regional ecology."

As Catholic bishops, they said in the



PART OF THE WATERSHED—This is Shoshone Falls, Snake River, near Twin Falls. (Photo by Mike Penny)

document, "we offer a pastoral reflection spoken with a voice of faith and compassion, offering insights drawn from the teachings of Jesus Christ and from the Christian tradition through the ages, particularly the developing Catholic social ethical thought of the past century. We teach with Pope John Paul II that 'Christians, in particular, realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty toward nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith.'"

The bishop said they hope that the values they express, the issues they raise and the insights they offer "will serve as a catalyst for further discussion toward the resolution of the complex issues of the Columbia River Watershed. We invite people to explore with us the implications of the Christian idea of human stewardship of creation, and to effect a spiritual, social and ecological transformation of the watershed."

The bishops engage in a four-step reflection in their letter. The section headings are:

- "The Rivers of Our Moment," analyzing the present situation of the

watershed;

- "The Rivers Through Our Memory," reflecting on social and religious history;

- "The Rivers of Our Vision," imagining an alternative future for the watershed;

- "The Rivers of Our Responsibility," calling for action to make the vision a new reality in the watershed.

In speaking of life on the Columbia River, past and present, the bishops say, "We recognize the great contributions that our ancestors made to this region. The original native inhabitants and the early ranchers, farmers, fishers and loggers struggled against almost insurmountable odds to carve out a home in this sometimes inhospitable land. We recognize that damage to the watershed may have been caused by financial need and lack of knowledge more than by a lack of appreciation for the environment."

"Our pastoral letter is not meant to criticize people's efforts to provide a suitable living for their family," they said. "We are hopeful that those involved in industry are, by and large,

also concerned about the environment."

At the same time, in their letter the bishops commend those who have recognized and responded to the environmental challenges that result from commercial and industrial enterprises.

"It is important for those with deeper concerns about the environment to recognize that farmers, ranchers and other landowners and workers are not their enemies," they said. "It is equally important that the latter groups seek to better understand environmental concerns. Protection of the land is a common cause promoted more effectively through active cooperation than through contentious wrangling."

Seven convictions the bishops express in their letter are meant to underscore the need to care for the earth. They are:

- God is the Creator of the universe and maintains its existence through ongoing creative will.

- God's presence is discernible in all creation.

- God has blessed and called "very good" all that is created.

- God loves the community of life.

- God's creatures share a common home.

- God entrusts the earth to human care. People are stewards of God's world.

- God intends the earth's goods to be equitably shared.

The pastoral letter also contains a poetic reflection on the watershed called "Riversong."

Besides Bishop Driscoll, 11 other bishops from the watershed region signed the Columbia River Watershed pastoral letter. They are Archbishop Alex J. Brunett, Seattle, Wash., Archbishop John G. Vlazny, Portland, Ore., Bishop Eugene J. Cooney, Nelson, B.C., Canada, Bishop Robert C. Morlino, Helena, Mont., Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla, S.J., Diocese of Yakima, Wash., Bishop William S. Skylstad, Spokane, Wash., Bishop Robert F. Vasa, Baker, Ore., Auxiliary Bishop Kenneth D. Steiner, Portland, Ore., Auxiliary Bishop George L. Thomas, Seattle, Wash., Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen, retired, Seattle, Wash., and Bishop Thomas J. Connolly, retired, Baker, Ore.

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generosity."

The more you put your feet on the path to holiness and follow the Lord, the easier it will be to intercede in prayer for others, Sister Shields said.

When you pray intercessory prayer, she said, don't try to tie God down by asking for something specific that you think needs to happen.

"When you pray for someone, pray to convert his or her heart to Christ," she said. "Pray with confidence. Pray that that person will repent of sin and be converted to the Lord. Turn that person over to God. God knows the most loving thing to do. Pray that the person becomes aware of the power of the Holy Spirit in his life. Pray that God will reveal His love to the person you are praying for."

In his talk on repentance, Father Scanlan told the story of Zachaeus the tax collector who climbed a tree so he could observe Jesus from afar.

"How do we miss responding to God and his message?" Father Scanlan asked. "We go up a tree."

He said people go through life saying things like: I have never been loved. I have addictions. I was abused. Bad things always happen to me.

"Jesus comes to us and says, 'Come down from that tree. I need to be with you today. I need to show you my love,'" said Father Scanlan.

"Is there something in your life that is keeping you up a tree so that you don't receive the Holy Spirit, the fire, the wind the water?," he asked. "Some people are up a tree because of money, addiction, illness or

someone they love is dying. What is your tree? Cast out into the deep. Get out of that tree. Turn away from the things that inhibit you."

Father Scanlan said St. Augustine believed that the essence of Christian life is desire—desire to know Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

"Without Jesus, we can do nothing," he said. "Prayer is the action of the Holy Spirit. The only way to fail at prayer is not to show up."

He urged those in attendance to give God permission in their lives so they can draw hope from within themselves to face any circumstance in life, any trial.

"Next we have to break away from sin," Father Scanlan said. "Sin takes you further than you ever wanted to go, keeps you longer than you ever wanted to stay, and costs you more than you ever wanted to pay."

Quoting from a 1999 Vatican document on evil and exorcism, he said, the ordinary activity of Satan and demons is to deceive and confuse us. People get confused about what God is calling them to do and start to think that sin is somehow good.

"Do not insult God by saying he cannot transform you," said Father Scanlan.

Father Pivonka spoke on evangelization during the homily at the FIRE Rally Mass. The Franciscan priest is a youth minister at Franciscan University and author of "Rocked by God," a collection of conversion experiences of hundreds of teens.

Holding up what he called "Frank the Plank" as a prop, Father Pivonka said one of the reasons people don't evangelize, or share their faith with others, is

that they are too worried about the speck in their brother's eye to see the plank in their own.

"Our sin, our not being holy is what keeps us from bringing others to Christ," he said. "By us living a holy life, people will come to us and ask us to evangelize them. Holiness is a message that convinces without words."

Father Pivonka said the U. S. is built on tolerance.

"We are tolerating so people can go to hell," he said, referring to abortion, partial-birth abortion, suicide, pre-marital sex, immorality in the media, racism, etc.

"We need to say 'Enough!,' and start sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with a culture that is dying to hear it," he said. "We need to stand together and take what is rightfully ours so that the Evil One will say, 'I fear that they have awakened a sleeping giant.'"

Father Pivonka asked people to start praying for a heart that wants to evangelize.

"Tell people about God," he said. "Find ways to do it in your daily life. Give wordless witness to the gospel message by the way you treat other people. Remember that people need to hear that message."

He urged people to "stand up and shout from the rooftops that Jesus Christ is Lord" and that he loves each of us and died on a cross to save us from our sins.

"Be able to tell people your own story about how God has acted in your life," said Father Pivonka. "That is how you start evangelizing. You don't need to know everything. Tell them about a God who loves and forgives. We need to go before the Lord and say, 'Send me.'"

Pope beatifies martyrs, asks them to intercede to end Basque terrorism

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II beatified 233 martyrs of religious persecution in 1930s Spain, entrusting to their intercession an end to the country's modern-day scourge of Basque terrorism.

As 30,000 mostly Spanish pilgrims in St. Peter's Square interrupted him with sustained applause March 11, the pope said terrorism is "the enemy of humanity" and an inherently losing tactic.

"Terrorism is born of hate and in turn feeds it; it is radically unjust and increases the situations of injustice; and it seriously offends against God and the dignity and rights of persons," he said.

"No motive, no cause or ideology can justify it," he said.

Basque terrorists in northern Spain have killed some 800 people in their three-decade campaign for a separate homeland.

The martyrs recognized at the March 11 ceremony — the largest beatification ever — included priests, nuns and lay men and women who were killed between 1936 and 1939 in Spain's civil war.

Though they died at the hands of militants in a period of civil conflict, the pope said the martyrs were targeted solely for their religious beliefs.

"The newly beatified that are raised today to the altars were not involved in the political or ideological struggles, nor did they want to get involved in them," he said. "They died exclusively for religious motives."

Most of the new martyrs were killed in the Diocese of Valencia, where religious persecution was particularly intense, but hailed from a total of 37 dioceses. Two of those killed were origi-

nally from Uruguay and are their country's first beatified laywomen.

The church investigation of potential martyrs requires proof only that they died for their faith; no miracle or certification of a life of heroic virtue is needed, as is the case for normal beatifications.

Nonetheless, all of those beatified March 11 had also led lives of extraordinary holiness, the pope said, and without exception explicitly forgave their executioners.

Their martyrdoms "sealed lives interwoven with work, prayer and religious commitment in their families, parishes and religious congregations," he said.

The pope said it was important for the church to keep alive the memory of the martyrs because they gave convincing testimony to Christian hope and serenity in the face of difficulty.

The martyrs "are the most eloquent proof of the truth of the faith, which is able to give a human face even to the most violent death, and shows (faith's) beauty even in the midst of atrocious sufferings," he said.

"May their blessed memory remove any form of violence, hatred and resentment forever from Spanish soil!" he said.

At the Angelus prayer after the beatification Mass, the pope urged Christians to make greater use of the rosary, saying the newly recognized martyrs sustained themselves in prison by reciting the prayer alone or in small groups.

"How efficacious is this traditional Marian prayer in its simplicity and profundity! The rosary constitutes in every epoch a valid help for countless believers. May it also be so for us!" he said.



BLESSED WORK—A workman in the sanctuary of the nearly completed new Holy Apostles Church, Chinden and Meridian Road, Meridian, is bathed in sunlight, which is coming through a high southern window. The parish expects to use the church building for Easter services the weekend of April 15. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Possible Catholic School in Meridian studied

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

MERIDIAN—The Diocese of Boise, Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, and Risen Christ Catholic Community, Boise, are "moving forward cautiously and deliberately" regarding the possibility of establishing a Catholic school in Meridian.

Deacon Jack Pelowitz, Holy Apostles pastoral associate, who is facilitating the process, said when Holy Apostles Parish started building its, now nearly completed, new church at the corner of Meridian Road and Chinden in Meridian, the plan was to sell both the church facility in Eagle, St. Matthew's Chapel,

and Holy Spirit Chapel in Meridian to help cover the cost of the new construction. Then Bishop Michael Driscoll suggested that the Meridian facility at 828 West Cherry Lane, would make an excellent west end valley school that could meet the needs of parishioners of Holy Apostles, Risen Christ and perhaps other parishes in the area.

The facility, which sits on 4.24 acres, already has some classrooms, a kitchen, a gymnasium and parking. Some remodeling and perhaps an addition would be necessary to bring everything up to code required by the city, county and State Department of Education, Pelowitz said.

In the fall of 2000, Father Timothy Ritchey, Holy Apostles pastor, and Father Joseph da Silva, Risen Christ pastor commissioned Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise director of Education Ministries, to do a feasibility study for a Catholic elementary school in Western Ada County.

Between 25 and 30 percent of the surveys were returned. A majority of those families that returned surveys were in favor of looking into establishing a school based on the "forward funding" formula that was used by Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene. Organizers would have to raise the money—an estimated \$400,000 for a kindergar-

ten through third grade program—for one year's operating expenses prior to the school's opening to provide a built-in reserve. Another \$200,000 would be needed to renovate the facility.

The school would operate on a self-sustaining basis, with no direct financial involvement from either of the parishes on an ongoing basis.

The Diocese of Boise would fund the acquisition of the facility in the form of a long-term loan to the newly established school with payments starting one year after the school opens.

Among those families who responded positively to the survey, there are nearly

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Caritas calls for immediate suspension of Iraqi sanctions

ROME (CNS) — As world attention focused anew in early March on decade-old U.N. sanctions against Iraq, Caritas Internationalis called for an immediate suspension of the economic embargo, saying it had provoked a long-term humanitarian crisis in the Arab country. "Whatever the cause, whoever the adversary, we cannot tolerate the suffering and death of countless innocent people. It is time for new thinking and new approaches," said the organization, a Rome-based umbrella group for Catholic aid organizations, in a March 8 statement. "There is no justification for maintaining the current comprehensive economic sanctions against Iraq," it said.

Foot-and-mouth virus prompts cancellation of some Masses

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Catholics along the Louth-Armagh border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland were excused from the obligation to celebrate Sunday Mass March 4 following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease that affects farm animals. Masses were canceled for that day in 13 parishes at the request of Archbishop Sean Brady of Armagh, Northern Ireland, after it was confirmed March 1 that foot-and-mouth disease had been detected on a South Armagh farm among sheep illegally imported into Northern Ireland from Britain. The disease, which rarely infects humans, affects cloven-hoofed animals such as cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and deer. The virus can be carried for miles by the wind, people or cars, and can survive long periods of time on boots and clothing.

'Plan Colombia' said likely to bring human, ecological misery

MIAMI (CNS) — U.S. support of "Plan Colombia" — a multibillion dollar effort to eradicate that nation's coca crops — will escalate human rights abuses and ecological damage, predicted a priest who recently toured that South American nation. "It seems like what we have in the making is another El Salvador or Vietnam," said Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of the School of the Americas Watch and an outspoken critic of U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. Father Bourgeois spoke to student and public gatherings during a visit to the Miami area March 1, following speaking engagements in California, New York and Ohio. The priest said he traveled to South America for several weeks earlier this year with the Colombia Support Network to see firsthand the effects of coca fumigation in the Putumayo region of Colombia.

Youth ministers, chaplains offer comfort to shooting victims

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — In an outpouring of faith in the midst of tragedy, Catholic youth ministers, priests, chaplains, parents and teens ministered to each other following the March 5 shooting of 15 people at Santana High School in Santee, northwest of San Diego. Five youth ministers from area churches were meeting together that morning at Guardian Angels Church in Santee, when one of them got a call on her cell phone from a terrified daughter fleeing the high school minutes after the shooting. Father Michael Cunnane, pastor at Guardian Angels, and several youth ministers immediately drove to the school and gathered with fleeing students and parents in the parking lot of the shopping mall across the street. In such chaotic and terrifying moments "presence is the big thing," said Father Cunnane.

Greek Orthodox bishops approve invitation to pope for visit

ATHENS, Greece (CNS) — The Greek Orthodox Church formally approved a government invitation to Pope John Paul II, clearing the way for a possible papal visit. The decision came March 7 in a unanimous vote of the 79 bishops of the church's Holy Synod, or central governing body, reported ANSA, an Italian news agency. Archbishop Paul Fouad Tabet, the pope's diplomatic representative to Greece, welcomed the decision as "a great historic moment" and said it represented "a choice in favor of ecumenism and Christian unity." He said it was too early to specify a date for a papal trip.

Southern African bishops decry attempts to block cheap AIDS drugs

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference criticized a bid by pharmaceutical companies to stop the South African government from making cheaper generic drugs available to people with the AIDS virus. It is "indefensible to prevent the provision of cheap or free anti-retroviral treatment and treatment for opportunistic diseases related to AIDS by insisting on patent rights," Cardinal Wilfrid F. Napier of Durban, president of the conference, said in a statement. South Africa's medicines legislation came under the spotlight in the Pretoria High Court March 6 as about 40 pharmaceutical companies challenged the court to uphold drug patents and ban the use of cheaper alternatives by the government.

Most U.S. dioceses now observe Ascension on Sunday

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Less than two years after they got approval to decide province by province, most U.S. dioceses and archdioceses have switched to observing the feast of the Ascension on Sunday.

Dioceses in most East Coast states and Nebraska continue to observe the feast on Thursday, however.

Catholic News Service checked on current practice around the country after the bishops of the St. Louis province, covering the state of Missouri, announced that Ascension will be observed on Sunday from now on in all their churches.

Archbishop Justin F. Rigali of St. Louis said it is a "sad fact" that when the feast is observed on its traditional date "many Catholics are unable to participate in the Mass of the Ascension."

Transferring the observance to the following Sunday will mean that "the largest possible number of the faithful can participate in this celebration," he said.

CNS found that of the 31 U.S. ecclesiastical provinces of the Latin Church in the United States, only nine — Boston, Hartford (Conn.), New York, Newark (N.J.), Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta and Omaha (Neb.) — continue the Thursday observance.

That means Catholics in 16 states plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to observe Ascension on Thursday. Catholics of all Eastern rites, who

have their own liturgical legislation, also continue to observe Ascension on Thursday.

State and Latin-rite ecclesiastical province lines coincide in Nebraska, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The Boston province encompasses the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Hartford includes Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The Washington province includes the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and part of Maryland. Baltimore covers the rest of Maryland plus Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Atlanta province covers Georgia and the Carolinas.

The U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, which is responsible for pastoral care of active U.S. military personnel worldwide and diplomatic personnel abroad, does not have a single rule for observance of Ascension. Rather, it follows local practice wherever its chaplains are located, a spokesman said.

In 1992 Hawaii moved observance of Ascension to the following Sunday under a special 1990 Vatican indult, or exception to the law, which allowed it to legislate holy day observances in accord with the policies of the Pacific bishops' conference. In Hawaii, only Christmas and the feast of the Immaculate Conception are holy days of obligation.

In 1993 all the dioceses of Alaska, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington state —

the ecclesiastical provinces of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland in Oregon and Anchorage in Alaska — received a five-year Vatican permission to move the observance of Ascension from Thursday to the following Sunday.

After that, the Vatican started turning aside requests from individual U.S. dioceses and provinces and asked that the issue be determined on a national level at the end of the five-year period.

In 1998 the bishops voted to establish a national rule that each province would transfer the observance to Sunday if two-thirds of the bishops in the province approved. In August 1999 the Vatican approved that rule.

The basic difference, once the rule was in place, was that a province deciding to change has to notify Rome of the fact, but no longer needs to receive Vatican approval before the change takes effect.

Besides the five western provinces where the observance had already been moved, most provinces in the West, Midwest and South transferred the observance beginning in 2000.

The provinces of St. Louis (Missouri), Dubuque (Iowa) and Kansas City (Kansas) approved a shift to Sunday observance beginning in 2001.

When the observance is moved to Sunday, the Thursday 40 days after Easter is treated as a weekday of the Easter season.

Contributing to this story was Joseph Kenny in St. Louis.

Diocesan leaders report on what helps, hinders women in church

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Women in diocesan leadership positions in the United States say their participation in church decision-making is sometimes hindered by sexist attitudes, church structures or the strident voices of women themselves, according to a new survey.

The results were compiled by the Life Cycle Institute of The Catholic University of America in Washington from questionnaires sent to 378 women in 128 dioceses who had been identified by their bishops as diocesan leaders.

The aim of the survey, which was released Feb. 27, was to "examine how women's voices are heard in church decision-

making," said Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland, Ore., chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, in a letter sent to bishops with the survey results.

Those receiving the questionnaire were asked to identify "the personal characteristics and church structures that help and hinder" the role of women in church decision-making and to describe their own "positive and negative experiences as a woman in diocesan leadership," the archbishop said.

Nearly one-third (31 percent) of the 233 women who returned surveys said "diocesan leadership structures do not allow women's voices to be heard,"

while 30 percent said "diocesan leaders or priests have sexist attitudes or don't understand women."


But more than one-fourth (27 percent) said women's voices are muted when "the woman is overly militant, combative, single-minded or insubordinate."

Asked what helps women's voices to be heard:


—37 percent said a woman who "has earned trust by loyalty and respectfulness, or by years of service."

—34 percent cited a woman's competence and "excellent skills, knowledge or credentials."

—30 percent said it helped when "the bishop and other diocesan leaders are open-minded toward women."



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Bishop Driscoll sends letter on use of 'squaw' to key leaders

"Who are we to tell our Native American brothers and sisters that they are wrong about their own language?", Bishop Michael Driscoll asked in a letter he prepared as a letter to the editor for *The Idaho Statesman*.

The letter was never published due to the large number of letters the newspaper received regarding the controversy over the use of the word "squaw." The House State Affairs Committee Feb. 26 killed the bill that would have eliminated the word from the names of Idaho landmarks.

Bishop Driscoll sent his letter on to a number of legislators and to Native American leaders in Idaho in the hope of encouraging others to help eliminate the offensive term.

"In my experience as a Catholic priest and now a bishop, I have learned a difficult lesson regarding the use of language," he said. "As a white male, I discovered I often had little sensitivity to the concerns of those unlike myself who felt belittled or ignored by the use of certain words or figures of speech that had become part of our common parlance.

"What I now know," said Bishop Driscoll, "is that if some feel that a word or phrase has

derogatory meaning, even if I am unaware of it, then it probably does and should be avoided. I know now that until I walk a mile in the 'moccasins' of others, I cannot possibly understand their point of view or their life experience."

Bishop Driscoll said language is a powerful symbol.

"Word usage has built up over generations, and it reflects the signs of the times," he said. "It is difficult to use English pronouns without falling into the 'she/he' dilemma. Why did our own language evolve in such a way that the masculine form of pronouns somehow represented everyone?"

The bishop said he would like to see Idaho legislators listen to the concerns of the people for whom the use of the term "squaw" is derogatory.

"There may be some cost to making changes, but it seems to me that there will be a far greater cost to our community if we take an insensitive and legalistic approach to this issue," said Bishop Driscoll. "Who are we to tell our Native American brothers and sisters that they are wrong about their own language? It seems we have been down that and similar roads before."

Sister thanks Idaho Church for retirement fund help

The total Diocese of Boise's contribution to the Retirement Fund for Religious in the 13 years since the collection started is \$254,596.65, according to Sister Andréé Fries, CPPS, National Religious Retirement Office executive director.

She provided that figure in a recent letter to Bishop Michael P. Driscoll. The letter was a thank you for the \$20,000 the diocese sent to the Retirement Fund for Religious in 2000.

Money for that fund in the Diocese of Boise comes out of what is collected during the Diocesan Development Program campaign each year.

"Because of your generosity of the Catholic community of your diocese, retired religious

who have given so many years of service will be assisted in receiving the care they need," said Sister Fries. "These funds, along with all the other contributions received will be used to provide retirement grants to needy religious institutes of women and men in June 2001."

Sister Fries said that along with the self help efforts of religious to address their retirement funding needs, donations have helped members of these institutes to not only care for their elderly and infirm members but also to continue their active service for the church.

"You can be assured that the 52,000 retired religious will remember you in their prayers," she said.



VOCATION INQUIRY—Idaho seminarians pose for a photo with other men interested in the priesthood Feb. 18 at the Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome. The

Vocational Inquiry Weekend was one of several discernment opportunities planned by diocesan vocation directors in the Diocese of Boise.

Seminarians and inquirers meet together at Jerome Vocational Inquiry Weekend

By Brad Neely
For the ICR

JEROME—The fruits of Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations in Idaho were evident recently when 28 men gathered Feb. 17-18 at the Monastery of the Ascension at Jerome, for a Vocational Inquiry Weekend.

Thirteen seminarians studying for the Diocese of Boise joined fifteen inquirers who came together under the direc-

tion of Diocesan Vocational Directors Father Jairo Restrepo, and Father Ron Wekerle.

Men making inquiries about Diocesan Priesthood in Idaho listened to presentations given by current seminarians, and enjoyed time "one on one" with them to discuss the possibility of the discernment process.

This retreat, the first of its kind, is one of the many venues the Diocesan Vocations Office is developing to nurture and

support priestly vocations.

Father Restrepo and Father Wekerle voiced much gratitude to God for the tremendous turnout and success of the weekend. A similar Vocational Retreat is planned for North Idaho in the coming months.

For more information, contact Father Restrepo at St. Agnes Church, Weiser, 208-549-0088, or Father Wekerle at St. Jerome's Church, Jerome, 208-324-8794.

Father John Anthony Gussin, 85, Eagle resident, dies in Portland

Father John Anthony Gussin, 85, a Maronite priest who was living in retirement in Eagle and doing prayer ministry, died Feb. 19 in Portland, Ore.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 26 at Sacred Heart Church, Boise. Father Gussin lived near Sacred Heart when he first came to Boise and spent time with the people of that community. Funeral services took place in Portland and he was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Portland.

Father Gussin was born Nov. 20, 1915, at Kansas City, Mo. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was held as a prisoner of war in a concentration camp for a year and half. He was discharged in 1945 at the rank of staff sergeant.

After the war, he attended St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. After his mother was in-

jured in a motor vehicle accident, he left the seminary to care for her. During that time he worked as an accountant and regional supervisor for a trucking company and served as a Boy Scout leader. After his mother's death in the 1960s, he completed seminary at Mt. Angel, Ore., and was ordained in the Roman Catholic Rite and retained his Maronite Catholic Rite identity.

Father Gussin was involved in pastoral ministry for several years before serving at the Karrios Prayer House in Spokane, Wash.

Later he served at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon and at St. Marion's Church, Younstown, Ohio, where he worked with youth. Then he went to work at the Monastery of St. Anthony of the Desert near the Valley of the Saints in Beirut, Lebanon,

where he lived as a hermit.

After returning to the States, he served at Coopers Landing in Alaska and then toured the Maronite churches in the United States giving conferences and retreats. Twelve years ago he settled in Idaho establishing a house of prayer in Eagle. He helped out in the local parishes and was chaplain to the Boise Catholic Workers.

His interests included attending and listening to opera. He was artistic, an excellent calligrapher, and loved to hike.

His survivors include a sister, Sister Albina Gussin, St. Louis, Mo.

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Talking about people with disabilities

Questions are often asked about the appropriate language to use when talking about people with disabilities. There is only one "rule" to remember and that is to ALWAYS START WITH THE PERSON. We are all people first.

Then, we all have many traits, characteristics, abilities and disabilities that can be used to describe who we are. However, labeling someone by only one or a few of these traits would be to limit the one you have described.

I know that I wouldn't like to be known by my weakest or darkest characteristic, and I am sure most of us would agree. Therefore, let us all try to remember to say:

People with disabilities instead of disabled people or the disabled.

A woman with schizophrenia instead of the schizophrenic.

The man who uses a wheelchair instead of a man confined to a wheelchair.

Following is a piece I read recently. I feel it is worth

*Just
A
Thought...*



By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

sharing with you.

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I AM A CHILD OF THE KING!

* When I was born, the doctor told my mama that I was a *Mongoloid* child.

* When I was 2 years old, a doctor told my mama

that she should put me in an institution because I was *mentally retarded*.

* When I was 5 years old, a woman told my mama that she could not let me go to her kindergarten because retarded children behaved like animals (*she had never even met me!*)

* When I was 6 years old, another woman, who had not met me, kept me from going to a religious education class. She told my mama she had prayed about it and—*"it just isn't God's will."*

* When I was 7 years old, a Sunday school teacher told my mama that I could not come back to class because *"I was just too slow!"*

* When I was 8 years old, an educator told my parents that "children like these" may not ever learn to read. (*I had been reading some since I was 6*)

* Through the years many people stared at me and laughed at me. Some ignored me, while others called me names. I know what it is to be lonely, left out, and rejected. Lots of people rejected my Jesus, too!

By Jennifer Jo Coddington

Legislature 2001

Legislative Update - MARCH 7, 2001



By Ann Wheeler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving.

The bill passed the full house by a vote of 52-16. Two members did not vote. The bill had the support of several pro-life advocates, including the Catholic Church in Idaho.

The other bill, **HB 340**, addresses concerns that Judge Mikel Williams had concerning the parental consent law passed last winter by the Idaho Legislature, and has the backing of the Attorney General's Office. That bill came through the House State Affairs Committee. It may come to a full vote within a week. If **HB340** does fail, there is a trial scheduled for July on the concerns of the court. This bill is also up for a Senate vote.

Farmworker's minimum wage

HB 71, the farmworker's minimum wage bill, is on its way to the governor for his signature.

The bill was substantially amended by the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee. Senator Bart Davis of Idaho Falls was the main architect of the change. He was on

the Interim Committee that looked at the question of minimum wage, and has quietly been working on the issue since last summer. Davis worked with the Governor's Office to effect the amendment.

The amendment removes the exemption from small farms that employ fewer than 500 manhours in a quarter. That brings approximately 95 percent of farm workers under the minimum wage requirement, although most people involved on both sides of the issue agree that most workers already earn at least minimum wage.

Supporters have said the law was needed to show Idaho is willing to extend the same pay to Hispanics as to other workers.

Combined with the enforcement provisions already included in the original bill, the bill provides a great deal more protection for farm workers. The amended **HB71** passed the Senate went back to the House. On March 7, the House concurred with the amendment 45-23.

On March 12, the whole bill

passed the House 41-28.

When bills originate in one chamber, but are amended in the other chamber, the amendment must be agreed to by the chamber in which the bill originated. Then the whole bill, as amended, is voted upon by that chamber.

The bill allows for exemptions for piece work, those who work less than 13 weeks a year, and those under the age of 13, who work with their parents remain.

Humberto Fuentes, spokesman for the Idaho Migrant Council was pleased with the concern shown by the Senate for farmworkers. The Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) expressed similar views. Senate members and Fuentes are considering action next year to require the bonding and licensing of farm contractors, also known as "crew bosses."

Taxes

The tax package from the House, **HB275**, has been sent to the amending order by the Senate Local Government and Taxation

Committee. **HB275** is considerably higher than the Governor's original recommendation. Look for a fight between the two chambers over this one. It could end up being what is fondly referred to as "a train wreck."

The grocery tax bills have come and gone. The one that survived doubled the grocery tax credit. The credit goes from \$15 to \$30 for individuals. The credit goes from \$30 to \$60 for seniors. It is currently in front of the full House. If it survives, it will proceed to the Senate.

To contact your legislators:

The best way to track legislation of interest to you, is to visit the web site at: www.accessidaho.org.

Each legislator has an individual e-mail address.

You can also call the Legislative Information Center, 332-1000 and leave a message for your legislator, or Fax: 334-5397 (you must include name and phone number); or E-mail: infoctr@iso.state.id.us.

Abortion

Two bills dealing with abortion have come from House Committees. One, **HB309**, deals with the funding of Medicaid abortions. Idaho has been one of five states to allow the state to pay for abortions when the health of the mother was determined to be in danger. **HB 309** eliminates that provision.

Question Corner

Lenten abstinence: why no meat?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. Why does the church insist so much on abstaining from meat on days of abstinence?

We all agreed this is no special penance because we all like fish (some even cheese dishes) at least as much as meat. How did these "meatless" rules begin? (Nebraska)

A. Interestingly, considering the importance occasional abstinence from meat has in the tradition of Christian spirituality, there's precious little information on why this should be so. What we do have, however, is curiously fascinating.

Among the Jews, a tradition of abstinence from meat and other foods existed long before Christianity. We find evidence of this in several biblical passages such as the story of Daniel and his friends who rejected meat offered to them by the king and chose to stick with vegetables (Dn 1:8-16).

Their reasons, it is apparent, went beyond their devotion to Jewish laws concerning "unclean" food. At least in that circumstance they wanted to avoid meat, and perhaps other foods as well.

From the beginning, it seems, Christians embraced some forms of abstinence (avoiding certain kinds of food), along with fasting (limiting the amount of food) as an ascetical practice.

It was not that meat, or any other creature, was bad and to be avoided. Rather, the purpose was, among other intentions, to do penance, to share voluntarily in the sufferings of Christ and to assure control over the use of these good things so they would not begin to control us.

As St. Augustine (bishop in North Africa from 396 to 430) put it in a homily for the second Sunday of Lent, "We keep from wines and meats, which we have enjoyed the whole year, so that at least for these few days we may

live more in the Lord."

In addition, there has been through the centuries a sense that meat, being a richer and more nourishing food, can expose us more easily to "temptations of the flesh"—not only sexual but all

disordered tendencies that can arise from our bodies.

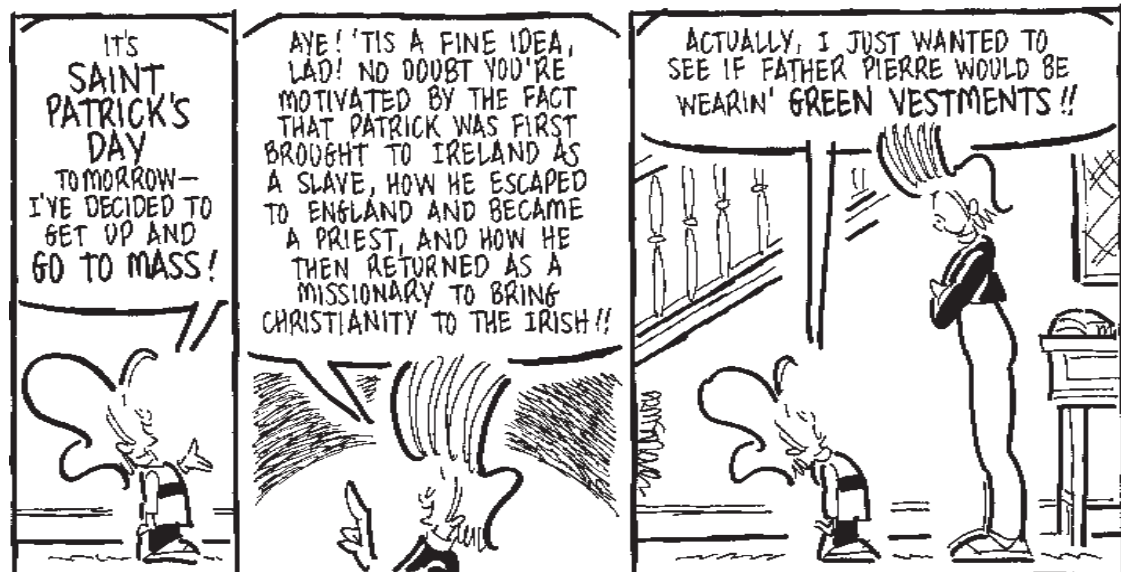
One widely used modern moral theology text held, for example, that the church wishes to help control these strong desires by prohibiting at times

"those foods which taste and nourish better, and which arouse the body to vehement temptations" (Noldin-Schmitt "De Praeceptis," 676).

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by Mark Armstrong

SAINTLY ANTHONY



'Jump' into spiritual and personal success

Let's start with a startling question! What is really stopping you from growing spiritually and living the life you envision? Is having the career of your dream or the quality relationship you deem great for you or the business rewards that reflect your potential?

Simply said, over 80 percent of adults don't live up to their greatness because they suffer from what I call "African Impala Syndrome." Many, many people unfortunately who don't enjoy the fullness of God's promise and close relationship, they don't "launch into the deep" because of the syndrome.

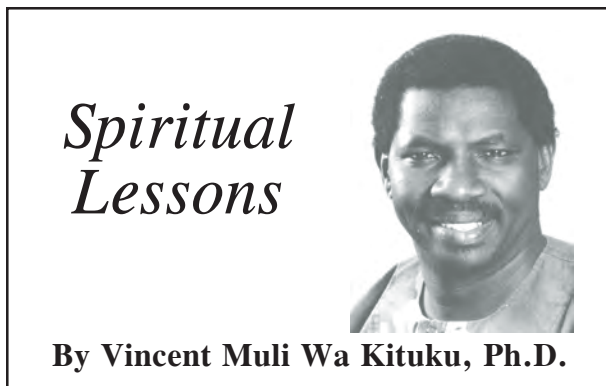
Jumping high and forward is an inborn talent for survival of the African impala. The Impala is known to jump about ten feet high. This high jump propels the impala to land about 30 feet from the spot where it starts. With this ability of vertical and horizontal jumping, the impala survives and thrives in the carnivore-infested savannas of Africa.

However, the impala has a unique limitation. It jumps only when it can see where it will land. I once read from an issue of "Bits and Pieces" that when the African Impala is confined in a three-foot high fence, it won't jump.

As I think of the African impala, I often wonder how we fail to live up to our potential because we suffer from "African Impala Syndrome." We don't "jump" unless we can see "where we will land." When we suffer from this syndrome, we choose to tough it out in careers or work environments that may be stressful. We don't let go of habits that may be detrimental to our Spiritual growth, bodies, profession or families. We don't try new projects because we may not see what the results may be. We lack the faith needed to move forward.

Here are nine tips for jumping into your future spiritual and personal success:

1. Think of Noah (genesis 6), the one who built the



Spiritual Lessons

By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

ark in a desert without clouds in the sky. Faith is a dynamic condition of mind through which desires, plans or goals are translated into tangible results. The first step of putting your faith in action is to determine your desire and purpose and pursue it; no matter what obstacles you face.

2. To jump forward, one has to use the word "but" cautiously. "But" is a "wall" that nips talents before they can blossom. When one's life is governed by "buts," chances are that his or her talents, gifts and experiences are underutilized. Someone would say, "I would like to write a book, but who would publish it, or who will read it?" Or "I would go back to school, but I am old." However, unless we let go of this attitude, we will leave this world with unused skills, probably stressed and disappointed.

3. Understand that not "jumping" not only hurts you, but all those who could benefit from your jumping. If you, as a parent or boss go back to school, chances are that your children or employees will emulate your example.

4. To "jump" from your current state that you don't like or wouldn't like to be in five years from now, you

only need permission from one person—you. Take inventory of what resources (people and material goods) to help you launch your "Jump."

5. Once you have developed a goal, keep negative thoughts like failure, fear, anger and envy from your mind. Associate with people who will encourage you. Acknowledge that for every step backward, there is one or more forward step that brings you closer to your goals. Pray and work like you have never done before. Accept the fact that you are only using a portion of your potential at any time, and you could always do better.

6. As you jump by faith toward your determined goal, never let a day pass without doing something related to your goal. Surround yourself with materials that are in tune with the goal you want to achieve, and always remember, the power of belief makes the difference.

7. Remember, when we "jump," we may suffer pain or failure. However, it is a tragedy for one to never live up to his potential because he didn't jump. By not jumping, you may avoid pain or the experience of failure. But you won't learn, change, or experience self-love and growth. And the pain that you are stuck in your situation and the regret that you did nothing about it when you could is more scathing. It is only by jumping that we liberate ourselves and others to jump higher and further.

8. If you are waiting for inspiration in order to jump, you are a waiter.

9. St. Augustine said, "God has promised forgiveness for your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow for your procrastination."

Kituku, a native of Kenya who now lives in Boise, is an author, motivational speaker, storyteller and seminar leader.

Readers Write

Moller Tourney thank you

Editor, the ICR:

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the participants, coaches, spectators, volunteers and organizers of the Andrew Moller Tournament March 9-11 in Rupert and Burley.

I was impressed with the young people who attended the tournament including the opening ceremony and the tournament Mass. They were respectful and well behaved, truly a fine example for their peers to follow.

Thank you to the music groups from St. Jerome, Jerome, and St. Nicholas, Rupert. Thank you Bishop Driscoll and the clergy who celebrated the tournament Mass. Thank you to all of the dignitaries, invited guests, and community members who sacrificed their personal time and energy to make the tournament and related events a success.

Most especially, thank you to the tournament organizers! I am proud of the tournament and know Andrew would be too. I am pleased with the positive way in which his memory has been kept alive and his sacrifice and that of our many veterans is remembered.

Words can not express how truly appreciative I am to all of you! Thank you so much for your time and efforts!

Mary Moller Whitaker
St. Anthony's Parish
Pocatello

God's plan

Editor, the ICR:

Only by good example and by prayer can our country change. And what is the greatest prayer we have? Why, the Mass itself. To have Masses said for the healing of our nation and for conversion of hearts is money well spent. And it doesn't have to stop with our own diocese. Just think. If Masses were said throughout

our nation for these intentions... well, you get the idea.

God has his own timetable, His own plan. He never tires of us or of hearing our prayers. We are the church militant. We have an obligation to offer prayer and sacrifice, and our

country is in great need of prayer and sacrifice. By having Masses said we are supporting the church. We are praying for each other, and we are putting our trust and faith in God and His plans.

We can agree that all of us are in need of conversion in one

way or another for we are all sinners. Can we afford to disagree in the arenas of life issues and moral issues that stem from politics? No, the price is too high. The soul of our nation is at stake.

Amy Aieja Rodriguez
Summerville, S.C.

'Cultivated and fertilized'

READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

"Our lives are barren and unfruitful without God."

I once ran across this simple statement in an old pre-Vatican II prayer book. The sentence formed part of a longer meditation on the need for prayer and the urgency of seeking God in our lives.

This is exactly the point of today's gospel. The fig tree growing in the orchard represents you and me. If our attention is only on money, power, and the good life—all those things our secularized world considers to be so essential—God will find us "barren and unfruitful" whenever He comes *in search of fruit.

So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil? What value have people who simply grab for what they can get. Shouldn't the soil of God's grace be reserved for those who are willing to be of service to others?

Sir, leave it for this year also, the gardener (Jesus) pleads, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.

This is the purpose of Lent—not that we be cut down, but that we be cultivated and fertilized.

Lent is a time in which we are asked to do the things that will help us encounter God in as life-changing a way as Moses did while

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

pasturing his father-in-law's flock near the foot of Mount Horeb. This will make it possible for Him to do for us what He would later do from Moses' enslaved countrymen: that is, *rescue us from the hands of the Egyptians* and lead us *out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey.*

During this holy season we can eat *the same spiritual food* and drink *the same spiritual drink* that our ancestors in the faith did. The availability of grace is one of Lent's greatest realities.

May we all cooperate with God so enthusiastically and with such fervor that Easter Sunday will find us infinitely closer to Him than Ash Wednesday did! Remember, our lives are indeed barren and unfruitful without God.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

LETTERS

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You may fax your letter to 208-342-0224, Idaho Catholic Register, attention Colette Cowman, editor.

Please sign your letter and include your mailing address and a daytime telephone number where you can be reached for verification.

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CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Mar. 16-17: BOISE, Called & Gifted Weekend St. Mark's, 7503 Northview. Cost, \$65 per person, includes workshop, materials, light breakfast, lunch, snacks and personal interview. Partial scholarships available. For information and registration call Kathy Sells, 375-6651

Mar. 17: MELBA, St. Joseph St. Patrick's Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed, 6-8 p.m. Bingo and Irish Heritage Dancers. Adults-\$8, families-\$25, seniors-\$6, under age-8, free

Mar. 17: BOISE, Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 899, annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6-8 p.m., to benefit vocations. Cost \$8, single, \$15, couple, \$25, family. Call David Francis, 376-3196 for tickets or purchase at the door

Mar. 18: POCATELLO, St. Joseph's Feast of St. Joseph all-you-can-eat dinner, 12-5 p.m. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad and dessert. Donations accepted for wine and proceeds go to seminarians in Father Camillus' home town. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 children 6-11, under 6 free, family \$25. Live music

Mar. 23-25: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Evangelization Retreat. For information and registration call 634-5474

Mar. 24: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School 26th Annual A.C.T.I.O.N. Auction. Red Lion Hotel. Silent Auction, 5 p.m., Live Auction begins at 7:15. Sweet & Sour Chicken Dinner, tickets: 2/\$25 or \$15 each at the door. Call St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, 743-4411

April 7: HAGERMAN, St. Catherine's Authentic Basque Dinner, 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Cost adults, \$9, children \$4, age 12 and under. Raffle tickets \$5 for a travel voucher up to \$2000

April 8: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary PALM SUNDAY, 5 p.m., Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. Father John O'Sullivan celebrant

April 9: LEWISTON, CDA Court Cataldo 7: p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall. Members are asked to bring unwrapped baby items for donation to the Pregnancy Center

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday-Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9

a.m.-9 p.m.
EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass
IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI, Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles-South, Adoration Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA, St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration-24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO, Little Flower Church: Every Friday-Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.
RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration-all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass
COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

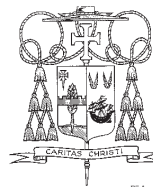
BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOISE, Sacred Heart: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOISE, St. Mark's: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.-Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Mar. 16: BOISE, Lutheran Social Services, 8:30 a.m.
Mar. 16: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
Mar. 16-17: BOISE, Nazareth, Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting
Mar. 16: BOISE, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, DPC
Mar. 17: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School, Bishop Kelly Irish Fest, 7 p.m.
Mar. 18-19: WASHINGTON, D.C., USCC Migration/Refugee Meeting and Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Meeting
Mar. 22: JEROME, Ascension Monastery, vespers, dinner
Mar. 23: BOISE, National Catholic Office Persons with Disabilities Board Meeting, 11 a.m.
Mar. 26: LOS ANGELES, Calif., Ordination of Bishop Edward Clark, Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Mar. 27: SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Ordination of Bishop Dennis O'Neil, Diocese of San Bernardino
Mar. 28: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Penance Service, 7 p.m.
Mar. 29: BOISE, St. Mark's, Penance Service, 7 p.m.
Mar. 30 (-April 1): BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School, ICYC, Opening Ceremony, General Session, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 31: Liturgy and General Session, 9 a.m.
April 1: Closing Mass, 9:45 a.m.
April 2: BOISE, Nazareth, Presbyteral Council Meeting, 12 noon
April 2: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Chrism Mass, 7:30 p.m.
April 3: BOISE, Nazareth, Presbyteral Council Meeting, 9 a.m.
April 3: BOISE, Nazareth, Priest Personnel Commission Meeting, 1 p.m.
April 4: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Commission Meeting, 9 a.m.
April 4: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary Penance Service, 7 p.m.
April 6: BOISE, Nazareth, Catholic Charities of Idaho Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
April 8: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral Palm Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the last part of March:

Mar. 16, 1998	Rev. Michael Spegele
Mar. 18, 2000	Rev. Victor J. Lustig
Mar. 23, 1956	Rev. Msgr. James F. Gresl
Mar. 27, 1929	Rev. Lambert C. Godschalx
Mar. 31, 1957	Rev. Bartholomew J. Carey
April 5, 1959	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. O'Toole

Host homes needed in Boise area

Organizers of the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC), which will take place at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, March 30 to April 1, are still in need of host families to house out-of-town delegates to the convention.

"Hosting these teens is a very rewarding experience," said the mother of one family that has hosted ICYC delegates several times over the years. "It doesn't take that much of a time commitment, and it is fun for our family to meet Catholic youth from other parts of the state. It is a good feeling to know that our hospitality is adding to their experience of Catholic community and spiritual growth."

Catholic families in the Treasure Valley

can sign up to host two or more teens or their chaperones by contacting their parish youth minister. Signup forms must be returned to the youth ministers as soon as possible so that the ICYC Housing Committee can complete assignments and notify youth and host families about their arrangements.

Host families are responsible for transportation to and from Bishop Kelly Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and possibly dinner on Saturday night.

For more information contact your parish youth minister or call Pat Thomas at the Diocese of Boise Education Ministries Office, (208) 342-1311.

Nazareth Schedule

Mar. 16-17	Diocesan Pastoral Council
Mar. 16-17	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Mar. 20	Ethnic Ministries
Mar. 21	Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue
Mar. 24	Community Church of the Valley Elders Retreat
Mar. 28	Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue
Mar. 30-April 1	Deacon Community
April 2-3	Presbyteral Council
April 4	Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue
April 6	Catholic Charities

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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Spreading the Good News is Wagner's purpose

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

For John Wagner, taping speakers' talks at conferences, rallies, and educational meetings is a way for him to help spread the Good News of Jesus and keep people informed.

His last big taping job was the F.I.R.E. Rally in Boise Feb. 24. Wagner rented extra equipment for that job. He and his assistants could copy 22 tapes at a time. Other helpers, including some family members, had all four talks on tape and ready for people who ordered them at the rally to take with them at the end. Wagner is currently getting other orders copied and mailed out.

Thousands of people throughout Idaho and neighboring states have tapes in their collections of talks Wagner and company produced. They can play them any time they want to review or need a little inspiration.

That is one reason Wagner, who has been blind since 1967, would like to continue this ministry, in spite of some personal health problems and difficulty finding enough people to assist him with the work. The other reason is that he enjoys taping.

Wagner, a member of St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, was farming in Southern Idaho before he lost his sight due to detached retinas. He underwent seven operations, but none



ON THE JOB—John Wagner, Boise, left, Wagner, providing tapes of talks at various religious conferences is a way to spread the Good News. (Photo by Clif Hampel)

helped. After that he went to a training center for the blind for three years to learn how to live independently. When he left there he was given a tape player.

A friend eventually asked him to duplicate some tapes. Later, she asked him to do a few more.

"About that time my Mom decided I should have a good tape recorder," said Wagner. "I told her I didn't want to get

into the taping business."

A few weeks later he heard about a good sale on tape recorders and decided to buy one so that everyone would leave him alone about it.

Gradually friends started pushing him to do more taping. He let one friend know that if he wanted him to do the job he was asking, he would have to pay for more equipment. The friend did.

Then Wagner's excuse was that he didn't have enough people to help him do things like put the microphones on the speakers, make labels for the tapes and prepare them for mailing.

"One of my friends said, 'I know just the gal to help you. She is new in town.'" The next thing he knew, here came an energetic, organized woman in her Volkswagen. She loaded

up the equipment and they were off to do a job.

That woman won his heart. Wagner and Daryl Dorsey were married in 1984.

By then he was glad he got into the taping business.

"You know, Daryl was really the one who made the business," he said. "She was always lining up all these jobs. We finally got a motor home and traveled all over to jobs. We lived in that thing and we enjoyed ourselves. We'd go down the road, and come night, we would just pull over and park and go to sleep. I really miss that. I really miss her. I think she had the smile of an angel. Everywhere we went, people offered to help. They were just flocking around."

Daryl died of cancer in February 1997.

"I still enjoy doing the taping, even though it is harder for me to get around now," said Wagner. He has had a hip replacement and recently learned that he needs more surgery.

Wagner said he appreciates all the people who have helped him with the taping over the years. He especially wants to thank the F.I.R.E. Rally Committee for inviting him to tape the rally and all the people who helped with the project.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help mail out tapes or to assist with future jobs can contact Wagner at 322-5395.

Mountain Home parish plans Lenten conference March 16-17

MOUNTAIN HOME—Deacon Owen Cummings, director of the Office of Diaconate Formation, Diocese of Salt Lake City, will present "Thinking About the Millennium End: Where Do Catholics Stand?" March 16-17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Mountain Home.

His first conference "The Christian Past," will take place after the 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross led by the Knights of Columbus. The second one, "The Christian Present," will start after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

Deacon Cummings, who is a regents professor of theology at Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., will discuss the history of religion and look at some selected thinkers and periods in the past to see what wisdom they offer us today.

Saturday he will discuss Pope John Paul II's guidelines for Catholics as we move into the new millennium. The presentation will explore the implications for Catholics in their daily lives, especially during Lent.

Sister Justine Marie O'Boyle, CSC, dies

NOTREDAME, Ind.—Holy Cross Sister Justine Marie O'Boyle, who served as administrator of St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise, from 1972 to 1976, died Feb. 23 at Saint Mary's

Convent, Notre Dame, Ind.

Born July 27, 1929, in Washington D.C., Sister Justine Marie taught elementary and senior high school during her early years as a Sister in New York, Massachusetts and Maryland. She later studied dietetics and worked in food services at Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Md., and at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre

Dame, Ind.

After her time as administrator at St. Alphonsus, Sister Justine Marie went on to work in administration for her community. In her later years she worked in parish ministry and as food service director at Christ's House, Washington, D.C. After her retirement in 2000, she continued her prayer ministry and volunteered in various capacities.

Boys' group works, prays for vocations

COTTONWOOD—A Catholic boys youth group in Cottonwood called BraveHearts recently sent a \$5 donation to every priest in the Diocese of Boise requesting a Mass for vocations for the Idaho Church.

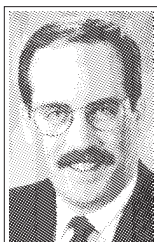
The 30 members, ages 9 to 15, said their action was meant to reinforce Bishop Michael Driscoll's prayer campaign for vocations.

The BraveHearts started in 1995. One of their commitments since that time is for each member to say a Hail Mary at every meal for vocations.

"We humbly challenge the people in your church to do the same," the boys said in their letter to the priests of the diocese.

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BRIEFS

Bishop Kelly Engineering Club varsity team places in top ten in nation

BOISE—Bishop Kelly High School Engineering Club varsity team placed ninth in the nation on the Test of Engineering Aptitude in Mathematics and Science exam recently.

The junior varsity team placed eleventh in their division. The two teams took the test at Boise State University, Boise. The club's advisor is BK faculty member, Dr. Larry Neznanski.

"Some of the schools listed below Bishop Kelly are among the finest private prep and Catholic parochial schools in the United States," said Principal David Lachiondo. He congratulated the students and thanked Neznanski "for continuing to stir the competitive juices of our students to reach lofty standards in mathematics and science."

Caldwell Catholic women join Episcopal to provide Lenten lunches

CALDWELL—Members of St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women and St. David's Episcopal Church, Caldwell, are working together to offer a Clam Chowder Luncheon every Friday during Lent.

The luncheons are served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 616 Dearborn Street, Caldwell.

Dorothy Day movie presented at St. Mary's, Caldwell

CALDWELL—Our Lady of the Valley St. Vincent de Paul and the youth ministry of St. Mary's Church, Caldwell, sponsored the showing of the movie "Entertaining Angels—The Dorothy Day Story" Feb. 25 at St. Mary's Parish Hall. About 50 people attended.

The movie tells the story of how one imperfect life responded to the problems of poverty, war, racism and hopelessness.

The parish's "own chef," Father Arnie Miller made a simple soup supper for the crowd as an intermission treat.

St. Catherine's, Hagerman, to host annual Basque Dinner April 7

HAGERMAN—Members of St. Catherine's Station, Hagerman, will host their annual, authentic Basque Dinner April 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, Hagerman.

Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. A travel voucher for up to \$2000 is the prize for a raffle drawing that will take place the night of the dinner. Raffle tickets are \$5 and are available from church members or at the door.

St. Mary's, Genesee, to hold Spaghetti Dinner March 18

GENESEE—St. Mary's Church, Genesee, will hold a spaghetti dinner March 18 from noon to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Center, 732 W. Walnut, Genesee.

Genesee Council #1554 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the event. The cost is a donation. Proceeds will be used for the maintenance and operation of St. Mary's Center.

St. Mary's eighth graders head to state geography bee

BOISE—Ben Rowett, a St. Mary's School eighth grader, Boise, recently took first place in his school's geography bee. Now he is studying with his teacher, Carol Herring, for the state finals.

After his local win, Rowett took a written test which was sent to Washington D.C. to be graded. He was notified last week that he is one of the top 100 Idaho students passing the test.

Rowett and his parents, Bob and Dana Rowett, will travel to Idaho Falls April 6 to represent St. Mary's School in the Thirteenth Annual Idaho Geographic Bee. His parents are invited to participate in a geography workshop for parents of the winning students.

More than 5,000 students from throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia and several U.S. territories will take part in the state or territorial competitions April 5 also. Each state winner will receive \$100 and an expense-paid trip for the student and a teacher escort to the national finals in May in Washington D.C. They will compete there for a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Melba Catholic community plans Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed March 17

MELBA—The Irish Heritage Dancers and Bingo will highlight St. Joseph's Catholic Church annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed in Melba.

The dinner will run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Entertainment will follow.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$25 for families, \$6 for seniors and children 8 years and younger can eat for free.



NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED—Coeur d'Alene Knights of Columbus recently initiated four new members. Pictured here at the end of the initiation ceremony are from left, Mike Anderson, St. Thomas Council 1363 membership chairman, Ken Longtin and George Nolan, new First Degree members from St. Thomas Parish, Father George Rassley, CSSR, Council 1363 chap-

lain, Ray Daigh, new First Degree member, St. Pius Council 11623, Richard Ordway, Fourth Degree Knight from St. Pius and Andy Finney, new First Degree from St. Thomas. Both KC Council's 1363 and 11623 continue to recruit Catholic men for their Catholic men's service organization. Interested men should inquire at their respective parish offices.

St. Mary's School, Boise, wins at regional History Day

BOISE—St. Mary's School, Boise, won five places in the Idaho History Day's Treasure Valley Regional Competition recently, and St. Mary's sixth grade teacher, Kathy Yribar, was named Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year in the Treasure Valley.

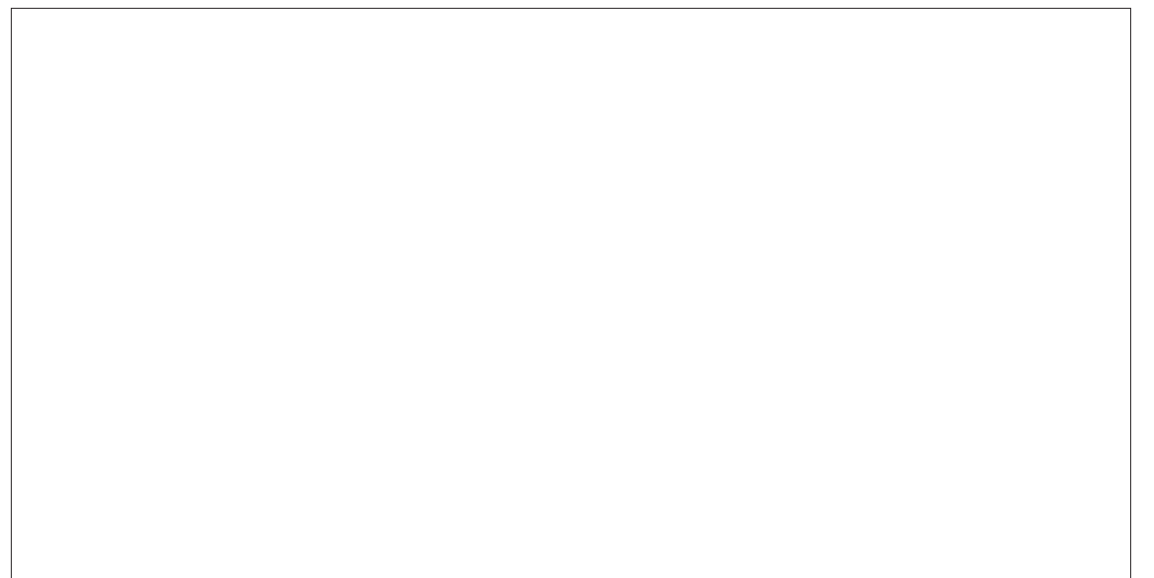
In the Youth Group Exhibits category, Jessica Burlilie, Devin McClintock, Wyatt Murie and Jamie Poulsen, St.

Mary's, took first place with "Life On the Oregon Trail." Aidan Cooper, Erin Burke, Brent Kelly and Jenny Schram, St. Mary's, took second place in that category with "African Americans on the Idaho Frontier, 1805-1890."

In the Youth Group Performance category, Lauren Franklin, Kacey Jones, Kyliegh Gorringer, and Regan Flanagan, St. Mary's, took first place with

"Alexander Fleming and the Discovery of Penicillin." Matt Camp, Elena Harrington, and Austin Johns, St. Mary's, took second place in that category with "The Lewis and Clark Expedition's Impact On the Nez Perce Tribe."

In the Junior Group Exhibits category, Steven Moncrief, Carly Gerard and Doug Rudeen, St. Mary's, won a first place with "The CCC: On the Road to Recovery."



WINNERS—Kyliegh Gorringer, left, Lauren Franklin, Regan Flanagan, Kacey Jones, St. Mary's School, Boise, recently took first place in Youth Group Performance of Idaho History Day's Treasure Valley Regional Competition.

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Sister Petronilla's friend makes fair ribbon quilt

By Jo Moore for the ICR

OROFINO—For almost 40 years Sister Petronilla Lieser made people happy with her cooking skills, whether it was patients at St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, students at St. Gertrude's Academy, senior citizens on the Prairie, or the good people in Nampa.

During many of those years her baked products, even her wine, were so good that they garnered 80 ribbons at the county fairs. Sister was known for her tasty cookies and bread especially, and she experimented with and won three blue ribbons for different types of wine, including prune, dandelion and even beet wine.

With so many ribbons packed away in a box, Sister Petronilla decided something should be done with them. So she asked Bertha Kop, Cottonwood, if she would make a quilt for her, which Bertha did. The pink gingham quilt includes squares of the varied colored ribbons. The quilt displays a "Best of Show," and even one "Grand Champion" ribbon. Sister hopes to display her ribbon quilt somewhere at St. Gertrude's Monastery in Cottonwood.

Sister Petronilla is a member of that community and she will return there when she finally retires.

And when will she retire? "Oh, not for a while," says Sister, who has celebrated more

than 60 years as a nun.

She has been at St. Theresa's parish in Orofino since 1994, coming from Kellogg when Father George King was transferred from the parish there.

This energetic Sister, who is still so young at heart despite her 80 plus years, said, "I have found life filled with much joy and excitement, because community prayer and family life are essential characteristics of Benedictine communities. My call to St. Gertrude's has been a moving towards a goal to praise God and pray for the needs of the whole world."

Sister Petronilla comes from a family that nurtured religious vocations, and she is continually thankful to her upbringing, and happy to spend all her free moments praying for all other families and their needs.

She hasn't entered goods in the fair since moving to Orofino, but she just might. She still keeps her rolling pin handy and enjoys cooking and baking for special events as well as daily meals.



"BEST OF SHOW"—Sister Petronilla Lieser, St. Theresa's Parish, Orofino, wraps up in her fair ribbon quilt that displays most of the 80 ribbons she has won at county and state fairs over the years, including her "Grand Champion" ribbon and "Best of Show." (Photo by Jo Moore)



ST. PADDIE'S ENTERTAINERS—The Orofino Community Singers will entertain at St. Theresa's "The Wearin' of the Green" St. Paddie's celebration Marcy 17 in the Little Flower Room at the church, 446 Brown Avenue, Orofino. They are clockwise from the top, Gerri Lemmon, Ted Leach, John Swayne, Lynn Swayne, Carrie Bird, Cathy Curtis, and Joanne Hutchinson, pianist. (Photo by Jo Moore)

Orofino parish plans camp benefit — St. Pat's Day 'Wearin' of the Green' party

OROFINO—The annual St. Paddie's celebration, "The Wearin' of the Green," will take place March 17 at 6 p.m. in the Little Flower Room of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Orofino.

This year's program includes Patrick Donnelly on the Irish Harp, accompanied by high school students Veronica Unger on the saxophone and Heather Dickinson on the Tin Whistle. Pianist Joanne Hutchinson will accompany Orofino's ever-popular singers, Gerri Lemmon, Ted Leach, John and Lynn Swayne, Carrie Bird, and Cathy Curtis. The group will include audience in a singalong.

The celebration will feature corned beef and cabbage with

all the trimmings, Spuds and Duds, (a baked potato bar with several toppings), green salad with homemade dressings, and a variety of homemade breads, including Irish soda bread. Desert, gourmet coffee and other beverages will also be offered.

Patrons will think they have stepped into the land of the Blarney Stone and certainly feel like they are Irish when they step into the transformed Little Flower Room.

All proceeds will benefit the

parish summer youth camp at Three Meadows, set for June 15-21, this year. The camp is open to all faiths. Call Jo Moore, 476-7570, for more information.

Advance tickets are available at the courtesy booth at Glenwood IGA, Karon's Hallmark, Valley Graphics and Barney's Excell Market. Table reservations for six or more may also be made by calling Moore, 476-7570, or Kathy Gabriel, 476-0723. Seating is limited, so tickets may not be available at the door.

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Students are at home at Saint Martin's College

When Aimee Holt, a native of Kamiah, first visited the Saint Martin's College, she was immediately taken aback by the peaceful atmosphere.

"The part of Idaho I'm from is pretty rural, so this felt like home," Holt said. "My parents were comfortable leaving me here because my dad liked the natural environment, and my mom liked the atmosphere."

Located at the tip of the Puget Sound, in Olympia, Wash., Saint Martin's College is near both the aerospace and high-tech industries, which provide a bounty of opportunities for internships, entry-level jobs and a variety of meaningful work-study and summer employment positions. The College campus is situated in the preserved natural environment that the founding order intended.

Saint Martin's College was founded in 1895 by the Order of Saint Benedict. For more than 1,500 years, the Benedictines have remained firmly committed to hospitality, service, education and the arts.

Monks of Saint Martin's Abbey live and work in the college and surrounding community spreading the order's qualities of warmth, tolerance, academic excellence and a commitment to service.

Students are offered a full range of accredited baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. A Saint Martin's education emphasizes broad geographic and historical perspectives, cultural and linguistic plurality and scientific and aesthetic understanding.

With a student to faculty ratio of 12 to 1, the faculty is committed to supporting each student's unique educational goals.

"I really like the fact that I can go talk to my professors when I need to," said Holt, 19, a sophomore psychology major. "The school's small enough that I've been able to meet other people from Idaho that are always ready to share an 'Idaho story.' I'd love to meet more."

Saint Martin's is just a short drive away from Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, Ore. Ocean beaches are an hour away, as are the ski areas and hiking trails of the Cascade Mountain Range.

On campus, students have a variety of clubs, NCAA Division II sports, intramurals, service groups, music and theater groups to choose from.

NCAA Division II athletics is a big part of campus life. Intercollegiate sports include

men and women's basketball, golf, cross-country, track, men's baseball, women's volleyball and women's fastpitch softball.

The list of clubs built on academic, ethnic or other interests grows and changes each year.

Over the past four years Coleen Dillon, a native of Boise, has been a member of the Associated Students of Saint Martin's College, Soccer Club, Campus Ministry Club, Math Club, Homecoming Committee and still found the time to become an asset to the Office of Admissions as a workstudy.

"My four years here have been positive," said Dillon, who will receive her bachelor's degree in math and secondary education certification in May.

"I've grown as a person and made lots of good friends here. When I look back, it'll be with a smile."

Both Dillon and Holt have received numerous scholarships that have helped finance their education at Saint Martin's.

Dillon, a graduate of Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, credits the fact that she was a recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship all four years with her ability to remain active and devote herself to her college experience.

"I definitely would have had to put in more hours of work because my finances would have been tight," Dillon said. "That would have meant less time to be part of the activities I was in."

Saint Martin's College has one of the lowest tuition rates

among Washington's private colleges and universities. In 1999, every student who applied for financial aid received assistance, with most receiving a combination of scholarships, grants, work-study and loans. The average family income of our students is \$40,823. The amount of financial aid Saint Martin's offers depends on the student's financial circumstances.

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dents per year.

All Class of 2000 accounting major graduates were hired before they even graduated, and all engineering graduates from 1994-2000 were employed in their field, except for one who chose a different profession.

Visit Saint Martin's College. Sit in on classes, participate in activities, talk to current students and meet the faculty. The admissions office strives to get to know you and your family.

For more information contact the Saint Martin's College office of admissions, 5300 Pacific SE, Olympia, WA 98503. Or call (800) 368-8803 for an appointment of a campus visit schedule, or take a virtual tour at the college's web site: www.stmartin.edu.

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vice: faculty, staff and students take part in a massive outreach to the community that supports us.

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A CSF liberal arts education gives a student critical thinking skills. Creativity, ability to solve problems and collaborate will be nurtured and encouraged.

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"A College of Santa Fe education goes beyond the classroom. No matter your major, you have the opportunity to become a vital part of the Northern New Mexico culture."

into their chosen major. Be it visual art, creative writing, film, theater, contemporary music or conservation science, it's the liberal arts core that will make each student's creative expression important, relevant and well informed.

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If you'd like to spend a semester in another country, or exploring the New York City art scene, CSF has several programs available. You can study at our sister school in Mexico City or participate in the New York Arts Program. Bachelor of fine arts candidates in performing arts may spend a semester in London. Conservation studies students work on projects in Italy, Belize, Botswana and Ecuador. Additional study abroad programs are coordinated through the college's

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You will stay in one of the residence halls with a host student, and eat your meals in the campus cafeteria. Departure is Sunday morning. Weekend Fiesta is scheduled for November, February and April. There is a small fee for each participant. To reserve your space call (505) 473-6133.

If you can't attend a Weekend Fiesta, you are still encouraged to schedule a campus visit at any time during the year. Let us know—two weeks in advance—when you're coming, and we'll make sure you get all the information you need about academic programs, financial aid, and campus life.

For more information about The College of Santa Fe, call (505) 473-6133.

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BSU Women's Center honors history makers

BOISE—Three women from the Boise-area Catholic community were among the 36 women honored by the Boise State University Women's Center in early March as "Women Making History" for Women's History Month.

The three are Helen "Binky" Jacoby, St. Mark's Parish, Boise, Maria Lorenzana, St. Mary's Parish, Boise, and Tom Dinh, Risen Christ Parish, Boise.

All the women were nominated by other people. Melissa Wintrow, Women's Center director, said the idea was to recognize ordinary women in the community who do extraordinary things.

"We knew that by reading their stories it would keep us connected to each other," said Wintrow.

Jacoby, who is actively involved in promoting vocations and evangelization in her parish, is best known in the community for the work she and her husband did over the last 25 years providing assis-

tance and support to members of Vietnamese community in Boise.

She and her husband also helped start "Compassionate Friends," after their son John, then 20, was murdered by two men burglarizing his apartment. The organization provides support for grieving families. She was also instrumental in developing a victim assistance program in the Boise area.

Lorenzana was nominated because of the life change she had to make before she could be a community leader. She climbed her way out of an abusive relationship to make a better life for herself and her children. She met and married her husband, Enrique, and together they have worked to build the Hispanic community at Saint Mary's Church. She was a key player in organizing the Committee Espanola De Santa Maria.

Lorenzana, who works full time and is pursuing

a degree in management and organizational leadership, organized classes with a former Boise State University professor to teach English to non-English speaking members of the community.

Dinh, who is Vietnamese, makes history in her everyday work as coordinator of the Multi-Cultural Center at Boise State University. As she works with students, she stresses the importance of perpetuating culture and taking pride in who they are. Her co-workers say that around Dinh, the students let down their walls.

She is highly involved in the lives of many students and has worked especially hard to help Vietnamese students on campus form a Vietnamese Student Association.

Dinh, who was deeply influenced by her family, knows that people don't make history on their own. They make history together.

Tribal Alliance honors Sen. 'Moon' Wheeler

BOISE—Senator "Moon" Wheeler, American Falls, and a member of The Presentation of the Lord Parish, was honored recently by the Native American Tribal Alliance at its annual legislative reception.

Ernie Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribal chairman, made the presentation of a Pendleton blanket. Chairman Stensgar told the attending crowd that Wheeler, chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee for the Idaho

State Legislature, had become a true friend of the Indian tribes in Idaho.

"When we needed someone to listen to us and help us, Sen. Wheeler stepped up and did the job," he said. Stensgar added later that the tribes have adopted Sen. Wheeler.

In his acceptance speech, Sen. Wheeler credited "the learning process," and "a lot of research" for his growing understanding of Indian issues.



FRIENDS—Ernie Stensgar, Coeur d'Alene Tribal chairman, and a member of Sacred Heart Mission, DeSmet, left, talks with Sen. "Moon" Wheeler, Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls, during a recent legislative reception in Boise. At

that reception, The Native American Tribal Alliance presented Wheeler with an Indian blanket to honor him as a friend who listens and helps on issues of interest to the tribes. (Photo by Ann Wheeler)

School

(Continued from page 1) 400 potential students for the school. In the feasibility study results, Craven wrote, "If a cooperatively-operated, kinder-

garten through eighth grade inter-parish Catholic elementary school does become a reality in the Western part of Ada County, the challenge will not be in

recruiting sufficient numbers of students to fill its classrooms. It will, rather, reside in establishing reasonable and fair procedures for granting entry!"

He recommended great care be exercised in crafting fair procedures.

After the survey was taken, said Pelowitz, three people each from Holy Apostles and Risen Christ formed a steering committee to analyze it.

The parishes held a "Town Meeting" at Holy Apostles, Meridian, Feb. 4. About 150 people attended.

"All those who attended were in support of the school," Pelowitz said.

Craven and Bob Sobotta, diocesan coordinator of Idaho Catholic schools, Pat Crisler, diocesan finance officer, were there to explain the possibilities and answer questions.

From that Town Meeting, people were given the opportunity to sign up to serve on the Formation Committee. The subcommittees include: policy and mission, curriculum, finance, building and remodeling, public relations. The committee is scheduled to have its first meeting this week.

Some of the topics discussed at the Town Meeting, said

Pelowitz, included:

—Whether or not the school should be kindergarten through sixth grade or kindergarten through eighth grade, and whether it should start with the lower grades and gradually expand.

—Was the financial base there? "The people at the meeting believe it is," Pelowitz said.

—What remodeling would be necessary?

—What is the advantage of having a new school when the quality of the school system in the area is already excellent? "People felt strongly that they needed a quality school with 'Catholic identity'," he said. "What makes a school uniquely Catholic and what that means in today's world is something supporters will have to decide in the future."

"There are some major decisions to make," Pelowitz said. He said if plans for a school "don't come together," the Diocese of Boise will find an appropriate use for the facility or sell it.

"It is prime property," he said.



A BUILDING WITH POTENTIAL—The Diocese of Boise and parishioners of Holy Apostles Parish and Risen Christ Community are studying the possibility of making Holy Spirit Chapel, Holy Apostles Parish, 828 West Cherry Lane, Meridian, a Catho-

lic school. The school would serve both parishes and others in western Ada County. Holy Spirit Chapel will be available as soon as Holy Apostles Parish moves to their new church building in Meridian. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

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Age limit for WYD 2002 participation lowered to 16

By Mike Mastromatteo
TORONTO (CNS) — Officials with World Youth Day 2002 announced that the age limit for participants to attend the international Catholic celebration has been lowered to 16 years.

Students and young people in the 16-to-35 age group are now eligible to attend the event, scheduled for July 18-28, 2002, in Toronto. Previous World Youth

Day celebrations have been limited to those at least 18 years old.

The 17th annual World Youth Day is expected to attract more than 500,000 young people from 150 countries to Toronto.

In addition to prayer, pilgrimage, confession, faith expression and the celebration of the Eucharist with Pope John Paul II, the 2002 event will include several opportunities for young people

to take part in works of charity and social service.

At a Feb. 23-24 planning forum in Toronto, Basilian Father Tom Rosica, national coordinator of World Youth Day 2002, said the Vatican agreed to the change to accommodate younger teen-agers who had expressed interest in attending.

Some youth ministers raised concern that a strict adherence to the 18-to-35 age limitation would prevent many parish high school group members, particularly from the United States, from taking part in the celebration.

But while inviting participation from even younger Catholics, Father Rosica said the event must not stray from its original focus on young adults.

Father Rosica urged youth ministers and World Youth Day supporters at the diocesan level to keep the proper age context in mind in planning for the event.

The reduced age limit was just one of several key issues discussed at the planning forum. Father Rosica outlined preparations for delegates and unveiled the official World Youth Day 2002 logo at the planning forum.

The logo consists of a stylized cross, the waters of Canada, a maple leaf and a yellow circle



representing the faith of youth.

Father Rosica said Canada, and Toronto in particular, are uniquely qualified to celebrate the diversity and cultural richness of today's church. He said the planning has served as a source of unity.

"The entire country has come on board with this project," he said, adding that the federal, provincial and municipal governments have all shown tremen-

dous support.

Father Rosica said pilgrimage and a sense of mission are key aspects of the event. The missionary component reflects the important role 17th-century French Jesuit missionaries played in the early history of Canada.

Final details about WYD 2002 activities in Toronto are still in progress, but information will be updated regularly on the official Web site: www.wyd2002.org.



BRINGING TEENS TO CHRIST—Brian Naugle, center, St. Mark's Parish youth minister, Boise, is seen here with two youth who were involved in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT) last year. The teens are Ryan Kirby, left, and Jessica Alexander.

St. Mark's YM strives to bring teens to Christ

BOISE—St. Mark's Parish youth minister, Brian Naugle, Boise, strives to bring teens closer to Christ "through relationships and learning."

"We do that through a program called Life Teen that offers teens an avenue to get involved in the church not only through liturgy (our Life Teen Mass), which brings them closer to the Eucharist, but through Life Night," said Naugle.

He said Life Night, that takes place after Life Teen Mass, includes a combination of social events and study. On some nights the Life Teen core team and youth in the parish delve into issues, like poverty, teen music, abortion, or dating. On other nights they may study some aspect of church doctrine or scripture.

Naugle, who hails from Twin Bridges, Mont., has been youth minister at St. Mark's for two years, but has been involved in youth ministry six years.

Some things the youth in his parish may or may not know about him are that:

- He loves to spend time with his wife and fly fish.
- His favorite food is salmon.
- His favorite color is green.
- His favorite music group is the St. Mark's Life Teen music group.
- His biggest pet peeve is people who leave Mass early.

Naugle has several events planned this year for the youth in the parish. Those include two Life Teen retreats, taking a delegation to the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention, taking a group of teens to Steubenville West Youth Conference in Tucson, Ariz., in July, and sending a number of high school students to the Diocesan Disciple Camp in June.

Coming of Age What comes after Confirmation?

By Amy Welborn
Catholic News Service

It's spring, which also means it's confirmation time.

If you're one of the many thousands of Catholic young people celebrating the sacrament of confirmation during this time, I have an important announcement that may come as a shock to you: "Confirmation" is not a synonym for "the end of learning about my faith."

I know, I know. Some of you may have been laboring hopefully under that impression. Some of you might even have been promised as much by your parents.

Sorry. Oh, that is, unless you actually want to have no more than a ninth-grade understanding of faith the rest of your life. If you think that's all you're going to need to get through the trials of life, then go right ahead.

In my work with youth, I've always been a little astonished at how kids somehow have come to think that all you need to know about God and matters of faith is what's contained in eight years of religious education as well as in the "feelings" and

"ideas" they cook up in their own hearts and brains.

I always have to ask: When you graduate from high school, do you think you know all that's important to know about any field? History? Physics? Computers? Art?

Of course not. You know that those subject areas expand way beyond what you know at this moment.

Why is faith so different?

Why would anyone think that 4,000 years of Judeo-Christian tradition can even begin to be meaningfully understood with eight years of formal education offered at a child's level?

And do you really think that a grade school understanding is all faith deserves? Do you think that what you learned about God as a fourth-grader or even in confirmation class is going to be what you need to develop a meaningful relationship with God as an adult or even as a high school senior?

I'm not blaming you, I'm just challenging you to go beyond the assumptions you've absorbed. And here's where I'm going to turn to the adults in

your life for a minute.

Before you start fretting about your children's disinterest in religion or how they practically have to be tied to the car to go to youth group or Mass, consider the priorities you're modeling.

—When was the last time your child saw you reading Scripture?

—Does your home conversation about religion extend beyond criticizing how people dress at Mass or complaining about some aspect of church teaching?

—When was the last time your child saw you reading a spiritual book or Catholic periodical?

—When was the last time your child witnessed you being serious about your faith, living as though it is fundamental to every choice you make rather than just another section of your overcompartmentalized life.

No, faith formation shouldn't stop at confirmation for any of us. If you're 14 or 40, it doesn't matter. God is worth getting to know more deeply at any age.

Principal Loffer to Leave Sacred Heart School

By Mark Daly
For the ICR

BOISE—Parents, students and teachers recently received the official resignation of John Loffer, principal of Sacred Heart School, Boise, in a letter.

Loffer, who has served as principal for six years, will leave Sacred Heart School at the conclusion of the 2000-2001 school year to join his wife and daughters in Huntington Beach, Calif.

In his letter of resignation, he praised the students, faculty, staff, teachers and parents for the many blessings and spiritual fulfillment he received during his tenure at the school. He also expressed regret at leaving "the best Catholic school in Boise."

Loffer began his teaching career in Junction City, Ore. 27 years ago at the Laurel Satellite School. Under the guidance of his mentor and friend John Davies, Loffer developed his own style of teaching and administration. Davies counseled him not to rely on the methods and behavior of others, but to strive for independent thought compatible with his own values and morals. This advice complemented the spiritual foundation he obtained during his twelve years at St. Mary's School in Medford.

During a moonlit drive across the desert of Southern Idaho, Loffer and his wife, Tracy, yearned for a fresh start. They departed the public school system in Oregon, and Tracy landed a teaching position with the Meridian School District. Loffer had subsequently learned about the Sacred Heart opening during his daughter's gymnastic meet from Boise resident Betsy Stephens.

He arrived at Sacred Heart to find a highly skilled and

motivated teaching staff. He praised the latitude given him by Pastor John Koelsch to begin implementation of his vision for the school, and Catholic education in general. "Father John trusted me, and was very receptive to new ideas," Loffer said in a recent interview.

He also credits the school board for sharing his positive vision to create a model for Christian education in the Diocese of Boise. The new school library, in the final stages of completion, showed the cooperative spirit between the school and the parish.

Challenges did exist, however. A formal budget and financial statements were lacking. The school ran annual deficits for several years as uncollected tuition mounted. Faculty training had declined, and building maintenance had suffered. Loffer immediately implemented his vision by hiring a part-time bookkeeper, scheduling teacher training, hiring a new janitor and making physical improvements to the site and building.

A gifted technologist, John began to upgrade the school's technology program thanks to a gift from the Carl and Wilma Miller Estate. Sacred Heart now boasts one of the finest computer programs in the diocese.

Loffer's open door policy brought additional ideas from parents and staff. A weekly newsletter was published to enhance communications, and a new school lunch program offered convenience for parents.

Under the direction of Jean Parker, the science program has thrived. Sacred Heart has placed in the top level of Boise schools during the past five years; and students perform well in state and regional competi-



ALL IN A PRINCIPAL'S DAY—Sacred Heart Principal John Loffer is pictured here with the student council discussing an upcoming Dollar Free Dress Day. The students are Brian Huntington, Jessie Traugher, Adam Walker, Jake Skinner, Drew Hawkins, Joie Florence, Ted Florence, Tess Schaecher, Danielle Ariss, and Kelsey Krahn.

tion.

One of Loffer's proudest accomplishments during this school year is the Child Success Team to assist students with academic, social, emotional and behavioral challenges. School Counselor Pam Curry, supported by a teacher, principal and nurse, meet bi-monthly to resolve problems and issues. This customized program provides a better understanding of student needs.

Loffer believes leadership by example is the best approach. He often shares tasks with staff such as playground monitor. Kids are greeted every morning "with a smile, and to see how they're feeling," said Loffer. A warm

send off after the final bell completes his day.

"The spiritual component of the education process is vital," said Loffer. "Christ is the role model we follow."

Monday prayer service greets the student body. Weekly Mass is standard and monthly "spirit assemblies" allow parental involvement. The schools' mission statement clearly defines the Christian principles that guide student's daily lives.

Loffer becomes pensive as he contemplates his new future. "It's really about love versus money," he says. I guess I'm like Johnny Appleseed, planting seeds and hoping they'll sprout into a successful program."

He believes a leader must give people responsibility, but he is there to support them if it doesn't work out.

"I encourage them (the teachers) to try new things, but I'm there to help them if they fail."

"I love education," said Loffer, but after 22 years in education, he may try something different. It's not inconceivable that he will hang out a shingle and try business on his own.

"I'll decide when I reach California, but I'm sure the Lord will have a hand in my future plans," he said.

That level of trust in Christ will surely help bring John Loffer prosperity and success in his future endeavors.

Spirit of St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School Awards given

By Marcia Ney
For the ICR

LEWISTON—The Spirit of St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School Award which honor graduates from St. Stanislaus School and

Our Lady of Lourdes School, (the parent schools of the St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School) were presented during Catholic Schools Week following the children's Mass, Feb. 2.



HONORED GRADUATE—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School Principal Marcia Ney, left, poses for photo with one of the school's honored graduates, Toni Kraut. Kraut and Madeleine Von Barga received the "Spirit of St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School Award" during the recent Catholic Schools Week celebration.

Also honored during the Mass were all Catholic school graduates. A large percentage of the adults attending the Children's Mass had attended Catholic schools. They shared stories of their Catholic education.

"Spirit of St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School" awards to Madeleine Von Barga and Toni Kraut.

Von Barga attended St. Stanislaus School from 1914 to 1926. At the time she attended the school through high school. She has been an active and involved parishioner of St. Stanislaus and a lifetime member of St. Mary's League. Her children, Sister Deanna Von Barga, Lewiston, and her son Wally Von Barga, Tucson, also attended St. Stanislaus School. Von Barga continues to maintain an active and supportive interest in the tri-parish school living her faith graciously and authentically.

Kraut attended Our Lady of Lourdes School from 1960-1968. Her children, Richard and Stacy, attended St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School. Kraut was the first fundraising

chairperson for the school. Under her leadership the Christmas Tree Sale was begun. This event is now one of the school's major fundraisers. She is active in St. James Parish and in her community.

Kraut's warmth and sense of humor and positive attitude reflects her strong Christian values. She has a strong commitment to Catholic education.

When her youngest child graduated from SSTPS in 1994, Kraut wrote:

"It's not for the building that our children we send,

It's for the spiritual growth that we want in the end

Our money's well spent for God leads the way

For I thank Him so much and I'd like to say

THANK YOU St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School

For teaching and living the Golden Rule.

I shall never forget the special people you are

The children who come here will benefit by far

For you are examples of what Christians can do

Because I see Jesus in each one of you!"

The Catholic school graduates were invited to stay after Mass for refreshments and tours of the school.

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TAPES**

Coeur d'Alene Catholic school receives \$140,000 technology grant

COEUR D'ALENE—Holy Family Catholic School was recently notified that the E.L. Wiegand Foundation will provide funds to assist the school in building a state of the art laboratory science classroom in its new school facility.

This funding is contingent upon the school successfully completing its building fund drive and receiving approval of the new facility by the end of December 2002. The E.L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nevada, recently notified Karen Durgin, principal, of its pledge of \$140,000 for technology, media, science laboratory equipment and furnishings.

"We are extremely grateful of the trust the Wiegand Foundation has placed in our school and its future," Durgin said.

"Our school has always striven to involve the whole community in our mission of providing the opportunity of a Catholic school education for this

community," she said. "In our first five years, we have worked hard to develop a strong sense of community. We feel the Wiegand Foundation pledge and challenge will provide additional momentum to fulfill the dream of building our new school."

Holy Family Catholic School has purchased 10 acres of wooded land on the corner of Nursery and Atlas Road in Coeur d'Alene.

"Architectural plans have been developed, and we are about \$800,000 away from breaking ground," said Tom Feldhausen, project manager for the school's new facility. The project cost is estimated at \$3.6 million.

Funds from the Wiegand Foundation grant will purchase technologies and networking capabilities totaling over \$93,000 for several computer stations for each of the new classrooms in grades K-8, the library and media center, and the science laboratory, and computers for each of the teaching staff.

The grant will also pay for furnishings and equipment for the school's new science laboratory.

Plans at the new facility include a greenhouse that will adjoin the science classroom.

"It is the Foundation's goal to support excellence," said Kristen Avansino, president and executive director of the E.L. Wiegand Foundation. "This project reflects our commitment to Catholic education in rural areas throughout the West. Our benefactor, whose scientific brilliance resulted in over 100 patents, would be pleased to know that the students at Holy Family Catholic School will have a state-of-the-art science laboratory."

Holy Family Catholic School was founded in 1994, and opened in 1996 as a Kindergarten through third grade school. Next fall, it will serve students in kindergarten through 8th grades. For information, call 765-4327.

Holy Family School's auction proceeds go for new school

By Mary Stewart
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE - Holy Family Catholic School raised \$200,000 at its Fifth Annual Auction March 3.

Photos of the school's 173 students graced the walls of the Coeur d'Alene Inn banquet

room, grabbing the interest of the 340 guests.

Among the top selling auction items were art projects made by the students. A cedar chest, crafted by the school's fourth graders, with a hand-quilted cushion depicting Idaho scenes went for \$3,250.

Other top-selling items included a mosaic watercolor of the Last Supper created by the second grade, and a sofa table designed and crafted by the sixth grade class. Also on the auction block was a 19-foot 2001 Glastron SX-195 boat which was donated by Tobler Marina.

"This event was both fun and lucrative. We had over 250 silent auction items and over 50 oral items," said Diane Murray, co-chair of this year's auction. "After the auction, guests were invited to stay for dancing to the live music of Nobody Famous. We are grateful to all the families and members of our community who supported our auction in any way." Murray co-chaired this year's event with Jill Neal, both school parents.

Bishop Michael Driscoll attended the auction.

"He was very impressed with the amount of community support for our school,

and the extreme dedication of the families," said Karen Durgin, principal. "Our thanks go out to the tireless efforts of all who supported and helped with the auction, especially our two co-chairmen.

"This year's auction will put us closer to realizing our dream of a new school building," she said. "Community support has been overwhelming. We feel very blessed."

Holy Family Catholic School purchased 10 acres of wooded land on the corner of Nursery and Atlas Road in Coeur d'Alene last year with the intent to build a school facility.

Elmer Wessels' Angels bring home 'hardware' from Hallsiey Tournament

By Jenna Nida
For the ICR

COTTONWOOD—Once again the Prairie Release Time girls' basketball team "brought home hardware" from the Hallsiey Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Boise. The Angels once again earned a first place trophy to display along with their other trophies from the past.

This year's team consisted of four eighth graders: Jenna Nida, Vanessa Sonnen, Bridget Long, and Elaine Rehder, and six seventh graders: Bridget Enneking, Brittny Behler, Ashley Jackson, Ashley Schaeffer, Natalie Arnzen and Heather Schierman.

For nine years Elmer Wessels took a Prairie Release Time team of seventh and eight grade girls to the all-state Hallsiey Tournament in Boise. In January this year Wessels was hit head on by a drunk driver. He was unable to fulfill his coaching obligations. Becky Higgins took over.

Wessels began a Prairie tradition when his daughter, Tina, begged him to take a team to Boise. The girls finished second that year and

first the following year and first again in 1997 with a team which was comprised of many of this year's state runner-up players. Each of the nine years, the Prairie Release Time has been one of the top three contenders, except one, when they finished fourth.

The eight graders were elated with the win, but sad that their Hallsiey days are over. The seventh graders said they are excited to head back to Boise next year to defend the championship.



Prairie Release Time basketball team, the Angels

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THREATENED SPECIES—Chinook salmon struggles over rapids along the Columbia River drainage in Washington State.

Copies of Columbia River Pastoral available at Chancery

Pictorial copies of the Northwest bishops' international pastoral letter on "The Columbia River Watershed: Caring for Creation and the Common Good," are available for sale at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Copies, along with a reflection guide that provides groups with a process for reflecting and acting on the pastoral letter, are \$4 each. Contact Barbara Bird in the Bishop's Office, 342-1311 or email: bbird@rcdb.org.

In the pastoral letter, which was released Feb. 22, the 12 regional bishops who signed it call for people to use the watershed resources responsibly to promote the human community and the well-being of all people.

Idaho Bishop Michael P. Driscoll was among the signers.

The pastoral letter addresses the regional economic and ecological conditions and conflicts that are involved with the 259,000 square miles of the Columbia Watershed. The watershed includes 1,200 miles of the Columbia River, which begins in British Columbia, Canada, and is fed in the U.S. by tributaries in Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon and flows to the Pacific Ocean.

"When people travel in the Columbia River Watershed they see areas of pristine beauty, where the handiwork of God is hardly touched by human intervention," said the bishops in the first section of the pastoral. "They see areas of ordered beauty, where people have worked well with the land and water in their care. And they see areas of blight, where people have disregarded their responsibilities to their Creator, their community and their environment."

The bishops go on to say, "We hope that we might work together to develop and implement an integrated spiritual, social and economical vision for our watershed home, a vision that promotes justice for people and stewardship of creation."

The pastoral letter can also be accessed in English, Spanish and French on the Internet at www.columbiariver.org.

Idaho to host NCCW program for lay leadership, June 22

JOLIET, Ill. — The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) launched a formation program for Catholic lay leaders in Joliet, Ill., Feb. 17.

Entitled "Spirituality and Service: A Formation Program for Catholic Leaders for the 21st Century," the new program is designed to help NCCW members and others reflect on their faith in the light of Catholic social teaching. More than 100 women attended the pilot session.

A session is planned in Boise June 22 at Nazareth Retreat Center for people from Portland Province, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon.

This initiative links service and the principles of Catholic social thought and examines the

nurturing connection between service and spiritual growth. The program aims to prepare Catholic women and men for effective lay ministry through:

- A better understanding of the baptismal call,
- The principles of Catholic social teaching,
- A deeper commitment to justice,
- The courage to speak and act on Gospel values,
- A network of like-minded Catholic women and men,
- Combining ministry and prayer in active service to the community.

Developed by Mary Heidkamp, former co-director of the Chicago Archdiocesan Office for Peace and Justice,

the one-day program focuses on the central role of justice in service.

This day for spiritual growth and service development is open to all who share a commitment to service based on Gospel values and Catholic social teaching—those who visit the sick, feed the poor, advocate for justice, pray for prisoners, console the bereaved, and guide the young.

Registration fee is \$65, which covers all materials and lunch. Registration deadline is May 10.

For more information, contact the National Council of Catholic Women, 202-682-0334, ext. 110, or Diane Falash, Weiser, Portland Province director, 208-549-2011 or email: fm-tdf@fmmc.com

Iditarod musher harnesses help for the Alaskan homeless

By John Roscoe

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (CNS) — The world's fastest dogsled racers may be more familiar with Martin Buser's backside than his front, but the three-time winner of the Iditarod doesn't leave everyone behind.

Six years ago the staff of Brother Francis Shelter in Anchorage asked Buser if he would lend a hand with a fund-raiser for the homeless, and the Big Lake musher made an insightful connection.

"My racing gets me through some of the most remote places in Alaska, and unfortunately... some of the people from the villages are ending up in the shelters and on the streets of Anchorage," Buser said. "So the Iditapledge is sort of a way to have the two worlds meet, and if one can help out the other, I'm certainly glad to do that."

For the fund-raiser called Iditapledge, lump-sum donations or per-mile pledges are gathered for Buser's run of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which began March 3. Top teams cover the 1,151 miles from Anchorage to Nome in nine or 10 days.

In six years the Iditapledge has brought in nearly \$20,000 for Brother Francis Shelter, an overnight refuge for the homeless operated by the Archdiocese of Anchorage.

"It's what we'd call a major fund-raiser for the shelter," said Brother Francis director Jeff Bealles.

Often people are indifferent or even annoyed by requests for financial help, Bealles said, but response to the Iditapledge is different. "It's really cool to see people's faces when they see Martin Buser is doing it," he told the *Catholic Anchor*, Anchorage's archdiocesan newspaper.

Just as important as the money the effort brings in is the message it delivers, Bealles said.

"Our guests are so often shunned or not welcome, so things like this remind them that there are people out there who do consider them part of the community and who are willing to



IDITAROD CHAMPION FOR HOMELESS—Iditarod champion Martin Buser heads out for a race. Through Iditapledge, he uses Alaskan dogsled racing to raise funds for an Anchorage homeless shelter. (CNS photo)

help them. That in itself is a powerful message," he said.

Martin Buser said he's "more than happy" to help fight homelessness from the runners of his dogsled.

The 43-year-old Swiss came to Alaska in 1979 and "lived all over the place" before settling 12 years ago in Big Lake. He lives there with his wife, Kathy Chapoton, and two children.

The Busers operate Happy Trails Kennel, home to about 75 sled dogs that Buser is trying to hone into the ultimate Iditarod breed.

His experiments with leaner, lankier dogs inspired a big following in the 1980s and '90s, especially after Buser rode to victory in the 1992, '94 and '97 Iditarods. He placed second three times in the 1990s, and has been in the top 10 every year since 1987.

Success in dog mushing requires a grueling training regimen, but Buser still finds ways to give back to the state that has "been so good to me," he said.

The Iditapledge harnesses together his passion for the race and the ideal of eradicating homelessness.

"If you look at the long-term goal, we would like to have a society where there are no homeless people," he said. "But until that is a reality, in the meantime we need funding and we need support for those kinds of programs."

Bealles said the shelter is lucky to have such a talented, well-known, and community-oriented supporter as Buser.

"Most of the mushers are racing for victory or glory or for love of the sport," Bealles said. "I don't know many who are out there mushing for charity also."

New Catholic funding guide published to assist fundraisers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new edition of *The Catholic Funding Guide: A Directory of Resources for Catholic Activities* has been published.

The 504-page book is designed to simplify the work of the nonprofessional fund-raiser, said Francis J. Butler, president of Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities (FADICA).

"This book will become an indispensable tool for clergy and lay volunteers alike," he said.

The new edition has nearly 1,000 grant-maker entries, about 300 more than the first edition.

Most of the book is devoted to a state-by-state listing of foundations that include Catholic activities among their funding interests. There are also separate sections on international funding agencies, U.S. church-based funding agencies, and religious orders and fraternal societies that offer funding for certain projects or activities.

"The Catholic Funding Guide," second edition, costs \$60 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

It can be ordered on line at www.fadica.org, by e-mail at fadica@aol.com, or by mail at FADICA, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 303, Washington, DC 20036-1701.

La Comunidad

El Evangelio

Hay que dar frutos de vida cristiana

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 13, 1-9.



San Lucas nos presenta en esta escena unos mensajeros que relatan dos hechos trágicos ocurridos recientemente en Jerusalén. De los dos hechos mencionados, uno es una matanza intencional y el otro obedece a un accidente. La piedad popular veía y ve en estos desastres la mano justiciera de Dios: "¿Qué pecado he cometido yo para que el Señor me castigue?" ¿No es acaso nuestra expresión favorita cuando experimentamos una calamidad? O, cuando sucede alguna desgracia a los demás, decimos no solo que Dios los castigó sino que merecidamente recibieron tal castigo.

La Cuaresma, con su llamado a la conversión y a la penitencia, no tiene

ningún sentido si no tenemos conciencia de que somos pecadores, y que nuestros pecados, si no nos convertimos, no quedarán impunes. Es el mensaje de este Evangelio en el que Cristo invita a sus oyentes a reflexionar sobre el único terrible castigo que consiste en perder a Dios para siempre, y que solo depende de una actitud de pecado en la cual nosotros tenemos la palabra: De permanecer en pecado, la suerte que nos espera puede compararse a las tragedias que inesperadamente sufre mucha gente.

El episodio de la higuera nos revela a un Dios paciente que espera que traduzcamos nuestra fe en actos: la fraternidad, el desprendimiento de las riquezas, la superación de nuestros vicios... si no, seremos cortados: no llegaremos a nuestro destino, que es entrar al Reino de Dios, definitivo, que nos dará eterna felicidad. En realidad hemos encontrado al Padre en la persona de su Hijo Jesús. La manera de

actuar de Jesús nos enseña que la justicia de Dios, que es nuestro Padre, no se parece a la nuestra. El Padre es perfecto: Hace brillar el sol sobre malos y buenos, y caer la lluvia sobre justos y pecadores. (Mt. 5,45)

Las palabras de Jesús nos permiten ciertamente interpretar las catástrofes naturales, las guerras absurdas, la conmoción social como una purificación de Dios a la historia y a la sociedad, y como una advertencia de Dios a los hombres. Porque las sociedades y las estructuras injustas y opresoras no se salvan ni se condenan como tales, sino en sus miembros responsables.

"Si no os convertís, todos perecereis los mismos." Con esta frase, Jesús ha resumido su enseñanza sobre los dos hechos que nos narra el Evangelio: conversión es purificarse de los pecados (aspecto negativo); conversión es dar frutos de compromiso cristiano (aspecto

positivo). Por eso en la tradición cuaresmal de la Iglesia, las dos formas tradicionales de la conversión son las buenas obras cristianas, y la penitencia.

Debemos entender la penitencia no como un castigo puramente corporal, o como algo propio de los monasterios, sino como el esfuerzo por liberarnos y purificarnos de nuestros vicios y malas tendencias. Toda medida concreta que adoptemos para dominar una tentación, un vicio, un pecado, es penitencia. Todo cristiano que quiere ser fiel al Evangelio, todo hombre que busca el dominio de sí para vivir más humanamente, recurre de hecho a la penitencia, aunque la llame en otra forma, o no siempre le de un sentido religioso.

Que todos adoptemos la penitencia adecuada que nos conduzca por el camino de la conversión y liberación interior.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.



CELEBRANDO LA AMISTAD—Izquierda: Melisa, Margarita, Javier y Luis, miembros del Grupo de Jóvenes Hispanos de la Parroquia de

Santa María, Boise, en alegre compañía disfrutaron rica comida en la fiesta de San Valentín el día 17 de Febrero. La reunión tuvo lugar en la Iglesia de

Santa María. Derecha: Victor Vazquez junto a su esposa e hijito vinieron a participar de la celebración desde Mountain Home. (Foto Juan Mena).

2 Column, 2/24 headline for Boise jóvenes in Spanish

BOISE—El día 17 de Febrero celebró el grupo de jóvenes "Nueva Esperanza" de la Iglesia de Santa Marí de Boise una fiesta invitando a nuevos jóvenes para integrarse al grupo con motivo de la fiesta de la Santa Misa celebrada por el

Padre Jesús Camacho. Para amenizar el encuentro hubo concursos de declamaciones y de bailes entre un centenar de participantes quienes disfrutaron de lindos momentos de alegría y hermandad.

Instituto hispano de liturgia cambia de nombre

MIAMI(CNS)—Lecambiaron de nombre al Instituto Hispano de Liturgia tanto en inglés como en español, y eligieron al padre Juan J. Sosa como director, en junta en Miami, del 23 al 25 de febrero.

En una plática sobre liturgia y espiritualidad en la vida hispana, el reverendo obispo Ricardo Ramírez de las Cruces, N.M., enfatizó la necesidad de que más líderes

hispanos estudien liturgia y obtengan grados académicos en este campo de estudio.

El padre Sosa, pastor de la iglesia de Santa Catalina de Siena en Miami, y director ejecutivo del Ministerio de Culto y Vida Espiritual de la arquidiócesis de Miami, fue miembro fundador del instituto (Continúa en pág 22)

3 column, 2/24 headline for Conferencia

NAMPA—En la Iglesia de San Pablo en Nampa, 1515 8th Street, tendrá lugar una Mini-Convivencia Latina el día 7 de Abril desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 3:30 p.m., todos están invitados.

Patrocinada por las Parroquias de "Western Deanery" y la Oficina de Educación de la Diócesis de Boise.

La Conferencia ofrecerá charlas y talleres en diversos temas relacionados con la Comunidad Católica de Idaho, litúrgias y vida social.

El costo para asistir es de \$5 por persona. Los participantes deberán traer su propio lonche. Para registrarse por teléfono llame al 466-7031. También se podrá inscribir a la entrada.

Tadeo Saenz de Portland, Director de La

Region Nor-Oeste de Asuntos Hispanos, es conferencista principal.

Dirigirán talleres: Celine Caufield, Directora de Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network (Trabajadores Agrícolas) sobre su Institución y cómo implementar la carta de Noviembre 2000 de los Obispos Norteamericanos sobre "Bienvenida al Extranjero." John Hitchman de Boise, sobre "La presencia de los Hispanos en la Iglesia Católica de Idaho." Padres Jerry Funke, Enrique Terriquez, Jesús Camacho, Nondier Zuleta, Francisco Flores y Oscar Jaramillo, Hermana Ramona Negrette, OSF, Ray Veloz del Centro Cultural de Hispanos, Patricia McDaniel de la Fundación de Epilepsia de Idaho, Daniel Ramirez de Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, sobre interesantes temas para el Católico Hispano.

Se dijo que el 'Plan Colombia' posiblemente traiga más miseria humana y ecológica

MIAMI (CNS) — El apoyo norteamericano al 'Plan Colombia' — esfuerzo multimillonario para erradicar la cosecha nacional de coca — intensificará los abusos a los derechos humanos y causará perjuicios ecológicos, predijo un sacerdote que recientemente viajó por esa nación sudamericana.

"Parece que lo que se está creando es otro Salvador o Vietnam," dijo el padre de Maryknoll Roy Bourgeois, fundador de la Escuela para Vigilancia de las Américas, y crítico franco de la política exterior de los EEUU en Latinoamérica.

El padre Bourgeois se dirigió a estudiantes y habló en reuniones públicas durante su visita a la región de Miami el primero de marzo, después de haber sostenido conferencias en California, Nueva York y Ohio.

El sacerdote dijo que había viajado a Sudamérica durante varias semanas a principios de este año con la Red de Apoyo a Colombia para ver de primera mano los efectos de las fumigaciones sobre plantíos de coca en la región de Putumayo, Colombia; y observar como testigo ocular la violencia que se ejerce en el lugar — mucho de ella en conexión, dijo, con las organizaciones militares y

paramilitares.

"Nos reunimos con líderes locales de Colombia, y ellos nos dijeron, 'Nosotros no necesitamos sus helicópteros Black Hawk (Falcones Negros). Llegan ustedes acá con este rociador para matar las plantas de coca, y están matando también los ríos, causando problemas de salud para los niños y la Madre Tierra,'" dijo el padre Bourgeois.

El Plan Colombia es un esfuerzo de 7,5 mil millones de dólares — en realidad un conjunto de proyectos agrarios, sociales y militares — para el que el Congreso de los EEUU ha prometido 1,3 mil millones de dólares en ayuda militar para incrementar la "guerra contra las drogas."

Al tiempo que algunos interpretan este esfuerzo patrocinado por los EEUU como paso necesario para erradicar el tráfico de narcóticos, mientras se restaura la democracia en este lugar de Sudamérica, cuna de una de las más antiguas democracias, el padre Bourgeois dijo que muchos otros en Sudamérica temen que el Plan Colombia desencadenará más conflictos armados y abusos de los derechos humanos, y provocará dispersión masiva de pobladores.



EL PRESIDENTE BUSH SEÑALA A MIEMBROS DE LA FAMILIA OJEDA — El presidente George W. Bush señala a miembros de la familia Ojeda durante su plática a finales de febrero en Omaha, Neb. El presidente se entrevistó con la familia, feligreses de la

catedral de Cristo Resucitado en Lincoln, Neb., como parte de sus esfuerzos por conseguir disminución de impuestos para las familias americanas. (Foto CNS por Cathy Blankenau Bender, Southern Nebraska Register)

Junta con Bush 'emoción de toda una vida' para una familia de Lincoln, Neb.

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — Un matrimonio de Lincoln dijo que la visita de su familia con el presidente Bush en Omaha fue "la emoción de toda una vida."

El señor Tony y su esposa la señora Cyndi Ojeda, junto con sus hijos, Rachel de 5 años, Andrew de 4, y Lindsay de 4 meses, fueron escogidos por la Casa Blanca para aparecer en escena al lado del señor presidente Bush, en el Auditorio Cívico de Omaha, el 28 de febrero, para ilustrar cómo la propuesta de presupuesto del presidente podría tener efectos favorables para una familia americana promedio.

"Nos sentimos muy honrados de que se nos invitara," dijo el señor Tony Ojeda al Southern Nebraska Register, periódico de la diócesis de Lincoln.

El presidente Bush visitó Omaha en parte para promover su plan de

presupuesto, que incluye una propuesta de reducción de impuestos substancial. La familia Ojeda, que son miembros de la catedral de Cristo Resucitado en Lincoln, fueron invitados al evento a través de la oficina del gobernador de Nebraska, Mike Johanns.

Cuando el señor presidente llegó al Auditorio Cívico, saludó a la familia Ojeda y les agradeció que estuvieran dispuestos a aparecer con él. La pareja le dio las gracias por su apoyo a las familias y al movimiento en favor de la vida.

El presidente Bush "fue muy cordial y hospitalario," dijo la señora Cyndi Ojeda.

Andrew le pidió al señor presidente que si estampaba su firma en su "Beanie Baby" (muñeco relleno), y él con gusto lo hizo. Y Rachel le dio al presidente un dibujo de ella misma en el que saluda de mano al presidente.

En su plática, el presidente Bush se refirió a la familia Ojeda y explicó cómo su propuesta de reducción de impuestos tendría efectos favorables para la familia.

Tony, consultor financiero que trabaja con Ameritas en Lincoln, y Cyndi, ama de casa, dijeron que cualquier ahorro que lograran por una reducción de impuestos lo usarían para contribuir más a su parroquia y al fondo de ahorros para la educación de sus hijos. Ellos se casaron en la catedral en 1994, y son miembros activos de la parroquia.

Su entrevista con el presidente Bush tuvo un significado especial para los padres de Tony, René y Cindy Ojeda de Lincoln. René y su hermano huyeron de Cuba en 1962, todavía muy jóvenes, y se les ayudó a establecerse en Lincoln a través de Servicios Católicos Sociales.

Instituto

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y ya había sido director de 1982 a 1988.

El nombre previo en español, Instituto de Liturgia Hispana, se ha reemplazado por el de Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia. Su nuevo nombre en inglés es National Institute of Liturgy for Hispanics.

El instituto colabora estrechamente con personal del Secretariado de Liturgia de los obispos de EEUU para desarrollar textos litúrgicos en español y otros materiales para su uso en los EEUU. En su capacidad inherente, el director se convierte en consejero del Comité de Liturgia de los obispos.

La novena conferencia anual del instituto se tendrá el 15 al 17 de junio en la universidad de Loyola en Chicago. El tema es "Diversos Ritmos—Un Mismo Cantar." Se

explorará el papel de la liturgia y la espiritualidad en las diversas subculturas de los EEUU, y en la más amplia diversidad multicultural de la iglesia de los EEUU.

La hermana Doris Turek, de las Escuelas de Nuestra Señora, y directora ejecutiva del instituto, dijo que por medio del instituto se editó recientemente un libro, "Preaching and Culture in Latino Congregations" ("Oratoria Sagrada para Congregaciones Latinas"), como fuente auxiliar para sacerdotes que no son hispanos pero que sirven a congregaciones hispanas.

El libro, editado por Kenneth G. Davis y Jorge L. Presmanes, está en venta por \$8 dólares, más gastos de envío. Se puede ordenar a Liturgy Training Publications de Chicago, al teléfono (800) 933-1800, o por mensaje electrónico a orders@ltp.org.

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Catholic schools coordinator sends legislators letter on tuition tax credit bill

The Idaho House of Representatives is expected any day to act on HB 311, a bill that would create a pilot program to allow individuals or businesses to receive a tax credit for donations made for the education of children who are enrolled in private and parochial schools.

The pilot program would phase in over 12 years starting in 2002 with students who are 18 years of age and moving down the years of age until 2013 when all students attending private and parochial schools would be eligible.

In a letter to Idaho legislators, Robert Sobotta, Diocese of Boise coordinator of Idaho Catholic schools, urged passage of HB 311.

"Since this legislation would be a 'Pilot Program' it would be a safe way to determine how best to provide a method of fairness that could be examined closely as the legislation is

implemented," said Sobotta in the letter. "I believe that tax credits for qualifying donations made to 'qualifying' students in support of the education of the students educated outside the public school system would provide a win-win scenario for both public and private schools."

Sobotta said Idaho Catholic schools educate about 2,500 students annually.

"This relieves the financial and enrollment pressures of many public schools through the state," he said. "Of course, we realize that many more students in grades k-12 attend other private schools in Idaho. If legislation to relieve the burden of a form of double taxation is not provided, I often have wondered what would happen if these schools recessed for a semester or a year. This would allow the private schools to 'catch up' financially."

Sobotta suggested that the parochial schools could ask that all their students attend public schools until further notification. Although he does not recommend such an action, he does think it would provide everyone with a better perspective of the value of private education.

"Most Catholic school students and other private school students eventually transfer to the public schools," he said in the letter. "Almost all become lifetime residents and citizens (taxpayers) of Idaho. It is time that they and their parents receive consideration for their additional financial contributions to the state. It has been estimated that each private school student saves the state education budget about \$5000 annually. It makes good sense to find a way to help those parents in a manner of fairness."



STALWART MARCHERS—Participants in the recent Coeur d'Alene March for Life carry pro-life signs and march towards St. Thomas Center for a rally marking the 29th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in the U.S. (Photo by Marie Poll)

Coeur d'Alene marchers hear RU-486 update

By Marie Poll
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE—The annual commemorative march and rally that memorializes the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 took place in Coeur d'Alene, Jan. 20.

One hundred participants marched in bright sunshine from Independence Point on Lake Coeur d'Alene to the St. Thomas' Center where Terry A. Riske, M.D., Hayden, spoke on "RU-486: An Update."

The push for the deadly abortion drug began in the '80's, he said. In 2000 the

Federal Drug Association (FDA) approved this chemical killer for distribution.

Now is the perfect time to bring the facts to the public's attention, to stop its use and to protect the unborn and their mothers, said Riske. "Love them both."

In the U.S., an average of 1.4 million babies are killed annually through surgical abortions and about 14 million chemical abortions are committed by women using abortifacient methods of birth control. The total number of surgical and chemical abortions from 1967-2000 was over 530 million, statistics show.

Deacon McKinley receives Scout award for volunteerism

TWIN FALLS—The Snake River Boy Scout Council recently honored eight volunteers with the Silver Beaver Award. This is the highest award a volunteer can receive.

One of those eight was Deacon John McKinley, Jr.

In 1987 McKinley became the Cubmaster of Pack 63 of St. Edward's Parish, Twin Falls. He served until 1993. During that time the parish had let its charter lapse, and McKinley's graduating Webelos had no place to go. So he recruited a Scoutmaster. In 1993 that Scoutmaster resigned and McKinley became the scoutmaster.

In 1994 he received his Wood Badge beads and made Troop 63 a standard to Boy Scouts. When he received his Wood Badge beads, he also received his St. George Religious Metal.

That next year for the first time in Troop 63's history, funds for Friends of Scouting was collected. After many summers at Camp Bradley, in 1997, McKinley was asked to serve as first Assistant Scout-



Deacon John McKinley

master for Troop 537 of the Snake River Council to the National Jamboree in A.P. Hill, Va.

McKinley and his wife Theresa have three sons. He has served on St. Edward's Pastoral Committee and received a Masters Certificate in pastoral studies from Loyola University, New Orleans, through LIMEX (Loyola Institute of Ministry Extension) in Idaho.



Almost completed Good Shepherd Church, Driggs

Driggs Catholic community needs help raising \$150,000 to finish new church

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

DRIGGS—The new, log Good Shepherd Church in Driggs is almost completed, but the community needs to raise \$150,000 by April 30 for electrical fixtures, inside finishing, landscaping and finishing the parking lot.

An anonymous donor funded 80 percent of the cost of the new church, but expenses were more than he was expecting, and he was not able to fund the entire project.

"We are very grateful to our donor and his family," said Father Gabriel Vargas, pastor. "They have made our dream of a church in this community come true."

Father said the whole community in Driggs is involved in the fundraising. The Mormon communities in the area and people of other faiths have helped with fundraising projects

for the church in the past. Also, the land on which the church sits was sold to the Diocese of Boise by Episcopal Bishop John Thornton at his cost.

Father Vargas said parishioners hope to have the church and its grounds, located about one and one-half miles south of Driggs, completed by the end of June.

"The people here are really enthusiastic," Father Vargas said, "because they know their church will be finished very soon." For several years now the Catholic community in Driggs has met at the American Legion Hall behind the courthouse in Driggs. The space has become more and more crowded as the number of Catholic families in the area increased.

The parish has already raised \$28,000 towards its \$150,000 goal. The donor of \$25,000 of that sum has offered an addi-

tional \$25,000 when the parish raises \$25,000 more.

Pat Crisler, Diocese of Boise finance officer, has also applied for a Catholic Extension Society grant for Good Shepherd Parish.

Father Vargas said raising the \$150,000 is important to the small, rural parish because it will enable the community to own the church outright and not have a mortgage.

The Driggs Catholic community hopes to start Phase 2 of their building project in 2002 so that they can build a rectory, parish hall and cemetery on the property with the new church. They estimate they will have to raise \$350,000 for those projects.

Idaho Catholics who would like to contribute to the Good Shepherd Building Fund can send their donations or pledges to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, P.O. Box 1174, Driggs, ID 83422.

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Resurrection is the triumph
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Happy Easter from the Bishop

Dear Idaho Catholics:

We are rapidly approaching the most solemn time in the church year. We will walk the journey of the Cross of Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and culminate with the joy and glory of Easter Sunday.

Following the celebration of Ash Wednesday, with the mark of the ashes on the foreheads of participants, it was my special joy to drive to the six deaneries of the diocese to celebrate the Rite of Election. Catechumens, candidates, family, friends and pastoral ministers gathered to witness the signing into the Book of Election those who have been preparing for Baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church. I met each of them with his or her

sponsor, as well as all the candidates preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist. The Easter Vigil on April 14 marks their day of celebration, as well as celebrates in one day a historical moment in the Church of Idaho—more than 400 men, women and children entering into our Faith and Faith communities.

In Baptism, Saint Paul tells us that we die with Christ in order that we might share His victory over sin. While this was accomplished by Jesus at one time in history, the church tells us that this is a life-long process of union with Jesus, renewing our Baptismal promises at the Easter season and each day in our living out our lives.

Resurrection is the baptismal experi-

ence of every Christian. Resurrection is the daily struggle of every Christian who strives to live up to the ideals expressed in the Baptismal promises.

My thoughts and words of congratulations go out to all who will celebrate the Easter sacraments on Holy Saturday Eve and all who renew themselves in the Person of Jesus.

May the promise of Jesus find its fulfillment in you and bring you joy and peace forever.

Yours in Christ

Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll
Catholic Bishop of Idaho



BRIEFS

Pope to visit Athens in early May, says Vatican official

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II will visit Athens, Greece, May 4-5, the first stop on a pilgrimage that also will take him to Syria and Malta, a Vatican official said. The dates of the visit were announced by Archbishop Leonardo Sandri, a high official of the Vatican's Secretariat of State, after he met in Athens March 20 with Archbishop Christodoulos, head of the Orthodox Church of Greece, according to news reports from Athens. The visit, the first by any modern pope to Greece, was made possible when Orthodox bishops voted earlier in March not to oppose the pope's pilgrimage. The pope is traveling to the Mediterranean countries as part of an ongoing pilgrimage to biblical sites, which began during the jubilee year.

Archbishop, magazine caution against rapid Lefebvre reconciliation

ROME (CNS) — Following news reports suggesting an imminent Vatican reconciliation with a group of followers of the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, an influential French cardinal and an Italian Catholic magazine said the Vatican should proceed slowly and cautiously. Cardinal Pierre Eyt of Bordeaux said the unresolved "doctrinal, liturgical, sacramental (and) institutional" differences with the Priestly Society of St. Pius X appeared too great to overcome "without profound study and sufficient delay." In a similar vein, the editors of *Jesus*, an Italian monthly magazine published by the Pauline Fathers, said they were troubled by reports suggesting that a formal reconciliation might be reached by Easter, April 15. Vatican sources have said that while contacts with the society have continued, it is too early to speak of concrete moves toward reconciliation.

Pope urges greater recognition of women in society, church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said that despite decades of progress in women's rights, women are still awaiting full recognition of their dignity in society and in the church. Women's dignity is especially harmed by practices like sex tourism, mass sterilization and various forms of violence, the pope said. He termed abortion an "aberration" that distorts the idea of women's rights and weakens those of unborn children. The pope's comments came in a message to some 600 delegates of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, which held a general assembly in Rome March 17-21.

Pope urges Latin Americans to develop better response to sects

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged Latin American bishops to develop a better pastoral response to religious sects, which have made inroads throughout the region's predominantly Catholic population. The attraction of the sects will wane wherever the church's evangelization force is active, the pope told the bishops March 23, at the end of a four-day meeting of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. "It is necessary to give special attention to the problem of the sects, which constitutes a serious obstacle to the evangelizing effort," the pope said. "This is something that cannot be viewed with indifference. A resolute pastoral plan is needed to face this grave question, one that revises pastoral methods, strengthens structures of communion and mission, and takes advantage of the possibilities offered by a purified popular religiosity," he said.

Vatican prepares document on Internet ethical concerns

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is preparing a document on ethical concerns raised by the Internet that will likely include — but look deeper than — traditional issues like pornography, privacy and intellectual property rights. The broader issues might include an examination of the implications of the technology's Western and U.S. cultural dominance, as well as its underlying philosophical assumptions. Members of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications discussed a draft outline of the document during a plenary meeting March 12-16. No deadline has been set for its completion.

CRS rebuilds destroyed homes in war-torn Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (CNS) — Catholic Relief Services has begun reconstructing burned buildings in some parts of war-torn Sierra Leone. "We need to help the people return to their hometowns to resume their normal life," said Baika Sesay, senior programming manager for CRS in Sierra Leone. CRS is the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency. Sierra Leone has been devastated by a decade-old civil war that has left millions displaced and hundreds of thousands dead or maimed. Following last year's cease-fire agreement between Revolutionary United Front rebels and the government — the third cease-fire agreement since 1996 — CRS has reconstructed nearly 2,000 houses.

Pope asks priest to help people rediscover penance

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II urged priests worldwide to help Christians rediscover the sacrament of penance and to start by frequenting it themselves.

The return of many Catholics — especially young people — to the practice of confession during the jubilee year was an "encouraging sign" upon which priests should build at the start of the new millennium, he said.

The pope made his remarks in an annual letter to priests for Holy Thursday, commemorating Christ's institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper.

The letter was released at a Vatican press conference April 2.

Writing in a personal style, the pope thanked priests for their efforts, sometimes at great personal cost, to bring the experience of Christ's salvation to those in their care.

"I want you to know of my admiration for this ministry, discreet, tenacious and creative, even if it is sometimes watered by those tears of the soul which only God sees and 'stores in his bottle,'" he said.

One essential aspect of in-

tensely experiencing Christ, the pope said, is the sacrament of reconciliation, which has suffered a decline in recent decades.

The jubilee surge in confessions "impels us to recognize that the profound needs of the human spirit ... cannot be canceled out by temporary crises," he said.

The reasons for the crisis include a diminished sense of sin and an inadequate understanding of the sacraments in God's plan. But priests also shared some blame, he said, because of "a certain dwindling of our own enthusiasm and availability for the exercise of this delicate and demanding ministry."

"Now more than ever the people of God must be helped to rediscover the sacrament. We need to declare with firmness and conviction that the sacrament of penance is the ordinary means of obtaining pardon and the remission of grave sins after baptism.

"We ought to celebrate the sacrament in the best possible way, according to the forms laid down by liturgical law, so that it may lose none of its character as the celebration of God's mercy," he said.

To restore confession's place

in Catholic practice, the pope said, priests must make an effort to rediscover for themselves "the full beauty of this sacrament."

"The sacrament of reconciliation, essential for every Christian life, is especially a source of support, guidance and healing for the priestly life," he said.

"Only those who have known the Father's tender embrace," he said, "can pass on to others the same warmth."

Priests must also combat a widespread "minimalist" understanding of moral conscience and sin, which ignores the "radical demands of the Gospel," the pope said.

"Many of the faithful have an idea of sin that is not based on the Gospel but on common convention, on what is socially acceptable," he said.

"Evangelization in the third millennium must come to grips with the urgent need for a presentation of the Gospel message which is dynamic, complete and demanding," said the pope.

He said priests should make clear that sin is not "purely private," but is something that also "lowers the level of holiness" of the entire church community.

Pope urges praying Liturgy of the Hours

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II called for greater promotion among Christian lay people of the Liturgy of the Hours, traditional daily prayers structured around the Psalms.

He said the Psalter was the "ideal source" of Christian prayer, to which the church should turn to deepen its "art of prayer" in the third millennium.

Speaking to pilgrims March 28 at the weekly general audience, the pope said he was beginning a series of talks on the Psalter "to encourage and to help everyone pray with the same words used by Jesus, (which have been) present for millennia in the prayer of Israel and of the church."

He said it was encouraging that many lay people in the wake of the Second Vatican Council had begun to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, a practice once restricted to priests and religious.

Since the first centuries, Christians turned to the Psalms as "the prayer of the people of God," and early church theologians understood the texts as speaking ultimately of Christ, he said.

In the intervening centuries, the Psalter was sometimes put

aside in favor of other prayers, but was kept alive by monastic communities, he said.

One monk, at the turn of the second millennium, went so far as to assert that the Psalms are the "only way" to experience a truly profound prayer, said the pope.

"With this affirmation, which at first sight seems excessive, he in reality remained anchored in the best traditions of the first Christian centuries, when the Psalter became the book par excellence of church prayer," he said.

The pope said the communal recitation of the Psalms throughout the centuries also served to remind Christians that it is impossible to pray to God "without an authentic communion of life

with the brothers and sisters who inhabit the earth."

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours in no way excludes other "freer expressions" that characterize personal prayer, said the pope. In fact, those expressions can even enrich liturgical prayer, for example, with hymns.

General church law in the Latin rite requires ordained ministers — bishops, priests and deacons — to pray the Liturgy of the Hours daily. Some religious orders and lay institutes require their members to observe this prayer.

Church norms encourage all Catholics to make especially the primary hours of morning and evening prayer part of their prayer life.

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Idaho Catholic schools shine on tests

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

Bishop Kelly High School and all 13 Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Boise significantly exceeded test scores of the public school districts in which they reside and the state and national scores in 2000, Bob Sobotta, Diocese of Boise coordinator of Catholic schools, reported this week.

High school students took the Test of Achievement and Proficiency (TAP). The elementary students took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS).

"I think the Idaho Catholic schools' performance is really exciting," said Sobotta. "It reaffirms once again that our Catholic schools are doing a fantastic job."

Sobotta believes there are good reasons Idaho Catholic schools are so strong when ranked against both private and public schools on local and national percentiles.

"It is because Catholic schools can educate the whole child, intellectually, emotionally, physically and spiritually, and students are more focused because they sense the commitment of their teachers and their parents," he said.

"One of the keys to academic success of students that educators always list is the importance of the involvement of parents in their children's education," Sobotta said. "In Catholic schools there is exceptional parental support because they are vested in that education. Those parents make the commitment to pay tuition, over and above the tax money they pay to support education in the state, and they make the effort to support their children and the school in any way they can."

Generally, Idaho schools' test scores are higher than the national averages. The average composite ITBS Idaho test scores, according to the Idaho Department of Education, were:

- For the core areas of reading, language and math, 54th percentile for third grade; 48th for fourth grade; 46th, fifth grade; 52nd, sixth grade; 60th, seventh grade, and 60th, eighth grade.
- For the composite of social studies, science and

information processing, 56th percentile, third grade; 45th, fifth grade; 56th, seventh grade.

Idaho high school 2000 test scores on the TAP were:

—For the core areas of reading, written expression, and mathematics, 53rd percentile for ninth grade; 57th for tenth grade, and 56th for eleventh grade.

—The only composite score for social studies, science and information processing made available by the Idaho Department of Education was ninth grade at 55th percentile.

Sobotta listed some examples of the performance of some of Idaho's Catholic schools on these tests:

—At St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, the sixth graders who took the ITBS ranked in all areas between the 90th and 98th percentile, based on the national school norms.

—St. Mary's School, Boise, showed in the 2000 ITBS core scores on reading, language and math, 62nd percentile for third grade, 74th for fourth grade, 93rd for fifth grade, 91st for sixth grade, 95th for seventh grade and 99th for eighth grade.

"You can't ask for any better than that," said Sobotta. "Many of Idaho's Catholic school students have very good scores in their early grades, but by the time they leave the school, they are almost at the top of performance."

—St. Anthony Catholic Community School that serves Pocatello and Chubbuck averaged more than 35 percentile points higher than their local school district and 39 percentile points higher than the state average.

"Students, teachers, parents and Catholic schools working together can make a difference," said Stephen Anderson, St. Anthony's principal, in his report to the Diocese of Boise.

—At St. Mary's School, Moscow, a comparison of the ITBS scores of the same students showed that the composite social studies, science and information processing scores progressed from the 62nd percentile in third grade, to the 83 in fourth grade, to 84th in fifth grade and 97th in sixth grade. Their

comparison scores on the core reading, language and math were similar.

"These scores show that each year in the school means so much for the student," said Sobotta. "You can see the growth academically, spiritually and in other ways."

—At Holy Family School, Coeur d'Alene, which is only five years old, students ranked in the 75 percentile on the ITBS tests the first year. For the following three years, Holy Family students consistently averaged in the 90th percentile or above. In 2000, the school was in the 97th percentile.

—At the high school level, Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, outperformed students in public high schools throughout the state and in Ada County by at least 20 points at every grade level. The tests were given to all high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Sobotta said Bishop Kelly's scores indicate that the school is "academically strong."

"We take education seriously," said Principal David Lachiondo. "And we have a track record of bringing out the best in all of our students."

Bishop Kelly juniors received a core total of 82 on the TAP, which means they did as well or better than 82 percent of the students in the national sample. In comparison, Idaho juniors statewide received a core total of 55 percent.

Bishop Kelly students showed especially strong in reading, with juniors doing as well or better than 85 percent of the juniors in the nation. The state reading average for juniors in 2000 was 58th percentile.

Bishop Kelly math scores exceeded state averages by 20 percentile points in all grades tested.

In a recent letter to Lachiondo, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll said: "I was very proud and delighted to see the results of the students on the Test of Achievement and Proficiency. You and your teaching staff, as well as the students, need to be complimented for the effort and zeal that has been achieved."

"I think that we in Catholic education should be very proud," said the bishop, "because I believe this also reflects the educational standards of our parish elementary schools."

Bishop thanks DDP workers, contributors

Preliminary reports on our Diocesan Development Program, which kicked off throughout the Diocese of Boise March 11, are promising, said Bishop Michael Driscoll. This year's DDP goal is \$2 million.

"I want to express my gratitude to all those who worked so hard to prepare for this campaign, to all our priests and deacons who helped to educate people about the DDP and to the parish workers who volunteered their time and energy to go out to the homes of their fellow parishioners to pick up their DDP contributions," said Bishop Driscoll.

"I also want to thank all Idaho Catholics who 'shared their blessings' and gave so generously to the DDP this year," he said. "Supporting our diocesan ministries, seminarians and clergy, Catholic Charities of Idaho and the work of my staff, is a good way to thank God for all He has done for us and show Him how we love one another and His church."

Anyone who has not yet returned their DDP envelope can still do so by dropping it in the collection basket at Mass in their parish.

Father Robb Keller recovering from lung transplant in Denver hospital

DENVER—Father Robb Keller got a new lung March 27, and doctors reported his condition is "as good as can be expected."

Father Keller, a member of the pastoral team at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Twin Falls, has been on medical leave since August 2000. He recently moved to Denver to await the lung transplant, which took place at University of Denver Medical Center and National Jewish Institute. The institute is the top transplant fa-

cility in the Northwest. For now, Idaho Catholics are asked not to visit, call or send mail or flowers.

"Please join me in asking Our Lord for Father Keller's speedy recovery and for peace and comfort for him and his family," said Bishop Michael P. Driscoll.

For the past month, Fa-

ther Keller has been doing therapy to prepare his body for the surgery and reduce the chances for rejection.

Doctors were able to remove the ventilator the day after Father Keller's surgery. A caretaker reported that as of April 2, he was starting to walk and was continuing to gain strength.

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Choosing Catholic schools

An interesting phenomenon is taking place in Idaho and throughout the nation. More and more people are choosing to send their children to parish Catholic schools. This certainly was a fact in the 40's, 50's and 60's. In the 70's and beyond, Catholic schools began to fall out of favor—many closed, and that was also true in Idaho. Today there is a desire once again to build more Catholic schools.

There are many reasons for this. Some want a school where there is more discipline. Some feel there is safety from violence and drugs. Some feel their youngster will receive a better education. Some, although it is not the major reason, want the Catholic school to foster faith in their child.

The primary reason for a Catholic school is to provide daily experiences of faith and character formation, integrated into all aspects of school life. The Catholic school philosophy is to instill respect, honesty and integrity in the students. Making Jesus the center of our lives and "doing unto others as we would have done unto ourselves" mirrors the expected behaviors of our students. The experiences in a Catholic

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By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

school are viewed as a developmental process to prepare students for life as adults in a Christian, Catholic context.

The 14 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Boise serve approximately 3,170 students each day. This includes 672 at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise. There are 203 qualified and dedicated teachers and

principals. All of our teachers are certified by the State of Idaho.

Our school staffs work in the Catholic school as a ministry. Our teachers could work in the public school market and earn a much greater salary than they currently receive.

Our Catholic schools act like a Catholic family. Not only do our students participate daily in a formal religion class, but they also regularly pray and worship together and participate in formal and informal acts of charity and service towards each other, their parishes and the larger community. Our schools teach a deep respect for life and the dignity of the human person, a commitment to the community, and a deep love and care for all of God's creation. Our Catholic schools work hard to place Jesus Christ at the center of all that they are and do.

As you consider where you want your son or daughter to go to school in the fall, I hope that you will seriously consider the Catholic school in your neighborhood, and if they are secondary students, Bishop Kelly High School.

Legislature 2001

Wrapup—'the good, the bad and the ugly'



By Ann Wheeler

EDITOR'S NOTE: Wheeler, an active member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls since 1962, and a former junior high and high school teacher and guidance counselor, is living in Boise during the legislative session while her husband, Sen. Moon Wheeler, is serving.

For better or worse, the 2001 session of the Idaho Legislature has ended.

The perception of what was done, and how it reflects on Idaho, is in the mind of the beholder. Idaho started the session with a huge surplus of money. Legislators had to figure out what to do with \$300 million dollars that had piled up in state coffers. Plans poured in from all over the state. Tax relief was in the forefront with Governor Dirk Kempthorne leading the way with his budget plan, calling for \$91 million in tax rebates, and a rural incentive program to help economic development in areas that benefited from the economic boom

of the 90's. Problems soon surfaced as the economy started to sputter. Layoffs, mill closures, and Wall Street's slide had the budget writers nervously trying to balance a rebate along with some permanent tax relief against trying to fund programs for a growing state population.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee had a hard time deciding on what kind of a package to put together. Tempers flared before a final bill came out and was passed by the full House. The Senate felt that the package was far too large and amended the bill severely. The projection was that the House version could leave the state \$110 million in debt by the end of Fiscal Year 2003. The Governor's Rural incentive program did survive—the \$91 million rebate did not.

Here are some of the results of the 2001 session. Readers can decide what is good, what is bad, and what is just plain ugly.

Abortion

Two abortion bills passed the House, and the Senate. **HB 309** dealt with whether the state would continue to pay for abortions for women on Medicaid when it was determined that her health was in danger. The bill disallows those abortions. The Governor, who has a strong personal belief against abor-

tion, has signed the bill. Opponents predict that this will end up in court because of a judge's ruling in a prior case. The judge ruled at the time that health must be included in order to comply with Idaho's constitution.

HB 340 brought a bill passed last year into compliance with a judge's ruling concerning the residency of a minor female when a judicial bypass is requested in the case of an abortion. The bill itself provides for a minor female to ask a court for permission to have an abortion if the parents have refused that permission.

Education

The House passed **HB 311**. This bill allowed a tuition tax credit for qualifying students who attend a qualifying school outside the public school system. The bill died in the Senate Education Committee.

There were two bills presented to deal with the safety issue for school facilities. **SB 1070**, sponsored by Sen. Darrel Diede, Caldwell, provided for a "School Facility Support Fund," and would have applied to all school districts. It passed the Senate 28-8, but died in the House. The second was a House bill that established a loan program for improving school facilities. It passed both chambers.

Supporters of **SB 1070** feel that having both bills would have helped satisfy the order of Judge Deborah Bail that the legislature was responsible to help the school districts. The order, issued in February, gave the legislature one year to find a solution, or she would rule on how to do it.

A third measure, calling for an interim committee to address the issue, passed the Senate and was killed in the House.

Social Justice Issues

The "squaw" issue - to eliminate the word from public places in Idaho—passed the Senate, but died in the House state Affairs Committee on a 10-9 vote.

The Minimum Wage for Farmworkers—**HB 71**—passed the House, 49-20-1 with certain exemptions— notably, piece work, and those farms that employed less than 500 manhours per quarter. The Senate amended the bill, with the aid of Sen. Bart Davis, and the Governor's office, to eliminate the exemption for the 500 hours or less. This brought approximately 95 percent of all farmworkers under the wage rule. The amendment will affect very few farmers, since most now pay above the minimum wage. It passed the Senate 28-7. The House accepted the amended bill with a vote of 41-28-1. The

Governor signed the bill into law at a labor camp in Wilder March 21.

Indian Gaming

The Indian Gaming Compact was defeated in the Senate on a 19-16 vote. The compact would have placed restrictions on the growth of the Indian Gaming industry in Idaho. Gaming would have still been allowed, with a cap on the number of machines allowed over a period of time. Some Senators felt that there were too many questions left unanswered. Some had questions about the definitions in the agreement, and some were simply opposed to any extension of gaming, even under a restricted scenario.

The issue could be decided in the courts, but some hold out hope that the issue can be worked out over the interim between now and next winter.

This is the last legislative report for this year—it's anyone's guess what will show up next winter, but some issues always come back

To contact your legislators:

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Question Corner

The Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice on Calvary

By Father John Dietzen

Q. Our question has to do with the Mass. We would like to know how to respond to our Protestant friends when they cite Hebrews 10:11-18, which says we no longer need priests to offer sacrifice (during Mass) because Christ died once and for all.

If this is true, according to Hebrews, "there is no longer any offering for sin." Since Jesus died and sacrificed his life once and for all, they say, there should be no "priests" now. There is no possibility or need for more sacrifices than Jesus

Christ has offered. How do we answer that?

A. Your Protestant friends are right, of course, in claiming that Jesus Christ offered the one perfect sacrifice, offering his body once for all (Heb 10:10). It is the teaching of the Letter to the Hebrews, and certainly is Catholic doctrine, that no new or additional sacrifice is necessary or possible for the salvation of the world.

A new or additional sacrifice, however, is not the same thing as a re-offering of the one sacrifice of Christ, which is what the church teaches takes

place at the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass.

The letter to the Romans (8:34) tells us that Jesus, in his crucified and risen body, stands at the side of the Father always interceding for us. In other words, always offering to the Father his death and resurrection on our behalf.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it, our celebration of the Eucharist echoes this continual re-offering of the paschal mystery, the dying and rising of Christ.

The eucharistic celebration, it says, is not a different or additional sacrifice. Rather, we

call it a sacrifice because it represents — makes present again — the sacrifice of the cross. It is a remembrance, a memorial, of that event, and makes it "in a certain way present and real."

To put it another way, the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary are one single sacrifice. The difference is in the manner of the offering.

In the words of the Council of Trent, the catechism teaches that in the eucharistic liturgy "the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an

unbloody manner" under the sacramental symbols of bread and wine. (See especially Nos. 1362-1367.)

You may explain this to your friend, of course. You must realize, however, that it is often difficult for those Christians who have had little encounter with religious sacramental symbols to grasp this understanding of the Eucharist.

Catholics and members of other denominations who have a more extensive belief and experience with sacramental forms of worship generally will find it much easier.

Make this year's Holy Week holy

By Jeanette Martino Land

Sometimes the initial fervor with which we begin our Lenten observance can often unravel and become tangled in the web of our busy lives. As Holy Week approaches, it is not too late to gather up the fragmented parts of our being and weave them into a tapestry of love with which to welcome the Risen Lord.

The solemn celebration of the Paschal Mystery begins on Passion (Palm) Sunday with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem—an entry that marks the beginning of His saving work.

As you focus on Jesus' passion, death and resurrection in this holiest week of the year, you are invited to enter into the mystery. You are encouraged to imitate the obedience, devotion and steadfastness of Jesus (and Mary) throughout the Passion. Indeed, you are called to make Holy Week holy.

First, it is good to check the condition of your soul by making an honest examination of conscience. This will help in preparing yourself to participate in the Holy Week Services, especially for the communal reconciliation service and/or individual confession. Other suggestions include, but are not limited to:

—In silence, let the Lord look at you with love and



listen attentively to what He is saying to you in prayer, Scripture, or through others.

—Reflect on your use or abuse of material things.

Practice some self-denial this week.

—Ask yourself how you deal with relationships. Do you radiate God's peace, love and joy, especially within your family?

—Are you willing to go beyond your comfort zone to bring God's healing, forgiving, unconditional love to someone who's suffering in any way (physically, materially, emotionally, spiritually).

—Do you have an attitude of gratitude that includes being thankful and steadfast in your trials? Be present to Jesus in His suffering and unite your suffering with His.

—Are you an obedient servant? Can you, like Jesus, accept, embrace and let God's Will be done in you?

If you make Holy Week holy, by weeping with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and by suffering with Christ on the Cross of Calvary, you will be better prepared to participate in the liturgy with your whole heart and mind and soul and strength.

The fragments of your life will have been woven into a beautiful tapestry of love. Your whole being will be ready to proclaim with joy and praise, "Christ of the empty tomb, You are Risen in me! Alleluia!"

Land is a freelance writer from Marco Island, Fla.

Readers Write

Holy water

Editor, the *ICR*:

A rather strange "penance" has crept into some of our parishes. The removal of Holy Water from the fonts at the entrances to our churches. I wonder if someone could please explain the logic here?

The following definition, from the *Modern Catholic Dictionary* by John A. Hardon, S.J., says: "Holy Water. Sacramental blessed by a priest, invoking God's blessing on all who use it. Blessed water is a symbol of spiritual cleansing, and its use is advised in moments of physical danger and against temptations from spiritual enemies. It is common practice to dip one's fingers in holy water and reverently make the Sign of the Cross as one enters a Catholic church and it is recommended for use in the home. Holy water is used in the conferring of public baptism, and Easter water specially blessed for use during the paschal time."

As Lent is a time of penance and spiritual cleansing and growth I would think the use of holy water would be most advantageous for all. One could say, we need all the help we can get! I hope those in charge of these "innovations" might consider leaving this sacramental in place in the future.

Mary Lynn Smith
Idaho Falls

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a response to Smith's inquiry from Deacon Gerry Pera, Diocese of Boise chancellor, and a trained liturgist.)

Thank you for your thoughtful letter asking why some Catholic churches leave their holy water fonts dry during the Lenten season.

In response, the use of holy water as a sacramental is a time-honored holy practice, which reminds us of our baptismal promises. Catholics formally renew their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil.

Prior to 1968, Catholic churches invariably dried up their holy water fonts during Lent. Simultaneously, all floral decorations were omitted from

the church, and statues were covered with a purple cloth. Also, no church bells were rung during Lent. These "desert experience" symbols remained until the singing of the Gloria at the Easter Vigil Mass, when attendants joyfully rang the bells after a 40-day silence, removed the statue covers and refilled the holy water fonts to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because the use of these symbols is optional, some pastors are choosing to restore the practice of drying up the holy water font to remind us of our thirst for Christ Jesus.

I pray that you will have a happy and blessed Easter.

Deacon Gerald Pera
chancellor
Diocese of Boise

Remove the plank in your eye

Editor, the *ICR*:

First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly enough to remove the splinter from your brother's eye. The words of Jesus in Matthew, chapter 7.

John and I became friends at a Cursillo pilgrimage in Spokane in August. Few doctors, I think are as passionate about following Jesus, and compassionate about incarnating His love to their patients. But John had a "plank in his eye" when it came to money. He wasn't making enough. Been there, done that. Our Lord gave me a scripture to share with him. "Try it on and see how it fits," I said.

Last week in another Cursillo group, a long time close friend gave me a message from God about how I am always judging other people. He did it in love. Still it hurt. As I prayed before our Eucharistic Lord, he revealed the truth of that sin in me. This time it was I with the "plank in the eye." Radical surgery of the soul was indicated.

John sent an email yesterday. His whole life is changed! A great weight is lifted! He's not making any money, but it is enough. His soul surgery was successful. I went in for soul surgery last Wednesday. It was

very painful, but I feel a great weight is lifted! I'm writing from the recovery room.

I suppose the point is we are our brother's keepers, and our sister's as well. None of us are surgeons, but all of us are called to be paramedics. Fear and anger keep us apart. May we possess the wisdom to let the paramedics in when they knock and the courage to go under His knife for our own personal "plank surgery." It's Lent after all!

Phil Auth
Berger

MDA response

Editor, the *ICR*:

Even the leprechauns are

green with envy over Boise's response to the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign. Many thanks to the thousands of people who donated to MDA and signed paper shamrocks in businesses in February and March. Their generous participation in Shamrocks will help MDA continue to provide families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our community with valuable services.

As one of many who has a loved one affected by a neuromuscular disease, I'm genuinely grateful for the caring support of customers and em-

ployees at convenience stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other retailers in Boise.

The 18th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign raised more than \$10 million nationally. These donations will help fund MDA-sponsored research.

On behalf of the millions of Americans affected in some way by the more than 40 diseases covered by MDA—thank you—and may St. Patrick bless you all year long!

Maureen McGovern
National Chairperson
MDA Shamrocks
Against Dystrophy

How much our Lord has done!

READINGS

Passion (Palm) Sunday

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

PASSION NARRATIVE: Luke 22: 14-23:56

An older and far wiser priest once told me in the confessional that the way to really understand the seriousness of sin would be to meditate on Our Lord's suffering and death during the whole of Lent.

I didn't fully understand him then, even though I knew that Jesus bore the weight of our sins. Only in later years has this knowledge affected me deeply. Repentance for one's own sins, seeing them in the light of the Passion Narrative (which is read as the gospel today), and coming to the Lord in prayer has made this possible.

The same priest at another time reminded me that I am part of the cross Jesus bore—not just my sins, but I myself.

How true his words were!

Have you ever had a priest—or anyone else, for that matter—tell you something like this? I hope so, because it forms part of our traditional Catholic spirituality and should never be forgotten by any of us. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, willingly embraced suffering and death—even death on a cross—because of our sins. Because of this, *God greatly exalted him* through the Resurrection and made Him the source of our salvation.

Our sinfulness is one basic reality of life. Redemption is the second basic reality. We can be forgiven and brought to new life.

Jesus Christ speaks *to the weary a word that will rouse them*—something that will give new life and hope to those who have given up.

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

We would probably call this God's grace. Because of this we can all recite the final verse of today's responsorial psalm with heart-felt thankfulness; *I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: 'You who fear the Lord, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'*

Palm Sunday's tests remind us that we have cause to be grateful. Hopefully we will all meditate on the Passion, and then be filled with thankfulness as we consider how much Our Lord has done for us, and how much He continues to do. This gratitude should translate itself into action.

The opening of prayer of today's Mass says, "He fulfilled your will by becoming Man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his resurrection." May it always be so!

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

April 2: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles BINGO EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, doors open at 6:30 p.m., games start promptly at 7 p.m., 828 W. Cherry Lane. Must be 18 or older to play. \$1,000 total cash prize money, refreshments available. Call 888-1182 for more information

April 7: HAGERMAN, St. Catherine's Authentic Basque Dinner, 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Cost adults, \$9, children \$4, age 12 and under. Raffle tickets \$5 for a travel voucher up to \$2000

April 8: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary PALM SUNDAY, 5 p.m., Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. Father John O'Sullivan celebrant

April 9: COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X CDA Catholic Daughters of America, Our Lady of the Lake, Court 1447, St. Thomas Center, 7 p.m. Planning meeting for Mother's Day Bake Sale, officer election. Bring one piece of your favorite cake for cake exchange. Hostesses: Catherine Schauble, Rose Mary McGrath, Flo Chadderdon, Rosalie Spatoal, Bonnie McDowell

April 9: LEWISTON, CDA Court Cataldo 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall. Members are asked to bring unwrapped baby items for donation to the Pregnancy Center

April 11-15: GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude Seder meal, 6 p.m. hall, limited seating to 50 Holy Thurs., 7 p.m., Good Friday, 7 p.m.,

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., Easter Sunday, noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EAGLE, Holy Apostles-North: First Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI, Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

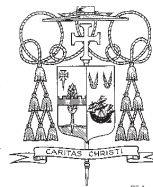
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles-South, Adoration Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



April 6: BOISE, Nazareth, Catholic Charities of Idaho Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.

April 7: NAMPA, St. Paul's, Mini Spanish Conference, 8:30 a.m.

April 8: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral Palm Sunday Liturgy, 10 a.m.

April 8: BOISE, Alterra Center, Our Lady of the Rosary Choir Concert, Passion of St. John, 4:30 p.m.

April 9: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Bishop's Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m.

April 10: BOISE, Nazareth Retreat Center, Diocesan Pastoral Center staff retreat, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

April 10: BOISE, Sacred Heart Church Penance Service, 7 p.m.

April 12: BOISE, All Saints Episcopal Church, Interfaith Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

April 12: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.

April 13: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Stations of the Cross, Noon

April 13: BOISE, Statehouse, Death Penalty Rally, 4 p.m.

April 13: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Veneration of the Cross/Eucharist, 7:30 p.m.

April 14: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

April 15: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Easter Sunday Mass, 10 a.m.

April 20-21: POST FALLS, Best Western Templin Resort, Knights of Columbus Annual Convention

April 21: POST FALLS, St. George's, Combined Confirmation for St. George's, St. Pius X, St. Thomas, 11 a.m.

April 22: DESMET, Sacred Heart Mission, Confirmation, 11 a.m.

LIMEX meetings scheduled

LEWISTON—The first orientation meeting for the next round of LIMEX is scheduled for a group in North Central Deanery at Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, April 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

LIMEX is the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension—a program that makes it possible for Idaho Catholics to obtain a Master of Religious Education of a Master of Pastoral Studies degree from Loyola University, New Orleans, without leaving Idaho. Both degrees are also available on a noncredit continuing education certificate basis.

"This orientation meeting will introduce the program's method and take care of other necessary details, including collecting tuition for the first course which will run on Monday nights from Aug. 27 through Nov. 19," said Dan McGill, diocesan coordinator of adult education. He said persons who have not yet applied but are seriously interested in joining the North Central Deanery LIMEX group are welcome to attend the meeting. Those people are asked to contact the facilitators, Christine Frei, (208) 743-7767, Bob Ross, (208) 882-8664, or McGill, (208) 342-1311, prior to the meeting.

An organizational meeting to set the date for the orientation meeting for the West Central and Western Deaneries is planned for April 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral office building south of the cathedral, 775 North 8th Street, Boise.

McGill said the purpose of that meeting is

to determine if there are the right number and balance of students to divide into two groups, one of which will meet on an evening or weekend and the other to meet during the day on a weekday. A starting date for the orientation meeting will also be set during the meeting.

Persons who have not yet applied, but want to, should contact McGill and attend the meeting.

McGill recommends that Southern Deanery applicants consider attending the Western/West Central meeting and joining that group since the 10 people necessary to form a LIMEX group has not yet materialized in the Southern Deanery.

Due to growing interest among the Hispanic community and others in the Eastern Deanery in joining LIMEX, an additional information meeting will take place in Blackfoot at St. Bernard's Parish in the Education Center April 26, from 7-9 p.m. Scott Pearhill and Jennifer Wise, trained cofacilitators for the program, will present the meeting on behalf of the diocese. All interested in joining LIMEX in the Eastern Deanery are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact McGill, 342-1311, Pearhill, 232-1196, or Wise, 254-3133.

"We're also waiting for additional applicants in the Northern Deanery before groups are formed there," McGill said.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the first part of April:

April 5, 1959	Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. O'Toole
April 7, 1993	Rev. Patrick O'Sullivan
April 9, 1981	Rev. Francis P. McGlinchey
April 10, 1953	Rev. Daniel McElligott
April 11, 1994	Rev. Ronald Pienkiewicz
April 18, 1953	Rev. Hubert Heitman
April 19, 1952	Rev. Remi Zuur

Nazareth Schedule

April 6	Catholic Charities
April 6-7	St. Paul's and St. Mary's RCIA
April 9	St. Alphonsus Mission Services
April 10	Diocesan Pastoral Center Staff Retreat
April 11	Faith Formation: The Beatitudes, with Father John Donoghue
April 13	GOOD FRIDAY—Closed
April 14-16	EASTER—Closed
April 28	Second Baptist Church Women's Ministries
May 12	CCW-West Central Deanery Installation of Officers
May 18-19	St. Mark's Elders Retreat
May 21	St. Alphonsus Mission Services
May 25-28	Deacon Formation Retreat
June 1-3	Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862
June 4-7	Priest Study Days

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Grangeville school receives national award

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

GRANGEVILLE—Sts. Peter and Paul School, Grangeville, is one of 12 Catholic elementary and secondary schools nationwide to win "Today's Catholic Teacher" 2001 Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Awards for Innovations in Technology.

The schools are chosen because they exemplify steps schools are taking to give their faculties and students the advantages of today's technology.

Father Thomas Loucks, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville, where the school is located, will travel to Milwaukee, Wis., April 20 to accept the award on behalf of the Sts. Peter and Paul School Principal Milt Baerlocher, the faculty and students.

"This award represents what can be done by a dedicated group of people who work together to enhance a quality, Catholic education," said Father Loucks.

Bob Sobotta, diocesan coordinator of Catholic Schools, said he is pleased that Sts. Peter and Paul School was recognized for its technology work.

"This is another example how Catholic schools are often on the cutting edge of good things happening in education," he said.

The school staff has taken advantage of federal

programs and grants and has solicited community participation to acquire computers, software, a network server, and Internet access for each classroom.

Father Loucks said parishioners worked together to convert the first floor of the former convent into a library to house 600 new books that were purchased through a grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. The grant also purchased the Accelerated Reader Program for the school.

"In the remodel, allowances were made for adding technology to the library," he said. "The school approached the Albertson Foundation for a grant to bring technology into the library. The foundation declined the grant, but offered us training to develop an educational technology plan. The carrot for this was an offered grant when we had completed the plan."

Father Loucks said a group of Sts. Peter and Paul School supporters went to work to write the plan, which was approved by the State Department of Education.

"The plan has been a key part of moving the school into the age of technology," he said. "It covered a three-year period and provided a trail for the school to follow as we integrated technology into the curriculum."

Even with the plan in place, the school did face stumbling blocks, said Father Loucks. But the staff

was able to find ways around them. For example, they found ways to upgrade their computers and they redesigned their in-house network to make it adequate for the needs. When the grant they had hoped for didn't come through, they did a low key fundraiser.

"The plan has shown us that we may not get everything we want immediately, but that over time we can get everything," he said. "The pace of the plan seems to move in direct relation to the funding available for projects."

The technology plan is working well in the classrooms too, he said. Keyboarding is introduced in third grade. All students are learning to use Hyperstudio, a multimedia presentation. All students are using the computers for taking quizzes. Teachers report that students are using the computers about 15 minutes a day, which is about twice as much time as their counterparts in a school with a single technology lab.

Father Loucks said the school will soon receive 40 surplus computers from the Nezperce National Forest. These will be integrated across the school to replace the slower computers in the classrooms.

"We are in a positive position to continue moving to integrate technology into our curriculum," said Father Loucks.



Holy Family students place high at state for Invent Idaho 2001

COEUR D'ALENE—Holy Family Catholic School students represented North Idaho well at the state finals in Boise recently for Invent Idaho 2001.

This year's state convention, organized by Discovery Center of Idaho and sponsored by Hewlett-Packard, showcased 130 inventions created by more than 150 Idaho students in grades 1-8. Students had their choice of entering among six categories—working models, non-working models, adaptations, games, Jules Verne and team.

Holy Family students who placed included:

—Alyson Fritz, Emily Burns and Lindsay Parden, first place

in the team category for grades 7-8.

—Clayton Klukas and Michael Fritz, first place in the team category for grades 5-6.

—Paige Kelly, first place in the adaptations category for grades 102.

—John Moore, first place in the non-working models category for grades 1-2.

"We were thrilled with the number of our students who

entered their projects at the regional level and who were invited to come to Boise for the state convention. We are proud of all of them," said Karen Durgin, Holy Family Catholic School Principal.

Students participating in Invent Idaho come from communities throughout Idaho and include public and private school students.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, Coeur d'Alene, who placed first at the state competition for Invent Idaho 2001 are from left, Clayton Klukas, Alyson Fritz, Emily Burns, Lindsay Parden, Michael Fritz and John Moore. (Not pictured: Paige Kelly)

Moscow sixth graders help family

MOSCOW—The sixth grade class of St. Mary's School in Moscow has just completed a service project for the family of Albert Broncheau of Lapwai.

He was the 16 year old who lost his life during a house fire after saving his 3-year-old nephew.

The class collected donations from the people of Moscow and Pullman by placing canisters in businesses for two weeks.

A large portion of the total came from the families of St. Mary's School. St. Mary's School classes competed to see which would collect the most money.

"All the classes were very generous, but

the winning class was the first grade with the third grade following closely behind them," said Chris Lohrmann, sixth grade teacher. "The sixth graders matched the amount of the top winner with their own donations."

The total amount collected was \$1077.69.

"The sixth graders wish to thank the people of Moscow and Pullman who donated so generously to help this family with their expenses," said Lohrmann. "If anyone did not get a chance to make a donation, he or she may still do so."

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Cathedral parish Social Justice Committee to sponsor mission with Father Peter Byrne, S.J.

BOISE—Father Peter Byrne, S.J., Portland, Ore., will conduct a parish mission/retreat April 20 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, on "Social Justice: A Spirituality Equal to the Challenge."

The mission will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. St. John's Social Justice Committee is the sponsor.

Father Byrne will also give the homily at the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, April 21, and the 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday.

Father Byrne, a Jesuit priest of the Oregon Province, holds a master's degree in urban studies from St. Louis University. He has done parish work in Tacoma, Portland and Seattle. He served six years as rector-president of St. Michael's Institute, Gonzaga University, Spokane, a formation program for Jesuits in training.

He has traveled extensively throughout the world and brings a first-hand perspective on the problems of social justice. He has extensive experience with L'Arche communities as well as Native Americans on the Swinomish Reservation in LaConner, Wash., and the urban Indian community in Spokane.

For more information about the mission, t. John's Parish Office, 342-3511.



St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School receives accreditation merit status

LEWISTON—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, was one of only 24 elementary and high schools in Idaho to receive a two-year merit status in this year accreditation rating through the Idaho Department of Education.

It was the only one among the parochial and private schools in the state to receive merit status.

Each year committees of the State Board of Education evaluate Idaho's schools in five areas— philosophy, mission and vision policies; personnel and certification; curriculum instruction and school improvement; accountability, assessments and measures, and safe learning environment. The board sets accreditation ratings based on how schools meet standards in each of the five areas.

"Our goal is for local schools and communities to continually examine their programs with an eye toward improvement," said Dr. Marilyn Howard, superintendent of public instruction.

When a school does not meet a standard, it receives a deviation point. Those with merit status are schools that received no deviation points.

St. Mary's, Boise, to honor 51 years of ministry by the Benedictine Sisters

BOISE—St. Mary's parishioners, Boise, are planning a celebration April 22 to honor the 35 Benedictine Sisters who have served in St. Mary's School and parish over the 51 years.

At the 8:30 a.m. Mass April 22, the Sisters will walk in the procession and sit in a place of honor. Their names will be read and a gift from the school children presented. A reception for the Sisters will follow the Mass.

"Everyone is welcome to participate," said Darlyne Pape, a member of the organizing committee. "I'm sure there are a lot of St. Mary's alums out there who are close to these nuns."

Pape is gathering notes, cards and letters for the Sisters. People who would like to send a message, can send it to Pape at 1315 Harrison Boulevard, Boise, ID 83702.

Those who would like to contribute a monetary gift, can send a check, made out to Monastery of St.

St. James Parish adopts Catholic Charities for Lent

By Helen Wittman
For the ICR

LEWISTON—The newly established Catholic Charities of Idaho will receive a monetary boost from members of St. James Parish, Lewiston, this Easter.

St. James Social Action Commission chose the fledgling agency as their project for Lent, 2001. They take up a collection at Mass each week during Lent.

Denise Lague, who moved to Lewiston recently to be nearer to her daughter, Johanne Schmidt and husband Monte and family, spoke at Masses March 18 to share her experience with Catholic Charities of Vermont. She is a member of the Social Action Commission and cantors with St. James'

choir. Her talk was meant as a personal testimony about one type of service Catholic Charities can provide and to encourage support.

Lague told how her late husband injured his back in a work-related accident and later was diagnosed with a terminal illness. As he needed full time care, it became necessary for Lague to quit work and care for him.

With two teenagers at home and a daughter in college, the loss of both incomes and mounting bills, it was a very stressful time for the family. The parish priest introduced them to Catholic Charities. The agency responded with a generous check, which enabled the family to save their home.



Denise Lague

Boise to host NCCW leadership for province of Portland

BOISE—Catholic women from all over Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming will gather June 22-23 at the Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, to attend two National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) programs that will provide faith enrichment, leadership enhancement and social justice awareness. A brainstorming session on proposed changes in NCCW structure is also planned.

Diane Falash, Weiser, NCCW Portland Province director, said attendees will have the first opportunity to participate in a new leadership enhancement program titled "Spirituality and Service."

"The program presents a modern approach designed to help NCCW members and friends reflect on their faith in the light of Catholic social teaching," she said. "It explores the link between service and the principles of Catholic social thought and examines the nurturing connection between service and spiritual growth."

Trained members of the NCCW Leadership Team will conduct the daylong program.

Joann Hillebrand, immediate past NCCW president will conduct the Saturday session on "Shaping Our Future."

"Major changes are proposed for NCCW, and these grass roots sessions are being held around the country to acquaint members with the proposed changes, answer their questions and receive membership input," Falash said.

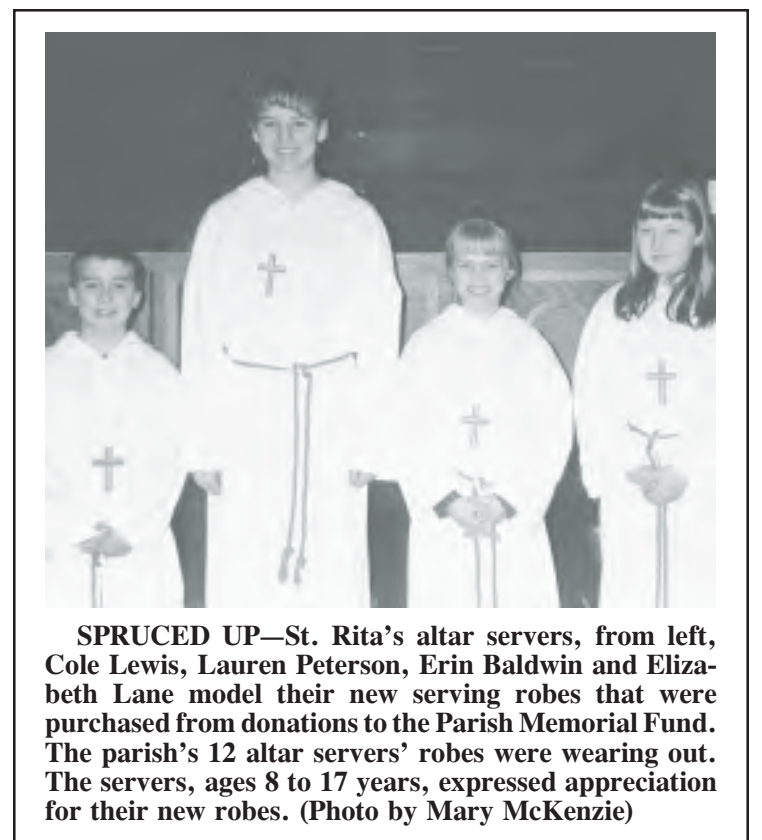
Registration forms for both

the Friday and Saturday sessions are available from unit presidents, deanery presidents, ICCW President Cookie Sorge, 208-939-8430 or Falash, 208-549-2011. The registration fee for "Spirituality and Service" is \$65, which covers lunch and all workshop materials from NCCW. The registration fee should be mailed direct to NCCW.

The registration for "Shaping Our Future," meals and lodging should be mailed to Diane Falash, Province Director, 219 Moyer Avenue,

Weiser, ID 83672. Deadline for registrations is May 10.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the members of the Portland Province to invest in themselves, strengthen their faith and enhance their knowledge of the church's position on social justice and service," Falash said. "It is my hope that individual CCW units, deaneries and diocesan councils will make an investment in their women to help them attend this wonderful weekend at Nazareth."



SPRUCE UP—St. Rita's altar servers, from left, Cole Lewis, Lauren Peterson, Erin Baldwin and Elizabeth Lane model their new serving robes that were purchased from donations to the Parish Memorial Fund. The parish's 12 altar servers' robes were wearing out. The servers, ages 8 to 17 years, expressed appreciation for their new robes. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

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Bishop Brown named to interreligious council

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul II has named Bishop Tod D. Brown, Diocese of Orange, Calif., a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. The appointment was announced March 17 at the Vatican.

Bishop Brown, who served the Diocese of Boise from 1989 to 1998, is only the second American to receive an appointment to that council. The appointment is for a five-year term, which can be renewed once.

Bishop Joseph Gerry of Main, who served 10 years on the council as the first American appointee, told reporters that Bishop Brown's appointment "is a sign of the continuing respect that the pontifical council has for our work in the United States in interreligious relationships." He said it also shows the importance of the U.S. as an excellent environment for interreligious dialogue.

Bishop Brown is chairman of the U.S. bishops Committee on Ecumenical



Bishop Tod D. Brown

and Interreligious Affairs. He will make his first trip to Rome as a member of the Council for Interreligious Dialog in

November. The council's mission is to encourage relationships between Catholics and other faiths and to promote the study of all religions.

"It's exciting and unexpected, and I'm very grateful," he said.

Bishop Brown is a long-time promoter of dialogue among Christian faiths and also other religions. While in Idaho he extended many gestures of friendship to people of other faiths and worked to promote dialogue.

Last month in Orange, he hosted a three-day Muslim-Catholic dialogue for religious leaders on the West Coast.

John Borelli, associate director of the bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and a consultant to the pontifical council, said Bishop Brown's appointment is, in part, recognition that he understands that in his diocese there is a large number of Muslims and Buddhists, and he is willing to

reach out to them.

Bishop Brown said his new duties will not interfere with his job as bishop. He believes it will enhance his work because he will become even more sensitive to the other faiths in Orange County.

Also appointed to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue were Archbishop Buti Joseph Tlhagale, Bloemfontein, South Africa; Bishop Jean Khamse Vithavong, apostolic vicar, Vientiane, Laos; Bishop Gabriel Piroird, Constantine, Algeria, Bishop Albert Ayinde Fasina, Ijebu-Ode, Nigeria; Bishop Charles Maung Bo, Patheingyi, Myanmar; Bishop Vincent Coulibaly, Kankan, Guinea-Conakry; Bishop Paul Yoshino Otsuka, Kyoto, Japan, Bishop Andrew Francis, Multan, Pakistan; Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, auxiliary of Westminster, Great Britain, and Bishop Everard Johannes de Jong, auxiliary, Roermond, Netherlands.



POPE JOHN XXIII—The body of Pope John XXIII lies in state at the Vatican in this file photo from June 4, 1963. His casket was opened in mid-January. According to Cardinal Virgilio Noe, who witnessed the exhumation, the body was incorrupt. (CNS file photo)

Body of Pope John XXIII found well preserved 38 years after death

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Church officials who opened the casket of Pope John XXIII found his face well preserved nearly 38 years after his death, but the Vatican downplayed talk of a miracle.

The discovery was made in mid-January, when Vatican officials and technicians exhumed Pope John's body in a "recognition" ceremony, in anticipation of its transfer from the grotto to the main level of St. Peter's Basilica.

A detailed report on the procedure, drawn up by the officials present, was published by a Venetian newspaper March 24.

The exhumation took most of a day, since workmen had to open a marble casing and then three successive caskets: one of oak, one of lead and one of cypress, in which the body was closed.

"Once freed from the cloth that covered it, the face of the blessed (Pope John) appeared intact, with the eyes closed and the mouth slightly open, and

bearing the features that immediately called to mind the familiar appearance of the venerated pontiff," the report said.

At a March 27 press conference, Cardinal Virgilio Noe, one of those who witnessed the exhumation, said the entire body was incorrupt.

The body was witnessed by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, and several others. After it was officially recognized, the body was sprayed with an anti-bacterial agent and the casket was resealed hermetically.

Like other recent popes, the body of Pope John was not embalmed, although it was treated with chemicals so that it could be displayed for the faithful before burial.

The discovery produced considerable surprise among church people in Rome, but Father Ciro Benedettini, a Vatican spokesman, cautioned against reading too much into the finding.

But popular Catholic writer Vittorio Messori appeared to speak for many Italians when

he said it was clearly a miracle.

"When the body of a blessed or a saint is discovered to be uncorrupted, this is considered a sign, and is interpreted as an anticipation of the resurrection. So it is also a confirmation of sanctity," Messori said.

Last year Pope John Paul II beatified Pope John, who is universally remembered for his sense of humanity and for his leadership in convoking the Second Vatican Council.

Late last year, the Vatican approved plans to move Pope John's burial place to the main basilica level. It had attracted hundreds of visitors daily when it was located among other papal tombs in the subterranean level of St. Peter's.

Cardinal Noe, who heads the office in charge of the basilica, said Pope John's new resting place would be at the altar of St. Jerome, on the right side of the basilica's nave.

He said church officials were considering publicly displaying the pontiff's remains before their re-interment.

Bishops' committee launches Web survey of lay Catholics

WASHINGTON (CNS)— The U.S. bishops' Committee on the Laity has launched an online survey of lay Catholics in the United States as part of an effort to determine how parishes can help people connect their faith with their daily lives.

The survey, which can only be completed online at www.laysurvey.org, is available in English and Spanish and will be posted until May 13.

The survey focuses on several aspects of church life, including knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer and missionary spirit. The survey will not be used to evaluate individual parishes but to help the bishops' committee gain an understanding of how to best help lay Catholics.

People can answer the survey questions as individuals or as a group and have one person fill in the answers.

After the survey is completed and the data is analyzed, a brief summary of the responses will be posted on the Web site.

Bishop John J. McRaith of Owensboro, Ky., chairman of the bishops' laity committee, said the survey would be the first time the committee will be "able to invite direct feedback from lay Catholics throughout the country."

"Thanks to the availability of the Internet, we are able to test this as a way to improve communication between the laity and the bishops," he said. "Our committee is anxious to hear from lay Catholics about how their parishes can best help them live their Christian calling in the world."

On the Cover

The photo of the newborn Suffolk lambs on the front cover of this issue was taken by Tara George, Emmett. The photo was taken on her parents' farm.

Happy Easter from the ICR staff!

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ICYC delegates gain greater zeal for faith

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—Look out Idaho! There are about 550 Idaho Catholic youth and their chaperones who returned to their hometowns around the state April 1 with their "hearts burning within them" for the love and power of Jesus.

They all participated in the annual Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) March 30 - April 1 at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

During the weekend, the delegates studied and played together, ate and danced, sang and made memories and new friends, shared their talents and praised and worshiped the Lord in a variety of ways. Theme for the weekend was "Our Hearts

Burn," based on Emmaus story, Luke 24:32: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

Bishop Michael Driscoll was present throughout the weekend and celebrated the closing Mass with the youth.

"This convention was a lot of fun," said Ken Cook, Diocese of Boise coordinator of youth ministry, who was in charge of organizing the convention. "I was so impressed with the kids, with their maturity and their spirituality. A lot of the kids left here with greater zeal for their faith, a passion for God and a determination to share that with others."

Cook said the youth ministers did a good job of preparing

their youth for the convention and he was impressed with how much they interacted with the teens throughout the weekend.

"I want to thank the hundreds of people who worked so hard to put on the convention and to all the families that hosted delegates," he said. "Idaho Catholic youth can look forward to next year's convention in the Northern Deanery, tentatively set for the third weekend of March."

Using music and stories, keynote speaker Eric Sova, Colorado Springs, Colo., talked to the youth about the personal responsibility they have to find their Catholic faith and live it to the fullest.

In his Saturday morning address, Sova discussed how Christ's love for us is "greater than anything we have every known" and how Catholic teens have many tools to help them be good disciples of Christ.

Some of the "tools" he identified were:

- Being a good hospitality minister and getting to know people and affirm them.

- Learning to share and communicate.

- Never stop looking for Jesus in others, at school, at work, in our families, and once we find Him, never forget that He is never far away.

- Pray always. "Do not worry about anything, but pray to God for everything you need—always giving thanks."

- Step out of your comfort zone, at least every once in a while, to share the gifts you have with others at church, at school, in your family and at work.

- Set a good example, and invite others to go with you to youth group, church, ICYC.

- Learn to be reconciled. Forgive.

With the help of a group of teens and a circular rope, Sova demonstrated what people can accomplish when they trust each other and work together.

"If a team stays connected,



KEYNOTE SPEAKER—Eric Sova, musician, song writer, youth minister and youth convention speaker, leads Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) delegates in song during one of his keynote presentations. The convention took place March 30-April 1 at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise. (ICYC photos pages 10 and 11 by Colette Cowman)

they can still achieve great things," he said. Even if something starts to pull you away, if you stay connected you will succeed." He encouraged the youth to stay connected to their faith through the sacraments, prayer, church and youth group.

ICYC featured two workshops in Spanish this year and four in English. The teen could attend up to three workshops.

In her workshop, "Breaking the Seductive Lie," Tammy Evevard, Alabama, a past member of Net Ministries and REACH Youth Ministries who has ministered to young people around the country, challenged teens not to settle for less than they deserve in love.

Evevard gave examples of how society has desensitized people by constantly using sensualism in advertising and other media to the point that people assume that sensuality is a natural thing.

"Research shows that if we are in an aroused state of mind, we make rash decisions," she said. "Advertisers know that. Sex is around us all the time every day, and because of that we lose out. Society teaches us that we should go with what physically feels good. God meant for us to have fulfilling relationships of which sexual intimacy is only a part. He created our sexual nature to be beautiful. Fire is beautiful too when it is in our fireplace. But is it when it burns our house down?"

After having the teens in the workshop list all the characteristics they value in a good friend—honesty, respect, good listener, trustworthy, fun, non-judgmental, understanding, reliable, supportive, etc.—, she said, "If this is a list of what you think is a good friend, why do you not demand the same from the people you date. We are meant to have deep relationships that are based on far more than physical attraction."

Evevard suggested that teens build their relationships pyramid style—first establishing a strong base of friendship, proceeding to what she called "psyche," a level at which two people can share their hopes, fears, frustrations and joys.

"Physical intimacy (at the top of the pyramid) at its best is like the icing on the cake," she said.

Evevard said affection is an outward sign of a commitment you make to another person to show them that they are loved and special. "It is not a recreational sport."

"Jesus didn't die for us to have 'I love ice cream' kind of love," she said. "He wanted people to know that they are meant to have it all, so don't settle for less."

In his workshop, "See the Light, Be the Light," Brian Kraut, youth minister at St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, told the youth to "Remember who you are."

"In the waters of our baptism we received Christ and became part of God's family," he said.

Quoting one statistic after another about abortion, teen pregnancy, divorce, cheating, violent crimes, illicit drugs, illiteracy, Kraut said, "We live in a world that is dark. God's plan is light. He wants to be close to you, to forgive whatever you might do."

Kraut challenged the youth to hear the "Good News" and make Jesus the Lord of their lives, let Jesus be in control and live a life that reflects that of Jesus. He suggested they strengthen themselves to live the gospel through the Holy Spirit and the sacraments.

"Jesus' last words to the apostles were 'go into the world and preach the Good News to all creation,'" said Kraut. He urged the youth to make their lives a witness to their faith and to share the Good News of Jesus with everyone they meet.



YEAH GOD!—Youth from the West Central Deanery do a cheerleading skit with a message for ICYC delegates.



ICYC ENTHUSIASM—A contingency from the Southern Deanery puts some soul into their singing during an April 1 song session before the closing ICYC liturgy at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.



MASS WITH THE BISHOP—Bishop Michael P. Driscoll processes down the aisle to celebrate ICYC 2001 Mass for almost 700 Idaho Catholic youth, their chaperones, ICYC workers and host home families April 1 at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise. Bishop Driscoll said, "It is so wonderful to have so many young people working with me to really make the church alive in Idaho."



LUNCH TIME AT ICYC—The lunch break Saturday during the youth convention gave teens a chance to chat and compare notes. These Idaho Falls youth ate their lunch outdoors.



PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE—Idaho Catholic Youth Convention delegates from St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg, pose for a photo while waiting for their transportation home. The youth took home a lot of good ideas to help them grow in their faith.



SIGNING—Joan Rusk, Boise, sits in front of ICYC musicians signing the words to the songs and parts of the Mass for hearing impaired teens at the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention.



LITURGICAL DANCE—Annie Newlan, St. Edward's Parish, Twin Falls, and Ellen Vandewater, Immaculate Conception, Buhl, perform a liturgical dance of praise at the end of the ICYC closing Mass April 1.

ICYC participants reflect on weekend highlights, commitments

For Rachel Burton, St. Mary's Parish, Moscow, her first experience with the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) was one of warmth.

"People are really nice," she said. "Everyone really got close."

Rachel felt the workshop presenters had "good things to say" and a lot of the ICYC activities helped her grow in her faith.

Gabe Greene, St. Mary's Parish, Cottonwood, especially enjoyed Tammy Evevard's workshop on relationships.

"It was inspiring," he said. "I got some good ideas about how to have good relationships, and I took it to heart."

After experiencing ICYC, Greene said he definitely intends to work on his prayer life in the future because he recognizes the power of prayer and the way it can help him resist worldly things.

Cindy Knight, Sacred Heart, Emmett, said a lot of what ICYC keynote speaker Eric Sova said touched her.

"I never realized some of the things he said," she said. "He talked about things that separate us from God, and a lot of them we don't even realize." She was inspired to do some things to change the way she is living, like being more careful in her choice of movies, for example.

Knight, a singer herself, also enjoyed all the ICYC music, especially Sova's voice.

Bryan Koepl, Sacred Heart, Boise, who was attending ICYC for the third year, said the closing Mass is always a highlight for him.

After attending workshops and listening to the keynote speaker, Koepl wants to work on strengthening his connection with Jesus.

"I'm definitely going to pray a lot more," he said.

Angelina Rupert, Holy Apostles, Meridian, also attending for the third time, loved the ICYC praise and worship session on Saturday night.

"It seemed like this year's convention was more spiritual

than the others I went to," she said. "I think it added to it."

Rupert felt Eric Sova, the keynote speaker, presented a lot of good challenges, and she too plans to start praying more daily.

"I want to really take advantage of the sacraments from now on," she said, "especially reconciliation. It is very cool."

Sara Garrison, a youth minister from St. Ann's, Bonners Ferry, said ICYC "was a wonderful, growing experience for our kids."

She felt the ride on the bus with youth from Moscow, Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry and St. Pius X, Coeur d'Alene, was "an awesome experience" for the youth too. They got to know each other better and grew closer.

On the way home, prompted at first by Brian Kraut, youth minister at St. Pius X, the youth reflected on their ICYC experience and shared deeply, Garrison said. "I think the bus ride was almost as valuable as the actual convention."



ENJOYING THE SUNDAY MORNING SUN—Three tired ICYC chaperones from the Eastern Deanery stand in the sun in front of Bishop Kelly High School reflecting on the weekend. They are from left, Margaret Brosko, Sue Clark and Gloria Gibeault.

Diocesan Pastoral Council sets goals

DPC SETS DIRECTIONS
By Sister Mary Kay Henry, OSB
For the Idaho Catholic Register

BOISE—A kind of “greening of the church” atmosphere of energy and new life marked the St. Patrick’s Day direction-setting meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council March 17 at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise.

Peter Bradley, director of Pastoral Services for the San Bernardino Diocese, Calif., facilitated the process. The council focused on what tasks they had completed the last five years, what tasks remain, and what new concerns and needs are emerging in the diocese.

Following are the four directions/goals set by the council, and the major areas of concern for each. The council divided into committees to work with deaneries and parishes between now and October to formulate objectives and strategic plans for each direction. Issues and concerns presented by the DPC representatives from each deanery and special population became integral data for discerning which areas to concentrate on next. A workshop is planned for the Diocesan Fall Conference on these direc-

tions/goals to allow all interested persons opportunity for input, clarifications, responses.

Direction One: Strengthen parishes/stations:

- Youth ministry in rural areas
- Sunday celebrations without a priest
- Representation at deanery level
- Mega churches
- Diocesan position for pastoral life issues

Direction Two: Develop professional laypersons in parish and diocese

- Formation
- Hiring criteria
- Parish life coordinators
- Diocesan position for pastoral life
- Support clergy

Direction Three: Increase Faith Formation

- All ages
- Diocesan guidelines
- Faith sharing
- Lay leadership/collaboration
- Multi-cultural

Direction Four: Increase evangelization/outreach to target groups

- Ethnic communities
- Aging population
- Alienated/fallen away
- Youth/young adults
- Communication with civic groups

In other business, the Diocesan Pastoral Council decided to send copies of the Parish Planning Instrument to pastors/parish life coordinators, parish pastoral council presidents, and deanery pastoral council presidents and representatives from parishes in the Diocese of Boise, along with a letter encouraging parishes to begin using the instrument this spring if they have not already done so.

New members welcomed to the board at this meeting were Deacon Jim Bowen, representative for deacons, Brother Tobiah Urrutia, OSB, representative for men religious, and Jennie Schow, second representative for southern deanery. The council thanked and honored outgoing members Deacon Francis Wander, representative for deacons, Father Hugh Feiss, representative for men religious, John Annen, representative for Eastern Deanery, and Estela Gonzalez, representative for Hispanics.

Kellogg KCs assist missionaries with local ties

By Mary McKenzie
for the ICR

KELLOGG—The Knights of Columbus Council representatives Virg McKenzie and Tony Maravilla recently presented checks to Andy and Becky Jackson, in support of missionary work in Jalapa, Nicaragua in Central America.

Andy and Becky are the son and daughter-in-law of Deacon Walt and Janice Jackson. The councils of Kellogg and Wallace are offering their support of their work. Becky and Andy are members of a non-profit organization called ISLA (Interfaith Services to Latin America). They are required to pay their own travel and living expenses.

Becky volunteers as a nurse at the Jalapa hospital and trav-

els out into the countryside to care for some of those unable to come to the hospital.

Andy works with a construction group to improve the hospital facilities.

They travel to Jalapa with volunteer groups of about forty people. The groups are made up of medical and construction volunteers, as well as interpreters. The main focus is medical, but, inevitably, there is construction to be done to make the medical possible or practical, they said.

“Once you volunteer and see the need there, you get hooked and want to go back each year to help,” said Becky.

She said coming back home is more of a cultural shock than going to Jalapa. In Jalapa there is very little electricity and it is

very unreliable. Hot water is a rarity and clean water is on the “iffy” side. The river serves as a bathtub, washing machine and domestic use for many of the local people.

“The majority of the populace has various parasites and other examples of poor basic health that we take for granted here,” said Becky. She said the ISLA teams (mostly Americans) are considered “wimps” as they can’t eat the same foods and drink only bottled water. The people of Jalapa are placing more and more trust in the intentions of ISLA and their participation in improving things is ever increasing.

The Jacksons said since ISLA has come to Jalapa, the people now have a woman’s shelter and a much-improved hospital.



ASSISTANCE—Kellogg Knights of Columbus Virg McKenzie, left, and Tony Maravilla, right, present a check to Andy and Becky Jackson for their missionary work in Nicaragua. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

In 1999 the hospital won an award for the most improved hospital of the year in Nicaragua. In March of 2000 the city of Jalapa received a large grant from the World Bank contingent upon a seven-year commitment by ISLA to work on the whole general environment. They are increasing staff at the women’s shelter, teaching local midwives and creating a pharmacy.

The young people are eager to learn, and some of the young boys help Becky and the doctors with managing the crowds of people waiting to see an “American doctor.” They line up the people and ask them to make room for others to come in for help.

They also love to help with construction by running errands and moving materials for the various projects. Andy paid two boys about 50 cents each and

people are eager to learn.

The volunteer groups are getting bigger each year, said the Jacksons, and eventually they hope to have revolving groups every two to three weeks to continue this work yearlong. Because of lack of transportation, they try to limit the groups to 40 people because of the lack of facilities. The volunteers have a hotel, which looks like two barns put together, and they have cots to sleep on. The volunteers rent out the entire hotel, which is called Hotelita Numero Uno, and sometimes they get hot water to bathe.

Next year, the Jackson’s plan on taking their oldest son to Jalapa to have him start his volunteering to help others. When they return they will be available for any organization to see their slides.

Sister Helen Marie Brebner, OSB, died

COTTONWOOD—Sister Helen Marie Brebner (formerly Sr. Mary Eulalia) died at the Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, of heart failure March 12.

Sister Helen was born at St. Maries April 26, 1930, to James and Flora Ann (McMillan) Brebner.

Known for her gentle and quiet spirit, Sr. Helen experienced life with enthusiasm and joy. Her community and family describe her as playful, mischievous, and caring. Always searching for truth, she enjoyed sharing new insights from books, nature, people, and God. She delighted in discovering the healing qualities of essential oils and the sustaining energy from earth and trees. Her gracious listening led people to open their hearts to receive her challenges and wisdom.

Prior to entering the Monastery of St. Gertrude in 1944, she attended Mt. St. Maries Academy and St. Gertrude’s Academy. After making her monastic profession in 1948,



Helen worked at Our Lady of Consolation Hospital, Cottonwood.

As a much loved first grade teacher, she taught in Rupert, Lewiston, Greencreek, Nampa, and Cottonwood.

Always deeply prayerful, Helen lived her community life as a balancer, stabilizer, and friend. Many guests of the monastery experienced her warm hospitality.

One of the highlights of life for her in recent years was the celebration of her Golden Jubilee on July 11, 1998. On that occasion, surrounded by family and community, Helen reaffirmed her commitment to God and her Benedictine way of life.

One of seven children, Helen is survived by a brother, William Brebner, a sister, Lucille Nelson, both of St. Maries, and a sister, Frances Ann Stilimaker of Hillsboro, Ore. A sister, Mary Carolyn, and two brothers, James and John, preceded her in death.

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Part 1: The value of marriage preparation

EDITOR'S NOTE—Following is the first of a two part series on marriage preparation written by Jay and Marcia Ney, Lewiston, unit coordinators, Catholic Engaged Encounter.

**By Jay and Marcia Ney
For the ICR**

"Irreconcilable differences," is the message on many divorce records that are filed daily in divorce courts and published in public records, including newspapers. In the United States over 50 percent of the marriages are ending in divorce. Why?

Most couples at the time of marriage don't plan to get divorced. They are, however, aware of the above statistics and have observed the pain of relatives and friends who have experienced a divorce. Still most couples want their rela-

tionship to be positive and happy. They also realize they are taking a risk in making a commitment to be married.

According to social science researchers, and authors, Howard Markam, Scott Stanley and Susan L

Blumberg, "Marriage is the most risky undertaking routinely taken on by the greatest number of people in our society." In their book, "Fighting For Your Marriage," 1994, Jossey-Bass, they say, "How couples handle conflicts and

disagreements is the best predictor of marital success."

The authors provide "three research-based assumptions" about couple problems in marriage: 1. All couples have problems. 2. The couples who are best at working through their problems work together as a team not against each other as adversaries. 3. Most couples rush to find quick solutions that don't produce lasting solutions. The authors say "dealing with hidden issues often drives the really destructive arguments." They say, being able to distinguish between events, issues and hidden issues is an important part of understanding a relationship.

The authors define "events" as everyday happenings such as dirty dishes or a bounced

check.

Issues are the larger topics like money, sex and in-laws that all couples must deal with.

Hidden issues are deeper, fundamental issues that can come up with any issues or event. The authors refer to several types of hidden issues including control and power, needing and caring, recognition, commitment, integrity and acceptance. The key is for couples to develop constructive tactics and ground rules for handling conflicts and disagreements that are inevitable in any significant relationship.

The Catholic Church is aware of the high divorce rate and has found that the divorce rate is reduced among couples who attend marriage preparation courses.

Buhl Knights honor Hamiltons as March Family of Month

BUHL—The Buhl Knights of Columbus honored J.P. "Pat" and Margaret Hamilton as the March "Family-of-the-Month" for Immaculate Conception Parish.

J.P. was born and raised in Buhl and has been a life member of the parish. When he lived across the street from the old church on 8th Street, he and his brother Jim served Mass for years under Fathers Ryan, Siebert, McCarthy, Wurtzberger, Dolan and Bradley. Their serving days ended when the boys became too tall and the congregation could no longer see the priest.

Following graduation from high school, Pat attended Idaho State College for a short time and then joined the Marine Corps where he served four years during WWII. After his graduation from the University of Idaho, he started working for the Farmers Bank in Buhl.

Pat met his bride to be while on a fishing trip. She answered a farmer's door when he was seeking permission to fish on the Big Wood River. They were married June 27, 1954, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey. Although Pat lost their marriage license on their wedding day, the marriage survived and they were blessed with 7 children: Mike, Pat, Kevin, Kathy, Vince, Tim and Ann.

Margaret was born and raised in Hailey and joined the Catholic Church when she was about 12 years old. In those days, kids pitched in and did a lot of work for the parish. They cleaned the rectory, mowed lawns and did other odd jobs.

Margaret did such good work that she was promoted to cleaning the church. The reward was a pair of mittens. She eventually graduated to helping with Catechism classes and became secretary of the Catholic Women's League. She has held all the offices in the League and has served on the "Dish and Linen" Committee as chair, co-chair and "flunky" for 46 years starting when they carried all the dishes and cooking ware to the American Legion Hall where the church dinners were served.

Pat and Margaret served as co-presidents of the Catholic School PTA when parents did playground duty, helped with athletic programs, and served hot lunch. During their time in office, the church built the basketball and tennis courts on the playground. They also co-chaired the annual February "Basque Dance" fundraiser that was held for years during lambing season. They started working at the parish fair booth when dinners were served and co-chaired Wednesday nights.

Pat has served on several church boards and for many

community functions and still donates much of his time. Perhaps the biggest contribution to the Immaculate Conception Parish is Pat and Margaret's family. They have followed in their parents' footsteps and have

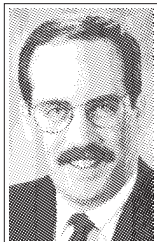
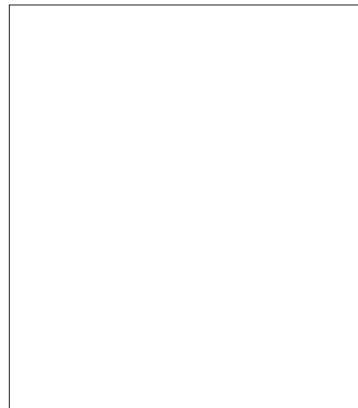
taken active positions in church affairs and activities.

The Hamiltons can now watch their 18 grandchildren grow and hopefully take an active part in the parish.

Pat and Margaret like to

quote former pastor, Father Cyprian Bradley when he said, "The Buhl Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus can move mountains." The Hamiltons firmly believe miracles do happen in the parish.

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Terry Talbot and Barry McGuire to compliment music John Michael Talbot concerts set in Pocatello, Boise

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

Those who attend the John Michael Talbot Simple Heart Tour concerts in Idaho Falls and Pocatello in April will walk away feeling "a great sense of balance," the artist believes.

Talbot, whose soothing tenor voice and prayerful style has helped to sell 4 million albums, his brother Terry and Barry McGuire will appear at the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium April 23 at 7:30 p.m. and at St. John's Cathedral, 807 North 8th, Boise, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Terry Talbot, who was founder, lead singer and song writer for the Warner Brother's group, Mason Proffit, and McGuire, who was lead singer for The New Christy Minstrels and later recorded the 60's anthem, "Eve of Destruction," have worked together since 1995.

The April 23 concert is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11841, Idaho Falls. Tickets there are \$15. To order tick-

ets or for information call 1-866-393-0047.

St. John's Cathedral Parish is sponsoring the April 24 concert. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the parish office, or after weekend Masses at the cathedral.

In a telephone interview from his home at Little Portion Hermitage, Eureka Springs, Ark., which he established in 1982 for his canonically recognized, contemplative community, the Brothers and Sisters of Charity, Talbot said the folk music sung by his brother and McGuire are a "real compliment" to his music.

"They are up tempo. They are fun, and they are very funny," he said. "Catholic audiences eat them up. It is a wonderful balance for my music because I tend to go very deep and get very quiet."

Talbot, who got his first real taste of success as a guitarist in his brother's country folk/rock band Mason Proffit, said going from rock to quiet was pretty



John Michael Talbot

natural for him.

"I'm an introvert, and introverts process reality by going aside from the fray and being alone and quiet," he said. "In my spirituality, I have always felt the call of God to go apart. That is what Jesus did, and that is what the saints did. My music came out of a lifestyle."

Even before Talbot joined the Catholic Church in 1978, he was attracted to the lifestyle of St. Francis of Assisi. In fact, the life of Brothers and Sisters of Charity, who encompass celibate brothers and sisters, single people, married couples and families, is based on the simple life of St. Francis.

"The thing that was unique about Francis is that he lived an integrated life between contemplative silence and apostolic activity," he said. "His activity came forth from his time of stillness. I've always liked that. I began to try to live like Francis, and out of living the life, music came forth."

Talbot said the inspiration for his mostly folk classical music comes out of prayer.

"It is from God," he said. "Whatever happens to speak to

me in my prayer time is what ends up in the music.

"I'm best known for meditational music," said Talbot. "You have to hear not only the notes, but the space between. It manifests the incarnate. Jesus was the incarnate, even when he was saying nothing and doing nothing. My music is an attempt to usher people into that experience."

Talbot said he asks people to listen prayerfully.

"My music is an audio icon—an icon is called a window to heaven," he said. "It has been said by the mystics that in heaven you see sound and hear color. Both are really just waves that are perceived by two different sense organs. All of creation was created by God to be music and art when it is working in a way that is harmonious and rhythmically."

"Sin, of course, would be destructive discord," he said. "Jesus is the way to reestablish the song. So music is a wonderful vehicle to use to bring people back into a music that is greater than just the music we hear with the ear. We have to hear with our spirit, our soul and our heart."

That's pretty deep for a man who says he was a high school drop out.

"I'm a perfect example of what not to do," he tells teenagers today. "I deprived myself of classical music training and classical theological footing in a university setting. Of course, I've gone on to get that education, but I don't have the sheepskin."

His spiritual director and people he associates with in the music industry tell him that God had a unique ministry to give him, and had he been put in the cookie cutter of training, those unique expressions may not have come forth.

"But I do believe that to go into the future, we have to build on the past," he said. "We have to stand squarely, leaning neither to the left or right."

At almost 48 years old and now a grandfather, Talbot has a great reverence for young people. "Youth are the future of our world, so it is important to give them both a legacy and outlets in the church."

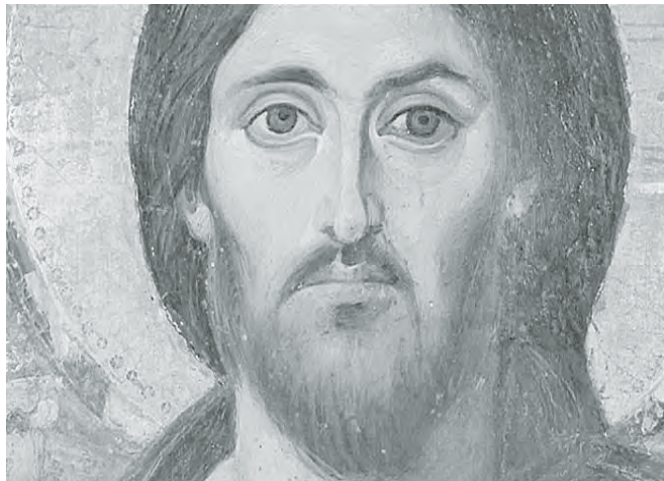
He is a strong supporter of the Life Teen program, which got its start at St. Timothy's Parish in Scottsdale, Ariz., and has watched with delight as the program developed and grew throughout the nation.

"It is not perfect, but by and large, Life Teen is reaching young people with the gospel in a way that is fully in union with the gospel message," he said. "The church has everything to offer to youth."

For his own part, Talbot said he just tries to be himself around young people.

"When I am just who I am in the Lord, and if that is radical for Christ, young people see that and respect it," he said. "The main thing with ministry to young people is to just be real."

He said he finds that young people enjoy the quiet music he makes. "They have a hunger for the quiet," he said.



'THE FACE'—This detail of "Jesus the Pantocrator" from the ceiling of St. Catherine's Monastery in Sinai, Egypt, is among the artworks presented in "The Face: Jesus in Art," a two hour program that will show on Idaho Public Television stations April 11, Part I, and April 18, Part II, both at 7 p.m. The multimillion dollar production was funded in part by the Catholic Communications Campaign. (CNS photo)

USCC APRIL FILM RATINGS

By Catholic News Service
NEW YORK (CNS)—Here is a list of recent films the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability.

The first symbol after each title is the USCC classification. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

USCC classifications: A-I — general patronage; A-II — adults and adolescents; A-III — adults; A-IV — adults, with reservations (this indicates films that, while not morally offensive in themselves, are not for casual viewing because they require some analysis and explanation in order to avoid false impressions and interpretations); O — morally offensive.

MPAA ratings: G — general audiences, all ages admitted; PG — parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappro-

priate for children under 13; R — restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; NC-17 — no one 17 or under admitted.

All The Pretty Horses, A-III (PG-13)
The Amati Girls, A-II (PG)
Antitrust, A-II (PG-13)

Bedazzled, A-III (PG-13)
Billy Elliot, A-III (R)
Blow Dry, A-IV (R)
The Brothers, A-IV (R)
Butterfly, A-III (no rating)

Cast Away, A-II (PG-13)
Cattfish in a Black Bean Sauce, A-III (PG-13)

The Caveman's Valentine, A-III (R)
Charlie's Angels, A-III (PG-13)
Chocolat, O (PG-13)
Chunhyang, A-III (R)
Company Man, A-III (PG-13)
Cirque du Soleil Journey of Men, A-I (G)

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, A-III (PG-13)

The Dish, A-II (PG-13)
Double Take, A-III (PG-13)
Down To Earth, A-II (PG-13)

Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas, A-II (PG)
Dude, Where's My Car?, A-III (PG-13)

The Emperor's New Groove, A-I (G)

Enemy at the Gates, A-IV (R)
Exit Wounds, O (R)

The Face: Jesus in Art, A-II (no rating)
Faithless, A-IV (R)
15 Minutes, O (R)
The Family Man, A-III (PG-13)
Finding Forrester, A-II (PG-13)

Get Over It, A-III (PG-13)
The Gift, A-IV (R)

Hannibal, O (R)
Head Over Heels, A-III (PG-13)
Heartbreakers, A-IV (PG-13)
The House of Mirth, A-II (PG)

In the Mood For Love, A-III (PG)
The Invisible Circus, A-III (R)

Left Behind: The Movie, A-III (PG-13)

Love, Honour & Obey, O (R)
Malena, A-IV (R)
Me You Them, A-IV (PG-13)

Meet the Parents, A-III (PG-13)
Memento, A-IV (R)
Men of Honor, A-III (R)
The Mexican, A-IV (R)
The Million Dollar Hotel, A-III (R)
Miss Congeniality, A-II (PG-13)
Monkeybone, A-III (PG-13)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? A-II (PG-13)
102 Dalmatians, A-I (G)

Panic, A-IV (R)
The Pledge, A-III (R)
The Price of Milk, A-III (PG-13)
Proof of Life, A-III (R)

Quills, O (R)

Recess: School's Out, A-I (G)
Remember the Titans, A-II (PG)
Requiem for a Dream, O (no rating)
Rugrats in Paris — The Movie, A-I (G)

Save The Last Dance, A-III (PG-13)

Saving Silverman, A-III (PG-13)
Say It Isn't So, A-IV (R)
See Spot Run, A-II (PG)
Series 7, O (R)
Simon Magus, A-IV (no rating)
Snatch, O (R)

Someone Like You, A-III (PG-13)
Spy Kids, A-II (PG)
State and Main, A-III (R)
Sugar & Spice (New Line), O (PG-13)

Sweet November, A-III (PG-13)
The Tailor of Panama, A-IV (R)
The Taste of Others, A-III (no rating)

Thirteen Days, A-II (PG-13)
Tomcats, O (R)
3000 Miles To Graceland, O (R)
Traffic, A-IV (R)
Two Ninas, A-III (R)

Unbreakable, A-II (PG-13)

Valentine, A-III (R)
Vatel, A-IV (PG-13)
Vertical Limit, A-III (PG-13)

The Wedding Planner, A-II (PG-13)

Wes Craven Presents Dracula 2000, A-III (R)
The Widow of Saint-Pierre, A-II (R)
What Women Want, A-III (PG-13)
Wonder Boys, A-III (R)

Yi Yi (A One And A Two), A-III (no rating)
You Can Count on Me, A-IV (R)

La Comunidad

El Evangelio

La Pasión de Cristo

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 22:14-23:56



Luego del impacto causado por Cristo en los corazones y en las mentes de tantos, no sólo en Palestina, se destaca entre ellos la pasión y muerte como expresión máxima del amor redentor de Dios para con la humanidad. La tradición oral en torno a la última semana de Cristo sobre la tierra empezó a tomar forma, dando así material suficiente a los Evangelistas quienes de acuerdo con su propio estilo, en fechas diferentes y con preocupaciones pastorales distintas consignaron por escrito este evento salvífico para todos los tiempos.

La Semana Santa de cada años nos invita a no olvidar aquella última semana en la que Cristo culminó su obra salvífica. San Lucas con su narrativa de la Pasión de Cristo nos introduce este Domingo de Ramos, la Semana Mayor de este año 2001. Así como el Evangelista escribió teniendo en cuenta las necesidades pastorales de su comunidad, así mismo

debemos nosotros entender los misterios de nuestra redención a la luz de los acontecimientos de nuestra propia realidad en los que estamos inmersos.

Conviene pues recordar lo que a San Lucas le impactó de la Pasión de Cristo para ver cómo nos inspira a todos el mismo misterio de nuestra fe en Cristo. San Lucas quien ha leído a Marcos y a Mateo, prefiere presentarnos a Jesús como el mártir inocente, cuya sangre perdona los pecados del mundo y nos da la salvación. A Marcos le interesaba presentar a Jesús como el Sufriente Hijo del Hombre. El rechazo al tan esperado Mesías es lo que Mateo quiere señalar.

En su presentación de la Pasión, San Lucas claramente enfatiza la disponibilidad de Jesús a perdonar, no obstante la injusticia perpetrada en su contra. El Jesús que conocemos curando a todos en su vida pública, es el mismo que va a la cruz sanado la oreja del soldado que ha venido a arrestarlo. El Jesús que durante todo su ministerio anduvo perdonando a todos, es el mismo que va a la cruz perdonando a los que le dan muerte, así como a los que son crucificados con él. San Esteban, el

primer mártir de la Iglesia, que nos presenta el mismo San Lucas en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, muere perdonando a sus enemigos al igual que Cristo Jesús. De esta suerte vemos cómo todo seguidor de Cristo debe seguirlo en su disponibilidad de perdonar pase lo que pase.

El Domingo de Ramos o de Palmas nos invita a ser parte de la Pasión de Cristo. No estamos invitados a ver una representación de la Pasión, como la de Filipinas o la de Ixtapalpa en México, o la de Oberammergau en Alemania. Recordemos que somos parte del acto salvífico de Cristo que continúa a través de la cruz: *El que quiera venir en pos de mí que se niegue a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y que me siga* (Mt. 16, 24) son las palabras que nos invitan a participar en la cruz redentora.

El Jueves Santo con la conmemoración de la institución de la Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio en la Última Cena recordamos el mandamiento del amor fraterno simbolizado no solo en el gesto del lavatorio de los pies a los discípulos de parte de Cristo, sino en el sentido de esta nueva cena eucarística

que debe continuar animando la vida de todos los creyentes; anunciando la muerte y resurrección del Señor mientras vuelve.

El Viernes Santo vemos la consumación de la obra de Cristo hasta la última gota de su sangre: *No hay amor más grande, que el que de la vida por sus amigos* (Jn. 15,13). Cristo murió, y pareció por un momento que el sol de la vida se eclipsaba para siempre, pero no fué así porque Cristo resucitó al tercer día según lo había prometido. Y, desde entonces esta es nuestra fe: creemos en un Cristo muerto y resucitado, nuestra Pascua, nuestra salvación. Es el día nuevo que nos amaneció el Domingo de la resurrección y que debemos proclamar por todo el mundo, más que con palabras, con nuestro testimonio cristiano que manifieste de verdad una vida nueva que deja atrás el pecado en una constante lucha, y que espera la transformación plena en la resurrección de los muertos para gozar la vida eterna.

¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección!
El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

TV Revista: 'El Rostro: Jesús en el Arte,' abril, PBS

NUEVA YORK (CNS) — Algo que no se puede perder es el programa de dos horas "El Rostro: Jesús en el Arte," próximo a pasar al aire en abril por las estaciones PBS (Servicios Públicos de Transmisiones). Se deberá llamar a la estación local de televisión o revisar los horarios de televisión para saber la fecha y la hora exacta en las que se pasará el programa en su localidad.

Con patrocinio substancial de la Campaña Católica de Comunicaciones, que también participa en el apoyo a la Oficina de Filmación y Transmisiones, se narra en la extraordinaria filmación la historia de cómo se ha intentado en el arte comprender y tocar lo divino al representar la figura humana de Cristo.

Con un impacto visual poderoso, "El Rostro" visita muchos lugares alrededor del

mundo, examinando las representaciones artísticas de Jesús a través de los tiempos.

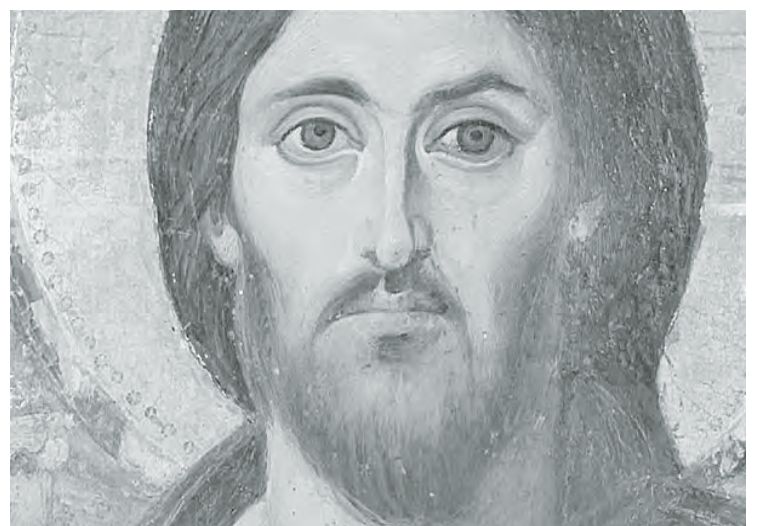
Aunque no existen pinturas conocidas de Jesús hechas durante su vida en esta tierra — y ni siquiera descripciones grabadas sobre su físico — los artistas siempre se han sentido atraídos por el Salvador como tema de su arte. De hecho, la imagen de Cristo ha aparecido en el arte de las culturas del mundo por cerca de dos milenios.

En el programa se plantea la interesante cuestión de si, incluso, es propio para un artista atreverse a representar a Dios. A continuación, en el programa se presentan cronológicamente las primeras imágenes desde el siglo tercero hasta las interpretaciones contemporáneas en muchas latitudes de la tierra.

Al público televidente

promedio le será muy difícil ver personalmente muchas de estas obras de arte; pero aquí, con acompañamiento de grabación de música gloriosa, que incluye la voz de Andrea Bocelli y la narración informativa de Mel Gibson, Patricia Neal y Edward Herrmann, entre otros, uno puede experimentar tanto el arte sublime como el arrobó espiritual.

No es difícil predecir que se destacan pinturas, esculturas, mosaicos y frescos de maestros tales como Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt y Michelangelo; sin embargo, también se admiran trabajos menos conocidos y vistos como los extraordinarios iconos del remoto monasterio del siglo cuarto de Santa Catarina en el monte Sinaí. De hecho, el rostro de Jesús en uno de esos iconos se convirtió en la imagen dominante de Cristo durante muchos siglos.



OBRAS DE ARTE DESTACADAS EN 'EL ROSTRO' — Este detalle de "Jesús Pantocrator" (Jesús el Creador de Todas las Cosas) que (originalmente) se encuentra en el interior del monasterio de Santa Catarina en el Sinaí, Egipto, es una de las muestras de arte que forma la colección presentada en "El Rostro: Jesús en el arte," programa con duración de dos horas que pasará al aire en abril en toda la nación por el Servicio Público de Transmisiones. La producción multimillonaria fue patrocinada en parte por la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas. (Foto CNS, cortesía de Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas)

Las mujeres de diversos cargos diocesanos hablan a los obispos

CHICAGO (CNS) — Las recomendaciones ofrecidas a los obispos de los EEUU por las mujeres que ocupan puestos de trabajo como dirigentes diocesanas fueron variadas y de muy diversa índole como los trabajos que ellas realizan.

La consulta del 11 al 13 de marzo en Chicago, convocada

por el Comité Mujeres en la Sociedad y en la Iglesia, respaldado por los obispos de EEUU, ofreció variadas oportunidades para que las 150 participantes les dijeran a los obispos qué temas les gustarían a ellas que fueran presentados a nivel nacional.

Entre las ideas presentadas

en la consulta, como medios de mejorar la colaboración de obispos y sacerdotes con las mujeres, y de hacer más atractivos los empleos dentro de la iglesia para las mujeres, se contaron:

—Mejorar los procedimientos internos de licencia para ausentarse del trabajo después

del nacimiento de un hijo en las diócesis para apoyar la fuerte postura en favor de la vida.

— Reuniones regionales de mujeres y obispos, similares a la consulta nacional, pero en más pequeña escala.

— Establecimiento de sistemas formales de enseñanza y consejos a cargo de mujeres

en favor de otras mujeres más jóvenes.

—Programas de orientación para clérigos nuevos y personal diocesano para estudiar cómo funciona cada oficina y la línea de autoridad establecida.

—Internado para seminaris-

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El Papa dice que el poder de Dios prevalecerá contra las fuerzas del mal

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Las fuerzas del mal tratan de atacar a la iglesia como también a los individuos, pero los cristianos pueden estar seguros de que al final el poder de Dios triunfará, dijo el papa Juan Pablo II.

“Para la iglesia, que frecuentemente siente el peso de la historia y está rodeada por las fuerzas hostiles del mal, la madre de Cristo es el emblema luminoso de la humanidad redimida y cobijada en la gracia que salva,” dijo el Papa.

En su audiencia general del 14 de marzo, en la sala de audiencias Pablo VI, el Papa habló acerca del pasaje del libro de la Revelación en

el cual una mujer a punto de dar a luz aparece junto a un dragón que acecha para devorar a la criatura.

Mientras que la tradición cristiana presenta con frecuencia a María como la mujer, él dijo, el pasaje primordialmente se refiere a la Iglesia.

“La interpretación mariana no se contradice con el significado eclesial del texto,” él dijo, porque María es el símbolo de la Iglesia.

En la narración, como en la historia, el bien y el mal se oponen, dijo el Papa.

“A María, a su hijo y a la Iglesia se les presenta ante la aparente debilidad y pequeñez del amor, la verdad y la justicia,” dijo. “En con-

tra de ellos se ha desatado la monstruosamente devastadora energía de la violencia, las mentiras y la injusticia.”

Sin embargo, el papa Juan Pablo dijo, al final del pasaje bíblico se proclama como vencedor de la lucha a “la salvación y el poder, al reino de nuestro Dios y a la autoridad del que ha sido ungido.”

Incluso en las ocasiones en las que la Iglesia tenga que tomar la retirada por un tiempo yendo hacia la seguridad del desierto como la mujer de la narración, “el tiempo de angustia, persecución y pruebas no es indefinido: Al final vendrá la liberación y la hora de gloria,” él dijo.



PARROQUIANOS DE WISCONSIN COSEN ROPA PARA LOS NECESITADOS — Divina Tevenal ensarta una aguja, mientras cose ropa en la parroquia de San José en Waukesha, Wis. Algunos miembros latinos de la iglesia se reúnen regularmente para coser y reparar prendas para los necesitados. (Foto CNS)

La cara del papa Juna XXIII encontraron su cara bien preservada

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Representantes de la iglesia que abrieron el ataúd del papa Juan XXIII encontraron su cara bien preservada después de cerca de 38 años de su muerte, pero el Vaticano no hizo hincapié en la posibilidad de un milagro.

El descubrimiento fue hecho a mediados de enero, cuando representantes del

Vaticano y técnicos exhumaron el cuerpo del papa Juan XXIII en una ceremonia de “reconocimiento” en anticipación de su traslado desde la cripta hasta el piso principal de la basílica de San Pedro.

Un detallado informe del procedimiento, formulado por los oficiales presentes, se publicó en un periódico de Venecia el 24 de marzo.

La exhumación se llevó casi todo el día, pues los trabajadores tuvieron que abrir la cubierta de mármol, y después tres ataúdes sucesivos: uno de madera de encino, otro de plomo y el último de madera de ciprés que contenía el cuerpo.

“Una vez libre del lienzo que la cubría, la cara del bendito (papa Juan XXIII) apareció intacta, con los ojos

cerrados y la boca ligeramente abierta; y ostentando los rasgos que inmediatamente trajeron a la mente la apariencia familiar del venerado pontífice,” se decía en el informe.

En rueda de prensa del 27 de marzo, el excelentísimo señor cardenal Virgilio Noé, uno del número que atestiguaron la exhumación, dijo que el cuerpo entero se

conservaba incorrupto.

El cuerpo fue reconocido por el excelentísimo señor cardenal Angelo Sodano, secretario de estado del Vaticano, y varias otras personas. Después de que oficialmente fue reconocido, el cuerpo fue rociado con una substancia antibacteriana, y el ataúd se volvió a cerrar herméticamente.

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Las mujeres

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tas en oficinas diocesanas, especialmente en las que están dirigidas por mujeres.

— Aumento en el reclutamiento y enseñanza de mujeres que pertenecen a grupos “faltos de representación adecuada,” como afroamericanos, hispanos, asiáticoamericanos y oriundos americanos.

— Evaluaciones de cómo se cumple con las responsabilidades y funciones del trabajo asignado a sacerdotes, incluyendo a pastores.

— Mayor atención a la formación sacerdotal en “el campo psicoespiritual” sin la cual los seminaristas podrían estar impedidos para el trato de mujeres como colaboradoras, después de la ordenación.

— Indagación de medios alternativos de compensación de empleados, cuando no haya dinero disponible, tales como ofrecimiento de colegiatura gratuita o reducida en las escuelas católicas para los hijos de empleados/as.

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— Una educación “más honesta” de parroquianos para que entiendan la realidad de escasez de sacerdotes, de manera que apoyen más a los ministros laicos y compartan los recursos de la parroquia.

— Estudio de la ley canónica para determinar precisamente qué papeles están abiertos o cerrados para los que no han recibido las órdenes sagradas.

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John Paul II Cultural Center offers high tech fun

By Audrey Sommers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — People from across the country and around the world came to Washington for the March 22 opening of the \$60-million Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and left feeling enthused and excited about the spiritual journey and high-tech fun they experienced.

"I'm overwhelmed and excited. It's going to take many visits to see everything. I think visitors will come back again to see and do everything there is to offer," said Dorothy Carson of St. Cunagunda Parish in Detroit.

Most distinctive about the center are its architectural features — a soaring copper roof resembling angel's wings, a

75-foot-high gilded cross and a reflecting pool located along the front terrace, calling to mind the importance of water in Catholicism.

Built of limestone, granite, copper and glass on a 12-acre site across from The Catholic University of America, the cultural center showcases art treasures from the Vatican and a collection of personal memorabilia belonging to Pope John Paul II, including his skis, one of his rosaries and family photos.

"At the heart of our mission here is the intellectual and moral faith formation of believers and an ongoing invitation to nonbelievers," said Cardinal Adam J. Maida of Detroit, who was appointed by the pope to be president of

the cultural center.

"For Catholic visitors in particular, the experience should allow them to know and love the Lord Jesus and his church in a new way," the cardinal added.

More than a museum, the center offers visitors hands-on experiences. They can touch a bronze cast of the Holy Father's hand, ring church bells, create stained-glass art, ask questions about Catholic teachings, learn about the saints, and record their own testimonials of faith.

After entering the center, visitors catch their first glimpse of faith from a global perspective in the Gallery of Mary, which features an exhibit of colorful panels and text with images of Mary as she is seen and depicted in cultures around the world.

The first art exhibition on loan from the Vatican Museums is "The Mother of God: Art Celebrates Mary," which spans the 2,000-year history of the church in virtually every type of art. Valued at approximately \$3.5 million, the 38 pieces will remain on exhibit through June 2002.

Father Michael Bugarin, director, said he thinks the center will give visitors an opportunity "to reflect on their faith and how it will make an impact on their own family life and society at large."

The evangelization process began even before the center opened, he said.

"When I look at the Hands of Peace exhibit, I recall how the artist who began the project as an agnostic finished the job talking about his faith conversion. In the process of interviewing the people for the exhibit, he became a believer and will be baptized and confirmed this Easter," he told a visiting reporter from the Detroit archdiocesan newspaper, The Michi-

gan Catholic.

The Omaha-based firm of Leo A. Daly designed the exterior of the building, with the New York firm of Edwin Schlossberg creating the interactive computer exhibits.

"There are over 80 different software programs and more than 18 hours of films," said Schlossberg. "The idea is to provide a really astonishing experience."

His wife, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, brought the couple's three children to the cultural center. "It's fantastic. It's even better than I thought it would be. It's great for the kids, too!" she said.

Visitors use a key-coded access card to gain entry into the interactive exhibits.

"At the testimonial stations, people can participate by drawing or using the audio or video equipment so they can share their feelings with others, and hopefully open up a dialogue about faith, which is not a topic generally discussed in this country," said Penelope Fletcher, deputy director and chief operating officer of the center.

The interactive stations also allow visitors to ask questions about Catholic teaching on everything from abortion to Scripture.

The building also includes a small chapel, a cafe, theaters and an academic forum. The top floor will host 12 scholars, who will study the application of papal teachings and their impact on world culture.

Victoria Murphy of Long Island, N.Y., called the center "a dream come true" and said it "will be ever evolving, just as the Smithsonian" and other major museums.

"We will be able to tell our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to keep coming here and learning about the Catholic faith," she added.



BRONZE HAND CASTINGS—A visitor touches a casting of a hand at the new Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington D.C. The Catholic museum includes 89 such

bronze casts collected from 24 countries visited by the pope. The \$60 million center opened its doors to the public March 22. (CNS photo by Michael Hoyt)

President Bush echoes pope's 'culture of life' challenge

By Patricia Zapor

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS) — Seven cardinals and President Bush presided over the March 22 ceremony and ribbon-cutting that marked the grand opening of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington.

Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida, president of the center dedicated to the Catholic faith, told the audience of about 1,200 guests in a huge tent on the grounds of the museum that the pope insisted it be located in Washington instead of any of several other suggested sites, including Warsaw or Krakow in Poland.

"He sees Washington, D.C., as the crossroads of the world," Cardinal Maida said. "The center's location here will allow it to impact and shape the many events that transpire here."

In a letter read by Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State, the pope said he was grateful "that the new center was planned as a means of introducing visitors to Catholic cultural life and as a place of study and reflection on themes related to the religious and humanitarian mission which the church is called to carry forward at the dawn of the third millennium."

Bush referred to some of the ways the pope has influenced society by tracing highlights of his life, from a 1976 stop in Washington to speak at The Catholic University of America, near the cultural center, through his first visit to Poland after he became pope. That visit, Bush said, was "when faith turned into resistance and began the swift collapse of

imperial communism."

The president noted that the last leader of the Soviet Union called the pope "the highest moral authority on earth." He referred to the pope's visits to Manila in 1995, when more than 5 million people came to see him, and to Israel last year, "on a mission of reconciliation and mutual respect between Christians and Jews."

Bush received a standing ovation when he echoed the pope's challenge to society to adopt a "culture of life," which "is a welcoming culture, never excluding, never dividing, never despairing and always affirming the goodness of life in all its seasons."

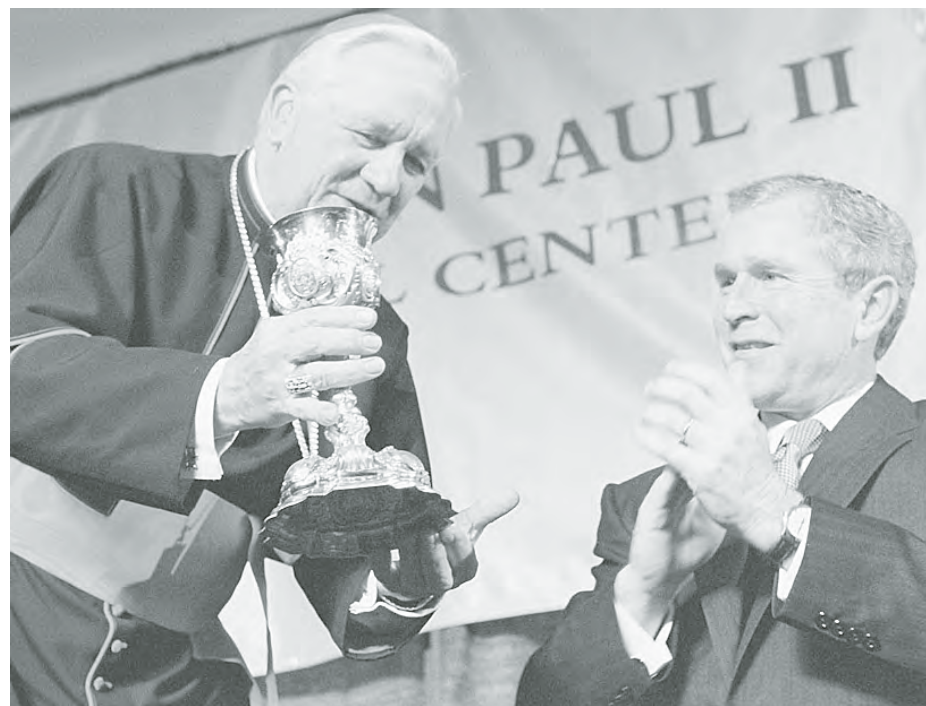
He said a culture of life must make room for "the stranger," the sick, the aged and immigrants. "We must teach our children to be gentle with one another. We must defend in love the innocent child waiting to be born."

Bush also was interrupted by applause for his remark that society is "responsible to stand for human dignity and religious freedom wherever they are denied, from Cuba to China to southern Sudan."

Cardinal Maida said the center's founders hope it will "inspire, and motivate, form and shape a whole new generation of Christian leaders who will bring their faith values to the marketplace and to all the professions."

He said he hopes visitors will experience a conversion of mind and heart and see how to put their faith into service and action.

Cardinal Maida was the driving force behind the cultural center, which he



GIFT FROM THE POPE—Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida shows a chalice to President George Bush during the opening of the new Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in

Washington D.C. The chalice was a gift to the center from the pontiff. Bush was among speakers at the March 22 opening ceremony for the cultural center. (CNS photo)

originally envisioned as a sort of papal equivalent to presidential libraries. Its content has been expanded to incorporate exhibits about the history of Catholicism and other religions, art exhibits and ways for visitors to leave testimonials about faith, hope and service.

The evening before the grand opening, Bush hosted about 60 bishops and other church leaders for a reception at the White House.

He said the best way to honor the pope "is to take his teaching seriously, is to listen to his words and put his words and teachings into action here in America."

Bush thanked the bishops as among those "who inspire and teach love and compassion and hope," and for their concern for the weak and suffering as well as for "making sure every child is educated."

Bishops consult with U.S. Catholic women

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
 WASHINGTON (CNS) — Recommendations were still coming in to the U.S. bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church nearly a week after its three-day consultation with women in diocesan leadership posts ended in Chicago.

The 150 invited participants in the March 11-13 consultation were encouraged to submit suggestions in writing after the meeting or to include them in their evaluations of the gathering.

Diane L. Barr, J.D., JCD., Diocese of Boise Office of Canonical Affairs, was among the participants.

Barr said the consultation "was not a love session, but it wasn't an attack session either." She saw a lot of commitment to the church and a lot of concern for the future.

Her hope is that the consultation will help dioceses and parishes across the country to more fully address the needs of women who work in the church, whether it be the need for education, more spirituality, or family concerns.

The women's recommendations—along with dozens of spoken suggestions during the sessions—will become part of a report from the committee to the rest of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said Sheila Garcia, assistant director of the bishops Secretariat for Family Laity, Women and Youth.

Participants praised the openness of the sessions, which were attended by at least six bishops who are present or former members of the committee.

"No one was afraid to speak up," said Grace Harding, director of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Department for Persons with Disabilities. "The open-mike session could have gone on and on."

The consultation had as its theme, "Hear, Listen, Affirm: The Voices of Women." It was a continuation of the committee's work on their 1994 document, "Strengthening the Bonds of Peace: A Pastoral Reflection on Women in the Church and in Society" and 1998's "From Words to Deeds: Continuing Reflections on the Role of Women in the Church," Garcia said.

The gathering was "a tangible sign of the bishops' commitment



ROUNDTABLE TALKS— Women in church leadership talk with bishops during a national consultation on women in church and society March 11 in Chicago. (CNS photo)



Diane L. Barr, J.D., JCD

to continuing the dialogue," she said.

The meeting opened with a review of the history of "high ascents and steep declines" that marked the bishops' efforts to approve a pastoral letter on women.

The March 11 talk by Dolores R. Leckey, former executive director of the bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth and now a senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center, also addressed other key issues affecting women in the 19th and 20th centuries and the role that the Catholic Church played in them.

During "the first wave of reform" when women sought the vote at the end of the Civil War, "the Catholic story line in this was, shall we say, a bit uneven," Leckey said.

Although some bishops supported giving women the vote, others opposed it, she said. It wasn't until the issue came up again after World War I that the bishops agreed that "women in the voting booth would raise the level of civil discourse" in the United States, she added.

In more recent years, the committee's proposed pastoral letter on women's concerns took nine years and was eventually defeated by the full body of bishops. But the action items that were passed have borne fruit in various meetings held and documents approved since then, Leckey said.

On the consultation's second day, Leodia "Lee" Gooch, program manager for evangelization and parish outreach in the Human Rights Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, centered her talk on the recent survey of women diocesan leaders about their positive and negative experiences in church leadership.

Speaking in the voice of the typical survey respondent, Gooch said, "My strongest affirmation is when my ideas are acted upon and used."

But she also said she sometimes witnessed "sexist decisions, attitudes or comments" and sometimes found that "the comments of men are often taken more seriously" than those of women.

"When decisions are made before I come to the meeting" or "when I learn things in public that I should have known in advance," she said, "it's like a

bucket of ice water thrown in my face."

A panel of three bishops—the current and two past chairmen of the women's committee—spoke on the consultation's last day about their experiences with women in leadership positions.

Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland, Ore., the committee's chairman since 1998, said lay leaders—and especially a bishop's closest lay collaborators—sometimes bear the brunt of criticism over diocesan policies when other lay Catholics do not want to confront the bishop.

"A lot gets dumped on you that doesn't get dumped on bishops or priests," he said. "Sometimes the clericalism in the church doesn't really affect the clergy."

Auxiliary Bishop John C. Dunne of Rockville Centre, N.Y., who chaired the women's

committee in 1995-98, said he sees a lot of male-female and lay-clergy collaboration in many of the 45 parishes he visits regularly as a vicar in the diocese.

It is "great to see that there are staffs that really have a sense that they give the leadership together," he said.

Bishop Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet, Ill., who served as chairman in 1982-85, said his experiences with women "in the beginning stages (of his chairmanship) were very, very difficult."

"Without having done anything but being a bishop and being male, you were not accepted," he said of those early days.

But he called the period "a growing experience for me" and said the bishops' awareness of women's concerns and contributions has greatly increased.

Women leaders suggest ways to improve church employment for women

Among the ideas presented at the March 11-13 Consultation on Women in Society and in the Church as ways to improve bishops' and priests' collaboration with women and to make church employment more attractive to women were:

—Better maternity leave policies in dioceses to back up its strong pro-life position.

—Regional gatherings of women and bishops, similar to the national consultation but on a smaller scale.

—Establishment of formal systems of women mentoring younger women.

—Orientation programs for new clergy and new diocesan

staff about how each office works and the chain of command.

—Internships for seminarians in diocesan offices, especially those headed by women.

—Increased recruitment and mentoring of women in "underrepresented groups," such as African-Americans, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and Native Americans.

—Job performance evaluations for priests, including pastors.

—Greater attention in priestly formation to "psychospiritual issues" that might prevent a seminarian from dealing with women

as collaborators after ordination.

—Exploration of alternative means of compensating employees, when money is not available, such as offering free or reduced tuition to Catholic schools for children of employees.

—Better training of priests for their role as "CEO" of parishes.

—"More honest" education of parishioners about the realities of the priest shortage so that they will be more supportive of lay ministers and the sharing of parish resources.

—Study of canon law to determine precisely what roles are open or closed to the nonordained.

Catholic Charities Board moves forward

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—Members of the Catholic Charities of Idaho Board of Directors met at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, April 6, for their orientation and organizational meeting.

The newly incorporated Catholic Charities of Idaho is the official charitable agency of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise. Bishop Michael Driscoll, Diocese of Boise, serves as president of the board. Marie Hoff, a former Boise State University social policy professor, is the agency's executive director.

The 13-member Catholic Charities of Idaho Board also includes businessmen and women from throughout Idaho. The board members are Barbara Aston, Viola, a member of St. Mary's Parish, Moscow, and a Washington State University assistant to the provost and liaison to Native American tribes; Terry Copple, St. John's Cathedral, a Boise attorney; Patrick Crisler, Diocese of Boise finance officer; Margaret Henbest, St. Mary's Parish, Boise, an Idaho state legislator.

The others are Michael Kennedy, Hayden, St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, a partner in a software company; Flip Kleffner, St. Mary's Parish, Moscow, former director of

University of Idaho Alumni Association; Seeley Magnani, Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls, a retired engineering manager; Marguerite McLaughlin, St. Theresa's Parish, Orofino, a retired state senator; Pierce Murphy, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise, city ombudsman; Deacon Gerald Pera, Meridian, Diocese of Boise chancellor, and Lúcio Prado, St. Mary's Parish, a Boise satellite television business owner.

Catholic Charities of Idaho is a member of a national network of over 150 Catholic Charities organizations, which are dedicated to providing professional social services and advocating for social justice and improved social welfare services, said Hoff.

In 1999, Catholic Charities organizations nationwide served over 9.5 million people in need of social services and emergency assistance.

As part of the Catholic Charities of Idaho Board's orientation, Bishop Driscoll said his vision is for the agency to play a strong advocacy role for social justice in Idaho. He said each Catholic Charities in the country develops its own, unique services according to local needs.

One of the special challenges in Idaho is the vast geographic spread, said the bishop.



COMMITTED TO SOCIAL SERVICES—Members of the Catholic Charities of Idaho Board of Directors are standing from left, Michael Kennedy, Hayden, Janis Linnan, Catholic Charities secretary, Seeley Magnani, Idaho Falls, Pierce Murphy, Boise, Barbara Aston, Viola, Lúcio Prado, Boise, Terry Copple, Boise;

seated from left, Pat Crisler, Boise, Deacon Gerald Pera, Meridian, Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, and Marie Hoff, Catholic Charities of Idaho executive director. Not pictured are Margaret Henbest, Boise, Flip Kleffner, Moscow, and Marguerite McLaughlin, Orofino. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Bishop Driscoll said the priests and laity of the Diocese of Boise have expressed enthusiasm over the establishment of Catholic Charities in Idaho, and strong support has also come from Catholic Charities USA and Charities organizations from other dioceses.

Hoff presented a report to the board on her activities since the agency was incorporated seven months ago. Besides getting Catholic Charities of Idaho offices set up at 775 North 8th Street, Boise, she said she has visited parishes and deanery councils around the diocese to introduce Catholic Charities and to listen to concerns about the major needs and social concerns in the state.

"Some of the leading concerns in our state are the high rate of child abuse, domestic abuse, substance abuse, poverty and high unemploy-

ment rates in some parts of the state," she said.

Based on the listening sessions, Hoff said Catholic Charities is moving ahead to develop beginning services in the Diocese of Boise. Those services will include family and individual counseling, a range of family support services, especially outreach to young and single parents to support successful child rearing, outreach to the growing Hispanic population, and assistance to parishes to develop social ministry programs to engage the laity in works of charity and justice.

"As part of parish social ministry, the agency is working with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center to foster parish health and healing ministries with volunteer assistance from parish nurses and other health professionals," Hoff said.

Thousands enter into full communion during Easter Vigil

By Jerry Filteau and Colette Cowman

WASHINGTON (CNS) — This year's Easter Vigil marked a major turning point for the faith life of tens of thousands of Americans.

Throughout Lent, prospective Catholics went through the final stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing to be baptized or to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

In Idaho alone, the Diocese of Boise estimates more than 550 people participated in the Rite of Christian Initiation

(RCIA) and became full members of the Catholic Church at Easter.

Neighboring Salt Lake City, Utah., had 600, and in the much larger Chicago Archdiocese, more than 2,200 adults went through the RCIA process this year. The Diocese of Lansing, Mich., had more than 1,100.

Those who are not yet baptized are called catechumens. At Easter they receive all three sacraments of Christian initiation — baptism, confirmation and their first Eucharist.

Those already baptized in other (See, 'New Catholics,' page 2)

Father Kenneth Arnzen dies April 10

NEZPERCE—Father Kenneth J. Arnzen, a Greencreek native, died April 10 in his sleep at his home in Nezperce.

Father Arnzen, whose retirement as a priest of the Diocese of Boise was official April 1, was 75. He served the Holy Trinity Catholic community in Nezperce for the last 10 years of his life. He will be remembered for his patient leadership, compassion and dedicated service.

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll celebrated a funeral Mass for Father Arnzen April 16 at St. Anthony Church, Greencreek. He was buried at Catholic Cemetery in Greencreek.

Father Arnzen was born Oct. 4, 1925, into a large German Catholic family in Greencreek. His parents were George and Agnes Nuxoll Arnzen. He graduated from Greencreek High School as Salutatorian in 1943. Because his help was needed, he worked on the family

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Iraqi sanctions violate international law, say Christian groups

ROME (CNS) — Because of the devastating effects of U.N. sanctions on Iraqi children, the embargo violates international conventions on human rights and should be immediately suspended, Christian humanitarian aid and peace groups said at a U.N. meeting. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqi children have “died as a result of measures decreed by an organization whose mission was to protect their peace and security,” the Christian groups said in an April 10 statement. The statement was released at the 57th session of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, which was meeting in Geneva March 19 to April 27. Signatories included Caritas Internationalis, Franciscans International, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Pax Christi International, the Canadian Council of Churches, the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic and the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, in conjunction with Dominicans for Justice and Peace.

Holy Land church leaders urge end to violence

JERUSALEM (CNS) — In an Easter appeal, Christian leaders of the Holy Land deplored the “unjustifiable deaths” in the region and urged an end to what they called the “collective punishment” of Palestinians. The church leaders said now is the time for “forgiveness and reconciliation on all sides” in order to lay the groundwork for a just peace. The statements came in a common Easter message released April 5 by Catholic patriarchs and the heads of other Christian churches, and in a separate “Appeal from the Churches of Jerusalem” signed by 13 Christian leaders, including Latin-rite Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem.

Pope donated \$7.2 million to charity in 2000, report says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II gave about \$7.2 million in disaster relief and development projects in 2000, according to the Vatican’s coordinating agency for charitable donations. In an annual report released April 7, the Pontifical Council “Cor Unum” said its activities in 2000 included encouraging church aid organizations to maintain their distinctive Catholic identity. According to the report, the pope gave more than \$1 million to 32 disaster relief projects in 2000, with the largest single donation of \$140,000 going to help flood victims in Mozambique. The pope also financed 53 “projects of human and Christian promotion” totaling \$888,805. Most were programs for literacy, health, and assistance to women and children in poor countries in Africa, Asia and the former Soviet republics.

Korean clergy donate part of salaries to help dismissed workers

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops and priests in a South Korean diocese are donating part of their salaries to help the families of dismissed Daewoo Motors employees. Bishop William J. McNaughton, a U.S. Maryknoll missionary who has headed the Diocese of Inchon for nearly 40 years, Coadjutor Bishop Boniface Choi Ki-san and more than 60 priests are setting aside one-tenth of their wages for one year to help in the education of children of the laid-off employees, the Vatican missionary news agency Fides reported April 6. Along with the priests, individual parishes and dioceses are joining the project. The funds will be managed by a pastoral committee to aid middle school children of any laid-off Daewoo worker, regardless of their religion.

Pope says society must welcome mentally ill, defend their rights

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said society must welcome people suffering from mental illness and defend their rights and dignity. “The church looks with respect and affection on those who suffer such illness and exhorts the entire human family to welcome them, with special attention to those who are the most poor and abandoned,” Pope John Paul said April 4, at the end of his weekly general audience. “May no one remain indifferent to these our brothers,” he said. The pope’s appeal came ahead of the April 7 celebration of World Health Day 2001, a U.N.-sponsored event under the theme: “Mental Health: Stop Exclusion — Dare to Care.” Organizers said they hoped to raise public awareness regarding mental disorders and stimulate debate on how to improve the current condition of mental health around the world.

Cardinal, ‘West Wing’ honored for opposition to death penalty

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Cardinal Roger M. Mahony was honored as abolitionist of the year by a Los Angeles group for his continual statewide and national efforts to end the death penalty. The cardinal, who heads the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, received the award from Death Penalty Focus at its 10th annual awards dinner April 4. In presenting the award, actor Martin Sheen praised the cardinal, saying, “There is no stronger, more compassionate, more consistent voice against the death penalty than this year’s recipient.” Academy Award-winner Karl Malden also presented an award to television producer and writer Aaron Sorkin and the cast of NBC’s “The West Wing” for their engaging presentations of political and social issues, and highlighted one episode focusing on the death penalty.

At Easter, pope urges humanity to accept Christ’s peace

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Celebrating the first Easter of the new millennium, Pope John Paul II urged humanity to find in Christ the power to achieve peace and to break cycles of violence and conflict.

“Men and women of the third millennium, the Easter gift of light that scatters the darkness of fear and sadness is meant for everyone,” he said in an Easter blessing to the world April 15. “All are offered the gift of peace of the risen Christ, who breaks the chains of violence and hatred.”

Often appearing frail and fatigued, the pontiff, a month away from his 81st birthday, led four intense days of ceremonies at the Vatican and in Rome, commemorating Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection.

Celebrating Easter Mass amid a sea of flowers in wintry sunshine, the pope radiated purposeful intent as he proclaimed Christ’s victory over death.

“Rediscover today with joy and wonder that the world is no longer a slave to the inevitable. This world of ours can change,” he told more than 70,000 pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square,

before delivering greetings in 61 languages. The blessing “urbi et orbi” (“to the city and the world”) was televised live to some 45 countries.

“Peace is possible even where for too long there has been fighting and death,” as in the Holy Land and in the Balkans, he said.

The pope told conflict-stricken Africa to “raise your head confidently” with trust in Christ.

Christ, he said, would help youthful Latin America to “find the capacity and courage needed

for a development respectful of every human being” and would help tradition-enriched Asia to “win the challenge of tolerance and solidarity.”

“Men and women of every continent, draw from his tomb, empty now forever, the strength needed to defeat the powers of evil and death, and to place all research and all technical and social progress at the service of a better future for all,” he said.

He prayed that Christ would “grant that this commitment of ours will not falter, even when weariness slows our steps.”

Scientists say placenta stem cells can bypass embryo debate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Scientists at Anthrogenesis Corp. announced April 11 that they have developed a way to obtain a large supply of useful human stem cells from the placenta expelled by a mother after childbirth.

The new technology could change the economics of stem-cell research and its applications without the ethical controversies surrounding the harvesting of stem cells from human embryos or fetuses, they said.

The New Jersey biotechnology firm, also known as AnthroGen, made its announcement in a teleconference with journalists. John Haines, AnthroGen president and chief executive officer, called the discoveries “a major advance in the availability of stem cells and the pace of clinical research using stem cells.”

New Catholics

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churches or baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith are called candidates. At Easter they receive confirmation and the Eucharist.

Among Atlanta, Ga.’s catechumens was Don Massey, whose faith journey was certainly among the more unusual this year.

A professor of design at the University of Georgia in Athens, Massey traveled around the world on a commission from the new Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington D.C. to cast the hands of Catholics from many nationalities and walks of life — including the pope. The hand castings are on display in the center.

Massey said he “really wasn’t anything” religiously before the project, but the faith stories of the Catholics he interviewed around the world simply drew him to the church.

Among 505 candidates and

332 catechumens in Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., was Mark Beckloff of Kansas City, baptized a Methodist.

Beckloff’s path to Catholicism involved caring for a sickly Great Dane named Amazing Gracie, which led to founding a successful dog-treat business, which led to an invitation four years ago from Mercy Sister Donna Ryan to set up a booth outside the cathedral at a blessing of animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

When Beckloff started coming back for Sunday Mass, Sister Ryan — the cathedral parish catechumenate director — invited him to explore Catholicism. This year when she asked him to check his busy travel schedule, he found not a single out-of-town conflict with Tuesday RCIA classes, so he joined.

The U.S. church does not collect comprehensive national figures on new church mem-

bers received through the RCIA each year, but partial surveys in recent years indicate that the numbers continue to grow.

A Catholic News Service survey in Lent 1993 uncovered more than 23,400 catechumens and candidates in 47 dioceses. Those dioceses represented one-third of the total U.S. Catholic population, indicating that nationwide the total was in the neighborhood of 65,000 to 70,000.

Of the 180-plus U.S. dioceses, the bishops’ national Office for Evangelization last year obtained 2000 data from 88 and 1999 data from 79.

Its figures added up to slightly more than 50,000 candidates and catechumens in 1999 and just over 58,000 in 2000 from the dioceses included in the report — indicating that if comprehensive figures were available, they would almost certainly be well above 70,000 a year now.

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Catholics called to support Bishops' Overseas Appeal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—To see "Jesus in Disguise," the theme of the 2001 American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (ABOA), one only need to look to the hungry, the homeless, the refugee and displaced person, those without clean water or adequate health care—those Jesus himself called "these lost brothers of mine" (Mt. 25:40).

The annual appeal, which will take place in Idaho April 29, supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church through advocacy for powerless and impoverished people. For relief and resettlement services to victims of earthquakes, floods, war and religious and ethnic persecution. Idaho Catholics will find enveloped for this special appeal in their regular parish giving envelopes packets.

"For more than 60 years, the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal and its predecessor—the Bishops' Welfare Emergency Relief Fund—have allowed the Catholic Church in the United States to respond to the victims

of war and famine and natural disaster, and to provide the acts of charity mandated by the gospel," said Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, of Pensacola-Tallahassee, chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services. "The generosity of Catholics here have contributed to building up the human dignity of the dispossessed and downtrodden around the world. The Bishops are grateful for that generosity."

The American Bishop's Overseas Appeal benefits four agencies of the Catholic Church:

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the overseas relief and development agency of the United States Catholic Conference. CRS works in solidarity with poor people in more than 80 countries, giving hope to a world in need through both emergency relief and long-term development projects. It also offers Catholics in the United States the opportunity to practice global solidarity through numerous education and outreach programs, such as Operation Rice Bowl, Harvest for

Hope, and Food Fast.

- Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Catholic Conference resettles approximately one-quarter of all refugee resettlement offices and in collaboration with other resettlement and government agencies—reunites families and ensures educational opportunities, health and employment services, and housing for people fleeing war and oppression.

- Holy Father's Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the globe.

- Department of Social Development and World Peace (SDWP) of the United States Catholic Conference shares and applies Catholic social teaching on major domestic and international issues. SDWP advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for peace and justice around the world. It works to build the capacity of the church on the national, diocesan, and parish levels to respond to global concerns.

Father Keller does 'better than expected' after lung transplant

DENVER—After a March 25 lung transplant at University of Denver Medical Center and National Jewish Institute, doctors say Father Robb Keller is doing "even better than expected."

"He has moved back to his apartment and is off oxygen now," said Sue Martinez, Diocese of Boise insurance coordinator. "He walks outside three blocks each day. I've talked to him frequently in the last few weeks, and he sounds very good. His spirits are high."

Martinez said Father Keller, who is on medical leave from his position on the pastoral team at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Twin Falls, checks in at the hospital three times a week for tests to see if there is any sign that his body is rejecting the lung and to have his medications monitored.

"Rejection usually happens in the first three months, so he is not out of the woods," said Martinez. "But the path looks very good. Prayers are still needed for a safe recovery."

She said Father Keller can receive cards and letters now at: 9085 East Mississippi Avenue, #A-102, Denver, CO 80231.



Father Arnzen

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farm for seven years after graduation, interrupted by one semester at University of Idaho, Moscow, in 1946.

At age 25, he entered St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore, Wash. He was ordained May 18, 1957, with Fathers Dennis Falk and Douglas Riffle at St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

His parish assignments over the years included temporary assistant at St. John's Cathedral, assistant at St. Anthony's, Pocatello, where he also served as Newman chaplain to students at Idaho State University, and St. Mary's, Caldwell, and pastor at parishes in Arco, Kamiah, where he was the first resident pastor, and Pierce, Orofino, Rupert, Moscow, and Sandpoint. After heart surgery in 1990 and recovery, during which time Father Arnzen lived at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, he went to Holy Trinity, Nezperce, in 1991.

While at Nezperce, Father Arnzen celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination and published a history on the centennial of Holy Trinity Parish. He also published a history of St. Mary's Parish, Moscow, when he was there.

His special diocesan appointments included chaplain at Lost Rivers Hospital, Arco, in the 1960s, Knights of Columbus chaplain, 1962 to 1970, and Cana and Pre-Cana director, North Central Deanery, 1965 to 1970. He was named Knight of the Year in 1980.

Survivors include his brothers and sisters: Clif and MaryJane, Cottonwood; Neil and Betty, Nezperce; Richard and Shirley, Kooskia; Wayne and Judy, Greencreek; Delores Phillips, Coos Bay, Ore.; Celine Robbins, Lewiston; Adele and Kenneth Nuxoll, Sula, Mont., and Joan Arnzen, Greencreek.

Father George King, Orofino, who delivered the homily at Father Arnzen's funeral Mass, said he will remember his friend as a very dedicated priest who searched out people who needed help.

"He had a special ability with people interested in coming into the church," said Father King.

He remembers Father Arnzen's "pioneer spirit" in many little churches in Idaho.

"He always did a great deal of work both spiritually and physically," he said, recalling how in Kamiah, Father Arnzen personally

did a lot of the carpentry work to help build the rectory for \$16,000, "which was no small feat." He also helped build the parish center in Moscow.

"Father Arnzen had a very strong will and accomplished a lot," said Father King. "He didn't mind hard work."

He said Father Arnzen loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed hiking, always wanting to go "just over the next ridge" or "try a shortcut that didn't always turn out to be short." He said Father Arnzen climbed many of Idaho's peaks, including Leatherman Peak near Mackay, Diamond Peak on the Lemhi Range, and Mt. Borah. He also loved to travel, and liked to share stories about his travel to the Holy Land and Mexico.

Father King said Father Arnzen also loved the game of Scrabble.

"He really enjoyed that game and had quite a few people he played with," said Father King. "I know he beat me lots of times."

Father Andrew Schumacher, Cottonwood, said he will always remember his cousin as being "very gentle and patient."

"When I entered the seminary in 1952, Father Ken was the senior of the seminarians from Greencreek," he said. "I looked up to him as a model. He was gentle, patient and kind. He was not one to complain or criticize. In any conversation where there was a critiquing of a problem, Father Ken was able to cast light on the situation and bring about a clear understanding. He was an equalizing influence."

Father Schumacher said Father Arnzen was a man of good judgment, except when it came to climbing mountains looking for lakes or coming back to the hunting camp before dark.

"I remember, as seminarians, he led us up a mountain looking for Hazard Lakes in the McCall area," he said. "We hiked up and over the mountains all day and never did come to a lake. We later found out one could drive right up to the lakes."

He said Father Arnzen was a man of great determination. "Nothing seemed to stop him," said Father Schumacher. "This is proven by his determination to continue in parish ministry when he had every reason to fully retire because of his health. He was faithful to the end."

Father Arnzen often ministered to two Catholic youth groups in the Cottonwood area, the Bravehearts and Crusaders. In fact he celebrated Mass and heard confessions of about 25 Catholic girls on a retreat near Lewiston just days before his death.

Members of the youth groups composed a poem in Father Arnzen's honor after his death. They signed it: "From your campout companions."

The poem said in part: "Father Arnzen, we love you! We want you to know, and you know that we're sorry that you had to go. We'll miss your fine sermons and the Masses you said, and the advice you did give us, with the shake of your head...For a true saint you were, Father. You were one of the best, and our next Masses will be, Father, that you have the best eternal rest!"

We must stand as witness to the Gospel of Life

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is Bishop Driscoll's talk which he presented at the Good Friday Death Penalty Rally on the Statehouse steps in Boise, sponsored by the Idahoans against the Death Penalty.

Pope John Paul II on a visit to St. Louis, Mo., said: "The dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil."

God loves all sinners. This is not just a pious platitude that we say we believe... but do nothing about.

The Holy Father has reminded us over and over again that we live in a Culture of Death. How do we break this cycle? We must not allow those who kill to so inflame us that we reach down to our baser instincts to do likewise, i.e. to kill.

Once again, representing the Roman Catholic Church of Idaho, I call my brothers and sisters of the Catholic Faith and all people of good will to reject the death penalty as a form of punishment and to profess life—in all its fullness—allowing God to work conversion in those who would take the lives of others.

Taking life places us on the same level as those who disregard the sanctity of life. Is that where we want to be?

As we gather on these Capitol steps this Good Friday afternoon, a very famous or infamous person awaits execution next month, May 16, in Indiana. The TV and print media are giving him a lot of attention now. He wants to end all the appeals, he wants to die, for him to live in prison for the rest of his life is torture—he wants out!

For Timothy McVeigh, perpetrator of a most heinous crime, he continues to get what he wants—

Just A Thought...



By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

PUBLICITY—he continues to victimize the victims of his crime—he continues to victimize all of us. He exercises his power over the victims as he is talked about time and time again. To some, he is most probably becoming a martyr—to some, even a hero. Is this what we consider to be the ultimate penalty?

Timothy McVeigh deserves the anonymity of imprisonment where no one remembers his name—where he has no voice, because no lawyers, no courts are bringing forth his name for appeals.

If we truly follow the command of Jesus to love our enemies, we must pray for the justice and mercy of God to work in his soul and in the souls of all who sin greatly. God's merciful grace needs to work in Timothy McVeigh. God's merciful grace needs to work in me, in you, in all of us. The wonderful love of Jesus who died on this day for the world has the power not only to convert us, but to convert also the most

hardened sinner.

May our people, our state, our nation, our world be open to this healing forgiveness. May we stand with God as people of life, putting aside our feelings of revenge and violence, and truly respecting the gift of life that God gives to us all.

Let us pray...

A Prayer to Abolish the Death Penalty

God of Compassion,
You let your rain fall on the just and the unjust.
Expand and deepen our hearts
so that we may love as You love,
even those among us

who have caused the greatest pain by taking life.
For there is in our land a great cry for vengeance
as we fill up death rows and kill the killers
in the name of justice, in the name of peace.

Jesus, our brother,
You suffered execution at the hands of the state
But you did not let hatred overcome you.

Help us to reach out to victims of violence
so that our enduring love may help them heal.

Holy Spirit of God,
You strengthen us in the struggle for justice.

Help us to work tirelessly
for the abolition of state-sanctioned death
and to renew our society in its very heart
so that violence will be no more.

Amen

By Sister Helen Prejean, CSI

The Sacraments of Christian initiation

The sacraments, perhaps more than any other aspect of our religion, make us distinctive as Catholics. The Easter season, which extends until Pentecost Sunday, may well be looked upon as the sacramental season of the year.

On Holy Saturday evening this year it is estimated that well over a hundred thousand people entered the Catholic Church in the United States alone. Those who had never been baptized in any Christian sect experienced the full compliment of what is termed the sacraments of Christian initiations: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Their distinctive garment after Baptism is the white robe, the alb, symbolic of putting on Christ. In the ancient church the neophytes wore their white robes for the entire week through the Second Sunday of Easter, which used to be known as *Dominica in Albis Deponendis*, the "Sunday for Putting Aside the White Garments."

During the week of the "white robes" they received instruction in what they had experienced during their Christian initiation. The understanding of the church was that people could never really grasp the meaning of the sacraments of Christian initiation until they had actually celebrated them. The sacraments contain the grace to understand them. Instruction activates this grace.

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

Baptism is the first of all the sacraments. It is not possible to receive any other sacrament until a person has first been baptized. Baptism first destroys sin. When that obstacle has been destroyed, God's favor floods our being with the life-giving waters of transformation. From being creatures of God we become his children. We become conformed to the image of his Son, Jesus Christ, so that we become his sons and daughters.

In confirmation the bishop or priest anoints the forehead with Holy Chrism and says "Be sealed with

the Holy Spirit." The expression, "to be sealed with the Holy Spirit," comes from the first chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The word St. Paul used refers to the practice of a king who would imprint his seal in hot wax near his signature on a letter or official document. The seal guaranteed that the document was authentic, that it really belonged to the king. And so confirmation pledges that we really belong to God, to his family, the church.

Confirmation completes baptism. It confirms what has happened to us. It is like calling a restaurant to confirm a reservation for a very large and important dinner. Confirmation assures us of our reservation to participate in the great eucharistic banquet, the Mass, which will lead us to the wonderful banquet of heaven.

All through Lent the catechumens were dismissed at Mass after the homily. After initiation on Holy Saturday they participate for the first time in the eucharist.

We become Catholics through the sacrament of Baptism, which is confirmed by the seal of the Holy Spirit, and celebrated in the Eucharist.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Should Mom remarry and lose her pension?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. My parents were married 45 years when my dad died several years ago. My mom is doing all right with a pension and lots of activities.

She has met a wonderful man, a widower, who wants to marry her. However, if they marry she will lose her monthly pension. If he dies, she would be left with nothing.

We have suggested that they just live together, but she has had a long Catholic education and thinks that is sinful. If God is a loving God, I believe he would want them to share companionship for the rest of their days. She won't ask this question of her priest. Will you give us an answer? (Michigan)

A. I believe the important answer is the one your mother is giving. It's her life and her

conscience, and she is responsible for it. To try to push her into something that is against what she is convinced God wants is obviously not good or loving.

I must say I agree with her. Maybe she feels that, even though she is old, she still has obligations of good example, to display what she knows are right values and ideals. She doesn't want to undo in these final years what I'm sure she has been trying to teach her family throughout her life.

I've known many people who do what you are asking. If they have any strong spiritual background, however, they're not awfully happy with their decision, even less so as time goes on.

Since you ask for it, my advice is to support her in doing everything possible with her

friend. They can make life much more enjoyable and good for each other without giving in to what you are urging.

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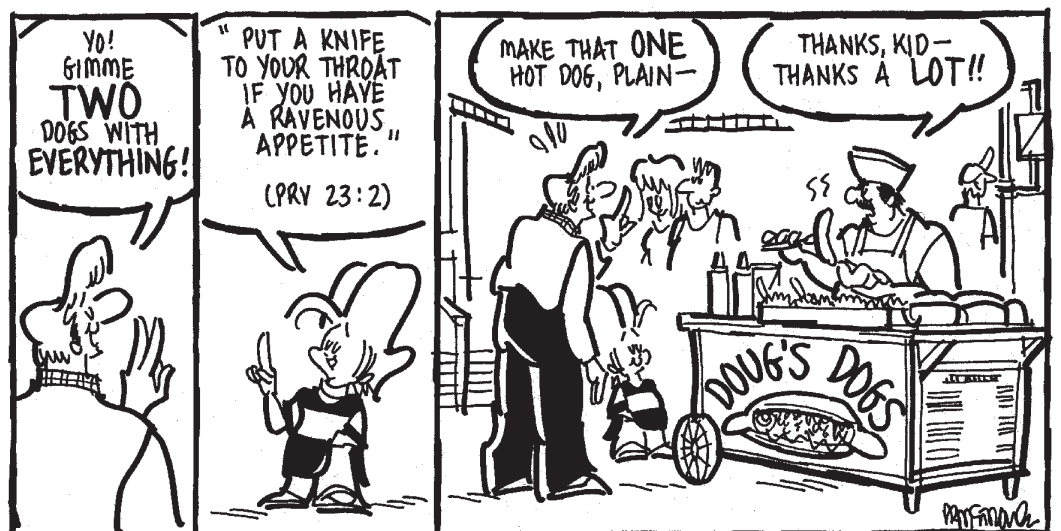
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SAINTLY ANTHONY

by Mark Armstrong



STOP and keep Sunday special

By Pamela Patnode

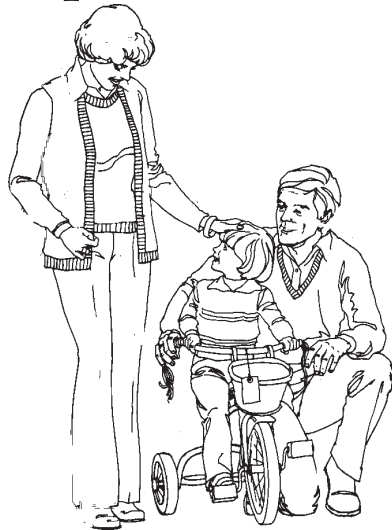
"What happened?" I said to my husband one evening after the kids were in bed. In an effort to do everything right as parents, something was definitely wrong. What was wrong?

Well, in short, we were suffering from an overdose of activities. Work, school, soccer, dance, Early Childhood Family Education, speech therapy, religious education, volunteer responsibilities and social engagements. Individually, each activity was great. As a whole, however, they caused a level of stress that, if left to grow, had the potential to pull our family apart.

Sound familiar? Today's American family is over involved and over committed to activities and obligations that pull them away from the family. In recent years, much has been written and discussed about this subject. And yet, too

many solutions can cause you to remain indecisive and paralyzed—not knowing where to begin.

As a family, we decided something needed to change. And, we thought it best to take it one step at a time. Our first step was to pick one day during



the week that would be a family day. We chose Sunday.

Initially, we began by simply limiting our Sunday activities to only those that involved the entire family. Thus, on Sunday, our children were not allowed to go over to their friends' houses. Likewise, we put careful thought into who we invited over to our house—putting special emphasis on our immediate and extended family. We called Sunday, "Family Day."

From there, we did more reading about the Sabbath, talked with a number of people regarding their Sabbath rituals, and attended a workshop titled "Making Sundays Special" by Karen Ehman. Throughout this journey, we have learned a great deal about the Sabbath, its history and traditions, and changes that have taken place regarding Sunday. All have played a role in making our Family Day a very special holy day.

The idea of resting on the Sabbath came from God. In Genesis 2:2-3, we see that even God, himself, rested after cre-

ating the world. He then, feeling so strongly about this day of rest and reflection, commanded his people to do the same (Exodus 20:1-21).

This commandment went through some evolution with the Jews who took the simple notion of keeping the Sabbath holy and created hundreds of laws detailing what could and could not be done on the Sabbath. If someone broke the Sabbath, did not follow the laws and therefore did not keep it holy, they were warned. If it happened again, they were stoned.

Jesus then came on the scene and challenged the Jews' notion of the Sabbath. He believed in keeping it holy. However, he also believed in following the Spirit of the law over the Letter of the law. After Christ's death and resurrection, Christians began keeping the first day of the week holy, rather than the seventh. This was to honor Christ and the resurrection which occurred on Sunday.

Two thousand years later, we watch people run from shopping malls to hockey practice. They race to get yard work done and the laundry folded and put away. Meals are on the go, and the idea of a family day of rest is thrown out the window in an effort to keep pace with the American world that is racing before us. As Americans, we have learned the meaning of the word "GO." And yet, we have somehow forgotten how to "STOP."

Keeping Sundays Special checklist

Following are some ideas on

how to keep Sunday a special day for your family. Through some planning, preparation and commitment, it is possible to regain Sunday as a day of rest, a day to honor your God, and a day to reconnect with your family. However, you must be prepared to "STOP."

1. Define what a special Sunday means for your family. This definition will be different for each family, and may be different for each family member. Sit down as a family and come up with a definition that all can agree on.

2. Avoid making Sunday the "catch up day." This means: Plan ahead! Thursday is a good day to begin planning for Sunday. Begin thinking of special activities, food, or guests that may be a part of the day. Also, begin tackling some of the paperwork that needs to get done. Use Friday to plan the Sunday meals and begin laundry. Saturday is a good day for house cleaning, grocery shopping, yard work and miscellaneous errands. If the recipe allows, prepare the Sunday meals on Saturday and keep them in the refrigerator.

3. On Sunday, make every effort to STOP. When you are about to run to the store, don't go. Avoid starting another load of laundry. Rather, plan some activities to do as a family (See box this page.)

4. Make the Sunday meal special. And consider sharing it with extended family members, a new parishioner, or a friend in need.

5. Read from the Bible.

6. Enjoy the time you spend with your family!

Family activities for Sunday

—**Go to church.** What a wonderful way to start the day! Give thanks to God for getting us to church safely, for our health and families. Enjoy the fellowship of friends and fellow parishioners. Go for God and stay for the donuts and coffee!

—**Plan a family outing.** As a family, go for a walk. Take a trip to the park, the apple orchard or the pumpkin patch. Enjoy a drive to see the changing colors of leaves or the holiday lights in winter. Go to a museum as a family. The outing does not have to be expensive, long, or new. Simply plan an activity to do as a family.

—**Prepare a special meal and serve it on special Sunday dishes.** The meal may be a new recipe or an old favorite. The dishes may be paper plates of the china. However, a little preparation can distinguish the Sunday meal from Friday's frozen pizza. And, make sure to eat the meal as a family.

—**Set aside toys that can only be played with on Sunday.** This does not mean that you need to go out and buy new toys. Simply pull out a few toys, books, puzzles, games, and videos from your existing collection, and store them in a separate closet to be pulled out on Sundays.

—**Volunteer as a family for a worthy cause.**

—**Take a nap!** Americans do not get enough sleep and this is causing accidents in the workplace and on our highways. Give your body the rest it needs and lay down for an hour. You'll feel better for it.

Additional Reading:

1. *The Bible*: Exodus 20:8-11, 30:17, Matthew 12:1-14, Mark 2:23-28, Luke 6:1-11.
2. *Making Sundays Special* by Karen Burton Mains
3. *The Intentional Family* by Bill Doherty
4. *The Hidden Art of Homemaking* by Edith Schaeffer.

Remember the Rosary?

By Liz Kelly

I had almost completely forgotten it. Though I grew up in a family who often prayed the rosary, and I had great affection for it as a child, I lost my devotion as I grew older. It wasn't until I had hit bottom, emotionally, in my late twenties that I rediscovered this treasured meditation and just why it is that two billion Hail Marys are said daily.

Jazz had been my primary occupation. I spent 15 years of my professional life signing jazz in clubs and concert halls, at weddings and in studios, and very occasionally in church. When I stumbled upon rosary meditation as a "hip jazz chick" later in life, I thought I was much too cool for something so "antiquated." No one could have been more surprised than I was to discover how effective the ro-

sary is as a means of deep communion with God, or how quickly my affection for it would return.

The rosary, quite frankly, rescued me; or rather, it helped me find my way out of one of the most trying periods of my life and into the light of God's grace and healing.

Do you know where your rosary is? I issue this suggestion to anyone looking for answers, companionship, comfort, deeper communion with God, and a respite from fear or resentment: Pick up the rosary for 30 days, even if you say just one decade a day, and see what happens. You may be surprised to discover what treasures await you.

Liz Kelly is a jazz singer and a writer. Her most recent work is The Seeker's Guide to the Rosary (Loyola Press, April 2001)

'My Lord and my God!'

READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16
SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

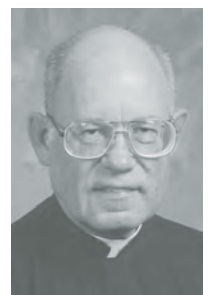
GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31
Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Be honest! Don't you usually think of the apostle Thomas as "Doubting Thomas" and feel somewhat superior to him? After all, shouldn't he have believed what the other apostles told him without putting his Lord to the test?

Personally, I'm not so sure he should have. How would you react in the same situation? Someone you loved had died. In fact, you had been there and later had helped bury him. Then a few days later your friends claimed to have seen and talked with him. We have seen the Lord! were their actual words to you. Wouldn't that be rather difficult to believe? You don't have to be "from Missouri" (as the old saying goes) to react as the apostle Thomas did.

Thomas did a great service for us all. His original incredulity makes his later acceptance far more effective witness than it would otherwise have been. *My Lord and my God!* becomes a faith statement based on personal experience—something that reasonable people can accept. Only those who refuse to believe that God exists—and there are many—can dismiss it as "mere foolishness." Thomas' wit-

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

ness takes Christian belief from the realm of wishful thinking, myth or rumor to that of fact.

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book, St. John—another eyewitness—tells us. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Or in other words, our Easter faith is based on real facts. It is not only reasonable but it can change our lives if we are willing to believe.

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards.

To which we answer: "Amen! Alleluia!"

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

April 19: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles
BINGO EVERY FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, doors open at 6:30 p.m., games start promptly at 7 p.m., 828 W. Cherry Lane. Must be 18 or older to play. \$1,000 total cash prize money, refreshments available. Call 888-1182 for more information

April 20: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral
Mission with Father Peter Byrne, S.J., "Social Justice: A Spirituality Equal to the Challenge." 7-9:30 p.m. Father Byrne will give homily at 5 p.m. Mass, April 21 and 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. For information call 342-3511

April 28-29: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus
Tri-Parish School breakfast and lunch "Under the Elms." Enjoy breakfast of cinnamon rolls, breakfast burrito, coffee, cocoa, or juice and a lunch of sandwiches, cold drinks while enjoying the Dogwood Festival and Art Under the Elms

April 30: POST FALLS, St. George's
Parishioners will present series of lessons and discussions at the church. First session: How we got the Bible; May 7: Salvation, Redemption, Justification; May 14: Scripture and Tradition, Inspiration; May 21: Scripture and the Mass. All sessions on Monday, 7 p.m., church basement, 2004 N. William

May 6: LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner, 12 noon-5 p.m. at the social hall, 2015 13th Ave. Donations to cover cost of the dinner and charitable activities

May 6: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles
6300 N. Meridian Road, Open House, 1-4 tour, everyone invited, refreshments will be served

May 13: COEUR D'ALENE Our Lady of the Lake—The Catholic Daughters, Court 1447, Mother's Day Bake Sale

May 13: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Mothers' Day Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 7009 Franklin Road

June 15-16: BOISE, St. Mark's
Rummage Sale in the school gym, Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church
First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon
EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass
IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles, Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community
Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 —9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass
COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



April 20-21: POST FALLS, Best Western Templin Resort, Knights of Columbus Annual Convention
April 21: POST FALLS, St. George's, Combined Confirmation for St. George's, St. Pius X, St. Thomas, 11 a.m.
April 22: DESMET, Sacred Heart Mission, Confirmation, 11 a.m.
April 23: COEUR D'ALENE, Holy Family Catholic School Visit, 9:30 a.m.
April 23: BONNERS FERRY, St. Ann's, Confirmation, 7 p.m.
April 24: WALLACE, St. Alphonsus Parish, Blessing of Monument to Human Life, prior to Confirmation at 7 p.m.
April 25: ST. MARIES, St. Mary Immaculate, Confirmation, 7 p.m.
April 26: LEWISTON, St. James, Confirmation, 7 p.m. for St. James, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston and St. Mary's, Genessee
April 27: LEWISTON, St. Stanislaus School, 9 a.m.
April 27: GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul School Visit, 1:30 p.m.
April 27: COTTONWOOD, St. Mary's Confirmation for St. Mary's, Assumption Parish, Ferdinand, St. Anthony's, Greencreek, 7 p.m.
April 28: GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul, Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.
April 29: WEISER, St. Agnes, Confirmation, 10:30 a.m. for Corpus Christi, Fruitland, St. Jude, Council, and St. Agnes
April 30: BOISE, St. Joseph's School Visit, 9:30 a.m.
April 30: NAMPA, St. Paul's, Confirmation, 7 p.m. for St. Mary's, Caldwell, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Parma, St. Hubert's, Homedale
May 1: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Commission, noon
May 1: EMMETT, Sacred Heart Church Confirmation, 7 p.m.
May 2: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Commission, 9 a.m.
May 4: SUN VALLEY, Our Lady of Snows and St. Charles, Hailey, Confirmation 7 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died in the last part of April:

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| April 10, 1953 | Rev. Daniel McElligott |
| April 10, 2001 | Rev. Kenneth Arnzen |
| April 11, 1994 | Rev. Ronald Pienkiewicz |
| April 18, 1953 | Rev. Hubert Heitman |
| April 19, 1952 | Rev. Remi Zuur |
| April 21, 1956 | Most Rev. Edward J. Kelly, D.D. |
| April 22, 1997 | Most Rev. Nicholas Eugene Walsh, D.D. |
| April 30, 1954 | Rev. Louis Mertz |
| April 30, 1964 | Rev. Msgr. Kenneth F. Rowe |
| May 2, 1999 | Rev. Edward E. Shimmally |

Correction

A headline in an Arts/Entertainment story in the April 6 edition of the ICR erroneously listed Pocatello as one of the sites at which John Michael Talbot will perform next week.

The performances are in Idaho Falls and Boise.

The concerts are April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Idaho Falls Civic Auditorium and April 24 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, at 7 p.m.

The ICR regrets the error.

Nazareth Schedule

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| April 28 | Second Baptist Church Women's Ministries |
| May 12 | CCW-West Central Deanery Installation of Officers |
| May 18-19 | St. Mark's Elders Retreat |
| May 21 | St. Alphonsus Mission Services |
| May 25-28 | Deacon Formation Retreat |
| June 1-3 | Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862 |
| June 4-7 | Priest Study Days |
| June 8-9 | Linder Road Church of Christ Men's Retreat |
| June 9 | Knights of Columbus |
| June 21 | V.A. Medical Center |
| June 22-23 | NCCW—Province of Portland |

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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PART II: The Value of marriage preparation

EDITOR'S NOTE—Following is the second of a two part series on marriage preparation written by Jay and Marcia Ney, Lewiston, unit coordinators, Catholic Engaged Encounter.

By Jay and Marcia Ney

There are several marriage preparation courses recognized by the Catholic Church which are designed to assist couples to determine their readiness to make the commitment and accept the responsibilities of living the vocation of marriage. One is Catholic Engaged Encounter.

Catholic Engaged Encounter, now in its 25th year, is available to Catholic and non-Catholic couples throughout the United States and in 30 countries throughout the world.

Some couples question the reason for the Catholic Churches requirement to attend a marriage preparation program before being married in the Catholic Church.

Priests, Sisters and lay team members involved in Marriage Preparation receive a variety of questions from couples, "Why do we have to attend a course on marriage?" "We are in love and have talked about everything already." Or, "My fiancé isn't

Catholic and he/she is nervous or not sure what to expect." Another attitude team members encounter is, "I'm just here because my parents or the priest is making me." "We aren't currently attending mass regularly but we/I want to be married in the Catholic church." Their body language as they come into the room on Friday evening is not overly enthusiastic. Others are excited but unsure of what to expect.

So what's a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend like? The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends early Sunday afternoon. After the couples are greeted by two married couples and a priest or sister. They are told that the weekend is a workshop for them as a couple, a time to develop communication skills and a time to determine whether or not to go forward with their marriage plans. Most couples who complete the workshop do go ahead and get married. There are some who decide to postpone or not marry this fiancé.

Team couples, priests and sisters are there because they care about the vocation of marriage and want it to be a positive



experience for the couples. Team members are willing to share their lived experiences in a non-judgmental non-automatic way.

There are a series of talks, and some case studies, presented by the married couples, priest or sister. Following each presentation the couples are given some questions to respond to in writing. The couples are separated into male and female groups for writing. Each person writes down their individual ideas related to the questions. Next they meet with their fiancé to discuss their personal re-

sponses. They are not asked to share personal responses with the entire group.

The entire weekend emphasizes the constantly recurring cycle of romance, disillusionment and joy that all couples experience in their relationship. They are reminded love is not based on feelings. Love is a decision, which must be made daily. A daily decision to love, regardless of our feelings, can lead us to "true joy." Emphasis is also placed on the theme, "A Wedding Is A Day, A Marriage Is a Lifetime."

Couples are given additional reading and audio resources are provided in take-home packets. On the World Wide Web, National Catholic Engaged Encounter is at www.engagedencounter.com:District5. Catholic Engaged Encounter (The ten Western United States) is located on the web at <http://www.engagedencounter.org/dist5>

This web site includes the weekend dates and registration procedure.

Priests and sisters can also refer couples to registration couples. For the year 2001 there are 77 Engaged Encounter weekends scheduled in District 5, Unit 3 (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho).

Engaged Encounter weekends scheduled in Idaho are in Boise, May 4-6, June 1-3, Aug. 10-12, and Oct. 12-14: North Idaho weekends, held at St. Gertrudes Monastery, Cottonwood, are May 4-6, Oct. 5-7.

Contact couples in Boise are Rick and Vivan Lambert, (208) 898-9904, e-mail RJLambert@aol.com. Lewiston registration couple is Jeff and Teresa Uptmor, (208) 746-4310, juptmor@valint.net. Or for more information contact the Neys, (208) 743-9315, jandmney@valint.net.

What do participants say about Engaged Encounter?

Following are some quotes from couples who have attended Catholic Engaged Encounter weekends in Idaho:

"It was an unforgettable experience for both of us. We heard about marriage in a positive way."

"We became more certain of our decision to marry. We were able to concentrate on our relationship without the everyday distractions."

"This weekend gave us a forum to discuss these issues more openly in a non adversarial non accusational environment.

The result was that we were both more open minded and willing to discuss opposite view points without holding on to an 'I am right attitude.' Plus we love each other more now than we did when we arrived on Friday."

"We gained a more in depth understanding about each others feelings, wants and needs. One of the most important things is we developed an understanding of how to fight, make decisions and to forgive easier. We also gained the knowledge to say marriage is forever and divorce is not an option."



MUCH APPRECIATED GIFT—Sister Meg Sass, assistant prioress at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, accepts the keys to the newly donated 2001 Ford Windstar minivan from a representative of Meridian Ford. The van was a gift from an anonymous donor. (Photo by Darla Anglen-Whitley)

Benedictines receive minivan

COTTONWOOD—Be on the lookout for a gold, 2001 Ford Windstar minivan full of Benedictine Sisters.

Through the generosity of Meridian Ford and an anonymous Boise couple, the Sisters at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, are the proud owners of a 2001 Ford Windstar Minivan. The couple held the winning ticket

for the automobile raffle at the annual Bishop Kelly Foundation dinner and auction held last November in Boise.

"This gift is a God-send," said Sr. Placida Wemhoff. "Now, instead of taking two cars when more than five Sisters need to go somewhere, we can take the van."

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BRIEFS

Sandpoint Knights plan fundraising trips in August and October

SANDPOINT—The Sandpoint Knights of Columbus, Council 2888, will sponsor two travel adventures this year to raise money to support Idaho seminarians, their scholarship programs and St. Joseph's Church Building Fund.

The first trip is a Southbound Voyage of the Alaskan Glaciers on Princess Cruise Lines, August 27 to Sept. 3. Cost is between \$1,596 and \$2,606, depending on departure city and cabin choice.

The second is a nine-day pilgrimage to Italy with Pilgrimage International Oct. 21-29. The cost is \$2,595 from Spokane, Wash. The pilgrimage will include Rome, Assisi, Florence, Milan and a papal audience.

For more information contact Grand Knight Patrick or Janis Linnan, 1-800-447-4591.

Boise area Respect Life members plan Mother's Day Breakfast

BOISE—Members of Boise-area Respect Life will sponsor their annual Respect Life Mother's Day Breakfast May 13 at Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise.

The breakfast will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Proceeds will help send delegates to the National Respect Life Convention.

Lewiston Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus to host Cinco de Mayor Dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes

LEWISTON—Catholic Daughters Court Cataldo, No. 158, will join Knights of Columbus Council 1024, to host a Cinco de Mayo Mexican Dinner May 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall, Lewiston.

They will serve dinner from noon until 5 p.m.

Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the dinner and raise funds for the charitable activities of the two organizations.

West Central Deanery CCS plans women's spring gathering for May 12

BOISE—All women of faith are invited to join the West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women May 12 at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, to enrich their souls, minds and spirits.

Sign-in starts at 9 a.m. with bagels and coffee followed by a morning of prayer, education and fellowship.

Mass is planned for 11 a.m. followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. There will be drawings for door prizes.

Registration deadline is May 4. The fee is \$5.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Mary Perhac, 922-5292.

Legion of Mary, KCs and ICCW provides rosaries to teach children the devotion

BOISE—In the Jubilee Year 2000, Knights of Columbus, Idaho Council of Catholic Woman and the Legion of Mary united to provide free rosaries so that Catholic children in the Treasure Valley could learn the devotion.

"The project was very well accepted, and 4000 children were exposed to the tradition and meaning of the rosary," said Eva Pera, president, Boise Curia, Legion of Mary. "The Blessed Mother asked that we pray the rosary daily. She requested this of the children of Fatima in 1917.

The rosary project is now available across the Diocese of Boise. Teachers, catechists, and parents can request free rosaries for their children by calling (208) 888-7823. Give the number of rosaries needed, your name, parish, address and phone number.

"The rosaries will be sent to you so that you can provide your children with a hands on experience," said Pera. "All that is asked is that you teach the children in your care how to say the rosary."

Send Off Dinner planned to honor outgoing Bishop Kelly principal, David Lachiondo

BOISE—A Send Off Dinner to honor David Lachiondo, who has served as principal at Bishop Kelly High School the past 11 years, is planned for Monday, May 14, at the Boise Centre On the Grove.

Lachiondo is leaving at the end of this school year to take a job with the Boise Schools.

The dinner is open to anyone who would like to thank "Doc" for his years of service to Bishop Kelly and for his caring and commitment to its students, said members of the Send Off Committee.

The cost is \$26 a person. The evening will start with no host cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Reservations must be made before May 5. Call Cathy or Gail at Bishop Kelly, 375-6010, to make reservations.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to the Bishop Kelly Scholarship Fund in Lachiondo's honor can do so by sending a check earmarked for the fund to Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise, ID 83709-0998. It has always been Lachiondo's goal to make sure that any student who wanted to attend BK could do so regardless of ability to pay.



PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY—Some from left, Kelly Pugh, Robin Renaldo, Rose Silvis, Rose Schadler, Jerry Schadler and Lucille Nelson. (Photo by Katherine Sather)

Rose Schadler, St. Maries, starts prayer blanket ministry

By Katherine Sather

ST. MARIES—When Rose Schadler shops for quilting materials, she buys, of course, needle, thread and batting.

She purchases patterns with many designs—swaths of calico, heart prints, and athletic motifs.

All of these materials provide the framework for Schadler's quilts. The final covering on her blankets, though, cannot be made with materials from a fabric store.

Schadler covers her quilts with prayer.

She is both founder and member of the Prayer Blanket Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Maries. The group sews quilts that are blessed in a Healing Mass at the church, and then distributed to members of the community with a small note that reads "You are covered in prayer."

Schadler began the ministry after a trip to California earlier

this month to nurse her daughter, who was suffering from thyroid cancer. Her daughter was given a prayer blanket from a member from her church.

"I thought it was a good idea and I asked the church for more information so I could start a group in St. Maries," she said.

Schadler teamed up with fellow St. Mary's parishioner Lucille Nelson, and formed a group of 15 members that meet once a month to cut, sew, iron, and fold fabric for quilts and pray for their recipients.

"We open our meetings with prayer and call out the names of people who requested blankets," Schadler said. "After we begin sewing, we pray the rosary for them."

The group received donations from church groups and individuals to purchase fabric and materials. Anyone who is afflicted with a debilitating illness

or who feel they need a prayer blanket may request one.

"The quilts are not for sale, but we do accept donations," Schadler said. "We do hope to receive some donations from people who request the blankets to help us keep going."

After the ladies in the group sew and package the quilts, Father Bill Taylor, pastor, blesses them at a Mass. Then they are distributed.

"Even after the blankets are distributed, we continue to pray for their recipients," Schadler said. "Their names never come off our list. Even if they pass away, they are still prayed for at each of our meetings."

"The whole idea is to let people know they're covered in prayer," she said.

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Bishop praises NFP promotion efforts

BOISE—Bishop Michael Driscoll recently praised the formation of Joined Together, a new lay effort to promote and support Natural Family Planning (NFP).

"I am very happy to learn of this program and will certainly pray for its success among married couples working to live out their marriage vows according to the teachings of the Catholic Church," wrote Bishop Mike in a letter dated March 13. "Because of NFP, I have seen couples almost 'glow' with the

radiance of their commitment to one another... Mutually sharing in family planning definitely brings a couple together for the betterment of their marriage."

NFP Teaching Couple and St. Mark's parishioners Dave and Susan Davies, Boise, added their enthusiasm.

"We're excited about this," said Susan. Added Dave, "It will be fun to come together over a meal and get to know others who are interested in

NFP, whether they are already users or merely curious and wanting to learn more."

Joined Together will be launched with a family potluck at St. Mark's Church in Boise on Friday, May 11 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Father John Donoghue will give a short presentation on the history of NFP. All are welcome.

For more information contact Sparkle Paterson, 208-378-4072, or Briana LeClaire, 208-376-9255.

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ICYC logo designer has many interests besides art

By Sara Jean Garrison
and Colette Cowman

BONNERS FERRY — Lourdes Gomez, 17, St. Ann's Parish, Bonners Ferry, loved the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention at Bishop Kelly High, Boise, this year.

"ICYC was a great experience for me because I had the opportunity to learn so much that I didn't know, and it helped me prepare for confirmation," she said. "I also met so many great people, and most of them I still keep in touch with."

Not only that, everywhere Lourdes turned during the March 30 to April 1 convention, she and all the other delegates saw the results of her creativity. Lourdes won the 2001 ICYC logo contest. Her design of a simple heart with flames at top and dancing figures across the bottom, which was based on the ICYC theme, "Our Hearts Burn," was displayed on a giant banner at the front of the hall where delegates met. The logo was also

on all the programs and t-shirts for the convention.

She said the minute she heard the theme, she automatically knew how she wanted to present it.

"I wanted to be able to show everyone's burning heart, but make it simple at the same time," she said. Her winning art work is now incorporated in the page heading for the Idaho Catholic Register youth page. (See above)

Art —mostly painting and drawing— is one of Lourdes favorite activities. She also loves soccer (she lettered her sophomore year), dancing (she lettered this year as a member of her school dance team), sharing time with friends and family and travel.

Some of those interests are more in the background this month, however. The high school junior, daughter of J. Guadalupe and Juana Gomez, Bonners Ferry, is a contestant in Junior Miss, which will take

place April 21 in Bonners Ferry. Then April 26, she will participate in the Hispanic Youth Symposium in Sun Valley. She will receive her confirmation April 23.

Lourdes, a Bonners Ferry High School junior, serves as junior class secretary on the student council, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Citizens Against Tobacco and Idaho Drug Free Youth. She is also active in her parish youth group.

"I like the way our Catholic youth come together to share our love for Christ, and the way we are so dedicated to show others that we too can make a difference by speaking out our beliefs," she said.

Lourdes plans to go on to college after graduation from high school, but she is still undecided about a career choice "because there are so many options and so many things I like to do." She said it is really hard for her to choose just one.



ICYC MEMORIES—Lourdes Gomez, St. Ann's Parish, Bonners Ferry, left, poses for a photo with Lorissa Lazaris, St. John's Cathedral youth minister and one of the emcees for the March 30-April 3 Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

Coming of Age Growing outside and inside

By Amy Welborn
Catholic News Service

It's always fascinating to watch kids grow.

When I was a high school theology teacher, I was always amazed by the sight of boys returning from summer break, especially between their freshman and sophomore years.

Most of the boys, it seemed, had grown a foot over the summer.

Girls grow too, of course, but their spurts come earlier, usually in late middle school.

So yes, everyone wants to grow. If you're a boy, you want to grow taller and to fill out. You want your chest and your shoulders to broaden, and you want to start shaving.

If you're a girl, you want to start looking like a woman and not like a little girl.

It's funny, too, because you can tell that everyone is always quite relieved at starting to really shoot up and develop. Adulthood is on the way.

Because, you know, no one wants to stay a kid forever.

The question is, are you as

anxious to grow in other ways as you are to grow physically?

Being adult is about a lot more than how you look. There are lots of overgrown kids walking around in adult bodies. They grew physically, which is effortless, but they forgot that they have to grow internally as well in order to be taken seriously as adults. But that's not effortless, so sometimes we forget to take care of it.

Good for you! You're growing physically. And during this summer filled with sunshine and exercise, you'll grow a lot more, and you, too, will shock your teachers next fall. But what about the other parts of you?

—Are you growing emotionally? Are you leaving childhood selfishness behind and beginning to understand that the world doesn't revolve around you and your needs?

—Are you growing intellectually? Are you reaching beyond the child's tendency to unquestioningly absorb what she's told and really trying to analyze, critique and understand the world around you?

—Are you growing in terms

of responsibility? Are you taking more responsibility for your own life and your own choices, realizing that it's time to stop expecting your parents to run along behind you picking up the messes that you make?

—Are you growing spiritually? Are you taking the time in your life to relate to God in a more intimate way? Are you continuing to grow in faith, or do you not know much more about your faith than you did when you were 10?

I once had an acquaintance who told me that her son had grown a foot in a year. Imagine that — growing an inch a month. She said it was a very difficult time, because her son's body was getting beyond him. It was a year filled with awkwardness and even accidents. And, as you might imagine, growing that fast actually does cause real growing pains.

So yes, growing can hurt. Growing can be confusing and frightening.

But if you want to be an adult, you've got to grow. And not just on the outside, either.

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VENERATING THE WYD CROSS—Young adults venerate the World Youth Day cross upon its arrival in Ottawa April 11. On Palm Sunday in Rome, Pope John Paul II presented the cross to Canadian young people in preparation for the international Catholic youth gathering set for July of next year in Toronto. (CNS photo)

Bishop Kelly High names new principal

BOISE—Gail Cushman will serve as the new principal of Bishop Kelly High School starting with the 2001-2002 school year.

Cushman, currently principal at Jerome High School, Jerome, was selected following a three-month search. She will replace David Lachiondo, Ph.D. Lachiondo, who is stepping down after 11 years, has accepted an area director position with Boise Public Schools.

Cushman will be the sixth person to serve as principal of Bishop Kelly since the school opened in 1964. She will also be the first female principal in the history of the state's only Catholic high school.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have been selected for this position," said Cushman. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to serve the students of this fine school."

Cushman is currently in her second year as principal of Jerome High School. She taught English for 11 years at Gooding High School before going to Jerome. She served as principal at Highland High School in Craigmont, and at Timberline High School in Weippe.

"I am very excited that someone of Mrs. Cushman's caliber will come to Bishop Kelly High School to take over the reigns," said Lachiondo. "I will certainly miss this position I have had

at the school, but I am pleased to see such a capable person in place to take over."

Cushman graduated from Emmett High School, Emmett. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, a Master of Arts from the University of Florida, and has also completed a Specialist of Education degree in school administration in 1996 at the University of Idaho. She is married to Thomas R. Cushman, a former magistrate judge and former state legislator.

Bishop Kelly, Idaho's only Catholic high school, has an enrollment of 670 students.



Gail Cushman

Baumann accepts principalship at Sacred Heart

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register

BOISE—Joe Baumann was named last week as the new principal of Sacred Heart School, Boise.

Baumann, a Boise native, has, since 1981, taught, coached, served as a guidance counselor and as assistant principal for student affairs and assistant principal for academic affairs at Bishop Kelly High School, Idaho's only Catholic high school. Before going to Bishop Kelly, he taught seventh grade math and served as the physical education coordinator for two years at St. Mary's School, Boise.

Baumann holds a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the College of Idaho, Caldwell, a masters in curriculum and instruction from Boise State University and a masters of education in school and com-



NEW PRINCIPAL—Joe Baumann, center, the newly named principal at Sacred Heart School, Boise, poses for a photo with Father John Koelsch, Sacred Heart pastor, and Pat Thomas, school board president.

munity counseling from College of Idaho. He obtained administrative certification in

1995 from University of Idaho. "My whole life has been in Catholic education," said

Baumann in an interview. "I'm very committed to Catholic education in the Boise area with the grade schools and my involvement with Bishop Kelly. Sacred Heart School has a fine reputation in the community. It has an excellent staff and great parish support. The students always represent themselves well. I'm very excited to be a part of continuing the fine tradition that they have at Sacred Heart."

He said he plans to continue to emphasize that the school is an integral part of Sacred Heart Parish community.

Baumann said he is also excited about continuing the cooperative effort with the other Catholic schools in the area to develop a cohesive Catholic school unit.

"Even though each school has an individual identity, there are a lot of things that we can

work together on to insure Catholic education for as many people as possible," he said. "After being at Bishop Kelly for so long, I know there are a lot of resources we can tap into to strengthen the Catholic school system."

Baumann said in the next few weeks he wants to meet with all the staff and school board members to familiarize himself with the details of what they are doing in Sacred Heart School academically, emotionally and spiritually.

"From that, we will put together a plan to go into the next school year," he said. "I don't see any major changes that are needed. The school is on firm ground, and they are doing a great job. I hear nothing but good things about Sacred Heart, and that is one of my reasons for wanting to be involved and a part of that."

Idaho Catholic schools are successful at 2001 Idaho Science Olympiad

NAMPA—Sixth, 7th and 8th graders from Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's, St. Mark's and St. Mary's Schools, Boise, along with St. Paul's School, Nampa, won Olympiad-style medals at the Idaho Science Olympiad at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, April 1.

Boise's Bishop Kelly High School Olympiad students were again also successful in the competition.

This was the largest ever Idaho Science Olympiad. Over 400 students, comprising 36 teams from seven Idaho schools and 17 Idaho junior high/middle schools participated in the daylong science competition.

"This was by far the best and largest competition for the Olympiad in Idaho," said Jean M. Parker, Idaho Director for the Science Olympiad. "Every year, more schools participate.

And every year, the students are better prepared, thus making for a higher level of competition," Parker said.

At the high school division, in only their second year competition, Boise's Timberline High School edged out a perennially strong and 2000 State Olympiad Champion, Bishop Kelly High School, by only one and one-half points in the day's closest competition. Skyline High School from Idaho Falls placed a strong third in the competition.

In the junior high/middle school division, 27 teams from 17 Idaho schools participated in the Olympiad. The reigning 2000 State Olympiad Champion, Sacred Heart School, Boise, was a repeat winner. In another close competition, St. Joseph's School barely hung on to second place over a strong St. Mark's School

Olympiad team.

The winning Timberline High School and the Sacred Heart School teams are now eligible to represent Idaho at the National Science Olympiad competition which will be held at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, May 18-19.

The Science Olympiad was founded in 1983 to increase student interest in science. The event is held in all 50 states and Canada. From each school, one or more teams of up to 15 students competed in a series of day-long individual and team events that encourage learning in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem-solving and technology.

For complete team standings and individual awards, please see: <http://interests.nnu.edu/olympiad>.



REACHING OUT—Three members of St. Mary's Catholic Youth Group, Soda Springs, help make hygiene kits for those in need as part of a Soda Springs Interfaith Women's project. They are from left, Jen Mullen, Lisa Ego and Stephanie Sippola.

Interfaith project helps needy

SODA SPRINGS—On four different Saturdays in March, the women of St. Mary's Parish, Soda Springs, joined other members of the Soda Springs Interfaith Women to collect blankets, sleeping bags, paper products and other specific items for those who need assistance in the area.

The final project, which took place at St. Mary's, was a collection of personal hygiene items including deodorant, hair care products, lotion, mouthwash, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss and feminine hygiene products. The women made up 60 hygiene kits to assist homeless families in Pocatello. The ones that were not used were sent to the local food bank.

Members of St. Mary's Catholic Youth Group made themselves available throughout the month to pick up donated items from people in the community.

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El Evangelio

Reciban el Espíritu Santo

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Jn. 20:19-31



La primera aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos en grupo, tiene en San Juan un motivo diferente de la narración que nos ofrecen los otros Evangelistas. Aquí nos narra Juan lo equivalente al Pentecostés de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, porque en esta primera aparición, Jesús da al pequeño embrión de la naciente Iglesia el regalo de Espíritu que él mismo recibió de Padre y que igualmente deben comunicarlo a los demás.

Evidentemente la noticia de la tumba vacía y del encuentro con Jesús que María Magdalena contó a los discípulos no fue suficiente para aliviar sus temores, porque continuaban encerrados bajo llave. Solamente la presencia de Jesús y su regalo de la paz los habría de

convencer, porque el saludo de: “la paz esté con ustedes,” no fue simplemente un saludo, sino más bien el cumplimiento de las palabras que Jesús en la Última Cena dijo: “Les dejo la Paz, les doy mi paz.” “No se turben. Ustedes confían en Dios: confíen también en mí me voy, pero volveré con ustedes...” (Jn 14).

En la Última Cena Jesús prometió dar su Espíritu a sus Apóstoles, y aquí en esta primera aparición a todos ellos reunidos, aparece comunicándolo. Y es que si consideramos la cruz como el climax del amor de Dios en la forma humana del Hijo encarnado, desde esta misma perspectiva podemos ver que la Pascua es la eternización de tal amor. Este amor se convierte en poder, que definitivamente va a transformar la creación antigua en una nueva. El poder de la nueva creación es el Espíritu Santo, el principio de toda vida y amor en sí mismo. El primer fruto de la muerte de Jesús por amor a nosotros es la misma transformación de su cuerpo en una Nueva Creación. La resurrección

del Cristo crucificado es visto en la Escritura como la obra misma del Espíritu Santo, que es “poder,” fuente de vida de Dios.

Paz y gozo, unidos al regalo del Espíritu Santo, son los signos del cumplimiento de las profecías. Por medio del profeta Joel, Dios prometió: *Yo derramaré mi Espíritu sobre todos/ y serán salvados todos los que invoquen el nombre de Yavé* (Joel 3:1, 3, 5). Así mismo Ezequías profetizó: *Y pondré en ustedes un espíritu nuevo... Infundiré mi espíritu en ustedes para que vivan según mis mandatos...* Ez. 36:27. En la tarde del mismo día de la resurrección, el Señor resucitado imparte a sus discípulos el gran regalo de Pascua: **El Espíritu Santo: Soplo sobre ellos, y dijo reciban el Espíritu Santo,** Jn 20,22. La imagen de la creación que nos narra el libro del Génesis, se nota claramente presente aquí: así como Dios creó al primer Adán dándole vida al soplar su espíritu en sus narices, así el nuevo Adán; **la primera comunidad (La Iglesia),** recibe la vida

por la comunicación del mismo Espíritu salido del soplo del Señor resucitado.

En la persona de Tomás que duda, parecen estar representados no sólo los primeros discípulos, sino todos nosotros que a lo largo de la vida experimentamos toda clase de dificultades que nos hacen dudar. Conviene notar más que todo el gran valor que Jesús da al testimonio cristiano cuando dice: “Felices los que creen si haber visto.” Aquí tiene sus raíces la misión de ir y proclamar el Evangelio, para la cual hemos recibido el don del Espíritu Santo.

Qué nuestra fe en Cristo resucitado supere todas nuestras dudas, al reconocerlo en tantos hombres y mujeres que en nuestras comunidades nos alientan con la fuerza de su vida ejemplar, manifestación clara del Espíritu de Dios que se nos ha dado.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.



MINI CONVIVENCIA DEL DECANATO OESTE—Padre Gerald Funke, derecha, pastor de la Iglesia Parroquial de San Pablo en Nampa, da la bienvenida al Conferencista

Tadeo Sanz, principal orador de la Mini Convivencia del 7 de Abril que tuvo lugar en San Pablo, Nampa. (Foto Juan Mena)



RESPUESTA—Aurora Martínez, de San Pablo, Nampa, alza su voz para dar a conocer lo que su parroquia

debería aportar para formar una Iglesia más comprometida. (Foto Juan Mena)

Mini Convivencia del Decanato oeste tuvo lugar en Nampa

Por John W. Hitchman

NAMPA—Cerca de 100 participantes provenientes de diversas Parroquias del decanato Oeste de la Diócesis se dieron cita en la Iglesia parroquial de San Pablo en Nampa el día Sabado 7 de Abril. El motivo: rezar, reflexionar y aceptar el desafío que enfrenta la Iglesia del Nuevo Milenio.

Ciertamente que fue un gran éxito.

El Director de Educación de la Diócesis Jack Craven le propuso al Padre Gerald Funke este encuentro como un plan “piloto” y en verdad que no sólo valió la pena sino que promete ser el comienzo de un nueva forma de estudio y compromiso para los hispanos de la Diócesis.

Se dio comienzo a esa jornada con la Liturgia de las Horas (oración oficial de la Iglesia hasta hace poco sólo rezadas por sacerdotes y monjes) presidida por el Señor Obispo Michael Driscoll.

Al bendecir a los participantes, el Obispo Driscoll

declaró que se “alegraba saber que en un día sábado los participantes dejaban sus actividades diarias para formarse y dar respuesta de sus esperanzas en el nuevo papel que le toca al laico de hoy en la Iglesia.”

La conferencia principal estuvo a cargo del Señor Tadeo Saenz quien es el Coordinador de la Oficina Hispana de la Región Oeste. Se refirió a la memoria que debemos tener de estos veinte años de historia de la pastoral hispana en USA y que hemos llegado al momento de compartir nuestras responsabilidades con toda la Iglesia. Nos encontramos en el cruce del camino para incorporarnos a la Iglesia y no seguir un camino paralelo. Todos los sufrimientos y luchas como minorías dentro de la Iglesia nos han moldeado para entregar ahora nuestro aporte a una Iglesia que debe acoger a otras minorías y de paso enseñar a nuestro hermanos anglos que lo más importante son las personas. La Primera es la Persona de Dios mismo, de Jesús, de María y los santos.

Es decir llamó a los hispanos a forjar ese modelo de Iglesia que es capaz de abrazar todas las culturas, en lo que tenemos de común, “como una fe personal de muchos rostros.”

Muchos participantes pudieron escoger diversos temas de entre 16 talleres.

Lo interesante es que hubo cuatro talleres que se referían a temas sociales, pues la Iglesia está interesada en consagrar el mundo a Dios, sirviendo a la comunidad. Junto a talleres de “Cómo orar” y de “Puntos claves de la fe católica” o “La Santa Misa” se ofrecieron talleres sobre “La epilepsia,” “Los beneficios de ser dueños” sobre “Inmigración” y sobre el “Centro Cultural Hispano de Idaho” que dieron oportunidad para abrir el campo de acción a futuros líderes católicos hispanos.

Se espera que estos talleres se puedan propagar a otras parroquias para dar respuesta a los desafíos de la Iglesia del Nuevo Milenio.

Aumentan Católicos en América y Africa; disminuyen en Europa

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Vaticano hizo público su nuevo anuario de abril, y con él vino una muestra de las últimas estadísticas de la Iglesia en el mundo.

A primera vista, las cifras parecen contar una historia conocida: La Iglesia acrecienta el número de miembros casi al mismo paso del aumento de la población global. El número de sacerdotes en el mundo ha aumentado un poco, mientras que los seminaristas continúan aumentando a un paso más rápido.

En la superficie el informe estadístico "se mantiene constante hasta ahorita." Sin embargo, si se observa un poco más a fondo, las cifras confirman cierta dinámica, cambios de rumbo a largo plazo, en la Iglesia universal.

En el informe, publicado el 9 de abril, se dijo que los católicos del mundo se cuentan en 1,038,000,000 a finales de 1999, cerca del 17.4 por ciento de la población global. La velocidad del crecimiento de la Iglesia fue de 1.6 por ciento en 1999, ligeramente más alta que la velocidad de crecimiento de la población de 1.4 por ciento.

Pero la expansión de la Iglesia fue geográficamente disparada. El análisis continental de la población católica revela que la membresía de la Iglesia está aumentando inclinada hacia las Américas, Africa y Asia, alejándose de Europa.

Hace un cuarto de siglo, por ejemplo, más del 37 por ciento de los católicos del mundo vivían en Europa. Esa proporción ha disminuido al 27 por ciento. Lo que es más, Europa es el único

continente en donde la población católica va hacia abajo en números reales, arrojando una baja de cerca de 6 millones durante los últimos cinco años.

En contraste, el número de católicos en las Américas — que se considera un solo continente según el Vaticano — ha llegado al presente un poco abajo del 50 por ciento de la población total de católicos del mundo.

El viraje interno más dramático en la composición de la Iglesia regional se ha suscitado en Africa. Hoy día, los católicos africanos representan el 12 por ciento del total de la membresía de la Iglesia, comparado con un 6 por ciento hace 25 años. Los católicos asiáticos son ahora el 10.4 por ciento de la Iglesia, con aumento de 7.6 por ciento de hace 25 años.



EL PAPA BESA EL PIE DE UN SACERDOTE EN EL SERVICIO DE JUEVES SANTO — El papa Juan Pablo II, en ceremonia conmemorativa del acto de Cristo, besa el pie de un sacerdote después del lavatorio, durante la Misa de la Cena del Señor en la basílica de San Juan Lateranense el 12 de abril. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

La Semana Santa del Papa incluirá meditaciones del cardenal Newman

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Meditaciones sobre la pasión de Cristo escritas hace más de 140 años por el cardenal inglés John Henry Newman, servirán de guía para el papa Juan Pablo II y los peregrinos reunidos en el Coliseo de Roma la noche del Viernes Santo.

El Vaticano anunció a principios de abril que el Papa había escogido las meditaciones del cardenal Newman en el Via Crucis del 13 de abril durante el servicio vespertino.

Dos series de meditaciones escritas por el cardenal han sido publicadas. Se espera que el Papa use la más corta de las dos, que se cree fue escrita en 1860 después de que Newman, clérigo anglicano, se integró a la Iglesia Católica. Se usaron una segunda vez por el cardenal en 1885.

La oficina de prensa del Vaticano, al publicar el horario del papa Juan Pablo para la Semana Santa y la Pascua de Resurrección el 3 de abril, dijo que la colecta anual dada al Papa durante la liturgia del Jueves Santo sería destinada para las víctimas de los terremotos en El Salvador.

En carta de Jueves Santo a los sacerdotes, el Papa les exhorta a confesión frecuente

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El papa Juan Pablo II exhortó a los sacerdotes de todo el mundo a que ayuden a los cristianos a redescubrir el sacramento de la penitencia y que empiecen haciéndolo ellos mismos con frecuencia.

El retorno de muchos católicos—especialmente de jóvenes—a la práctica de la confesión durante el año del jubileo fue un "signo alentador" sobre el cual los sacerdotes deberían edificar las bases del nuevo milenio, dijo.

El Papa hizo sus comentarios en una carta anual de Jueves Santo dirigida a los sacerdotes, conmemorando la institución que hizo Cristo de la Eucaristía y el

sacerdocio en la Última Cena. La carta fue publicada en rueda de prensa en el Vaticano el 2 de abril.

Escribiendo en estilo personal, el Papa les agradeció a los sacerdotes sus esfuerzos, a veces a costa de gran sacrificio, de llevar la experiencia de la salvación de Cristo a aquellos que están bajo su cuidado.

"Quiero participarles mi admiración por su ministerio, prudente, tenaz y creativo; incluso si a veces está empapado por esas lágrimas del alma que solamente Dios conoce y 'guarda en su botella,'" dijo.

Un aspecto esencial para sentir intensamente a Cristo, dijo el Papa, es el sacramento

de reconciliación, que ha sufrido decaimiento en recientes décadas.

El surgimiento de confesiones durante el jubileo "nos impulsa a reconocer que las profundas necesidades del espíritu humano... no pueden eliminarse por crisis temporales," dijo.

Las razones para la crisis incluyen un sentido disminuido de pecado y un entendimiento inadecuado de los sacramentos del plan de Dios. Pero los sacerdotes también comparten algo de la culpa, él dijo, por "una cierta mengua de nuestro propio entusiasmo y disponibilidad para el ejercicio de este delicado y exigente ministerio."

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Sonnens, Cottonwood, celebrate 50 years

COTTONWOOD—Everett and Theresa Sonnen, Cottonwood, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house April 21 at the Cottonwood Community Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. Their family will host the celebration.

Everett married Theresa Uptmor April 11, 1951, at Keuterville. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II. After the war, he worked for International Harvester for 30 years and Prairie Schools for 10 years. He is a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Theresa is a homemaker. She enjoys gardening, bowling and playing Bridge.



The Sonnens both enjoy camping, traveling and visiting friends.

They have three daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Barmans mark 50 years

SUN VALLEY—Doug and Betsy Barman, Sun Valley, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party attended by family and friends at the Sun Valley Trail Creek Cabin, March 31.

Their oldest son, Father Bill Barman, officiated at the renewal of their wedding vows at Mass immediately preceding their celebration.

The couple was married March 31, 1941, at Sacred Heart Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. They have seven children and 13 grandchildren.

Doug is a veteran of World War II with two bronze stars. He worked for Texaco for 37 years as an exploration geophysicist. He was a register geologist and geophysicist in the state of California. During his career, he testified for the oil and gas industry before



congressional committees, lectured at universities, and gave professional talks around the world. He served as president of the International Society of Exploration Geophysicists from 1981-1982.

In addition to being a full-time mother, Betsy was a medical technologist for almost 20 years. After living in southern California for 34 years, they moved to Sun Valley for an active retirement in 1992.

The Barmans have been active in their parish wherever they have lived. Doug taught CCD in junior high school for 16 years at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, La Habra, Calif. he is currently chairman of the Pastoral Council and a member of the Finance Committee at Our Lady of the Snows Church, Sun Valley.

Catholic Daughters announce 2001 contest winners

LEWISTON—Winners in the 2000-2001 Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Education Contest were announced this week by Elizabeth Scheeland, Lewiston, CDA

state education chairperson.

She said all first place winner entries were sent to the national competition. Idaho has had a national winner in eight out of 10 years, and two na-

tional winners in 1995 and 2000. State winners are:

ART-Division I: 1st place, David Spencer, Court De Smet; 2nd place, Erwin Baldwin, St. Theresa of the Mountains; 3rd place, Keela Sykes, Court of the Mystical Rose.

POSTER-Division I: 1st place, Noah Rinaldi, Our Lady of the Lake; 2nd place, Liz Ricci, Court Cataldo. Division III: 1st place, Danielle Decker, Our

Lady of the Lake.

POETRY-Division I: 1st place, Katherine R. Kilbourne, St. Theresa of the Mountains; 2nd place, Natalie Stewart, Our Lady of the Lake. Division II: 1st place, Amber Nuxoll, Court De Smet; 2nd place, C.J. Rake, Court Cataldo; 3rd place, Nicole Stewart, Our Lady of the Lake.

Division III: 1st place, Theresa Kirkpatrick, Court of the Mystical Rose, 2nd place, Danielle J. Ferraro, St. Theresa

of the Mountains.

ESSAY-Division I: 1st place, Sam Magnuson, Our Lady of the Lake.

Division II: 1st place, Cori Wemhoff, Court De Smet.

Division III: 1st place, Molly Stout, St. Theresa of the Mountains.

COMPUTER ART-Division I: 1st Place, Patrick Riddle, Court Cataldo. Division III: 1st place, David Lane, St. Theresa of the Mountains.



GUESSING HOW MANY—Abbey Olenick, left, and Whitney Bock, St. Anthony Catholic Community School second graders, Pocatello, guess how many cereal pieces are in the jar. The activity was part of a promotion the school ran to encourage students to bring in box tops from General Mills products. Each box top the students brought was worth one guess. The two students who guessed closest to the actual number won a custom made teddy bear sporting a red St. Anthony Crusader vest. The school collects box tops for "Boxtops for Education." General Mills trades the box tops for cash, which teachers can use for books, field trips or classroom projects. (Photo by Nancy Corgiat)

Lewiston students place in history contest

LEWISTON—St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School students were among 80 Lewiston-area students who competed March 24 at Idaho History Day Regional competition at Jenifer Junior High School in Lewiston.

Each student thoroughly researched a topic and then developed a project, which they presented to a team of three judges.

First and second place winners will advance to Idaho History Day State Competition, April 20 at Boise State University, to vie for a berth at the national competition in Maryland in June.

The finalists from St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School (unless indicated other area schools) were:

Youth Individual Exhibit: First place, three-way tie: Ryan Mai; Rob Blakey; Kristen Myers. Second three-way tie: Justin Wieters; Alex Finch; Conner Story.

Youth Group Exhibit: First place, three-way tie: Philip Aram; Jared Albright; Ryan Hasenoehrl. Second place tie: Brenna Morlock, Silky Debarbrie, Hannah Sander, and Cailin Penberthy.

Youth Individual Documentary: First, Brett Durgan, Second, Steven Hasenoehrl.

Youth Group Performance: First, Laurel Flerchinger, Theresa Kucera.

Junior Historical Paper: First, Kacey Schilling, a student from Orofino Junior High.

Junior Individual Exhibit: First, Jake Brigham; Second, Hope Seubert.

Junior Group Exhibit: First, Morgan Klabenes and Megan Hug. Second: Madison Black, David Arthur, students from Orchard Elementary.

Junior Group Documentary: First, Trevor Arnone; Noah McKay; Eddie Rooney. Second: Danielle Olson; Kylie Bolland; Kacy Wessels.

Junior Individual Performance: First, Jacob Hally.

Junior Group Performance: First, Philip Aubouchon, Pat Stellmon, Tom Church.

Senior Individual Exhibit: First: Ashley Rivers, Lewiston High School.

Marcia Ney, principal, St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, was selected for the Idaho Council for the Social Studies (ICSS) Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2001 regional History Day Contest.

For the past 13 years, the ICSS has recognized those teachers who have challenged their students to a higher level of learning through the Idaho History Day program. For over 15 years, Ney has been highly supportive of the History Day Program and encouraged students to participate, first as a fourth grade teacher and then as a principal.

Coeur d'Alene Catholic Daughters plan spring activities

By Sadie Brooten
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE—Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Lake #1447, announced several upcoming activities at their recent business meeting at St. Pius Church, Coeur d'Alene.

Co-chairpersons Betty Esterl and Liz McCombs announced that the Annual Book Review

and Tea will take place at St. Thomas Center, April 28. Louise Shaddock, author and lifelong area resident, will review historical excerpts from her four published books dealing with much Idaho history.

Barbara McLean, court regent announced that Priest Appreciation Day is to be Sunday, June 3.

Installation of new officers

followed by a social is scheduled for June 11.

Elected to the nominating committee are: Ivanka Suveg, chairperson, Bonnie McDowell; Lorraine York; Dena Cook and Mardell Bromley. Installation will take place June 11.

Bonnie McDowell, chairperson of National Charitable Projects, reported that Idaho CDA courts have donated:

\$18,500 to disaster relief; \$20,000 to Covenant House; \$11,000 to Save Our Aging Clergy and Sisters (SOAR); \$21,000 To Catholic Relief Services; \$14,000 to Father Peyton Family Crusade; \$18,000 to Apostleship of the Sea; \$9,000 for scholarships for teachers of exceptional children; and \$47,000 to North American College in Rome.

Western Deanery organizes Hispanic gathering

By John Hitchman
For the ICR

NAMPA—About 100 Hispanic Catholics from the Western Deanery took part in the Mini Convivencia (Togetherness) April 7 at St. Paul's Parish, Nampa.

They came together to pray, reflect and to accept the challenges for the Church of the New Millennium.

The idea for the gathering came through Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise director of education. He proposed the Convivencia to Father Gerald Funke, St. Paul's pastor, to have a pilot program to help form Hispanic leaders.

"This was a good test of whether something like this can be done by the parishes and deaneries," said Craven. "It was very successful."

The day started with the Liturgy of the Hours led by

Bishop Michael Driscoll. The bishop told the audience at the blessing, "I'm pleased to realize that on a Saturday you are willing to come and learn more about your faith and demonstrate your hope in the new roll that lay people have today in the church."

Keynote speaker Tadeo Saenz, Portland, Ore., coordinator, Northwest Regional Office of Hispanic Affairs for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, talked about the last 20 years of Hispanic pastoral in the United States.

He said Hispanics today have to incorporate all the struggles and experiences of those who went before them to pave the way for Hispanics to have a voice in the U.S. church.

Saenz said the three national Encounters that took place made people aware of Hispanics in the church.

"Today we do not want a parallel church. We want

to form a new model of a church of many faces," Saenz said. "Hispanics, because of their experience as a minority, are able to help the church accept all ethnics and spread to all the charisms they have."

Convivencia participants were able to select from 16 workshops. Not all the workshops were about religious formation. Some workshops addressed "ownership benefits," "epilepsy," "immigration," and Hispanic Cultural Center that will soon be built in Nampa.

The workshops gave Hispanics an opportunity to develop leadership skills and learn how to use their gifts to spread the gospel message.

Many participants said they hope that gatherings like the Convivencia can spread to other parishes and deaneries in Idaho to help Hispanics meet the church's challenges in the new millennium.



OUR LADY OF LIMERICK CHAMPS—Our Lady of Limerick basketball team, Glenns Ferry, recently took home the Gold Division championship trophy from the Andrew Moller Basketball Tournament in Rupert and Burley. Pictured are front row, from left, Scott Black,

Amar Rodriguez, Kandice King, Gisela Arevalo; second row, Noe Hurtado, Jeffrey Hernandez, Korey Hall, Coach Kevin King, Mark Black, Cole Darrington, Troy Douglas; back row, coaches Jay Black and Jack Shrum.

Glenns Ferry team wins top seat at Andrew Moller Tournament

GLENN'S FERRY—Our Lady of Limerick high school basketball team brought home the Gold Division championship trophy from the recent Andrew Moller Invitational Basketball Tournament in Rupert and Burley.

The trophy will set beside the sportsmanship trophy they earned in 1999.

Jeffrey Hernandez thrilled the crowd at the buzzer with a three-point shot from the free throw line. The Glenns Ferry team defeated Mountain Home, Our Lady of Good Council team 78-64 in the championship game

at Minico High School.

Team members extend their gratitude to the coaches, Kevin King, Jack Shrum and Jay Black, CYO leaders Karen Hall, Pam Darrington and Penny Black and to parents, grandparents and others who supported the team.

The team, coaches and team family members said they especially enjoyed this 10th anniversary tournament that was named in memory of Andrew Moller, Rupert, the only Idahoan who lost his life in Desert Storm.

Organizers had a special pro-

gram to celebrate the 10th anniversary at Burley's King Fine Arts Center. After presentation of the colors by the Army National Guard color guard, a video on Andrew Moller was shown followed by several guest speakers and a letter of acknowledgement from Governor Dirk Kempthorn.

Bishop Michael Driscoll was celebrant for the Moller Tournament Mass that also took place in the King Fine Arts Center. Afterwards, all the teams participated in a dance at the Burley Convention Center.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS—St. Mary's School, Boise, sixth grade boys' team, coached by Mike Osich and Mark Cenis, took home first place in the Boys Division from the St. Anthony Catholic Community School 13th Annual 5th/6th Grade Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament. The tournament took place March 23-25 in Pocatello. Team members pictured here are front row from left, Nick Giacalone, David Steck, Jonathan Phipps, Thomas Kralovec, Ike Sample; Back row, Josh Osich, Kevin Strochein, Kevin Baxter, Brady Steele, Tom Kinsley, and Johnny Behrend.

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Pope's trip is step towards ecumenism

Vatican official says he hopes Orthodox welcome pope to Greece

By John Thavis

ROME (CNS) — The Vatican's top ecumenical official, Cardinal Walter Kasper, said he hopes Orthodox Christians in Greece will welcome Pope John Paul II, especially after seeing that the pope comes not "in triumph" but as a humble pilgrim.

More than intellectual arguments, it will be the pope's personality that may win over the Orthodox during the May 4-5 visit to Athens, Cardinal Kasper told Catholic News Service April 24.

Cardinal Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said the visit, the first by a modern pontiff to Greece, was immensely important for ecumenism. It already represents a step forward, he said, even though Orthodox leaders in Greece did not really invite the pope, but merely withdrew prior objections to the visit.

Some of the more conservative Orthodox clergy have vowed to protest the pope's presence in Greece. Cardinal Kasper said he hoped they would follow closely what the pope does and says during his 24-hour stop.

"I don't think it will be possible to convince them in a purely intellectual way. They need to encounter this person of the pope, who is coming not in triumph but as an older man, physically weak, and as a pilgrim who wants to follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul," the cardinal said.

"I think the charismatic personality of the pope can overcome walls, and this is very important in our relationship with the Orthodox," he said.

Some Greek Orthodox have said the pope would not be welcome before the Catholic Church makes explicit apologies for historic treatment of the Orthodox. Cardinal Kasper said it was true that "there are a lot of bad memories, and the purification of memories is a great challenge."

"We are aware of all the faults that we have committed through history,

especially during the Crusades. The sack of Constantinople was a terrible thing, which involved the politics of the time and not just the church," he said.

"Yes, we have to confess our faults and ask forgiveness. But we also have to move forward in a common future. We should not be chained to the past, because there is a new situation now and we have to give witness together," he said.

The sack of Constantinople, the ancient seat of the Greek church, by members of the Fourth Crusade in 1204 did much to cement hostility between the Orthodox and Catholic churches.

During his visit to Athens, the pope will visit the Areopagus, the site where St. Paul preached, and celebrate Mass in a sports stadium. It is the first leg of a trip that also will take him to Syria and Malta.

On April 25, hundreds of Orthodox Christians protested the papal trip in a demonstration in downtown Athens. They held signs that read, "Out With the Pope, the Two-Horned Heretic."

Monks from the Orthodox community at Mount Athos in northern Greece helped organize the event and were planning an all-night prayer vigil against the papal visit April 27.

Organizers said the protest rally was not aimed personally at the pontiff, but at what he represents. They said the Catholic Church was responsible for the Great Schism of 1054, the sack of Constantinople and the excesses of the Inquisition.

Some 2,000 Orthodox Christians demonstrated against the papal visit April 20 in Athens, waving flags and carrying banners that denounced Pope John Paul II as "the Antichrist pope."

Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens, head of the Orthodox Church in Greece, has appealed several times to his clergy and faithful for calm during the pope's visit. He was scheduled to meet privately with the pope on the day of his arrival.



ORTHODOX NUN PROTESTS— A Greek Orthodox nun holds a wooden crucifix during an April 25 rally in Athens. A group of 400 Orthodox were protesting the upcoming visit of Pope John Paul II to Greece. The pope, who turns 81 this month, is expected to be in Athens about 24 hours during his May 4-9

visit to Syria, Greece and Malta. The Orthodox are protesting the pope's visit because they believe the Catholic Church was responsible for the Great Schism of 1054, the sack of Constantinople and the excesses of the Inquisition. (CNS photo from Reuters)

Idaho Catholics asked to pray International Rosary May 6

The 26th Semi-Annual International Rosary March, a continuous praying of the rosary all over the world will take place May 6.

Margie Cook, St. Mark's Parish, Boise, who helps organize the event in Idaho, said this May's prayer intention for the International Rosary is "that the month of May in this new millennium bring all members of the church into union with Jesus through the intercession of our Blessed Mother."

To be part of the International Ro-

sary, Idaho groups and individuals are asked to pray 15 decades of the rosary, including the intention at 1 p.m., Mountain Time, or noon, Pacific Time, on May 6 at home or in church, alone or with family and friends.

Cook said those in the Boise area who wish to participate with a group in praying the International Rosary should meet at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 2612 West State Street, Boise.

The International Rosary March,

which takes place in May and October, has grown world wide since it was founded by Joseph Sherry, Anaheim, Calif., in 1976 to coincide with the American Bicentennial and to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on this nation.

In some cases, the rosary is prayed in churches with a procession outside and rosary and Benediction inside. Others have several parishes join together with a procession from one church to another with a rosary prayed in each and

Benedictine in the last church. Still other International Rosary observances take place at shrines or other appropriate locations, both public and private.

"This continuous praying of the rosary is a vivid demonstration of the church's universality, the possibility and actuality of bringing Catholic faithful together, although many miles, states and continents separate them, to offer the same prayers, at the same time, and for the same intention," organizers said.

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BRIEFS

NCCB official applauds passage of Unborn Victims of Violence Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A spokeswoman for the U.S. bishops applauded the April 26 vote by the House of Representatives to approve the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. The act, which passed on a 252-172 vote, stipulates that an individual who injures or kills an unborn child while committing a violent federal crime may be punished for a separate offense. Cathleen Cleaver, director of planning and information for the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the vote “sends a powerful message.” Said Cleaver in an April 26 statement: “When a violent assault is committed against a pregnant woman and her baby, under federal law, judgment and punishment will be meted out for violent acts against two victims, not one.”

Irish cardinal urges continued prayers for end to foot-and-mouth outbreak

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Cardinal Desmond Connell of Dublin has urged Catholics to continue to pray for an end to the foot-and-mouth disease threat. “All our thoughts are with the many individuals and groups who have suffered because of the foot-and-mouth outbreak,” Cardinal Connell said April 17. “The mass destruction of livestock is a disaster for members of the farming community, who not only have invested so much money and hard work in building up their herds, but have nurtured and cared for their stock over many years. The destruction of all these animals, in such abnormal circumstances, is heart-breaking,” he said. In contrast to Great Britain, the Irish Republic’s economy depends heavily on beef and livestock exports, and, as a result, the Irish government has imposed far more stringent protection measures than those applied in England and Northern Ireland.

Vatican to display

Pope John XXIII’s body before reburial

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Before burial in a new tomb in St. Peter’s Basilica, the body of Pope John XXIII will be displayed for one day, the Vatican said. The popular pontiff’s body, in a new bronze-and-glass casket, will be in St. Peter’s Square for a morning Mass June 3, the feast of Pentecost and the 38th anniversary of Pope John’s death, the Vatican announced April 30. After the Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II, Pope John’s remains will be moved to the basilica’s main altar for “veneration by the faithful” throughout the afternoon, a Vatican statement said. Pope John Paul beatified Pope John in September.

Catholic agencies say debt relief plan must improve

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The poverty-reduction strategy for debt relief in the world’s poorest countries “is far from fulfilling its potential,” a global coalition of Catholic relief agencies said in a major report released April 27. In practice, the poorest people of poor countries are still far from being the participants and targeted beneficiaries they were supposed to become under the 2-year-old strategy, the agencies said. The 18,000-word report by Caritas Internationalis and the Catholic aid coalition CIDSE-International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity—was issued as the International Monetary Fund and World Bank were opening their spring round of meetings in Washington.

Bill to ban human cloning goes to Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A bill to ban all cloning of human embryos was introduced in Congress April 26. Strongly backed by a number of religious groups including the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the proposed legislation would impose civil and criminal penalties on anyone who attempts to create a human clone in the United States. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., chief sponsors of the bill, announced its introduction at a news conference. The bill is called the Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001. Brownback said the bill responds to “a deep concern in America and the world in general” over recently announced plans by some to “create human beings by cloning.” He said the legislation also would prohibit cloning human embryos “for research or as sources of cells and tissues for possible treatment of other humans.”

Vatican official says Buddhists, Christians must work together

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With respect for each other’s unique traditions, Buddhists and Christians must work together to “build up a civilization of love and peace,” the Vatican’s top interreligious official said. Differences in cultural expression between Christianity and Buddhism “may sometimes have been obstacles to dialogue in the past, but they should be so no longer,” said Cardinal Francis Arinze, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. The Nigerian cardinal made his remarks in an annual message to the world’s 356 million Buddhists for the feast of Vesakh, commemorating the principal events in the life of Siddhartha Gautama, Buddhism’s founder. The text was released at the Vatican April 30.

Interest in Mercy Sunday shows spiritual thirst, says

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — At a Mass inaugurating the universal church’s celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II said the growing interest in the Divine Mercy message was a sign of deep spiritual need among contemporary men and women.

God’s love and mercy was best shown in Christ’s death and resurrection, the pope said, and the figure of the suffering Lord has appealed not only to Catholics around the world but to nonbelievers as well.

He made the comments in a sermon during a liturgy in St. Peter’s Square April 22. A year earlier, the pope canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun whose visions gave rise to the Divine Mercy devotions, and instituted the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday beginning this year.

St. Faustina’s diary of about 600 pages, kept between 1931 and 1938, recorded the revelations she received about God’s unlimited mercy that is offered to sinners. The devotion based on that simple message has since spread around the world and has become especially popular in the United States, where hundreds of parishes have held special Mercy Sunday services



Sister Faustina Kowalska

for years.

The pope, dressed in radiant gold vestments and speaking with a clear voice, said St. Faustina was a gift not only for his native Poland but for the entire world.

“The message she conveyed represents the fitting and insightful response that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of people of our time, a time marked by immense tragedies,” he said.

“Jesus told Sister Faustina one day: ‘Humanity will never find peace until it turns with

trust to divine mercy.’ Divine mercy: This is the paschal gift the church receives from the risen Christ and that it offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium,” he said.

The pope’s words were cheered by a multinational crowd of about 50,000 people, who waved streamers and held up signs with the names of their countries. A Gospel choir from Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Claremont, Calif., sang during the Mass.

The pope said Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross was the deepest expression of divine mercy, one that still has a universal impact.

“In Christ humiliated and suffering, believers and nonbelievers can admire a surprising solidarity that unites him to our human condition in a measure beyond imagination,” he said.

The message that God’s love is stronger than death and sin and that mercy has a place in our daily lives is one that people need to hear today, he said.

“Loving God, loving our neighbors and loving even our ‘enemies,’ after Jesus’ example — isn’t this the program of life for every baptized Christian and for the entire church?” he said.

The pope moved slowly but appeared alert during the two-hour-long liturgy. He paused to talk with members of the offertory procession, including Polish nuns from St. Faustina’s religious order, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

He smiled broadly as he greeted concelebrants after the Mass, including U.S. Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, head of the commission governing Vatican City.

The pope’s canonization of St. Faustina last year was the culmination of a long personal interest in her cause. As archbishop of Krakow, the pope helped retract a Vatican ban on her diary by demonstrating that it had been based on misleading translations of her writings.

The ban was lifted in 1978, six months before the pope’s

Secular Franciscans urge observance of National Wildflower Week

By Catholic News Service

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—The National Ecology Commission of the Secular Franciscan Order is urging Catholics to observe National Wildflower Week May 6-12.

The annual observance is designed “to encourage the observation, cultivation and study of native wildflowers as a means of deepening humankind’s relationship and responsibility to creation and Creator,” according to materials distributed by the commission.

Among the commission’s suggested ways to celebrate the week are wildflower walks and garden visits at local sanctuaries, parks or forests; wildflower beautification projects along roadsides, in parks and around public and private buildings; wildflower photography, poetry and poster competitions; lobbying efforts in support of legislation to preserve and protect open space and endangered species; and wildflower week proclamations by civic authorities.

For further information, contact the National Ecology Commission, Secular Franciscan Order USA, 107 Jensen Circle, West Springfield, MA 01089-4451. Phone/fax: 413-737-7600. E-mail: cspencer@mail.map.com.

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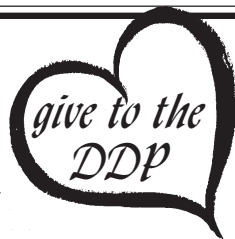
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Northern Deanery (1)							Southern Deanery (5)						
St. Ann's	Bonnors Ferry	14,678	12,220	1,878	14,098	580	St. Therese of the Little Flower	Burley	12,071	11,132	0	11,132	939
St. Pius X	Coeur d'Alene	78,337	50,714	11,800	62,514	15,823	Immaculate Conception	Buhl	17,311	10,693	0	10,693	6,618
St. Thomas	Coeur d'Alene	53,019	29,649	3,447	33,096	19,923	St. Elizabeth's	Gooding	13,586	12,856	2,592	15,448	(1,862)
Sacred Heart Mission	De Smet	546	797	0	797	(251)	St. Charles Borromeo Church	Hailey	16,269	12,146	2,370	14,516	1,753
St. Rita's	Kellogg	13,424	10,699	1,685	12,384	1,040	St. Jerome's	Jerome	33,815	30,266	2,780	33,046	769
St. Michael's Chapel	Mullan	1,286	1,170	0	1,170	116	St. Nicholas	Rupert	29,634	25,177	0	25,177	4,457
St. George's	Post Falls	31,966	19,972	3,271	23,243	8,723	St. Peter's	Shoshone	4,669	5,099	235	5,334	(665)
St. Catherine's	Priest River	7,487	4,193	2,045	6,238	1,249	O.L. of Snows	Sun Valley	29,118	24,515	2,745	27,260	1,858
St. Mary Immaculate	St. Maries	13,491	11,935	2,100	14,035	(544)	St. Edward the Confessor (and O.L. Guadalupe)	Twin Falls	92,773	55,932	3,575	59,507	33,266
St. Joseph's	Sandpoint	40,565	28,407	3,715	32,122	8,443	St. Anthony's Station	Wendell	4,160	4,370	550	4,920	(760)
St. Alphonsus	Wallace	8,381	8,580	250	8,830	(449)	St. Catherine's Station	Hagerman	3,260	3,260	0	3,260	0
O.L. of Perpetual Help Station	Harrison	4,827	3,565	120	3,685	1,142	TOTALS		2,000,000	1,527,776	272,006	1,799,782	200,218
St. Blanche Station	Priest Lake	3,291	1,159	889	2,048	1,243							
O.L. of Perpetual Help Station	Plummer	1,826	2,480	0	2,480	(654)							
St. Stanislaus Chapel	Rathdrum	7,151	6,345	1,365	7,710	(559)							
St. Joseph's Chapel	Spirit Lake	7,758	2,915	2,443	5,358	2,400							
St. Michael's Station	Worley	3,045	3,046	0	3,046	(1)							
		291,078	198,840	34,014	232,854	58,224							
North Central Deanery (2)							Western Deanery (6)						
St. Mary's	Cottonwood	21,245	28,170	1,890	30,060	(8,815)	Our Lady of the Valley	Caldwell	42,498	23,997	3,096	27,093	15,405
Assumption	Ferndale	4,956	7,036	755	7,791	(2,835)	Holy Rosary Station	Cambridge	2,693	2,693	0	2,693	0
St. Anthony's	Greencreek	5,801	10,986	225	11,211	(5,410)	St. Jude the Apostle Chapel	Council	1,830	940	900	1,840	(10)
Sts. Peter & Paul	Grangeville	24,617	24,376	2,607	26,983	(2,366)	Sacred Heart	Emmett	22,323	16,044	1,223	17,267	5,056
St. Catherine of Siena	Kamiah	5,687	5,515	865	6,380	(693)	St. Hubert's	Homedale	10,538	8,247	725	8,972	1,566
O.L. of Lourdes	Lewiston	35,676	36,145	4,170	40,315	(4,639)	O.L. of the Lake	McCall	9,186	9,300	960	10,260	(1,074)
St. James	Lewiston	32,995	32,145	4,701	36,846	(3,851)	St. Joseph's Station	Melba	3,560	3,296	290	3,586	(26)
St. Stanislaus Parish	Lewiston	43,187	35,536	5,509	41,045	2,142	St. Paul's	Nampa	58,560	41,463	7,335	48,798	9,762
St. Mary's	Moscow	48,872	40,578	4,293	44,871	4,001	Sacred Hearts	Parma	6,295	5,905	650	6,555	(260)
St. Augustine's Catholic Ctr	Moscow	11,875	7,719	4,690	12,409	(534)	Corpus Christi Catholic Church New Plymouth	Payette and New Plymouth	25,542	20,473	1,213	21,686	3,856
St. Therese of the Little Flower	Orofino	11,494	10,017	0	10,017	1,477	St. Agnes	Weiser	18,527	14,298	1,130	15,428	3,099
St. Mary's Station	Genesee	8,764	8,689	0	8,689	75	Good Shepherd Chapel	Marsing	3,669	3,620	0	3,620	49
Sacred Heart Station	Lapwai	1,248	2,920	0	2,920	(1,672)	St. Jerome's Chapel	Riggins	1,204	1,188	60	1,248	(44)
Holy Trinity Station	Nezperce	6,081	5,280	0	5,280	801	St. John the Baptist Station	Cascade	3,123	2,345	0	2,345	778
O.L. of Woodland Chapel	Pierce	1,263	1,535	0	1,535	(272)	O.L. Tears Chapel	Silver City	108	250	0	250	(142)
St. Mary's Station	Potlatch	2,979	2,480	450	2,930	49	Our Lady Queen of Heaven	Oreana	0	250	0	250	(250)
		266,740	259,127	30,155	289,282	(22,542)							
Eastern Deanery (3)							Non-Parish" Locations (7)						
St. Bernard's	Blackfoot	14,689	9,070	0	9,070	5,619	St. Paul's - Campus Ministry	Boise	0	25	0	25	(25)
St. Paul's	Chubbuck	16,319	12,785	0	12,785	3,534	St. John's - Campus Ministry	Pocatello	0	130	0	130	(130)
Christ the King	Idaho Falls	41,810	32,786	0	32,786	9,024							
Holy Rosary	Idaho Falls	68,454	61,909	8,623	70,532	(2,078)							
St. Anthony's	Pocatello	42,596	34,207	1,577	35,784	6,812							
St. Joseph's	Pocatello	27,960	27,177	6,896	34,073	(6,113)							
Mary Immaculate	St. Anthony	4,810	5,810	0	5,810	(1000)							
St. Mary's	Soda Springs	11,116	0	0	0	11,116							
St. Charles	Salmon	10,795	6,412	0	6,412	4,383							
Presentation of the Lord	American Falls	20,026	19,567	1,558	21,125	(1,099)							
St. Ann's Station	Arco	2,136	1,046	0	1,046	1,090							
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	Fort Hall	651	1,169	0	1,169	(518)							
St. Louise Station	Challis	4,672	6,050	1,200	7,250	(2,578)							
St. Joseph's Chapel	Leadore	876	700	0	700	176							
St. Ann's Station	Mud Lake	885	650	0	650	235							
St. Barbara's Station	Mackay	2,955	2,960	650	3,610	(655)							
St. John's Chapel	Pingree	1,618	1,510	150	1,660	(42)							
St. Anthony's Station	Roberts	1,216	1,190	100	1,290	(74)							
Good Shepherd Station	Driggs	2,604	1,155	0	1,155	1,449							
St. Patrick's Station	Rexburg	391	1,135	0	1,135	(744)							
Chapel of the Pines Station	Island Park	514	100	0	100	414							
		277,093	227,388	20,754	248,142	28,951							
West Central Deanery (4)													
Our Lady of the Rosary	Boise	53,320	56,494	8,221	64,715	(11,395)							
Sacred Heart	Boise	79,546	52,414	11,530	63,944	15,602							
St. John's	Boise	160,775	102,682	20,653	123,335	37,440							
St. Mark's	Boise	163,490	104,688	51,444	156,132	7,358							
St. Mary's	Boise	64,410	54,807	11,650	66,457	(2,047)							
Risen Christ Catholic Comm	Boise	35,677	28,010	3,786	31,796	3,881							
St. Jude Station	Garden Valley	3,326	8,355	650	9,005	(5,679)							
Holy Apostles	Meridian	99,925	54,818	43,560	98,378	1,547							

DDP 2001 is at 90 percent of \$2,000,000 goal

With final reports still due from several Idaho parishes, the Diocesan Development Program (DDP) appeal stands at 90 percent of the \$2 million goal.

"With many new evangelization and adult and youth education programs coming on line and Catholic Charities of Idaho starting to provide services in various areas around the state, the needs are great," said Pat Crisler, Diocese of Boise finance officer.

Crisler said priests' special needs expenses are running higher than anticipated this year as a result of major surgery for one diocesan priest and cancer treatment for another.

"We have already expended our annual budget for special needs this fiscal year," he said.

Idaho Catholics can still make contributions to the DDP--which also funds diocesan ministries, vocations and clergy formation, retired religious, diocesan pastoral services, Peter's Pence, and Catholic University of America.

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Fathers are important in religious formation

Most studies show that mothers play important roles in the transmission of faith from one generation to the next. Mothers are important because they tend to be religiously active, thus serving as good role models for their children. They also tend to be close to their children; the time and attention they give their children produce special opportunities to influence their children's religious beliefs and practices.

Without denying the importance of mothers, two recent analyses of American Catholics call attention to the important role that fathers also play in the religious formation of their offspring. Both analyses use data from a 1995 national sample of American Catholics. In one analysis, Andrea S. Williams (at Marquette University) examines the factors that are most likely to shape a person's identification with the Catholic Church. In the other, Lori Baker-Sperry (at Western Illinois University) explores the way that fathers affect the religious practices of their offspring. Both researchers conclude that fathers have more impact than they expected them to have.

Williams measures Catholic identity by asking Catholics to respond to three statements: "I cannot imagine myself being anything other than Catholic;" "There's something special about being Catholic which you can't find in other religions;" and "I could be just as happy in some other church—it wouldn't have to be Catholic." Agreement with the first two statements and disagreement with the third indicate strong Catholic identity. Williams finds that about 56 percent of Catholics strongly identify with the Church; 17 percent score medium; 27 percent have only weak Catholic identities.

Research For The Church



By James D. Davidson

Next, Williams examines the reasons why some Catholics identify with the Church more than others do. She considers a whole series of possible influences, including mother's and father's religious affiliation; mother's and father's church attendance during the respondent's childhood; the respondent's closeness to his/her parents; and the frequency with which parents talked to the respondent about religion.

The single most influential of these variables is father's church attendance. Sixty-two percent of respondents who say their fathers attended church at least once a week strongly identify with the Church, compared to only 43 percent of respondents who say their fathers attended less than once a month. Respondents whose fathers attended church less than once a month are twice as likely to have weak Catholic identities (40 percent vs 20 percent of respondents whose fathers attended church at least weekly).

Two other variables also are important: the frequency with which parents talked to their children about religion, and mother's closeness with her children. Both factors foster strong Catholic identity.

Baker-Sperry reports that 42 percent of Catholics attend Mass at least once a week; 35 percent go to Communion at least once a week; and 17 percent read the Bible at least once a week. Wanting to explain variations in these religious practices, she examines mother's and father's church attendance, closeness to mother and father, and mother's and father's education. She finds that father's church attendance is the most significant influence. The more often fathers attended church when their children were growing up, the more often their offspring go to Mass, receive Communion, and read the Bible as adults. Baker-Sperry also finds that father's religiosity is a significant influence among pre-Vatican II Catholics (born in or before 1940), Vatican II Catholics (born between 1941 and 1960), and post-Vatican II Catholics (born after 1960). She also finds that mother's religiosity is significant among post-Vatican II Catholics.

These studies suggest that Catholic parents, catechists, and teachers need to appreciate the role that fathers, as well as mothers, play in the religious formation of their children. Fathers who set good examples by attending church when their children are young increase the likelihood that their offspring will identify with the Church, attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and read the Bible later on in life.

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The church needs shepherds

In 1963 while the Vatican Council was in session, Pope Paul VI designated the Fourth Sunday of Easter as World Day of Prayer for Priestly Vocations, and our present pope continues this designation.

The reason the pope chose this fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday is that its theme is always drawn from the tenth chapter of St. John's gospel in which Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd. This chapter has preserved for us an idyllic picture, a poetic presentation of the care and love, which Jesus shows us, his people. Calling the sheep together, feeding them, protecting them from danger—all of these aspects of shepherding are but symbols of the complete dedication of Jesus to his people.

Jesus has entrusted to his church the duty and privilege of continuing his ministry as the Good Shepherd. He wants everyone in the church to be active in sharing his love for his people. We all received a commission from him through baptism and confirmation. Some members of the church he calls to continue his shepherding care in a special way as his ordained priests. We should note that the priests in charge of our parishes are called pastors, which is actually the Latin word for "shepherd."

When all the people in a parish manifest the presence of Christ the Good Shepherd, they create an atmosphere that fosters vocations to the priesthood. They proclaim their faith that the work of the Good

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

Shepherd is important and needs to be continued in our own times. God responds to this faith by granting the grace of vocations to the priesthood.

Liturgy is often a measure of how deep faith is. The way priests and people celebrate the Mass is the means whereby they express what they believe about God and his church. Reverence and love, joy and enthusiasm, full and active participation, attention paid to each other by priests and people—all these acts of faith are signs of the presence of the Good Shepherd.

As Mass begins, I realize that faith has called people from the comfort of their homes to join in the Mass because they believe that during the eucharistic

celebration they are nourished by the Good Shepherd.

I notice a young couple. The husband is holding a baby in his arms and his wife has a little child by the hand. They could easily have stayed home, but the Mass is important to them, and they want their children, even from their earliest years, to be led by the Good Shepherd to worship our heavenly Father. I see young adults who do not as yet have the responsibilities of a family. They are free on Sundays to do as they wish, as are older Catholics whose children are grown. They choose to come to Mass because they sense that the Mass celebrated by priest and people gives meaning and purpose to their lives.

I see elderly people who can no longer drive but who are at Mass because someone in the parish has volunteered to bring them to church. That too shows me the value people place upon the ministry of the Good Shepherd.

These are circumstances in which the Holy Spirit readily gives the grace of a call to the priesthood. Our loving care must, of course, extend beyond the place of worship, but it pleases God to make the liturgy, especially the Mass, the font from which flows the grace of vocations to the priesthood.

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Question Corner

What happens to children who die before receiving baptism?

By Father John Dietzen
Q. What is the doctrine of the Catholic Church on the destination of children who die before birth and therefore before baptism? This happens in normal circumstances, but obviously thousands of times in abortions.

I've had people tell me such children go to heaven, some say they go to hell. Others say they go to limbo. Is there a Catholic teaching about this?

A. The death of a child before birth and baptism is always an anguishing and confusing experience for believing Christian parents. The tragedy is compounded, of course, when the action is deliberate, as in the case of abortion.

To sort out all we hear at times like this, we need to keep in mind

some important and heartening truths of our faith.

Jesus distinctly told us that baptism is the essential sacramental way people enter into his life, his community of faith. Most Christians have long pondered how exactly to understand this. Billions of people die without baptism, without even hearing of God or Jesus.

If God loves all people and wishes them to be saved, which is certainly part of our faith, how does he make this happen? As the question applies to very young children, theologians through the centuries have offered a variety of explanations.

Whatever the theory, however, one fundamental conviction is considered beyond doubt. God offers the grace of salvation to everyone who does not place a

deliberate obstacle to that grace. (See, for one of many examples, the Council of Trent decree on justification, Chapter 13.)

Obviously, that includes children who die too young to have consciously chosen any obstacle to God's love. St. Augustine, in fact, uses precisely this principle to support his teaching that God gives the grace of baptism, and therefore salvation, to such children.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church approaches the same idea from another direction. Baptism is necessary for salvation, it says, "for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the opportunity to ask for this sacrament." Little children obviously have not had that opportunity.

As the catechism says, the

church knows no other means of salvation, and so has a mission to baptize all those it can. We cannot forget, however, that "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of baptism, but he himself is not bound by the sacraments" (No. 1257).

As for limbo, this became a subject of heated debate when 18th-century Jansenists insisted that all nonbaptized children are condemned to hell. Against them, Pope Pius VI declared that one may believe in a limbo that is neither heaven nor hell and still be a Catholic (Errors of the Synod of Pistoia, No. 26). That remains the only significant reference to limbo in any major Catholic document.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't even mention limbo, for good reason. Limbo

would imply some sort of two-tiered final destiny for human beings. One is eternal life with God, the other a "natural" happiness apart from God (limbo), where people "go" who through no fault of their own do not reach the top level.

The catechism strongly teaches otherwise. There is only one final goal, one desire of happiness for all humanity: life with the God who created us. We may attain that goal, or we may reject it by our own fault, but there is no half-happiness somewhere in between.

Whatever mysteries we must negotiate, therefore, in exploring questions about the unbaptized, we need to find the answers without resorting to something called limbo.

An upper room experience

We come to share our story, we come to break the bread, we come to know our rising from the dead. ("Song of the Body of Christ," David Haas)

With these words we begin the next season of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) as we enter into the period of Mystagogy, a Greek word meaning entering deeper into the mysteries.

During the Easter vigil we celebrated with the elect as they were cleansed, christened, and sealed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In joyous brotherhood we walked to the altar with them for their first taste of the living bread and the flowing wine that quenched their longing to be at one with Christ and the church, their new Catholic family. We were touched deep within at their misty eyes and joyous smiles, and we reveled in their loving hugs with those with whom they had journeyed during the previous periods of the RCIA experience. And if close enough to congratulate them, we received an enthusiastic hug and almost heard their pounding hearts that were overwhelmed with the goodness and love of the Lord.

One image the word "christened" brings to mind is that of the christening of a ship. When I was a small child, my Dad was a ship builder. He took us to the shipyard to see the work in progress. When the ship was completed in dry dock, it was christened with a



Guest Column

By Joanne Lechner

bottle of champagne broken against its bow. Then it slid down a ramp into the water for a long and adventurous life on the high seas. But just because it had been christened and dunked into the water didn't mean it was ready to sail. First a crew needed to be assembled. Fuel, water and all supplies needed to be stocked on board and a myriad of applications needed to be checked by the crew before setting sail on the journey.

It's the same with our Christening in Baptism and Confirmation. Instead of getting hit with the bubbly, we get a Holy Spirit hit. Filled with the gifts of the Spirit, we are called to "go forth to love and serve the

Lord," but we also need to be prepared. A crew is necessary, for we need a community to support us for our faith journey. We need teaching about the tools "on board," the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Navigation skills, which we can learn from scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church, need to be learned for a successful faith voyage through life. We need to learn how to discern the will of God for us and what particular charisms we have received that will help us know our role as a member of the crew, the Body of Christ, to which we have been joined through our Baptism. And we need to continue to grow in knowledge and actuation of prayer life so that we may hear and be guided by the Captain of our ship.

The season of Mystagogy, the time within RCIA that extends from Easter to Pentecost, is a preparation for the voyage of our lifetime! Remember, one does not invest effort into building a ship just to see it slide into the water. It's meant to GO someplace, and so are WE!

(PSST! To the newly baptized and professed, while everyone else is celebrating Easter you can celebrate your personal Pentecost. You just had your Upper Room experience!)

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Liturgy

Protocol for ministers of Holy Communion

By Father

Charles E. Miller, C.M.

Special ministers of Holy Communion are entrusted with a beautiful service for their fellow Catholics. It is reminiscent of the episode in the gospel when Jesus, seeing the large crowd which had followed him, was moved with pity for them. St. Matthew (14:19) wrote: *Jesus took five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed and broke them and gave the loaves to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the people.*

Special ministers of Holy Communion today are the disciples to whom Christ, acting in the person of his ordained priest, gives his body and blood so that they in turn may give them to his people.

This ministry is granted to lay people in view of their baptismal consecration whereby they have become *a chosen race, a royal priesthood* (1 Peter 2:9). Only the most perfect protocol is suitable for exercising this excellent privilege.

People are not chosen for this ministry because they are the holiest members of the parish (only God can judge who fits that description), but they ought not to perform their ministry until they have confessed their serious sins in the sacrament of penance. They should approach their ministry with a prayerful attitude, never taking it for granted, and never allowing frequency to dull their realization of what they are doing. They should be neat and clean and properly attired,

preferably in an alb.

In presenting the host, the minister raises it above the ciborium to a little below the eye level of the recipient, but not too close to the person's face, and says, "The Body of Christ." It is incorrect to change these words. The minister should not say either "This is the Body of Christ" or "Take the Body of Christ" or "Receive the Body of Christ," since these are the eucharistic words of the priest during the consecration. They should hold the host still until the recipient has said, "Amen." The movement of the host should be thought

of, not as a partial circle from ciborium to the recipient, but as a right angle, first up, and after a pause toward the person.

When ministers present the cup, they say: "The Blood of Christ." After the recipient has drunk from the chalice, the ministers wipe the lip and rotate the cup a half turn.

The ministers should be aware, not only of the sacredness of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also of the dignity of the person before them who is part of the Mystical Body of Christ.

Special ministers should be pleased to receive communion

last in order not to delay communion for the people and to show they are doing a service to the community ("minister" is simply the Latin word for "servant").

Our Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has asked that lay ministers be called "special," not "extraordinary." It is also advisable that they be called "Special Ministers of Communion" rather than "Eucharistic Ministers" since the priest is actually the "Eucharistic Minister." Whatever the title, this ministry is a great privilege which deserves the most exact protocol.

Readers Write

Sources needed

Editor, the ICR:

Please suggest to Father Dietzen and any other columnists that they offer sources as well as spiritual advice.

In the case of the question in the 4/20 ICR regarding the widow losing her husband's pension if she remarries. Most pension plans with any government support will continue with at least a portion of the pension should a widow remarry.

The column should offer sources to pursue this. It may not come to spiritual 'either-or.'

Carol Delaney
Boise

Why greeting?

Editor, the ICR:

I agree with Mary Lynn Smith of Idaho Falls who wrote in reference of the removal of holy water in the fonts during Lent.

It seems to me that there have been too many changes going on in the church, both in the Mass and in our traditional customs for Lent, Advent and other Holy Days and seasons.

I agree with Ms. Smith that the holy water should not be removed. It is something we Catholics depend on entering any church or chapel, and to remove it seems to be especially unnecessary.

I also dislike the stretching out of the arms during certain parts of Mass. Some Catholics do this and some don't. It must seem odd to non-Catholics who probably wonder why all of the attendees don't go through the same actions.

There are many changes that make me, a cradle Catholic, almost uncomfortable in serving at Mass. I sometimes feel I'm in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Another "new custom" that seems unnecessary to me is the greeting exchanged among the attendees before Mass begins and then again during the Sign of Peace. In going to Mass in Boise and in Twin Falls, I have noticed that this greeting before Mass is not done. Especially in our smaller parishes where everyone knows each other, it seems useless.

Shirley Johnston
Midvale

Instruments of salvation

READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52
SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
GOSPEL READING: John 10:27-30

I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.

This simple verse taken from our first reading explains why we should take "being Catholic" seriously. Not only does Catholicism offer us the fullness of Christianity, but it also gives us the duty to bring God's salvation to others. In the words of an old story, He has no hands—or voice—but ours.

We are not Catholic just so that we can save our own souls. If this were the only reason to be members of the church, we would be as well off if we were Orthodox, Protestants, or even pagans. We're looking for more than the treasure at the end of life's rainbow—or at least we should be.

Paul and Barnabas understood this. That is why they never gave up their missionary work. In spite of abuse and rejection such as they faced in today's first reading—and hardships recorded in the rest of Acts—they continued their labors. *The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.*

Many of us grew up in a time and culture that taught us to think of religion as something purely personal. Today's culture thunders that we should never, never attempt to share

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

it with someone else because, in the words of a non-Catholic acquaintance, "All religions are equal—equally true or equally false."

We are often hesitant to talk about religion, and certainly don't feel comfortable "ringing doorbells" or handing out pamphlets to strangers. Sometimes we lack courage. At other times we fear rejection and ridicule, and sometimes—deep in our hearts—we wonder if people really need the Catholic Faith.

They do!

In the gospel, Jesus tells us that His sheep hear His voice. They will know and follow Him. *I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.* People desperately need what the Lord has to offer. They need us—you and me—to be the ones who will teach them about their Shepherd and lead them into His presence so that *no one can take them out of the Father's hand.*

Real Catholics not only live the faith, but spread it also.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

May 6: LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus Cinco de Mayo Mexican dinner, 12 noon-5 p.m. at the social hall, 2015 13th Ave. Donations to cover cost of the dinner and charitable activities

May 6: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles 6300 N. Meridian Road, Open House, 1-4 tour, everyone invited, refreshments will be served
May 7: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Church Bingo, 6300 N. Meridian Road (corner of Chinden and Meridian) Open to the public—must be 18 or older to play. Games start promptly, 7 p.m., \$1,000 total cash prize money. Refreshments available. Information: 888-1182

May 13: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman missal, 5 p.m. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant

May 13: COEUR D'ALENE Our Lady of the Lake—The Catholic Daughters, Court 1447, Mother's Day Bake Sale

May 13: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Mothers' Day Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 7009 Franklin Road. \$4 per person, \$3 senior citizens, children under 6 free. Sponsored by Respect Life Committees of Boise Area Parishes, Bishop Kelly High School Life Club and St. Mary's KC Council 12531. Proceeds to sponsor speakers, billboards, and other educational and spiritual activities for life issues

June 15-16: BOISE, St. Mark's Rummage Sale in the school gym, Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church

First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass
IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles, Thursday, 7-11 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Fri., 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 —9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon
BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

May 4: SUN VALLEY—Our Lady of Snows and St. Charles, Hailey, Confirmation 7 p.m.

May 5: CHALLIS—St. Louise, St. Charles, Salmon, Confirmation, 11 a.m.

May 6: DRIGGS, Good Shepherd, First Communion, 11 a.m.

May 7: IDAHO FALLS—Christ the King, Holy Rosary, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 8: IDAHO FALLS, visit Holy Rosary School, 10:30 a.m.

May 8: BLACKFOOT, St. Bernard's, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 9: POCATELLO, St. Anthony, St. Joseph, Pocatello, St. Paul's, Chubbuck, Good Shepherd, Soda Springs, Confirmation 7 p.m.

May 10: POCATELLO, visit St. Anthony, St. Joseph Schools, 9:30 a.m.

May 10: AMERICAN FALLS, Presentation of the Lord, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 11: RUPERT—St. Nicholas, St. Therese's, Burley, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 12: TWIN FALLS—St. Edward's, St. Jerome, Jerome, Confirmation, 11 a.m.

May 14-15: PORTLAND, Ore., Region XII Bishop's Jesus Caritas Meeting

May 16: BUHL, Immaculate Conception, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 17: SHOSHONE, St. Peter's, Southern Deanery Meeting, 10:30 a.m.

May 17: SHOSHONE, St. Peter's, St. Elizabeth, Gooding, St. Anthony's, Wendell, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 18: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC), 9:45 a.m.

May 18: BOISE, DPC, Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.
May 18: MOUNTAIN HOME, Our Lady of Good Council, Confirmation, 7 p.m.



Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the first part of May:

May 7, 1960	Rev. Earl A. Stokoe
May 8, 1995	Rev. Thomas Taylor
May 9, 1965	Rev. Msgr. Cyprian A. Bradley, O.S.B.
May 13, 1974	Rev. Msgr. John J. Creegan
May 17, 1966	Rev. Oswald G. Mogg
May 18, 1940	Rev. Michael F. Ryan

Nazareth Schedule

May 12	CCW-West Central Deanery Installation of Officers
May 18-19	St. Mark's Elders Retreat
May 21	St. Alphonsus Mission Services
May 25-28	Deacon Formation Retreat
June 1-3	Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862
June 4-7	Priest Study Days

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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Diocesan Resource Center expands book, video collections

The Diocese of Boise Resource Center has recently added new materials, including books, tapes and videos, to better meet the needs of Idaho's culturally diverse Catholic population, Jack Craven, diocesan director of education ministries, has announced.

The Resource Center has purchased 502 books in English, 336 in Spanish, 63 in Vietnamese and 31 dealing with Native Americans.

"To these we can add another 259 new and used books which were donated by outside sources for a total of 1,191 new books," said Craven.

The center was also able to purchase 30 audiocassettes and three videos for use by the Vietnamese people, 61 videos for Native Americans, 59 in Spanish and 220 videos in English for a total of 30 audiocassettes and 343 new videos.

The Diocesan Education Department has been working with Follette Library Software

Division to convert all Resource Center holdings, print and video, to a new system. This system will be identical with that used throughout the Archdiocese of Portland as well as the Meridian School District and Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, Craven said.

Gloria Pettinger, Resource Center coordinator, said she will continue to provide regular service as completely as possible until the full conversion to the Follette system is completed. Craven estimates that conversion will be completed by late fall.

Materials in the Resource Center are available to all Idaho Catholics to check out without charge. The only cost is the return postage, said Pettinger.

People can check out materials by visiting the Resource Center or by email (gpettinger@rcdb.org), or by phone, (208) 342-1311, or by mail: Diocese of Boise Resource Center, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.

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All Catholic women invited to June 1-3 ICCW convention

All Catholic women in Idaho are invited to attend the 67th Idaho Council of Catholic Women (ICCW) Convention in Boise June 1-3 at the Boise Riverside, Doubletree Hotel.

The theme for this year's convention is that Catholic women are "Called," "Healed," and "Empowered."

Some of the social and spiritual activities that will take place during the convention will include Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Friday afternoon, individualized meditation journey and four workshops on Saturday.

The workshops are entitled "Practical Ways of Praying" presented by Father John Donoghue, Boise, a retired priest of the Diocese of Boise

who served as diocesan administrator, 1998-99; "Relationships; As Our Life Changes" by Janez Buffington LPCP, a Boise family counselor; "The Healing Power of the Pen" by Barbara Herrich, a Boise writer, and "Called and Gifted" by Debbie Oaas, a Sacred Heart Parish minister, Boise.

Three keynote speakers will speak Saturday morning, Saturday lunch and at the banquet. They are K. La Verne Redden, Toledo, Ohio, National Council of Catholic Women president; Father Michael Maslowsky, JD. S.T.D., Portland, Ore., who will speak on "St. Anthony Village," an intergenerational village in Portland for assisted and independent senior housing and child care, and Vincent Kituku, Ph.D.,

a Boise author, motivational storyteller, writer and Idaho Catholic Register columnist.

Bishop Michael Driscoll will celebrate Mass for participants Saturday at the newly built Holy Apostles Church, Meridian.

Cost for this convention is \$90, which includes food and registration. The room rate at the Riverside Doubletree Hotel is \$79 for up to four persons per room, 208-343-1871. Idaho Catholic women are asked to get their rooms reserved before May 15 to avoid higher room rates. For more information contact Ellie Hilvers, 853-0847, e-mail Ellie@micron.net, or Cookie Sorge, (208) 939-8430, e-mail csorge1@juno.com.



K. La Verne Redden

St. Mary's, Boise, students, teacher shine at history competition

BOISE—Five teams of students from St. Mary's School, Boise, were among nearly 400 regional History Day winners from across Idaho who competed at the 17th annual Idaho History Day Competition April 20 at Boise State University.

All five teams placed in their division and area, and their advisor, St. Mary's sixth grade teacher, Kathy Yribar, received the award for Outstanding History Day Teacher in Idaho.

Yribar and three of her students, Carly Gerard, Stephen Moncrief and Dough Rudeen will travel to the University of Maryland campus near Washington D.C. June 10-14 to compete at the national level.

The theme for this year's competition was "Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." The three sixth graders brought

home first place, the Governor's Cup and \$200, and the AFL-CIO Award and \$100 for their Junior Division project, Civilian Conservation Corps—"On the Road to Recovery."

Other St. Mary's teams that placed in the Idaho History Day State Competition were:

—Fifth graders Lauren Franklin, Regan Flanagan, Kyleigh Gorringer, Kacey Jones and Bryanne Gribble (alternate), first place/Performance, Youth Division, "Alexander Fleming and the Discovery of Penicillin."

—Fourth graders Erin Burke, Brent Kelly, Aidan Cooper and Jenny Scharm, fourth place, Youth Division, "African Americans on the Idaho Frontier."

—Fourth graders Jessica Burlile, Wyatt Murie, Devin McClintok and Jamie Poulson, third place, Youth Division,

"Life On the Oregon Trail."

—Fourth graders Elena Harrington, Matt Camp and Austin Johns, third place, Youth Division, "The Lewis and Clark Expedition and Its Impact on the NezPerce Indians."

St. Mary's Principal Marcia M. Beckman said the students deserved their awards. She thanked Kay Ganguzza, fifth grade teacher, and Keith Gerard, fourth grade teacher, and all the parents for their work with the students.

In one of the nomination letters Outstanding History Day Teacher of Idaho., which St. Mary's sent to Idaho History Day coordinator, Kris Major of the Idaho State Historical Society, parents and students said Kathy Yribar "has a great love for this subject, and it shows in her enthusiasm for this project."

They said preparing students for the History Day competition "requires a great deal of work from Mrs. Yribar... There is a huge payoff, however, because it plants the seeds of appreciation for history at a very early age. The students learn so much about their subject, and how to complete a project that will be judged by an outside audience."

The parents and students said in their letter that Yribar is "an excellent teacher and beloved among students, parents, and fellow staff members for her quiet humor and firm but gentle manner. She will be long remembered for many things, but among them will be her contribution to our students' education in history..."

In her nomination letter, Beckman praised Yribar's knowledge and leadership regarding the use of hands-on techniques that make history come alive for the students.

"Each child becomes an 'expert' in their area and then shares their knowledge with the class," she said.



ON THEIR WAY TO MARYLAND—St. Mary's sixth graders from left, Carly Gerard, Douglas Rudeen and Stephen Moncrief, and their teacher, Kathy Yribar, will compete in the National History Day at University of Maryland in June.

Sister Gonzaga Letter, OSB, 99, dies April 23 at St. Gertrude's

COTTONWOOD—Sister Gonzaga (Rosette) Letter, 99, died of illness relating to age at the Monastery of St. Gertrude April 23.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the monastery April 26 by Father Meinrad Schallberger, OSB.

Sister Gonzaga was born at Oberageri, Switzerland, Jan. 19, 1902, to Bonaventure and Marie Anna Besmer Letter.

At the age of 19 she set sail for America with Mother Hildegard Vogel and 22 other young women.

She professed her vows as a Benedictine Sister on March 18, 1923. Her main ministry was teaching, first in elementary schools in Washington and Idaho. In 1926 her career as a high school teacher began at Greencreek public school. She later taught at St. Gertrude's Academy, Cottonwood, for 17 years.

Besides teaching typing and



Sister Gonzaga Letter

shorthand, she kept convent records, created works of art, especially with dried flowers, and calligraphy. She was also the Academy librarian for several years.

Sister Gonzaga was preceded in death by five brothers and six sisters.

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BRIEFS

St. Mark's, Boise, plans June 10 parish picnic at Municipal Park

St. Mark's Annual Parish Picnic will take place June 10 at Municipal Park, Boise, in the Burr Oak and the Shelter picnic areas.

The event will start with Mass in the park at 11 a.m. and will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

The parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and a drink for the children. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad and a desert to share, table service and choice of beverage (no glass containers are allowed in the park), lawn chairs, blanket and a tablecloth.

Bishop Kelly Alumni Association to award scholarships

BOISE—Any students who will be a freshman next year is eligible to apply for a \$2,000 Bishop Kelly Alumni Association scholarship.

To apply, students must write an essay of no more than 100 words on the topic: "Why I Want To Go to Bishop Kelly High School." The student should list his or her name, address and telephone number on a separate sheet of paper and include the names of either or both of their parents if they are Bishop Kelly alumni.

Send applications by May 25 to: Bishop Kelly Alumni Association, Scholarship, P.O. Box 1861, Boise, ID, 83701. If there are questions, call Chris Bieter, 344-2321.

Bishop receives thank you letters for diocesan contributions

Bishop Michael Driscoll recently received letters from Father John E. Kozar, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and from Msgr. Paul A. Lenz, executive director the National Black and Indian Missions Commission, thanking the Diocese of Boise for its contributions.

The Idaho church contributed \$22,700.37 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 2001, and \$6,656.07 to the Black and Indian Missions.

The collection for Catholic Home Missions is taken up in Idaho in January. The collection for Propagation of the Faith is taken up in October.

The Diocese of Boise received over \$50,000 this year in grant money from the Black and Indian Mission Collection to assist with Native American ministry each year.

In his letter, Msgr. Lenz thanked the Catholic people of Idaho "for their most generous gifts."

"Without your interest and concern for the church's Black and Native American Missions, evangelization programs would be greatly hampered," he said. "Regularly I visit the mission dioceses, speak with the bishops, visit the parishes and am pleased with the evangelization efforts that are possible as a result of funds received from the collection."

LIMEX orientation meetings set

Two orientation meetings to start two separate LIMEX—Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program—groups in the Treasure Valley are scheduled in June.

The orientation meeting is where you meet your group, are introduced to the learning method of LIMEX, sign a learning agreement, and pay tuition for the first course.

June 4, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday Morning Group, at St. John's Cathedral office, 775 North 8th Street, Suite 106. Deacon Rick Bonney, 342-3511, and Sister Beth Mulvaney, 367-2121, will facilitate.

June 13, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday Evening Group, in the Bishop Kelly High School faculty lounge, 7009 Franklin Road. Cliff Yeary, 454-8476, and Pam Curry, 658-6358, will co-facilitate.

For further information, contact Dan McGill, diocesan LIMEX liaison, 342-1311, or the facilitator.

KC trips

CDA to hold 53rd annual Book Review and Tea

COEUR D'ALENE—The fifty third annual Catholic Daughters Book Review and Spring Tea, which is presented for community enrichment, took place at St. Thomas Center April 28.

Well-known author and historian Louise Shadduck reviewed excerpts from her books.

"Andy Little," published in 1990, tells of a Scotch immigrant who became one of the greatest sheep men of the twentieth century.

"Doctors With Buggies, Snowshoes And Planes," was published in 1993. It is a story of

adventurous and resolute men and women looking for ways and means to help the ill and ailing as they brought the art of science and healing to the frontier.

Shadduck's third book, published in 1996, "At The Edge Of The Ice" is a reminder of those people of strength and character who toppled trees, burned stumps, tilled the soil and planted the land. They grew gardens, prepared the food, taught the children and joined the neighbors for a dance in a home, community hall or schoolhouse.

She expects her newest book, "Rodeo Idaho," a history of

Idaho rodeos, to be released soon.

Shadduck is a native of Coeur d'Alene and has lived most of her life there. She is the daughter of Lester and Mary Jeannette Shadduck, early day homesteaders who settled on the south face of Red Hog Mountain in the early 1900's.

Her career has spanned the fields of journalism, business, government and public service.

As researcher and author, Shadduck has told the stories of the families and individuals who have built Idaho's economy and woven its unique cultural history.

Benedictines at St. Gertrude's plan Victorian Mother's Day Tea

COTTONWOOD—The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude's will host its 4th Annual Victorian Tea Saturday, May 12.

The tea, a fundraiser to benefit the museum, will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Monastery of St. Gertrude, three miles west of Cottonwood on Keuterville Road.

All ticket proceeds will go to the operation and maintenance of the museum.

The monastery's dining room will be transformed into a Victorian parlor with live music, decorations and costumes. The Victorian social event will feature such delicacies as scones, Devonshire cream, finger sandwiches, cookies and plenty of piping hot tea and coffee. Attendees are encouraged to wear Victorian attire, but it is not required.

Tickets are \$15 and may be



VICTORIAN TEA—Staff and volunteers from the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude's serve Victorian treats at last year's Victorian Tea. (Photo by Darla Anglen-Whitley)

purchased in advance at the museum or at the door. For additional information, contact the museum, (208) 962-7123.

Father LaChance to serve as chaplain for National Committee on Scouting

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—Father Roger LaChance, Coeur d'Alene, was named associate chaplain for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) at the group's annual meeting in Rochester, N.Y. April 24-28.

Father LaChance, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, is the Diocese of Boise Catholic Committee on Scouting chaplain.

With the blessings of Bishop Michael Driscoll, Father LaChance will serve in his

new position for the next three years.

The NCCS Executive Board holds a business meeting twice annually and oversees the many activities they sponsor Catholic Scouts, including the religious emblems program, Scouter Development and religious activities.

NCCS is advisory to the Boy Scouts of America and relates to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops through its NCCS Episcopal Liaison.



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Mount Angel Abbey receives Challenge Grant from Collins Foundation

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—Mount Angel Abbey's *Let There Be Light* Capital Campaign has received a three-year, \$300,000 challenge pledge from the Collins Foundation.

The grant will be used to pay for renovation of Mount Angel Abbey's college seminary building, Aquinas Hall, which was built in 1930. Construction will begin in June and be completed by August 2002.

The estimated cost of the Aquinas Hall remodel is \$4 million. To date, the *Let There Be Light* Capital Campaign has raised \$2.6 million for the project. In order to receive the Collins Foundation grant, Mount Angel Abbey must raise \$1 million in new pledges by December 2001.

The Aquinas Hall project

consists of updating and enlarging 45 seminarian rooms, providing contemporary wiring, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, and bringing the building up to seismic code.

"We plan to not only bring existing rooms up to more livable standards, but add more rooms to meet the demand by the dioceses and religious orders we serve," said Father Nathan Zodrow, seminary administrator.

Mount Angel Seminary is the largest seminary on the West Coast with 170 seminarians. Founded in 1889, it serves 26 dioceses and eight religious orders in the United States, Canada and Pacific Island nations that have a Catholic population of over 5,000,000 people.

St. Edward's School students to participate in space shuttle mission

TWIN FALLS—Many youngsters dream of traveling into space. Students at St. Edward's School, Twin Falls, will get to live that dream vicariously when their personal signatures travel aboard a U.S. Space Shuttle Mission this fall with the Student Signatures in Space Program.

Student Signatures in Space (S3) is a nationwide project associated with Space Day, which took place May 3. Space Day, the culminating event of the Embrace Space educational initiative, is intended to inspire future generations to continue the vision of our space pioneers and to encourage science, math and technology education.

More than 500 elementary and middle schools are participants in the S3 project this year, and St. Edward's was one of the schools selected.

Each participating school received a giant poster for students to sign. Their signa-

tures will be returned and photographed. The negatives will be launched with the crew of Space Shuttle mission STS-108, a space station assembly mission scheduled for launch Nov. 1. After the mission, the posters will be returned to the schools, along with a photo of the crew that carried the signatures up and a flight certificate verifying that the signatures flew in space.

One of the outstanding features of Space Day is Cyber Space Day, the fourth annual webcast emanating live from the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. The webcast, which will feature speakers such as Senator John Glenn and the chief scientist of the International Space Station, brings the excitement of living and working in space to students, teachers and space enthusiasts the world over. St. Edward's School students will have the opportunity to participate in this event in their individual classrooms.

Catholic U. president thanks Idaho Church for donation

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In a letter to Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, Father David M. O'Connell, C.M., president of The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., thanked the Diocese of Boise for its contribution of \$6,000 to the Annual Diocesan Collection in support of CUA.

In his letter he noted that "our students are recognizing once more the tremendous advantages provided by attending the national university of the church in our country."

"Your contribution enables young women and men who could not otherwise afford it with the opportunity to study

here," said Father O'Connell. "In opening wide the doors of The Catholic University of America to our students, you have helped answer the Holy

Father's call to them."

The Catholic University of America is the nation's only higher education institution established by the U.S. bishops.

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SPRING MAINTENANCE—Workmen calk new windows at the Diocesan Patoral Center, Boise. The windows are part of a general maintenance project which is intended to make the center more energy efficient and prevent maintenance problems in the future, according to Deacon Gerald Pera, chancellor.

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First Pocatello/Chubbuck joint Easter service

Easter celebration at ISU gym draws almost 2000

By Maureen Duggan
for the ICR

POCATELLO — The Pocatello/Chubbuck Catholic Community gathered on Easter Sunday at Reed Gym on the Idaho State University campus in Pocatello to celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

Saint Anthony's, Saint Joseph's parishes, Pocatello, Saint Paul's, Chubbuck, and Saint John's Campus Center planned this joint celebration so that Catholics could gather together and worship as one large community. Close to 2,000 people joined their hands and hearts to celebrate the Mass together in prayer and song. This was the first time in the history of the Catholic Church in Pocatello and Chubbuck that Catholics united as one large body to worship together for the Easter Sunday Service.

Father Camillus Temba, Saint Paul's Parish, was the celebrant. Father Joseph Muha pastor of the Pocatello/Chubbuck Catholic Community, and Father Anthony DiLoreto, Saint Anthony's, concelebrated with Deacon Mel Hardy assisting. Readers, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and ushers represented each parish. Some of those who were newly initiated into the Catholic Church at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service the evening before carried the

gifts of bread and wine to the altar.

During the opening procession, which was led by the Knights of Columbus and the altar servers, a member of each parish carried water from their own parish to combine for a blessing during the Easter service. The water coming together represented the uniting of the parishes as one Catholic community, and the priests and the deacon blessed all those present at the service with this water.

Petitions were offered Spanish, Filipino, Swahili and English. The New Testament and gospel readings were read in both English and Spanish. The homily was given by Father Camillus in English, and by Father DiLoreto in Spanish.

Father Camillus urged the Catholic Community to come together as one as he related his journey to the priesthood and shared the joy of celebrating together.

Musicians from all four churches combined their instruments and voices in song. The group of 17 was made up of keyboard, violin, flute, bass and guitars, along with a mixture of male and female voices. They provided a half an hour of music before the beginning of the service and then provided the music for the Easter Mass. A special number, "He's Alive," told the story of Jesus'



EASTER CELEBRATION—Nearly 2000 Easter Mass. People from all three parishes Catholics from Pocatello and Chubbuck in the area and St. John's Student Center at parishes gather in Reed Gym on the Idaho ISU participated in planning the multicultural State University Campus for their first joint celebration. (Photo by Mike Hysell)

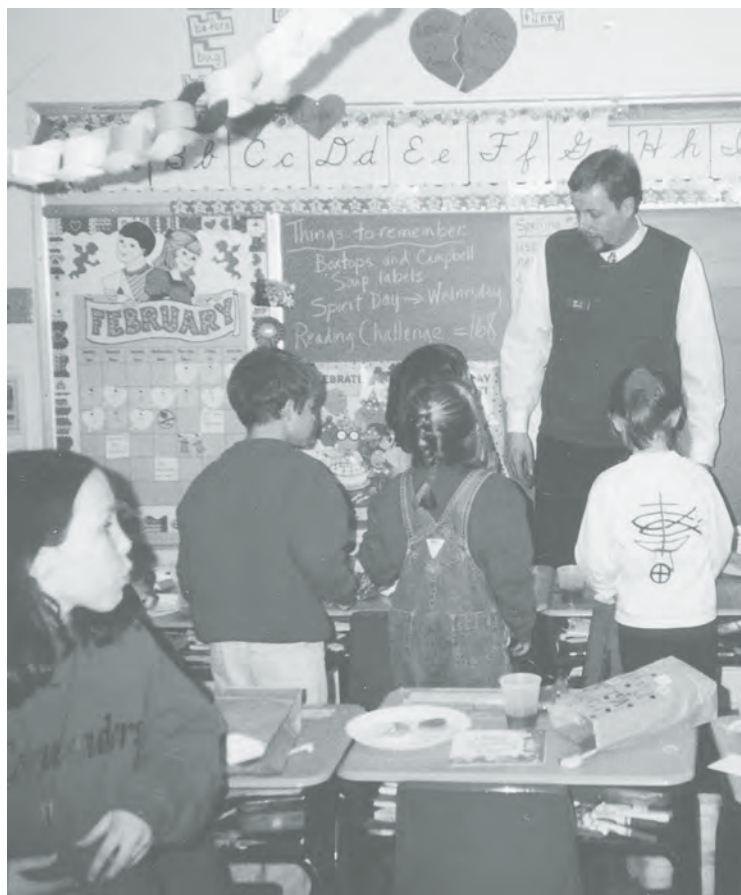
rising from the dead and returning to life. The music was bilingual, combining both Spanish and English.

Many people played a big part in planning the celebration. Members of each parish

met and combined their talents and experience to create one celebration. Each person who either helped with the liturgy or attended said they felt blessed by the opportunity to share with so many

others the conclusion of the Lenten journey.

The Catholic Community of Pocatello and Chubbuck are hoping to join together for more special events and worship together as one large community.



VISITING WITH 'MR. A'—St. Anthony Catholic Community School Principal Stephen Anderson visits Nancy Corgiat's second grade students. Anderson has implemented a rewards program that recognizes students for their good behavior. Through positive reinforcement, the St. Anthony's staff is able to teach the "6 Rs"—reading, writing, arithmetic, responsibility, respect and religion effectively.

Pocatello school teaches '6 Rs' using positive reinforcement

POCATELLO—The bell rings, and it's a typical Monday or is it?

According to a news release from St. Anthony Catholic Community School, the children are clamoring into the hallway for the morning meeting with "Mr. A." This is exciting because the children collect "Crusader Tickets" as a reward for their good behavior the previous week.

When Monday rolls around Mr. A. (a.k.a. Stephen Anderson, the school principal) draws names from the collected tickets and the children get to choose a prize. The prize is only a small token compared with the pride the children feel when hearing their names called for being recognized for their good behavior. Mr. A implemented the program almost two year's ago, and it has been a great success.

Wednesday rolls around at St. Anthony, and the school is a sea of red shirts—Crusader shirts. The classroom that has everyone wearing Crusader shirts wins the school trophy.

The goal here is school pride. It is truly a good thing, according to the staff.

And just when you would think there couldn't be any more fun at school there is "Payoff." The children who do not receive any disciplinary tickets for the month are rewarded with a special activity. September had parents, teachers and students sliding down Bartz Field on ice blocks. Another month was celebrated with root beer floats.

But school is supposed to be about learning, you say. What about those famous 3 R's?

Since 1952, St. Anthony has been dedicated to helping its students develop their fullest potential as productive men and women of society. The positive reinforcement techniques implemented by Anderson allow the school community to effectively teach the "6 Rs" they adhere to reading, writing, arithmetic, responsibility, respect and religion. (Statistically, the state's testing results put St. Anthony's students scores about 23 percent above

the national average.) Coupling academic excellence with spiritual growth is the key that culminates in teaching and loving the complete child.

At St. Anthony's everyone is excited about its future and wants those who have been a part of its history to help share a successful vision of its history to help share a successful vision for the 21st century.

The school staff is in search of all past alumni, either from St. Anthony or St. Joseph schools. Records from St. Anthony School are no longer available. A reunion and open house for all alumni are planned for next fall. Anyone with information regarding names and addresses of those who attended either school should contact Stephen B. Anderson, St. Anthony Catholic Community School, 540 N. Seventh Ave. Pocatello 83201, telephone 208-232-5763, e-mail: Niekro@aol.com.

Photographs and any other interesting historical information would also be appreciated.

La Comunidad

El Evangelio

Cristo: El buen pastor

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Jn. 10, 27-30.



Las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de este fin de semana son parte de su discurso del Buen Pastor. La gente sabía muy bien que el símbolo del Pastor era clara referencia al reinado de David, por lo cual quieren saber si Jesús está diciendo con esto que El es el Mesías esperado, a lo cual no responde directamente. Además, conviene observar que Jesús nunca en el Evangelio habla de sí mismo como el Mesías, quizás por tantas y variadas interpretaciones que sus contemporáneos daban a esta palabra. Aquí, la respuesta de Jesús indica que para la gente de fe, la respuesta es obvia. Quienes lo reconocen como pastor oyen su voz y lo siguen.

La Biblia anunciaba el día en que Dios vendría a reunir las ovejas dispersas

de su tierra. Jesús es el Pastor y ha venido para cumplir lo anunciado; pero no lo hará en la forma esperada. Los judíos pensaban que el Pastor les devolvería su antigua prosperidad; serían una nación privilegiada en medio de las demás naciones. Jesús, en cambio, dice claramente que su pueblo no se confunde con la nación judía. Suyos son los que creen, y solamente ellos. El va a sacar de entre los judíos a aquellos que son suyos; lo mismo sacará a sus ovejas de entre otros corrales, es decir, de entre otras naciones que la judía. Entonces las encabezará a todas y guiará a este pueblo sin fronteras hacia donde él sabe. El único rebaño, o sea la única Iglesia, camina a lo largo de la historia y no se encierra en ningún corral: no identifica su destino con ninguna nación.

En este tiempo pascual estamos recordando a la comunidad de discípulos congregada por el Espíritu Santo después de la resurrección de Cristo. Esta comunidad llamada Iglesia aparece claramente como el regalo del resucitado a toda la humanidad, y con ella Cristo

establece una comunicación muy personal: Aquí vemos lo que antes El afirmó de su rebaño: “Yo las conozco y ellas conocen mi voz...” El pueblo de Cristo no es una masa: está compuesto de personas que valen cada una por sí misma y que han empezado con él una aventura hecha de confianza y de amor mutuo. “Yo les doy la vida eterna, no perecerán para siempre y nadie las arrebatará de mi mano... Mi Padre me ha dado las ovejas... nadie puede arrebatarlas de la mano de mi Padre...”

Las palabras del Evangelio deberían fortalecer nuestra fe, nuestra confianza y nuestro compromiso con la Iglesia. Recordemos que La Iglesia nos da el Evangelio, nos da la Eucaristía, y sobre todo al mismo Jesucristo. En la Iglesia encontramos el sentido de nuestra vida y de nuestra muerte, ella nos transmite la ley del amor fraterno y de la libertad, y nos ayuda a vivirla en lo concreto de nuestra vida y de nuestro compromiso con los demás. La garantía de la Iglesia, de su fidelidad en conducirnos a la vida de Cristo resucitado y al Evangelio del

amor, es que no está en manos de pastores humanos. Estos son solo un instrumento necesario e imperfecto del único Pastor que guía a la Iglesia. Quien además suple las fallas de los cristianos (pastores y laicos) por el Espíritu Santo que nos envió. Este nos da la vida, nos ayuda a seguir a Cristo y a ser fieles a su Evangelio para su animación interior, vital, independiente de las previsiones y fallas de los hombres de la Iglesia.

La causa de nuestra fe, confianza y amor a la Iglesia es que está en las manos de Dios. Nadie se la puede arrebatar. Formamos parte de una comunidad de hermanos, con muchos defectos, en nosotros y en nuestros dirigentes, pero que a causa de que Jesús resucitado es nuestro Pastor, estamos seguros de que en esta Iglesia lo seguimos a El, y que nos conduce a la vida eterna.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Jóvenes de Arizona construyen iglesia en México

Ministro de jóvenes aseguró ‘Tengo 75 jóvenes que buscan hacer algo’

PUERTO PENASCO, México (CNS) — Jóvenes de tres parroquias católicas de la diócesis de Fénix han pasado tiempo en una ciudad mexicana de atracción turística.

Pero no están allá para ir a los lugares de moda, sino para reconstruir una iglesia católica en las afueras, lugar de pobreza.

Jóvenes del Sagrado Corazón de Prescott, de San Germán del Valle de Prescott, y de San Juan Vianney de Avondale han estado trabajando en Puerto Peñasco, 60 millas al sur de la frontera con Arizona, junto al Mar de Cortez en el estado de Sonora.

Es un villorrio de pescadores conocido por sus aguas brillantes, vida nocturna agitada y mariscos baratos.

Pero estos jóvenes han centrado su atención en la zona del pueblo playero que está más lejana de los lugares turísticos de moda, y en donde miles de residentes viven en chozas sin electricidad ni plomería.

De una cifra calculada en 40,000 residentes en la comunidad, más de 30,000 son católicos, de acuerdo con el padre Luis Sandoval, pastor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, una de las dos iglesias

católicas del pueblo.

Las dos iglesias están localizadas dentro de las zonas turísticas del pueblo—no en la destartalada comunidad de casas cerca de siete millas de distancia, en donde algunas capillas distanciadas sirven a las necesidades de miles de parroquianos locales.

El año pasado Ed Johansen, ministro de jóvenes del Sagrado Corazón de Prescott visitó una de las capillas—San Judas—y la encontró en “un terreno baldío lleno de basura.”

El dijo que la capilla de un solo cuarto estaba erigida con láminas de madera agregada, aluminio y cartón.

La construcción da cabida a 50 personas, a pesar de que más de 300 asisten a la Misa todos los domingos, pues es la única iglesia accesible a pie. Las paredes de madera agregada son quitadas para darle cabida a la multitud y para hacer que el aire circule.

Después de su visita, Johansen dijo, que él regresó a Arizona “con la idea de construir una iglesia.”

“Tengo 75 jóvenes en el grupo que buscan hacer algo,” dijo en una entrevista al The Catholic Sun, periódico de la diócesis de Fénix.

La idea cristalizó en planes específicos que también incluyen una casa nueva para

el cuidador, una oficina para los sacerdotes, regaderas, y una clínica en donde los

lugareños pueden recibir cuidado médico y dental de la Universidad de Mexicali.



ESTUDIANTES CONSTRUYEN UNA IGLESIA — Jóvenes de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Prescott, de la parroquia de San Germán de Prescott Valley y de la parroquia de San Juan Vianney de Avondale,

todas de la diócesis de Fénix, trabajan en un proyecto de construcción de nueva iglesia católica en Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, México. (Foto CNS por Robert DeFrancesco, Catholic Sun)

El Papa dice que la necesidad humana de Dios puede ser física

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El deseo humano de estar con Dios no es solamente un anhelo, sino una necesidad que puede ser tan física como la necesidad de comida o agua, dijo el papa Juan Pablo II.

Cuando el salmista le dice a Dios, "por ti mi carne está traspasada y mi alma sedienta," le ayuda al lector a "entender qué tan esencial y profunda es la necesidad de Dios," dijo el Papa el 25 de abril en su audiencia general semanal.

En la plaza de San Pedro, bajo un tibio sol de primavera, el Papa les pidió a los peregrinos que se imaginaran la toma de lugar del Salmo 62: "Es la au-

rorra, el sol se eleva en el cielo claro de Tierra Santa y el orador empieza su día yendo al templo para buscar la luz de Dios.

"Necesita ese encuentro con el Señor en una forma casi instintiva, que se podría decir física," dijo el Papa.

"Igual que la tierra árida está como muerta hasta que es irrigada por la lluvia," él dijo, "así también el anhelo fiel por Dios de estar lleno de él para poder existir en comunión con él."

El hambre de Dios se satisface al escuchar su palabra y recibir su cuerpo en la Eucaristía, dijo el Papa.

"Mediante el alimento místico de la comunión con Dios, 'el alma se une' a él, como dice el salmista," dijo el Papa. "No es por suerte que habla de un abrazo, de una unión que es casi física."

Hasta en lo más oscuro de la noche y en medio del peligro y las dificultades, el que está en comunión con Dios se siente protegido, dijo.

En el tiempo de Pascua, dijo el papa Juan Pablo, los cristianos saben que "la sed y el hambre que nos impulsa hacia Dios" se satisfacen a través de los dones del Espíritu Santo y los sacramentos, por medio de Cristo resucitado.

Ministros de juventud hispana describen programas anti-pandillas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Desde ciudades texanas fronterizas, a enclaves industriales del norte, las personas involucradas dentro del ministerio de juventud hispana tienen que habérselas con pandillas.

Entre los esfuerzos para contener la influencia de las pandillas entre los hispanos, se incluyen programas que intentan en forma sistemática proveer servicios más allá de los límites convencionales, utilizando movimientos apostólicos para proporcionar sistemas de apoyo comunitario, y organizando actividades patrocinadas por la Iglesia después de las horas habituales de escuela, para que los niños estén ocupados.

"Las pandillas representan un serio problema. El Paso es una ciudad fronteriza. Los monopolios de drogas están muy fuertes e incursionan dentro de las pandillas," dijo Marcos Martínez, director de ministerio de jóvenes al servicio de la diócesis de El

Paso, Texas.

"Nos acercamos a ellos en las calles. Trabajamos con los padres," dijo Martínez, mexicanoamericano de 37 años de edad.

"No tenemos grandes resultados de éxito," añadió.

Meiante uno de los programas se trata de acomodar en el seno de familias en otras partes de Texas a expandilleros que temen represalias de sus antiguos camaradas, dijo. A veces se presenta el caso de un joven que quiere dejar a su familia porque todos sus familiares están involucrados en una pandilla, añadió.

En Chicago, a través del acercamiento en las calles de sacerdotes y ministros de jóvenes, muchos expandilleros fueron invitados a participar en la organización de una reunión popular de gran alcance, dijo George Rivera, coordinador de ministerio hispano del Vicariato II de la arquidiócesis de Chicago.

"Se sintieron parte de ello,

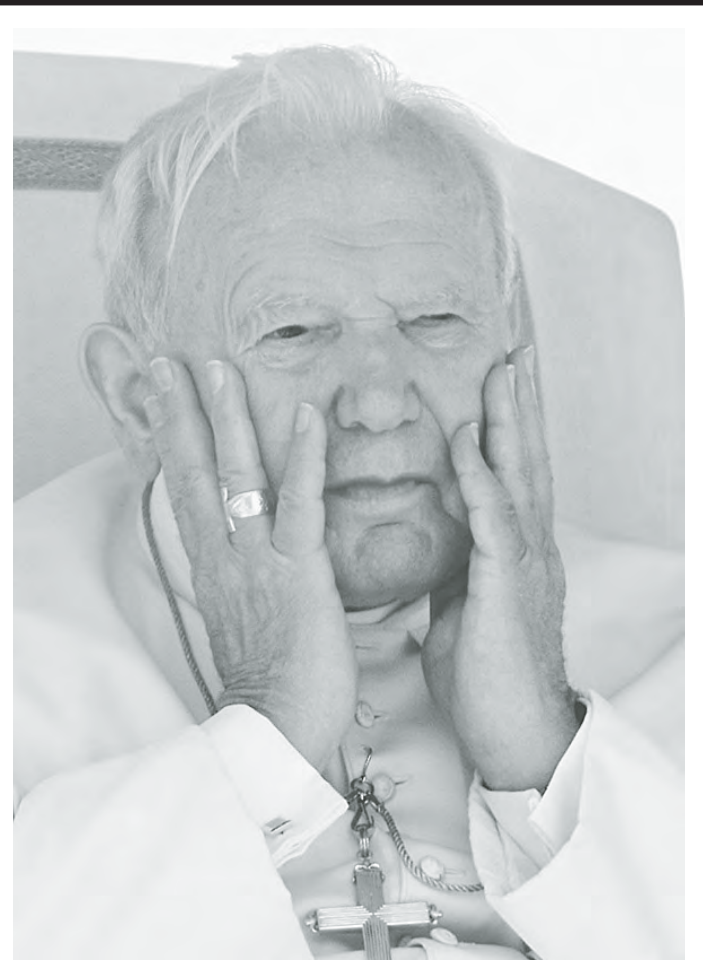
y tomaron como cumplido que les hubieran pedido hacer algo," dijo Rivera, puertorriqueño de 37 años de edad.

En Nueva York, los movimientos apostólicos son una buena arma para contrarrestar a las pandillas, dijo Rudy Vargas, director ejecutivo del Centro para Formación de Laicos Católicos de la arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

Citó "Jornadas de Vida Cristiana" que organiza retiros de fin de semana para los jóvenes cada mes.

Es también importante que las parroquias mantengan actividades después de las horas normales de escuela para alejar a los jóvenes, de las calles, dijo.

Vargas dijo que la participación en pandillas y el uso de drogas son síntomas de problemas mayores de adaptación a los EEUU en los cuales muchos jóvenes hispanos pobres, especialmente inmigrantes, se encuentran.



EL PAPA JUAN PABLO II EN AUDIENCIA GENERAL — El papa Juan Pablo II preside la audiencia general en la Plaza de San Pedro el 25 de abril. El Papa, que cumplirá 81 años de edad este mayo, visitará Siria, Grecia y Malta del 4 al 9 de mayo. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

Puertorriqueño a punto de ser beatificado promovió la participación de laicos en la Iglesia

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (CNS)—Galvanizó el ministerio dentro de los recintos universitarios para estudiantes católicos en las universidades públicas, y luchó para que los laicos entendieran la Misa y la vida entera de liturgia de la Iglesia, participando en ella, en años anteriores al Concilio Vaticano Segundo.

Carlos Manuel Rodríguez—conocido como "Charlie" por su familia y amigos—también promovió la Vigilia Pascual como momento que define la vida espiritual del cristiano.

El 29 de abril, Rodríguez sería beatificado por el papa Juan Pablo II. Llegando a ser así el primer laico contemporáneo de las Américas que es beatificado.

Rodríguez fue clérigo trabajador en una estación de extensión de agricultura de la universidad de Puerto Rico, en donde le dio nueva vida al ministerio dentro del recinto universitario en el Centro Católico de la universidad. También dio pláticas informales sobre temas litúrgicos y cultura

cristiana en el Centro, y tradujo artículos sobre esos tópicos al español, del inglés y del francés.

"Viví de acuerdo con la máxima 'El celo de tu casa me ha devorado,'" recordó el doctor Francisco Aguilo, médico de San Juan, quien con su esposa, continuó el apostolado en el Centro Católico, después de la muerte de Rodríguez debida a cáncer de colon en 1963, a la edad de 45 años.

"Esa es la manera en la que él insistió los cristianos deben sentir por su Iglesia, entendida como el cuerpo místico de Cristo; como también por la liturgia, la vida de la Iglesia," añadió Aguilo en una entrevista con El Visitante, periódico semanal en lengua española publicado por la conferencia de obispos de Puerto Rico.

Desde su temprana juventud, Rodríguez dio muestras de tener un gran intelecto, pero se vio limitado para seguir una educación seria de colitis que sufrió la mayor parte de su vida. La colitis eventualmente degeneró en cáncer del colon que lo privó de la vida.

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NCEA delegates learn how to do jobs better

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — More than 12,000 Catholic educators spent their Easter vacation in Milwaukee learning how they could do their jobs better.

Teachers and school principals from across the country who attended the annual National Catholic Educational Association's annual conven-

tion April 17-20 picked up everything from new teaching exercises to broad concepts of Catholic education and innovative ways to raise money.

The four days of workshops and general sessions began with a keynote address by Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland, who urged the edu-

cators to think globally and to form students as leaders who would see beyond their own culture.

He warned that too often "people outside the United States see globalization as Americanization."

To counter this perception, he said, Catholic school students must learn "to critique profoundly where we live," and understand that the United States might not have all the answers.

He urged educators to continue to form the moral, intellectual, spiritual and social dimensions of their students, as a way to stand apart from the ever-growing secularism in society.

"Secularism is proposed as a solution," Archbishop Weakland said, and many believe religion should be kept quiet because of the perceived divisiveness it creates, but "we have to learn how the values of every religion contribute" to the good of all.

"The world needs us," he said of the Catholic perspective on the many necessary aspects of education.

He praised Catholic schools for their emphasis on virtues like discipline, respect and loyalty, which he said make their students more than just "brain people."

The archbishop also briefly touched on the issue of school choice, which was the focus of a daylong symposium at the convention.

"If I have been an advocate of school vouchers, it is because they give poor parents a more level playing field in selecting a good education for their children," he said. "Moreover, we Catholics have a good track record in being able to help the poor."

The April 19 keynote speaker, Howard Fuller, likewise praised school-choice initiatives, describing them as "a critical weapon in the arsenal that is needed to achieve effective education for all our children, particularly for our poorest children of color."

Fuller, who is founder and director of the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Milwaukee's Marquette University, was superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools from 1991 to 1995.

In 1990, Wisconsin was the first state to offer a publicly-funded, school-choice program for children of low-income urban families. And since 1998, eligible families have been able to use state-funded vouchers to send their children to religious schools. About 40 percent of Milwaukee's 9,638 choice students attend Catholic schools in the city.

Fuller said Catholics are often needlessly defensive or apologetic about including their schools in a choice program.

But, as he sees it, "Why apologize for wanting to save something that serves people well?"

The convention's closing speaker, Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister, stirred controversy among a few church officials even before her appearance in Milwaukee.

When the NCEA announced its choice of the well-known spiritual writer and lecturer as a keynoter, church officials in the dioceses of Peoria, Ill., and Pittsburgh cited objections to her writings critical of church teaching on the ordination of women, homosexuality and other issues, and announced they would not allocate diocesan funds to pay for their teachers to attend the convention.

Sister Chittister acknowledged some rare nervousness April 20 in front of the crowd of educators, but told them she was "really happy" to be there and "even happier that you're here."

She urged the teachers and school administrators to become consummate questioners and to recognize that the "courage to question the seemingly unquestionable is the essence of spiritual leadership."

Sister Chittister, who holds the Bruggeman chair of ecumenical theology at Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cincinnati, encouraged the educators to pass on this notion of questioning to their students.

"Teach them to question," she said. "Teach them to think."

In the hundreds of workshops during the convention, teachers also were encouraged to think about new ways to present poetry and math problems, as well as ways to help today's youth navigate through issues of sexuality, self-esteem and peer pressure.

During one workshop, Maureen Blum, principal of Our Lady of the Lake Elementary School in Seattle, said her school participated in a bullying prevention pilot program after one student had yelled out that he "wanted to kill everyone in his class."

In the aftermath of recent school shootings, Blum said, "our eyes have to be open to students who don't think they belong."

The school came up with a definition of bullying and followed a curriculum that included videos such as "How To Enter a Peer Group," "How To Make a Friend," and "What To Do When Someone Is Bullying You."

At the end of the lessons, students signed an anti-bullying pledge.

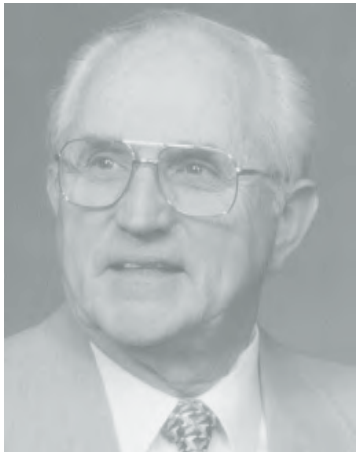
Blum told her Catholic school colleagues that she was convinced the message was getting through when she recently overheard a student on the playground tell another student: "That is bullying. If you do not stop, I am getting an adult."

At an April 18 workshop on "To Play as Jesus Did: Athletics and the Gospel Mission of the Catholic School," Augustinian Father Richard J. McGrath told his audience why he is convinced that Catholic schools benefit in many ways by having successful athletic programs.

The priest, who is the author of a book about athletic programs in Catholic schools, said those benefits include positive name recognition in the community, more opportunities for students and parents to participate in Catholic education, and development of student-athletes' talents.

In the NCEA convention's exhibit hall, surrounded by exhibitors touting high-tech computer software and the latest religious textbooks, Jim Shanley was offering a nostalgic product with an updated twist: saint trading cards.

Holy cards, long used in Catholic schools as rewards, are still good incentives for elementary-age students, who also like to collect and trade such items among friends, said Shanley, father of six and founder of the family-run, Virginia-based Holy Traders.



Jack Craven



Bob Sobotta

Diocesan officials reap NCEA fruits

Both Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise director of education, and Bob Sobotta, diocesan coordinator of Catholic schools, came home from the National Catholic Education Association Convention in Milwaukee, April 17-20, feeling renewed and encouraged.

"One of the main advantages of these kinds of programs is that it provides an opportunity for us in more remote areas to become aware of trends and developments and new approaches to catechesis in both schools and parishes," Craven said. "It also provides us an opportunity to become acquainted with people who are potential presenters for our annual Fall Conference."

Craven said spending a week in Milwaukee visiting with other educators affirmed for him that the approaches catechists and Catholic school educators are using in the Diocese of Boise for developing programs and upgrading the quality of programs "is very much in keeping with what is happening in archdioceses and dioceses around the United States."

"We do have unique needs

in our diocese, and programs that may be effective in New York, Miami or Austin, Tex., are not necessarily the programs that are going to answer the needs of people in the Diocese of Boise," Craven said. "But we have many good people in our diocese working on all levels, organizing teaching programs in our schools and parishes. Our people are well served by them. I think our people around the diocese in all the deaneries are as dedicated and committed to catechizing and evangelizing as any around the U.S. We're definitely not standing on the side of the road watching the parade pass."

Sobotta said he brought home a lot of information and materials from the NCEA meeting.

"We have prepared a thick booklet of handouts and ideas that I will share with our Catholic school principals who in turn can share with their teachers to benefit the students," he said.

Some of the handouts are motivational materials for teachers and students. Some deal with student discipline. Others give ideas for teaching and evaluating programs.

Study says time, sex, money biggest obstacles to young marrieds

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A recent study by the Creighton University Center for Marriage and Family suggests that time, sex and money pose the three biggest obstacles to satisfaction in the lives of newly married couples.

In its report, "Time, Sex and Money: The First Five Years of Marriage," the center noted those three topics "were the three problematic issues reported most frequently and with the highest average intensity."

The study found that debt brought into marriage, the couples' financial situation, balancing job and family, and frequency of sexual relations were of greatest concern to those ages 29 and under.

Those age 30 and over shared with their younger cohorts the concerns of balancing job and family and frequency of sexual relations, but also added as problem areas constant bickering and expectations about household tasks.

The U.S. Catholic Conference was one of several organizations lending financial and/or institutional support for the study's completion.

The study is intended to help diocesan marriage preparation programs be more effective in counseling engaged couples about what to expect in married life, according to Gail Risch, one of study's authors and a member of the marriage and family center of the Jesuit-run university in Omaha, Neb.

"Although the early years of marriage involve much that is applicable to marriage in general, there are experiences, needs and issues unique to the first five years," the study says.

It said the findings are applicable only to educated, white U.S. Catholics, and "not to the entire Catholic population in the United States." It cited the inability to obtain a sufficient number of replies from Spanish-speaking couples who had taken the personal inventory for engaged couples used in many U.S. dioceses. The inventory is called FOCCUS, which stands for

Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study.

"Time, Sex and Money" is shorthand for the top three problem areas reported by survey respondents: balancing job and family, frequency of sexual relations, and debt brought into marriage.

The other top problematic issues the study showed were, in order: husband's employment, defined as whether the husband has a job and how much he contributes to household income; overall financial situation; expectations about household tasks; constant bickering; communication with spouse; parents or in-laws; and time spent together with spouse.

Communication and conflict resolution formed a cluster of issues the Creighton study identified as appearing regularly among top problematic issues, though they did not make any subgroup's top-ten lists.

The study said respondents did offer three pieces of advice to married couples: "Communicate, communicate, communicate."

Guest Commentary

Tale of two fathers: Parents reconcile, oppose use of death penalty

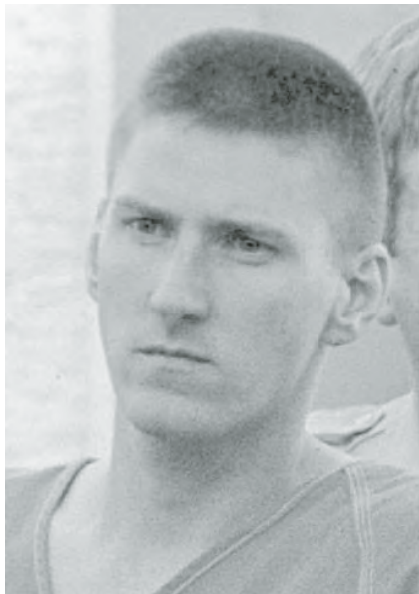
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Responding to editors' requests for a regular sampling of current commentary from around the Catholic press, here is an editorial titled "Tale of two fathers: Parents reconcile, oppose use of death penalty," which appeared in the April 5 issue of *The Catholic Herald*, newspaper of the Diocese of Madison, Wis. It was written by editor Mary C. Uhler.

What would be worse? Would it be more difficult to be the parent of a child killed in the Oklahoma City bombing? Or would it be harder to be the parent of the man responsible for killing that child and 167 other people?

I can't imagine the pain and anguish suffered by both kinds of parents. Losing a child must be devastating for any mother or father. But being the parent of Timothy McVeigh—the man sentenced in the federal building bombing on April 19, 1995—must also be devastating.

It surely is astounding, therefore, that the father of one of the bombing victims and McVeigh's father have met and found reconciliation. Emmett E. "Bud" Welch, father of Julie-Marie, and William McVeigh, father of Timothy, met in 1998. Both fathers struggle to understand and forgive as they go on with their lives. (Their story was reported in the April 2000 issue of *St. Anthony Messen-*

**Timothy McVeigh**

ger magazine.)

Ironically, both fathers raised their children as Catholics. Julie-Marie attended daily Mass at a church in Oklahoma City, where she ran a children's program. Timothy never missed a day of school as a child and was "very likable," said his father.

Since the bombing, Welch has addressed church and secular groups. At first, he spoke for his daughter's sake; now he focuses on Timothy McVeigh. "I do not want to see him executed," Welch insists.

Neither father is convinced that Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols (the other convicted bomber) acted alone. Both fathers hope and pray that McVeigh's life is spared. Timo-

thy McVeigh is scheduled to be executed on May 16 at the U.S. penitentiary in Terre Haute, Ind.

If anyone "deserves" the death penalty, it is Timothy McVeigh. Yet, McVeigh's death will not bring back the life of a single person who died in the bombing.

"Neither retribution nor deterrence justify taking a human life, even one guilty of a terrible crime," said the Florida Catholic Conference in a May 2000 statement. "We diminish ourselves as a people by taking away a human life. Every human life must be respected, even lives who fail to show that respect for others."

McVeigh—and others on death row—should spend the rest of their lives in prison, giving them time to reflect on their actions and repent. Life imprisonment will keep dangerous criminals behind bars and is less expensive than capital punishment.

As our Holy Father and the Catholic bishops have said repeatedly, we must break the cycles of violence in our society. We must treasure all human life and not solve our problems with violence.

As we remember the crucifixion and death of Our Lord, let us pray for those on death row and for policy-makers in our country to stop using the death penalty and to stand up for life.

Seats still open for Marian Conference Bus Pilgrimage

Idaho Catholics are invited to participate in a pilgrimage to the Spokane Marian Eucharistic Conference May 25-27.

A bus will leave Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, at 7:30 a.m. May 25 and return the night of May 27. About 25 seats are still available. Cost is \$45 route trip per person. While enroute, participants will have opportunities for fellowship and to view religious videos, pray the rosary, share snacks and enjoy beautiful scenery.

At the conference, Idaho's own Sheila M. Fix, Holy Apostles Parish, will be one of the speakers. She will share "The Journey of a Miracle," her story of a miraculous healing from untreatable "Ultra Rapid Cycling Bipolar Disorder," which she received through Father Stephen Barham at the Spokane Marian Conference in 1998.

The Marian Conference will take place at the Martin Centre on the Gonzaga University campus in Spokane.

Other featured speakers will include: Bishop William Skylstad, Bishop of Spokane; Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., Gonzaga University president; Father David Baronti, a missionary in Guatemala, Chris Lyford, San Rafael, Calif, founder of the Lay Catholic Broadcasting Network; Father Bill Casey, CPM, superior general of the Fathers of Mercy in Kentucky, Daniel Lynch, Alburg Springs, Vt., who will accompany the missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Daniel Wetzler, a Spokane parish pastor, Donna Cori Gibson, singer and song writer, and Jon Van Vogt and Choir.

Registration fee for the Marian Conference is \$35 for adults and \$5 for youth, 12 to 18. Housing is available at area hotels and at Gonzaga University.

To sign up for the pilgrimage by bus and for conference registration and housing information contact Fix, (208) 939-1550, or Bob Sandolvol, (208) 939-6506, as soon as possible

SPOKANE MARIAN CONFERENCE



HISTORIC MOMENT— Greek Orthodox Archbishop Christodoulos escorts Pope John Paul II from Areopagus hill in Athens May 4. Behind them is an icon of St. Paul, who preached to the Athenians there nearly 2,000 years ago. (CNS photo from Reuters)

In three-nation trip, pope reaches out to Orthodox, Muslims

By John Thavis

VALLETTA, Malta (CNS) — On a pilgrimage highlighted by bold ecumenical and interreligious gestures, Pope John Paul II reached across centuries of division to Orthodox Christians in Greece and Muslims in Syria.

In Greece May 4-5, the pope issued a dramatic apology for past treatment of the Orthodox and said it was time to "heal the wounds" that have divided Eastern and Western churches for nearly 1,000 years. Vatican and Orthodox officials called the visit an ecumenical breakthrough.

In Syria May 6, he became the first pope in history to enter a mosque, where he was warmly greeted by his Muslim hosts. He said Christianity and Islam should forever put aside conflict and ask forgiveness for past offenses.

In Malta, an almost entirely Catholic country, Pope John Paul beatified three Maltese and called them guides for the church's future.

The pope was tracing the footsteps of St. Paul, and he encouraged the minority Catholic communities in Greece and Syria to follow the apostle's example in combining evangelization and dialogue. He said

St. Paul had approached the ancient peoples of the region on their own cultural terms 2,000 years ago, launching the church's universal mission.

The pope, who turns 81 later in May, appeared tired as he labored through receptions and liturgies during his May 4-9 pilgrimage. But the pontiff was clearly buoyed by the apparent success of his stops and the welcome he received—cordial in Greece, enthusiastic in Syria and rousing in Malta.

"I don't want to overuse the term historic too much, but it really was historic," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

"In Greece, the visit to the Orthodox Church came after 10 centuries. We received messages from many Islamic countries in the world, messages which say: 'We wish we were there (in Damascus),' he said.

"These are successes of such historic importance that they will remain in the future, for future popes, as part of the heritage of the church," he said.

The pope arrived in Greece with little fanfare and a pilgrim's humble demeanor. He made his biggest ecumenical

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Diocese to open house of discernment, formation for men

Treinen House named to honor late bishop

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—The Treinen House of Discernment and Formation—a place where men can live and discern their call to ministerial priesthood in the Diocese of Boise outside the seminary setting—will open in Boise in August.

Treinen House will be located in the old St. John's Cathedral rectory, 804 North 9th Street, behind the cathedral. The Boise location was selected because it is near an English as a Second Language Program at Boise State University and the Diocesan Resource Center. The Ada County Faith Formation Program is available, and there is a wide variety of ministry opportunities available in the area parishes.

The formation house is named in honor of the late Bishop Sylvester Treinen, who served as bishop of the Diocese of Boise from 1962 to 1988 and then continued his service in the diocese, first as administrator until a new bishop was named, and then doing parish work wherever needed. Bishop Treinen, who died in 1996, was known

for his encouragement of vocations. In 1995, he published a booklet, "Speak, Lord, I Am Listening—Perspectives on Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life," which is used in Idaho and in several other dioceses to help promote vocations.

Bishop Michael Driscoll has named Father Jairo Restrepo to serve as Treinen House's first director. Father Restrepo, who is currently on the pastoral team serving Corpus Christi Parish, Fruitland, and St. Agnes, Weiser, and stations, and is one of the diocesan vocation directors, will also serve as parochial vicar at St. John's.

Father John Donoghue, who is retired and living in Boise, will serve as spiritual director at Treinen House, and Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise director of education, will help with religious and academic life.

There are three goals for Treinen House, Father Restrepo said. Those are:

—To serve as a transitional stage to help potential candidates for priesthood to discern their call and prepare for seminary formation.

—To serve as a bridge that welcomes candidates from other countries and help them learn English and adapt to the American lifestyle so they can be successful in their seminary studies and future service in the church.

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Bishop Driscoll scheduled to ordain 17 new deacons

Bishop Michael Driscoll will ordain 17 new permanent deacons to serve in parishes throughout Idaho in eight ceremonies scheduled between June 23 and Oct. 13.

The men and their ordination dates are:

—Paul Henscheid and Orville J. Rathe, June 23, 11 a.m., St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert.

—Edward Souza, June 23, 6 p.m. Presentation of the Lord, American Falls.

—Bill Duggan, June 24, 11 a.m., St. Anthony's Parish, Pocatello.

—Frank Phillips, St. Theresa's, Orofino, Fred J. Schmidt, Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, and Nick Vietri, St. Augustine's, Moscow, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. at Lewiston High School, Lewiston.

—Joseph T. Nicholas, Aug. 12,

11:30 a.m., St. Ann's, Bonners Ferry.

—James W. Herrett and John Joseph Hurley, Oct. 6, 11 a.m. St. Edward's the Confessor, Twin Falls.

—Thomas Brian Dominick, St. John's, Boise, Clifton J. Harris and Francis J. Hess, Jr., St. Mark's, Boise, R. Rapelyea Howell, St. Mary's, Boise, Pierce Murphy and Chuck Skoro, Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Boise.

—Donald M. Sokolowski, Oct. 13, 2 p.m., Sts. Peter and Paul, Grangeville.

Although ordinations usually take place at the cathedral church, the Diocese of Boise has made arrangements for eight ordination sites due to the geographics of the diocese.

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BRIEFS

House committee votes to overturn Mexico City policy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Three Republicans joined 23 Democrats on the House International Relations Committee May 2 in voting to rescind President Bush's executive order that forbids giving U.S. foreign aid to organizations overseas that promote or perform abortions. In one of his first acts as president, Bush reinstated the Mexico City policy — so named because President Reagan announced the U.S. policy during a 1984 U.N. population conference there. The policy was reversed in 1993 by President Clinton, although it was allowed to become law one year later in a compromise over the issue of U.N. dues. The 26-22 committee vote was an amendment to the \$8.2 billion State Department authorization bill for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, known formally as the Foreign Relations Authorization Act. After the abortion provision was added, the full bill was approved by voice vote.

Vatican issues new liturgy translation rules

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican has issued a new instruction on translating liturgical texts. Among topics it addresses are inclusive language — one of the most sharply contested issues in recent years in the English-speaking world — and requirements for exact translation of Latin texts in other languages. The 34-page instruction covers other areas ranging from detailed rules on how bishops' conferences develop translations, the Vatican's role in the process, and procedures for creating new liturgical texts not contained in the normative Latin ritual books. The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments posted the instruction in English, French and Latin on the congregation's page of the Vatican Web site late May 7. It describes the new rules as setting the stage "for a new era of liturgical renewal."

New science of neurotheology uncovers brain's links to spirituality

NEW YORK (CNS) — A new branch of scientific research called neurotheology is seeking to uncover the link between the human brain and religious experiences. Neurotheology — the subject of a cover story in the May 7 issue of Newsweek magazine and of a new book called "Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science and the Biology of Belief" — is the study of the neurobiology of religion and spirituality. Psychologists and neurologists already have discovered through brain imaging that certain parts of the brain are stimulated and other parts quieted by religious activities such as meditation and prayer. For his book, "Why God Won't Go Away," published in April by Ballantine Books in New York, Dr. Andrew Newberg and his co-authors used data from brain imaging of Tibetan Buddhists and Franciscan nuns during prayer.

Bishop announces church plan to assist Sierra Leone farmers

MAKENI, Sierra Leone (CNS) — The Catholic Church has begun an agricultural program designed to help some 4,000 farmers recover from Sierra Leone's civil war, announced Bishop George Biguzzi of Makeni. Food supplies and farming equipment are being provided by Caritas, the church's charitable aid agency, said Bishop Biguzzi, who recently returned to his diocese after three years in exile. The bishop returned to rebel-controlled Makeni in early April, ahead of U.N. troops deployed in the region. The bishop told Catholic News Service that most of the diocese's infrastructure was either looted or destroyed. He said residents could not afford to buy food, which was being sold at exorbitant prices. Bishop Biguzzi said emergency food aid will be distributed once security is restored to the region.

Congress has 152 Catholic members

WASHINGTON (CNS) — There are 152 Catholics in the 107th Congress, one fewer than two years ago. The balance of Catholics in each party remains nearly the same, with 93 Democrats and 59 Republicans this term, two fewer Democrats and one more Republican than two years ago. The same goes for the breakdown by House and Senate, with 128 Catholics in the House and 24 Catholics in the Senate, a difference of one fewer senator.

Two appointed at Food for the Poor; compliance review ends

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — Food for the Poor, an international relief organization providing assistance in 27 Caribbean and Latin American countries, has announced the appointment of two senior executives. Angel Aloma, whose professional experience is in the education field and the administration of family businesses, was named executive vice president. Kevin Locke, who has extensive experience in marketing and communications in the nonprofit arena, is the organization's new director of marketing and public relations. Meanwhile, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability announced that it had closed its compliance review of Food for the Poor after determining that the organization had implemented its recommendations following a scandal that resulted in the resignation of founder Ferdinand Mahfood.



CITY PATRON—Snakes are placed on a statue of St. Domenico at the beginning of an annual procession May 3 in Cocollo, Italy. The unusual religious festival recalls the legend of the saint in which he saved residents of the city from the bites of snakes and rabid animals in the 11th century. (CNS photo)

Postage hike will cause many Catholic newspapers to scramble

By Stephen Steele

WASHINGTON (CNS) — An increase in postage for periodicals and nonprofit agencies may force some Catholic newspapers to scramble for ways to increase revenue and cut costs.

In a move that has caught many periodicals off-guard, the U.S. Postal Service announced May 8 a second set of wide-ranging increases in less than six months.

The new rate is expected to raise costs to Catholic periodicals by about 2.5 percent, according to Neil Denton, executive director of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

Owen McGovern, executive director of the Catholic Press Association, said the increase in postage costs has increased the pressure on Catholic newspapers, many of which already operate on razor-thin margins.

"Our economy is a little weak right now, which means advertising revenue might decline. A decline in revenue and an increase in expenses is going to make it difficult for publications to meet their bottom line," McGovern told Catholic News Service May 9.

The Postal Service said it needed to raise rates to offset an expected 2001 deficit of more

than \$2 billion. The federal agency has operated in the black for several years. But increases in labor and fuel costs, combined with online bill payment, e-mail and competition from private delivery services, have left it facing a potential deficit.

The new rates, which will go into effect July 1, include a 2-cent increase, to 23 cents, in the cost of an additional ounce of first-class mail and a penny increase, to 21 cents, in the cost of mailing a postcard.

McGovern said he fears that newspapers may look to reducing publication schedules as a way of meeting costs.

"We have to look at other alternatives to generate income. We urge papers not to cut frequency, but sometimes they have to," he said.

Arthur L. McKenna, general manager of Catholic New York, said the newspaper budgeted for the postal rate increase implemented six months ago.

"I thought we would have at least a year before there was another one so I'm as caught off-guard and surprised as everyone else," he said.

Denton said the Postal Service is forcing many of our members to make rapid business decisions under fire," he said.

Blessed Damien observance changed to May 10


WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican has agreed to move the U.S. observance of the feast of Blessed Damien de Veuster from April 15 to May 10.

Blessed Damien is the Belgian Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary priest who served at the leper colony of Molokai in the Hawaiian Islands from 1873 until his death in 1889. Leprosy, now known as Hansen's disease, was incurable, and Father Damien contracted it from working with his people.

Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1995. The U.S. bishops asked that the memorial be observed May 10, the anniversary of Blessed Damien's arrival in Molokai, rather than April 15, the anniversary of his death. The May date already was established by his religious order.

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DEACON CANDIDATES IN FORMATION—Pictured is the current deacon formation class with Bishop Michael Driscoll. The photo was taken after the Institute of Acolyte at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, in October 2000, the last formation institute before ordi-

nation. Those shown are, back row, from left, Rap Howell, C.J. Harrison, Bill Duggan, Joe Nicholas, and Jim Herrett; Middle row, Deacon Jerry Pera, Francis Hess, Fred Schmidt, Father James Wilson, Bishop Driscoll, Orville Rathe, Don Sokolowski, Ed Souza, Frank

Phillips, Deacon Alan Shaber; Front row, Sister Grayce Ross, SNJM, director of Deacon Formation, Nick Vietri, Tom Dominick, Paul Henscheid, Pierce Murphy, Chuck Skoro and John Hurley.

Deacon ordination

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wives started their formation journey in August 1996 when they came together for a retreat and discernment at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise.

"They came from as far north as Bonners Ferry and as far east as Pocatello to offer themselves in service to the Catholic Church of Idaho," said Sister Grayce Ross, SNJM, director of Deacon Formation and the Deacon Formation Committee.

Phase I of the program challenged the candidates in theological studies as

well as presenting them with opportunities for prayer, reflection, spiritual direction, gift discernment and community building, Sister Ross said.

Phase II gave the candidates opportunities for pastoral and liturgical practice and experience while studying Canon Law, homiletics, hospital ministry and other types of service.

"Many individuals have shared their gifts and talents as presenters, retreat directors, spiritual directors, mentors and supporters along the candidates'

journey," said Sister Ross. "Ordination is now on the horizon."

There are currently 34 permanent deacons in active ministry in Idaho, about 12,890 in the United States and more than 22,000 around the world.

The Order of Deacons was instituted by the apostles in the early church and remained for 1,000 years. It was reinstated after Vatican II in 1967.

The work of deacons is similar to, but different from, that of priest and bishop. They are not called shepherds of the flock, and they do not preside at or

consecrate the Eucharist. They are ordained and missioned by Christ, through the bishop, to minister to the poor and those in need, to proclaim the gospel and preach, to assist at the Eucharist, to baptize and witness marriages, to administer sacramentals and to bury the dead.

Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon acquires a special relationship to the bishop of the diocese. Tradition refers to the deacon as "the bishop's man...the bishop's ear and eye."



'A PIECE OF THE ROCK'—Workmen install a nine and a half ton rock—a ton and half heavier than the average African elephant—May 4 in front of the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Boise while staff members watch. The lighted rock, some of which was donated by John and Catherine Englund

and sons, Eagle, is engraved with the words "Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise" and includes the official cross and state of Idaho logo of the diocese. The rock makes a clear statement about the Catholic identity of the establishment. Installation required a crane. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Schumachers mark 50th

GREENCREEK—Ed and Norma Schumacher, St. Anthony's Parish, Greencreek, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house and barbecue, Sunday, May 27 at 1 p.m. at the home of their son and daughter-in-law in Greencreek.

All who wish to help them celebrate are invited.

Ed and Norma Frei were married June 6, 1951, at Ferdinand.

After discharge from the military in 1946, he went into farming and dairying with his father. Since his retirement in 1991 he enjoys helping out wherever needed.

Norma is a homemaker and enjoys working outdoors and being with her family and grand-



Ed and Norma Schumacher

children.

The couple have one son, seven girls, nine grandchildren, and one great grand child. They will host the reception.

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At the end of Matthew's gospel, Jesus commissioned his followers. Most of us are familiar with the words. One small phrase has always seemed out of place to me. Remember the part that says when the disciples saw Jesus, they worshiped but they doubted? Is it possible to see the risen Christ, worship him and still have doubt?

Apparently the disciples did, and not just once! In other places, Jesus refers to his disciples as "You of little faith." In John's gospel, we also have the story of doubting Thomas, which is proclaimed on the Sunday after Easter every year. This is one of the few times when the gospel does not change according to the pattern of the three year cycle. Obviously not only the gospel writers, but also our church fathers recognized doubting as part of our human struggle. Can we worship the Lord in our church community every Sunday and still have doubts? Yes, we can and we do. It should come as no surprise for we have doubts about many things in our lives. We sometimes have doubts about people we love, about our employers, and our government. So, why not have doubts about faith?

In addition to recognizing human doubt and little faith, the gospels teach us that we cannot use these

The Second Half



By Jim Cavera

as excuses for inactivity. Jesus commissioned those very followers with all of their doubts to go and make disciples of all nations. God uses people of little faith to accomplish great things. What a powerful message of hope for us all. Someone once asked Madeline L'Engle, the noted Christian author and children's writer if she believed in Christ without any doubts. She said the miracle was that she believed in spite of her doubts.

Thomas Merton wrote a beautiful prayer in his

book "Thoughts in Solitude" that speaks to the uncertainty in our journey of faith. He wrote about not knowing the path or even ourselves. Even so, God uses our desire to please him to lead us. With our trust in God, we know we are never alone.

As one who struggles with doubts and searches for answers, Merton's prayer has become my own. In spite of my doubt, I know Christ is with me. If you find yourself among those who struggle with your faith, vacillating between belief and disbelief, feeling confused as to the direction you are going in life, welcome to our church. Know this: Christ is calling each of us, in spite of our struggling condition, to be an active member of His Church. Our response to his call is not based on superior insight or special gifts. Rather, we are motivated by Jesus' promise, "I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Deacon Jim Cavera and his wife, Ann, Diocese of Evansville, Ind., are experienced speakers and workshop presenters who have co-authored "The Second Half," a column for Catholics over age 50, for almost five years. Jim's background is in social work. Ann's is in education.

Ministry of lector is for God's glory, people's benefit

Readers at the liturgy are entrusted with a beautiful ministry for their fellow Catholics. It is a fulfillment of the grace of baptism whereby "Christ gives the dignity of the royal priesthood to the people he has made his own" (Preface 20).

Readers should see themselves as like Jesus when in the synagogue at Nazareth he stood up to do the reading. He unrolled the scroll and read from the prophet Isaiah. He then announced, "today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:16). In fact, every scripture reading is fulfilled in our hearing at Mass since "Christ is present in the word and it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the church" (Constitution on the Liturgy, no. 7).

Readers must approach their ministry with reverence and dedication. They are to prepare the scripture by study and prayer at home where they should have a lectionary or a Bible. Waiting until getting to church to look at the readings is much too late and casual a form of preparation.

The actual proclamation must always be from the lectionary, the sacred book, and never from a missalette, which looks like a copy of the Reader's Digest to be tossed aside after it has been read. The size and beauty of the lectionary is a liturgical sign of the sacredness

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

of God's word.

It is advisable for the reader to hold the lectionary slightly above the ambo so that it may be seen, but at the conclusion it is not proper to raise the book while declaring, "The Word of the Lord," since it is precisely in the proclamation that the Word is alive for us.

Readers should add nothing to the liturgical introduction but simply say, "A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah," or whatever the book is for the occasion. Extra words should not be added, such as "Good morning, my brothers and sisters, today our

first reading is a reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah." These additions are unnecessary distractions from the reading to follow.

The people should look at and listen to the reader since Christ speaks the Word through this minister. But when I urge people to put down their missalettes and to look and listen, I get a reaction. They say, "I can't hear the readers," or "I can't understand them," or "they go too fast," or "they garble their words." These and similar observations tell readers what they must do (and what they must not do).

Another name for reader is "lector," from the Latin, but we do not have a verb, "to lector" ("I am lectoring today," some readers say). Ideally there should be as many readers as there are readings. The ministry of reading is not a reward. It is a ministry for the glory of God and the benefit of God's people. It should be granted to those who have from God a talent for public reading, who have a reverence for the Word of God, who are willing to spend time and effort in preparation, and who proclaim the Word devoutly and effectively.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

When a child leaves and marries in another church

By Father John Dietzen
Q. My older daughter, baptized and raised Catholic, recently married a young man in the Christian church she now belongs to. I refused to give her away because I felt, as her father, I had to make clear I did not approve of her entering an adulterous and invalid relationship.

When my second daughter married, also out of the church, I was not invited because of the prior situation. She has cut me out of her life. I see the older daughter occasionally, but the meetings are awkward.

I am sorry about this, but what else could I have done and been true to my beliefs?

A. Whatever healing may be possible will surely be accomplished only gradually. Recognizing two important facts may help toward that and maybe assist others who face the same decisions.

First, one must always return to the primary Christian rule of love of God and neighbor. This means asking, "In these circumstances, with these children and with this back-

ground, what is the best way I can show genuine love for God and my child, and preserve a spirit of faith, hope and love for everyone involved?"

One obligation in love is to make clear your own faith convictions, why you cannot approve or agree with another's actions. Apparently you have done that quite firmly. That done, however, the next obligation of love is not to enlarge the hurt any more than necessary.

My own experience convinces me that much more lasting good is accomplished when we preserve ties of love and family friendship as much as possible. You may strongly disagree with what they do, but you still love them I hope, and they need to know that by your actions as well as words.

There is no black and white, one-size-fits-all solution for these dilemmas. To insist only one way is possible to stand for the truth in such complicated circumstances reveals either a form of pride or a deep need for moral decisions which are absolutely certain, with no tinges of gray or risk. Such attitudes

open the way to, among other things, rash judgments about a person's state of soul.

Second, and perhaps more important, if your letter describes the circumstances accurately, at least your elder daughter was not entering an "adulterous and invalid relationship" according to Catholic Church law.

Canon law (No. 1117) states that a person who leaves the Catholic Church "by a formal act" is no longer bound to the "form" of marriage, the obligation to be married before a

priest for a valid marriage.

Exactly which behaviors might constitute such a formal act are not entirely clarified, but one such act would definitely be what your daughter did: to officially join another faith. Her actions may have hurt and mystified you; but, assuming they are otherwise free to marry, she has entered a marriage the Catholic Church itself considers valid and (if both are baptized) sacramental.

The church's flexibility here is another evidence that we can-

not be God's surrogate in judging the souls of others. Being faithful to what we believe is one thing. Making our personal peace and serenity depend on what someone else does is something else entirely.

As a famous retreat master remarked in one of his conferences, "The first step toward peace of heart is resigning as general manager of the universe." And we don't need to resign from our principles to do that.

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Humble Apologetics

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom....the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." James 3:13,17

One present trend in adult education is an increasing interest in apologetics. Apologetics is often defined as the art of defending faith, especially on an intellectual level. The recent conversion of a number of Protestant ministers such as Scott Hahn and Steve Woods to the Catholic Church has helped to revitalize what is in fact an ancient practice. They have popularized through books, tapes and lectures the defense of the faith from outside hostile attacks such as youth might encounter at school or people might encounter from door to door missionaries.

Apologetics is one way that adult Catholics begin taking an active interest in educating themselves. Sometimes this is prompted by loved ones leaving the church to join groups hostile to Catholic faith, or by a realization that even as adults, we are often ignorant of our faith.

Many find apologetics leads to deeper faith growth. While people start looking for answers to claims made by critics of the Catholic Church, often they find they have much to learn themselves, as well as experience when they take faith in Jesus Christ and participation in the life of the church seriously. This can lead to a

Faith Journey



By Dan McGill
Diocesan Adult Education Coordinator

growing hunger for things spiritual that comes as a refreshing balance to modern life's hurry, anxiety and negative influences.

Adults are finding it is worth spending time and money on their own faith education: reading, praying, attending conferences, etc. This often translates into renewed interest in faith formation for their children as they realize what faith in Christ and participation in the living tradition of the church can mean.

Sometimes people with renewed interest in faith through apologetics or other renewal movements become frustrated to find their family or parish doesn't appear to share their enthusiasm. This can tempt them to become impatient and overly critical, forgetful of

how they were themselves once disinterested. But enthusiasm is also a gift of the Spirit, if channeled patiently to serve others.

The term "apologetics" gives a clue about how best to share one's enthusiasm. It is related to the more common word "apology." One who apologizes does so with humility. The same should be true of anyone hoping to share their faith with others.

Centuries ago the great New World missionary Bartolomé de las Casas pioneered principles still followed in interreligious dialogue today—listening is just as important as sharing; the Spirit is speaking in all of our lives.

Where we might like to reform our family or parish overnight and create a lot of excitement, often Christ calls us to a more simple apprenticeship of offering to serve where there is need, taking time to pray and study daily, but maintaining, and even increasing our care for our family, friends, coworkers and parish.

The parable of the seed that is sown also helps (see Matthew 13:1-23). Jesus explained the parable to show how the seed of faith sometimes fails because people get distracted or show a lot of enthusiasm all at once and then burn themselves out or lose sight of faith when problems and concerns choke it out. But good seed takes root for the long-term. Not deterred by present circumstances including changes in society or the church, this person follows Christ through difficult times and persists in working to bring forth good.

Readers Write

ICCW fundraiser will help families

Editor, the *ICR*:

The ICCW "Swing into Spring" dinner dance at Bishop Kelly High School April 28 was a great success and a wonderful evening for those who attended.

The money raised will go into the Endowment Fund so it can be invested for Catholic Women to become self supporting and also have money to take on special projects for families, women and children.

The winner of the patio swing was Donna Nielson from St. Mark's Parish, Boise.

We are indebted to Tom Sorge, our chef, and Bob Sandoval without whose help we could not have made this event happen.

Many thanks go out to Chuck Frederick, Carol Meadows, Marie Crago, Bob and Ann Hackett, Bill and Donna Morris, Terri King, Kathy Spencer, Brett Garrigan, Art Moore, Mary Ann Calley, Cora Fischer, Mary Vincent, Gail Kovash, Kerry Ellen Elliott, Mike and Mary Siebert, Mike Lantz, Matthew Sorge and to all who donated desserts for our Dessert Auction.

May God Bless You for your time and generosity.

K.M. "Cookie" Sorge
Idaho Council of
Catholic Women president

Thanks for participation

Editor, the *ICR*:

On behalf of the members of the Legion of Mary and the Blue Army, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all who were able to join us at St. Mary's Church, Boise. We gathered May 6 for the International Rosary that was said all over the world at the same time.

Also I want to thank Father

Pat Dennis for letting us join together at St. Mary's; to Deacon Jim Kelly, Sacred Heart Parish) for Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; and to those who joined us at home or while traveling. I'm sure it made our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son very happy.

I truly believe, as our Blessed Mother has told us, that if we would all pray the rosary each day, there would be peace throughout the world. Let us do all we can to make that come true.

Margie Cook
Boise

Love the 'new' Mass gestures

Editor, the *ICR*:

I am a cradle Catholic and I love the "new" church.

When Shirley Johnston wrote about her discomfort with changes in the church, I couldn't help but respond. I pray that this letter will help her to understand these changes from someone who feels these changes are good.

I am reminded during Lent when there is no holy water in the fonts of the emptiness Jesus must have felt in the garden before He was arrested, knowing what was ahead of Him, and knowing that even His disciples would not stay with Him. It's a reminder of what Jesus really did for me.

Stretching out of the arms is a personal thing that some in my parish at St. Mark's do, and others don't. I stretch out my arms as a sign that I am completely open to the Lord and all he has in store for me. When I open my arms to hug my husband and tell him that I love him, it's the same as opening my arms in church to tell my Heavenly Father that I love Him.

Catholics are very often accused of being cold and unfriendly. It's a pretty lonely

feeling when visiting, even in a small parish, and not one person in the congregation speaks to you. Greeting those around me before Mass is how I welcome that stranger or say hello to that person I already know. If I can make just one visitor in the congregation feel welcome, then the greeting is worth it.

I think we need to be open to these changes. Try raising your arms in praise to your Heavenly Father. Try it, you might like it.

Maxine Hoene
Boise

Expression of gratitude

Editor, the *ICR*:

The National Religious Retirement Fund is deeply grateful for the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Boise for their generosity in contributing to the care of senior religious. We religious are humbled by the love and respect for the lives and service of our senior religious that is evidenced by such generosity. The contribution of \$20,000 from Appeal XII for 2000, will be of great

assistance in funding the well deserved care of our 52,000 senior religious.

The support made possible by the generosity of the donors is a great consolation for retired religious. It gives them peace of mind when they see their religious institutes able to continue to carry out the mission entrusted to them.

May our loving God bless you for your generosity!

Sister Andrée Fries, CPPS
Executive Director
National Religious
Retirement Office

All things done in love

READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL READING: John 14:23-29

We learn in today's first reading that some believers from a Pharisee background—people noted for their rigid legalism—had come from Judea to the area where Paul and Barnabas were working. Scandalized by what they perceived as the missionaries' too-liberal stance, they flatly informed the new converts: **Unless you are circumcised according to Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.**

In other words, people must become Jews before they could be Christians. This would have made the church simply another Jewish sect—"Jews for Jesus," as it were.

Was this what God wanted? The whole question was taken to the church's leaders, who happened to be living in Jerusalem at that time. After prayerful discussion, the apostles issued a statement, which they considered to be **the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us.** Their decision sounds very much like one of the canons from the Code, the one that reminds us that the primary law of the church is the good of souls.

We must always be staunchly conservative when it comes to truth, but pastoral when dealing with people.

The gospel adds something more to this. All things must be done in love. Even our disagreements must take place in the context of love.

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

As Jesus said, **whoever loves me will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.** This is what we all want, I trust, not only for the church but also for ourselves.

Labels such as "conservative" or "liberal" don't really matter. What matters is that we all hold fast to the truth revealed from the church's beginning, that we love God and neighbor, that we work for the good of souls, and that we do so under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.**

Pastoral concern and love for each other can, in some real way, make **the glory of God present** to give us light through our obedience to the Lamb. May it always be so.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

June 10: CHUBBUCK, St. Paul's

Celebrating 25th Anniversary, Mass 10 a.m., followed by a picnic at 12 noon-4 p.m. Games for all ages, raffle drawing at the conclusion. Inviting all former members and Catholic community of Idaho

June 15-16: BOISE, St. Mark's

Rummage Sale in the school gym, Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 27-28: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Called and Gifted Weekend. Contact: Joanne Wood, 634-5474

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart

Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church

First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church

Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

HAGERMAN, St. Catherines: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun.,

Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI, Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

NAMPA, St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO, Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Thursdays, 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 —9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOISE, Sacred Heart: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOISE, St. Mark's: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.—Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER GROUPS

Citywide Prayer and Praise Meeting, every 4th Saturday of the month, 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise

The Tree of Life—7-9 p.m., Monday, Holy Rosary Parish Center, Idaho Falls

Maranatha Prayer Group—7-9 p.m., Monday, St. Joseph's Church, Sandpoint

Women Walking in the Spirit—9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sacred Heart Day Chapel, Boise

Fishers of Men—6-7 a.m., Monday, St. Mark's cry room, Boise

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

May 18: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC), Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

May 18: BOISE, DPC, Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.

May 18: MOUNTAIN HOME, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Confirmation, 7 p.m.

May 21-22: WASHINGTON, D.C., USCC Domestic Policy Meeting

May 24: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Confirmation for St. John's, St. Mary's, Our Lady of the Rosary, Risen Christ, 7 p.m.

May 25: BOISE, St. Mark's School Visit, 9:30 a.m.

May 25: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Confirmation, St. Mark's, 7 p.m.

June 1: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles, ICCW Luncheon, 12 noon.

June 1: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles, Confirmation for Holy Apostles and Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

June 2: BOISE, Holy Apostles, ICCW Convention, Mass, 5 p.m., Banquet 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Inn

June 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Graduation, Carley Center, 2 p.m.



Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the last part of May and first of June.

May 18, 1940

Rev. Michael R. Ryan

May 19, 1947

Rev. Nicholas A. Fox

May 28, 1939

Rev. Francis R. Michael

May 31, 1999

Rev. Msgr. Raymond A. Peplinski

June 1, 2000

Rev. Morse A. Later

June 2, 1979

Rev. James H. Grady

Nazareth Schedule

May 18-19

St. Mark's Elders Retreat

May 21

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

May 25-28

Deacon Formation Retreat

June 1-3

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862

June 4-7

Priest Study Days

June 8-9

Linder Road Church of Christ Men's Retreat

June 9

Knights of Columbus

June 21

V.A. Medical Center

June 22-23

NCCW—Province of Portland

June 26-28

St. Alphonsus Education Department

June 29

Catholic Charities

June 29-30

Vineyard Christian Fellowship

July 5-13

Bishop Connolly 8-day Directed Retreat

July 16-20

National Association of Pastoral Musicians

July 27-29

Deacon Formation 2000 Discernment Retreat

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

ENNIS

Three winners announced for Carley Scholarships

By Juliana C. Llitas
For the ICR

The Bishop Kelly Foundation has announced the winners of the John B. and Joan H. Carley Scholarships for 2000-2001.

McKenzie Newell, Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, Katie Carnosso, Holy Apostles, Meridian, and Katy Brinegar, St. Mark's, Boise, will receive a \$3000 stipend each year for four years at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, Idaho's only Catholic high school. They join twelve other students who are currently attending Bishop Kelly as Carley scholars.

Each pastor of an Ada County parish is asked each year to submit a nomination for a student who is of good moral character, high integrity and drug free who wishes to enroll as a freshman at Bishop Kelly High School. The Carleys review the nominations and select each year's winners. These students continue to receive the scholarships for their sopho-

more, junior and senior years so long as they continue to meet the criteria. The Bishop Kelly Foundation administers the funds for the scholarships.

John and Joan Carley have long been champions of Catholic education in Idaho. Since the scholarship was established in 1996, 23 students have benefited.

Bishop Kelly High School has also enjoyed the support and confidence of the Carleys throughout the years in other ways. For example, in 1995 alone they provided over \$500,000 to begin the fundraising campaign for the new gymnasium which now bears their name.

This year, their philanthropy has earned them a nomination for the National Catholic Education Association's Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for their impact on Catholic education.

Contact: Juliana C. Llitas, executive director, Bishop Kelly Foundation, 323-4789.

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St. Joe's students release trout fry they raised

By David Scott
For the ICR

BOISE—It's a bright, but cold morning on the footbridge over Loggers Creek. The students of Karren Miller's fourth grade class at St. Joseph's School, Boise, huddle together. A sad kind of excitement runs through their ranks.

Miller's husband, Steve, kneels close to the edge of the bank. Inside the blue cooler he holds to the water's edge swim about 40 rainbow trout fry that Miller's class raised from 100 eggs in the Trout-in-the-Classroom program. Logger's Creek this morning registers 44 degrees for release.

Sponsored by the Ted Trueblood Chapter of Idaho Trout Unlimited, the students' adventure with Trout-in-the-Classroom began at the end of January. By February, the students had all the equipment, materials, curriculum, and 100 fertilized eggs.

"I thought I was the most excited, but the kids said this project was 'the best,'" Miller said. "The kids play it pretty cool around me, but their folks know all about what we're doing, and that shows me they're

excited about what they're learning because they're passing it along to their parents.

Started in Idaho in 1995, Trout-in-the-Classroom uses a curriculum and materials developed by fisheries biologists to teach the lifecycle of trout to elementary and secondary school students. Coldwater tanks are placed into classrooms, where the eggs are fertilized and allowed to develop, and volunteer biologists instruct students in trout anatomy, biology, and habitat.

In Miller's class, volunteers from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Boise State University, Idaho Power Company and CH2M Hill Engineering also participated in the project. Art projects, field trips, guest speakers, and a necrology supplemented the students' Trout-in-the-Classroom education.

"Don't forget to write," calls out one of the students from the footbridge over Logger's Creek as the newly released fry congregate briefly before dispersing in all directions. "Have a nice life. Grow up big," come other voices across the water.



RELEASE DAY—St. Joseph School fourth graders, Boise, hang over a footbridge railing at Loggers Creek as their teacher, Karren Miller, right, and her husband, Steve, prepare to release 40 rainbow

trout fry. The fry were raised in the students' classroom through Idaho Trout Unlimited's Trout-In-the-Classroom Program. (Photo by David Scott, Idaho Trout Unlimited executive director)

As one adventure comes to a close, another is just beginning this May morning. And the lessons learned by these young

stewards of Idaho's coldwater resources will surely make a difference in the years to come. "This has been such a great

project," Miller said on her way back to the cars from Logger's Creek. "I can't wait to build on it for next year."

2001 Summer Mass Schedule

(CUT OUT AND SAVE)

The following list of Mass times was prepared from information sent to THE IDAHO CATHOLIC REGISTER by individual parishes. Please note that some summer Mass schedules do not take effect until indicated dates.

ABERDEEN

Sun. 8:30 a.m. (English), 1 p.m. (Spanish)

AMERICAN FALLS

Sat. 8 p.m. (Spanish); Sun. 10:30 a.m. (English)

ARCO

Sun. 9 a.m.

BLACKFOOT

Sat. 7 p.m. (Spanish), Sun. 10 a.m. (English), 12 Noon (Spanish)

BOISE

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.

Risen Christ Community

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

St. John's

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10, 11:30 a.m.

St. Mark's

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.; 12:30, 6 p.m.

St. Mary's

Sat. 5 p.m., 7 p.m. (Spanish); Sun. 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

BONNERS FERRY

Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.

BRUNEAU

Sun. 9 a.m. (English—1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays ONLY)

BUHL

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8, 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

BURLEY

Sat. 6:30 p.m.; Sun. 9, 11:30 a.m., (Spanish)

CALDWELL

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 10 a.m., 12 Noon (Spanish)

CAMBRIDGE

Sun. 8 a.m. (2nd, 4th, 5th Sun.)

CASCADE

Sun. 11 a.m.

CHALLIS

Sun. 11:30 a.m.

CHUBBUCK

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m., beginning June 10 through Labor Day

CLARK FORK

Sat. 5 p.m.

COEUR D'ALENE

St. Pius X

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. (June 3-Sept. 2)

St. Thomas

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10 a.m.

COTTONWOOD

Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.

COUNCIL

Sun. 8 a.m. (1st and 3rd Sun.)

DESMET

Sun. 11 a.m.

DRIGGS

Fri. 6:30 p.m.

DUBOIS

Wed., 7 p.m.

EAGLE

Sat. 5:00 p.m.; Sun. 9, 11 a.m.

ELK CITY

Fri. 6 p.m.

EMMETT

Sat. 5 p.m. (English); 7 p.m. (Spanish); Sun. 9 a.m. (English)

FERDINAND

Sat. 6 p.m. (Memorial Day—Labor Day)

FORT HALL

Sun. 8 a.m. (English)

GARDEN VALLEY

Sun. 12 Noon

GENESEE

Sun. 9 a.m.

GLENN'S FERRY

Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.; Noon, (Spanish)

GOODING

Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m., 2 p.m. (Spanish)

GRAND VIEW

Sun. 11 a.m. (1st & 3rd Sundays ONLY, bilingual)

GRANGEVILLE

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10 a.m.

GREENCREEK

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

HAGERMAN

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

HAILEY

Sat. 7:30 p.m. (Spanish); Sun. 8:30 a.m. (English)

HARRISON

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

HOMEDALE

Sun. 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

IDAHO CITY

First Sun. 12 noon (Mass); All other Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Communion)

IDAHO FALLS

Christ the King

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8:45, 11 a.m.

Holy Rosary

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. (Spanish), 7 p.m.

ISLAND PARK

Sat. 5:30 p.m.

JEROME

St. Jerome

Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m. (English), 12 Noon (Spanish); first/ third Sun. 5:30 p.m. (English)

Ascension Priory

Sun. 9 a.m.

KAMIAH

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

KELLOGG

Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.

LAPWAI

Sat. 5 p.m.

LAVA HOT SPRINGS

Sat. 5 p.m.

LEADORE

Sun. 10 a.m.

LEWISTON

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sun. 8, 11 a.m.

St. James

Sun. 8, 10 a.m.

St. Stanislaus

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Celebration in the absence of a priest are held Sun. 8 a.m.

MACKAY

Sun. 11:30 a.m.

MARSING

Beginning June 2, Sat. 7 p.m. (English); Sun. 12 noon (Spanish)

MCCALL

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.

MELBA

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 9:45, 11:30 a.m., Teen Mass, Sun. 6:30 p.m.

MONTPELIER

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

MOSCOW

St. Mary's

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 11 a.m.

St. Augustine's

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

MOUNTAIN HOME

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.; 12 Noon (Spanish)

St. Mary's of MHAFB

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m.

MUD LAKE

Sat. 7 p.m. (Nov. 3, 5 p.m.)

MULLAN

First Sun. 6 p.m.

NAMPA

St. Paul's

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8, 10 a.m., 12 Noon (Spanish); 7 p.m. (Spanish)

NEW PLYMOUTH

Sat. 5 p.m. (2nd, 4th Sat.); Sun. 8:30 a.m.

NEZPERCE

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.

OROFINO

Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 10:30 a.m.

PARMA

Sun. 10:30 a.m.

PAYETTE

Sat. 5 p.m. (1st, 3rd, 5th, Sat.); Sun. 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

PIERCE

Sun. 6:30 p.m.

PINGREE

Sat. 6 p.m.

PLUMMER

Sun. 9:30 a.m.

POCATELLO

St. Anthony's

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 12 Noon (Spanish)

St. John's Catholic Student Center

Sun. 7 p.m.

St. Joseph's

Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m., beginning June 10

POST FALLS

Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 10:30, 12:30 p.m. (Latin Mass)

POTLATCH

Sun. 8 a.m.

PRESTON

Sun. 4 p.m. (Bi-lingual)

PRIEST LAKE

Sun. 11 a.m.

PRIEST RIVER

Sun. 9 a.m.

RATHDRUM

Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.

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RIGGINS

Sat. 9 a.m.

ROBERTS

Sun. 11 a.m. (all year)

RUPERT

Sat. 6:30 p.m.; Sun. 9, 11 a.m. (Spanish)

ST. ANTHONY

Sun. 9 a.m. (English); Sun., 11 a.m. (Spanish)

ST. MARIES

Sat. 6 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m.

SALMON

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT

Sat. 6:45 p.m.; Sun. 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

SHOSHONE

Sat. 5 p.m.

SILVER CITY

Mon. May 29, 1 p.m.; Sun. July 16, noon—Bishop Driscoll; Sun. Aug. 13, noon; Mon. Sept. 4, noon (call St. Paul's, Nampa, 466-7031, for info.)

SODA SPRINGS

Sat. 7 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. (Bilingual)

SPIRIT LAKE

Sat. 4 p.m. (May 27); Sun. 11 a.m.

SUN VALLEY-KETCHUM

Sat. 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m.

TWIN FALLS

St. Edward's

Sat. 5 p.m. (Unity Mass); Sun. 8, 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Unity Mass), 6 p.m. (Life Teen)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

Sun. 11 a.m.

WALLACE

Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.



BRIEFS

Three Idaho Catholic schools receive grants

Three Idaho Catholic schools recently received grant money, Bob Sobotta, Diocese of Boise coordinator of Catholic schools has announced.

Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, and St. Anthony's Catholic Community School, Pocatello, have each received a \$10,000 grant from the George and Mary Kremer Foundation, Naples, Fla., to help pay the tuition of needy children in their school.

Interested persons can contact those schools for additional information.

St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, recently was awarded \$840 from the National Catholic Education Association/MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Education Foundation to complete a fourth grade project on "Japanese Internment Camps."

Principal Marcia Ney said Denise Hammrich, the fourth grade teacher, designed the project as part of multicultural studies. The students will study how Idaho treated the Japanese during World War II. Part of the grant money will be used to purchase library books on the subject and to bring in speakers.

Hammrich will make a presentation on the project at the 2002 NCEA Convention in Atlantic City, NJ, in April 2002.

Idaho Catholics invited to participate in summer Masses at historic Silver City church

SILVER CITY—Idaho Catholics are invited to participate in one of the five summer Masses scheduled at the historic Our Lady of Tears Church in Silver City.

Father Arnold Miller, Caldwell, will celebrate the Mass at noon May 28, Memorial Day.

Father Francisco Flores, Nampa, is scheduled to celebrate a 1 p.m. Mass in Silver City June 10.

Father Gerald J. Funke will celebrate at 1 p.m. July 15, and Bishop Michael P. Driscoll is scheduled to celebrate the Aug. 19 Silver City Mass at noon.

Father Thomas Keller will celebrate the last Mass of the season at Silver City at noon Sept. 9.

For additional information call St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, 466-7031.

The history of the Catholic Church in Silver City goes back to the days of the Idaho Territory and the silver mining boom. The Episcopal Diocese of Idaho donated the current church building in 1928 to the Diocese of Boise. The wood frame church, which has been preserved and restored by The Friends of Our Lady of Tears over the years, overlooks picturesque Silver City and serves as reminder of the faith of the pioneers. It is an inspiration to residents and visitors alike.

Persons who would like to join The Friends of Our Lady of Tears may do so by sending their name, address, phone number and annual dues to: The Friends of Our Lady of Tears, P.O. Box 6110, Boise, ID 83707-6110. Dues are \$10 for individual memberships, \$15 for family friend, \$25 for benefactor, and \$50 for sustaining memberships, including corporate, group, parish, organization or business.

St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, raises \$16,000 through Strive to Drive Car Raffle

LEWISTON—The St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School Board, parents, students and staff raised over \$16,000 with this year's "Strive to Drive" Car Raffle.

Winner of a new vehicle, valued at up to \$30,000, was Stan Williams, Clarkston, Wash. The winning ticket was sold by Mary Lou Riddle.

"The real winners are the children in our school who will benefit from this financial support," said Bernie Sander, school board chairman.

Catholic Worker members plan fundraiser for shelter to meet daytime needs of Boise homeless

The Catholic Worker and The Flicks, Boise, will sponsor a showing of the movie "The Caveman's Valentine" starring Samuel L. Jackson June 2 at 1 p.m. at The Flicks, 646 Fulton, Boise.

The showing is a fundraising effort for Corpus Christi House.

Corpus Christi House is the daytime facility Catholic Workers plan to open in the near future where homeless people living in the Boise area can go to get warm or cool off, eat breakfast, use bathrooms, sit, read, visit, recreate, wash clothes, store belongings, receive messages, use the telephone, check out employment opportunities, get advice and develop friendships.

For the last three years Catholic Worker members have been serving breakfast for about 100 homeless people in the El-Ada Soup Kitchen in downtown Boise. Starting June 1, that building will not longer be available. Catholic Worker is trying to secure a facility to continue that breakfast program and eventually other hospitality, according to The Catholic Worker spokesperson, Tim Cooper.

Tickets to "The Caveman's Valentine" are \$7 and are available in advance at the Flicks or by calling 388-1938.

In the film, Jackson plays a homeless recluse, once a talented musician, who is determined to solve the mysterious death of another homeless man.

For more information about the Catholic Worker ministry to Boise's homeless or about the fundraiser call 388-1938.

Congressman presents award for Holy Rosary School poster

IDAHO FALLS—Congressman Mike Simpson April 23 presented representatives from Holy Rosary Bi-Parish Elementary School, Idaho Falls, the award for "Most Beautiful," entry in the first annual Earth Day Poster Contest during the Earth Day 2001 conference at the Shilo Inn Convention Center, Idaho Falls.

Judy Rodriguez, Holy Rosary art instructor, and Gerald Chouinard, principal, accepted the award on behalf the school.

Under Rodriguez's direction, 11 Holy Rosary sixth graders designed and painted the quilt block entry entitled, "What will you do with this gift?" in keeping with the Earth Day 2001 theme, "Planning Today for a Greener Tomorrow."

According to Rodriguez, the poster, "reinforces our belief that the earth is a gift from God, and it is our responsibility to preserve it. By presenting our belief in poster format, we were able to share this belief with others as well as give our school and community a piece of art that can be shared."

Following the ceremony at



AWARD CEREMONY—Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson, left, poses for a photo with Holy Rosary Bi-Parish School, Idaho Falls, Principal Gerald Chouinard, Judy Rodriguez, art instructor and students. The school's poster was named "Most Beautiful" in the Earth Day 2001 Poster Contest.

the Shilo Inn Convention Center, the First Annual Earth Day 2001 Quilt will go on perma-

nent display at the Bonneville County Historical Society Museum in Idaho Falls.

Fehringers celebrate 50th anniversary

AMERICAN FALLS—Alvin and Phyllis Fehringer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 28 with a special Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Falls, followed by a buffet dinner at the Booth Barn in Pocatello.

The celebration was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Alvin and Phyllis were married in a double wedding ceremony with John and JoAnn (Phyllis' sister) Glanz at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sidney, Neb., on April 25, 1951.

They lived in Sidney the first three years of their married life. From there, they moved to the Fehringer family farm at Peetz, Colo. Six years later, they moved to Denver, where Alvin worked at Farmers Union as a com-



puter operator.

In 1967, they moved to Aberdeen and started farming wheat and potatoes. From there they moved to American Falls where they have farmed and resided since.

Alvin and Phyllis have been very active in both church and community throughout the years.

They have raised six children and have 20 grandchildren. The Fehringer's children and their spouses are: Rhonda and Doug

Schwartzengerger,

Idaho Falls; Daniel and Renae Fehringer, Hayden Lake; Debra and Jerry Crusat, Idaho Falls; Edwin and Liz Fehringer, Hayden Lake; Curt and Brenda Fehringer and Daren and Nicole Fehringer, both of American Falls.


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2001 Vocations and Ministry Edition



Do you want to be happy?

By Father Ron Wekerle
Diocesan Vocations Team

Do you want to be happy? Are you looking for a sense of satisfaction that will last? Discover what GOD wants of you, and happiness is not far away.

Some look for happiness in things that bring us pleasure, like sports, recreations, and vacations. Yet the joy of vacations and other activities are short lived when compared to the joy and happiness that comes from discovering what God is calling us to.

God calls EVERYONE into a relationship. Discovering how God is calling YOU is the key for being happy and satisfied.

Working and praying for Vocations

The work of "vocations" is the responsibility of the entire Church. Every Catholic should pray that men and women discover their vocation. Only

when we discover God's plans for us can we truly be happy.

Pray for vocations

Several months ago the Diocesan Vocation Office launched a Vocation Prayer Cross program that invites individuals and families to commit to praying for vocations for a week at a time. Every parish in the diocese has a cross and a prayer booklet, which the priest can pass to an individual or family at Sunday Mass each week to take home with them. The family or individual then brings the cross back to the church the next weekend to be passed on to the next family or individual.

Another important diocesan prayer effort for vocations is Eucharistic Adoration in each parish. Every parish in the diocese is signed up for anywhere from a few hours a month to two full days a month to have Eucharistic Ado-

ration for the intention of religious and priestly vocations

Confident that God hears us when we call, our entire diocesan church is imploring the Lord to "send workers into His vineyard." It's awesome to realize that everyday families and parishes around our diocese are specifically asking the Lord to bless our church with vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

I am humbled to see the generous support the Knights of Columbus have given to those studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Boise. A KC council from somewhere in Idaho has "adopted" one of our diocesan seminarians. The monetary support the seminarians have received from the KC's is impressive, but only out done by the spiritual support and encouragement they have received.

Many other parish clubs, leagues and

organizations also support vocations in our diocese.

The Diocesan Vocations Office held a Vocation Discernment Retreat at Ascension Priory, Jerome, in February for men who have an interest in priestly vocations. It was well attended. Many of our diocesan seminarians were there to interact with the retreatants. Another Vocations Discernment Retreat is planned for August in Cottonwood.

Happiness is found when we discover God's will or plan for us. Pray that God will reveal His will to you. At mealtime, talk about how you understand God's will with your family or roommates. What is it about God's will that is frightening to you? What is it about God's will that is exciting to you?

Once we discover what God is asking of us, joy and peace are not far away. And keep praying for vocations!

Permanent deacons urged to be 'witnesses of Christ'

By Christopher Guntz

TEMPE, Ariz. (CNS) — Deacons must be willing to be "witnesses of Christ" who "preach the Gospel to all who will listen," said Auxiliary Bishop Gerald F. Kicanis of Chicago.

"We go out into the deep. The spirit has taken hold of us, set us on fire, and sent us out on a mission," Bishop Kicanis said during the opening Mass at the 25th annual convention of the National Association of Diaconate Directors in Tempe.

About 328 people participated in the April conference.

Bishop Kicanis, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on the Diaconate, told The Catholic Sun, newspaper of the Phoenix Diocese,

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that the deacon plays a unique role in the church's sacramental ministry.

"In all the studies about the diaconate, people see deacons as more advanced laity or lesser priests," he said, when actually they are neither. "It's a separate and distinct ministry."

He added, "It is first of all a sacramental ministry, so it kind of sacramentalizes what others are do-

ing. It is especially a ministry of the Eucharist, of the word of service."

One of the fears today is that the diaconate will be utilized only to fill in for a shortage of priests, he said, but he noted that the majority of deacons "are employed outside of the church and their ministry is part time."

"They volunteer 12 to 15 hours a week over and above liturgy and hom-

ily preparation," Bishop Kicanis said.

A deacon's primary ministry is parish-based, but some dioceses are moving toward having deacons in ministries such as those serving prisons or hospitals.

"Primarily, the deacon is to be an icon of service to the church," the bishop said.

The deacon, by his calling, emphasizes the importance of service, he added.

"When the permanent diaconate was restored (in 1972), its primary purpose was to bring an official presence of the church to places without a priest, but also to sacramentalize the role of service in church," Bishop Kicanis said.

Guest Commentary

The vocation of marriage

By Catholic News Service

With just urgency we pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. We long for more priests for our own archdiocese. Adults—moms, dads, teachers and grandparents—all pray for their children, and young people should be praying for themselves as well. Pray for your vocation, whether it is to priesthood or religious life, to marriage or as a single, dedicated layperson. You won't see it, you can't know it in your mind and heart, and you won't be able to fulfill your vocation in a Christlike sacramental way without God's help.

It is a joyous truth that most are called to marriage and those marriages enrich the church. Without them there is no church. The family is the core unit and building block of the church and of society at large. But good marriages take prayer, they rise or fall on a crest of selfless love, and they need Jesus Christ. Spouses need him as much as priests, brothers and sisters do. St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians describes the marriage bond between Christ and the church as the model for sacramental matrimony: a



complete, free, mutually submissive, self-giving of partners — an indissoluble bond that is life giving (Eph 5:21-33).

Christ and his church are so completely one that their separation from each other is unthinkable! The church is Christ's body. In a comparable way in marriage "the two become one." Married couples have a vocation to show the world that oneness until death and to enrich the world with children formed in the faith. These things cannot be done without the grace of Christ. We offer today's marriage supplement with our heartfelt congratulations to those who will soon be married and the promise of our prayers for your perseverance and joy.

Parents, teach your child some prayer that he or she will say every day asking God that they may know and fully accept their vocation. Ask your children to leave the particulars up to God, to trust that he has—from all eternity—made the best choice for them. Like Mary they must say "yes." We all depend on this.

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TREINEN HOUSE TOUR—Father Jairo Restrepo, in front of the door, invites three potential residents in for a look at Treinen House of Formation and Discernment that will open this summer in Boise. Father

Restrepo will serve as director. The young men are Gabriel Anguiana and Jose Luis Lopez, Ontario, Ore., and Dustin Webb, Pocatello. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Treinen House

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—To provide the spiritual, intellectual, religious, pastoral, personal and communal tools that will provide a foundation for a candidate to discern his call to the ministerial priesthood.

"Prayer and hospitality are two key values that will define Treinen House," said Father Restrepo. "Prayer, of course, is the core of the project. Hospitality and respect will help create a healthy environment in which the men can live and that will challenge them to look beyond themselves to the needs of others. We know that for men to effectively discern a call to the priesthood, they must feel safe and supported."

Those who live at Treinen House will go through a rigorous program of formation—spiritual, religious, intellectual/academic, community, personal and apostolic, Father Restrepo said.

For example, residents are expected to participate in the daily celebration of the Eucharist and attend the communal celebration of Liturgy of the Hours as well as make time daily for personal and reflective prayer. Each man will work with a spiritual director who can offer support, guidance, encouragement and insight to help the candidate become more responsive to God's communication in his life.

He said Treinen House residents will have ample opportunities to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, attend retreats and days of recollection, and participate in different devotions.

While at Treinen House, the men will be expected to commit themselves to living a celibate and chaste life and a simple life style and practicing obedience.

Residents will have many opportunities to learn more about their faith through the Ada County Faith Formation Program offerings and regular conferences with Father Restrepo.

Each candidate who is accepted at Treinen House must commit himself to a program study including liberal arts, philosophy and theology. Those who need to learn English will take English as a Second Language classes.

Father Restrepo said the Treinen House residents, as part of their pastoral formation, will serve a couple of hours a week in one of the parishes in the Boise area experiencing various types of ministry.

As part of their personal formation, the men will be encouraged to develop a healthy rhythm of life, which balances a part-time job, academic work, apostolic service, and community involvement with prayer, reflection, leisure, physical exercise, proper nutrition, silence and solitude.

"We will try to assist the men to recognize their strengths and weaknesses so that they can work on them, and help them make the transition from dependence on family, tradition, and peer groups to personal autonomy and stability of character," said Father Restrepo. "The idea is to help them identify their personal moral standards, social and vocational roles, sexual identity and commitment to their faith in such a way that they act from interior principles, not from external impositions."

Their community formation will come from living and working with other individuals in the community. Knowing that Treinen House will bring together individuals of varied cultures, temperaments, talents, backgrounds and responsibilities, the residents are expected to create a climate for mutual respect, responsible communication and collaboration and to adhere to the house Rule of Life. The Rule of Life addresses the essential of community living, including housekeeping and property maintenance, laundry, noise, use of telephones, televisions and other electronic equipment, mealtimes, hospitality, alcohol and smoking, absence from the house, attire, and energy conservation and recycling.

'That's how I landed in the seminary'

By Jeff Adams

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—Some of you may be asking yourselves, how did he end up in the seminary? It is a question that I have often asked myself.

I remember moments in my childhood when I thought about being a priest. Sometimes I would play that I was. For example, there was one time when I tried to imitate the consecration of the bread by a priest during lunch with the substitution of a potato chip. I remember turning around to view my mom's mouth wide open without any words coming out. I am still embarrassed by the event.

As a teenager, the priesthood was not something that preoccupied a lot of my time, and to be quite honest neither did the Mass. I was definitely in a very sad state spiritually, but fortunately for me, God was and is very patient and merciful.

By the time I was 22, I had developed a private devotion with the rosary, and I was participating regularly in the sacraments. When I was 25, I was praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and I asked God to give me a taste of what He had in store for me. As I came out of the church, a young woman and a priest, Father Jairo Restrepo (currently a member of the Diocese of Boise Vocations team) approached me. They asked me to consider being part of their youth ministry program. I agreed without hesitation, even though I was scared to death about doing something, which I had never done before.

A couple of months later, I was approached by Father Jairo about the possibility of me becoming a priest. Although the image of me being a priest had continued to emerge periodically in my mind, I told Father Jairo that I did not believe the priesthood was for me. I did not mind that thought about becoming



APOSTOLIC MINISTRY— Idaho seminarian Jeff Adams is shown here with Larry, a man he met a few years ago while ministering with an outreach program for the homeless in Portland, Ore.

ing a priest, but pursuing it was just too scary. A month later I was approached by Father Roger LaChance, Coeur d'Alene, who asked me to consider the priesthood.

My response to Father LaChance was the same response that I gave Father Jairo: "The priesthood is not for me." The weird thing was that neither of those priests had mentioned to the other about talking to me about the priesthood.

For the next few months, neither of the two mentioned the possibility of becoming a priest again. It was the

Adams, who is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., grew up in St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert. He was part of St. Mark's Parish, Boise, before entering the seminary.

Lenten Season. I was thinking more and more about what I felt would bring me joy. My thoughts focused on the possibility of me becoming a priest. I had decided that if I received another invitation to go to the seminary, then I would say yes to it.

Then, on Easter Sunday, after the liturgical celebration ended, I said a little prayer as I walked outside of the church. I told God that if he wanted me to go to the seminary, I would go. But, I was not going to bring up that topic with anyone. I decided that if God wanted me to go, I would need another

"I had decided if I received another invitation to go to the seminary, then I would say yes to it."

invitation. I needed a sign. I know that it is wrong to test God, but I just wanted an answer so that I could stop worrying about becoming a priest.

As I looked outside of the church, I saw many people flooded around Father LaChance. All of a sudden I felt two emotions at the same time. I felt both sadness and relief. As I walked with my head down, focused upon various thoughts, I felt a hand grab my shoulder. It was Father LaChance. He said softly, "There is still some time if you want to go." I said, "Yes." It took a couple of seconds for the shock to wear off Father LaChance's face.

Then he asked me again, "We're talking about the seminary, right?" I said "Yes." And four months later I began my studies at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon.

Today I'm completing Theology, III at Mt. Angel. I will spend the summer at St. Hubert's, Homedale, and return to Mt. Angel. I am scheduled for ordination as a transitional deacon Oct. 6 at the seminary.

Deacon overcomes illiteracy to serve as minister of the word

By Tom Rowan

Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—For most of his life, Thomas Forbes, a permanent deacon at Incarnation Parish in northeast Washington, was illiterate.

Now nudging 75, he was 59 years old when he learned to read and write the English he had spoken all his life.

Today, he not only reads confidently, but uses an IBM typewriter and can manage a computer. He even has written a brief autobiography, "Sharing My Gift with Others."

Literacy opened a new

world that Forbes never dreamed possible when he was a Maryland farm boy during the Depression.

In an interview with the Catholic Standard, newspaper of the Washington Archdiocese, Forbes said he hadn't been able to attend school because of farm work.

As sharecroppers, his family had to give two-thirds of everything they grew to the landowner. The family was poor, he said, but it "didn't seem so bad at the time" because nearly everybody they knew was poor.

He learned to plow at 10 and became such a good worker that his father occasionally hired him out for 50 cents a day. All his earnings went to the family.

After his father stopped farming because of illness, Forbes hired out to neighboring farmers for \$9 a week. He did this for a decade, during which he met, courted and married Mary Elizabeth Dorsley of Leonardtown.

In 1951, the 28-year-old Forbes and his young wife gave up farming and moved

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Called and Gifted

Idaho group participates in Conference on Laity

By Debbie Oaas for the ICR

SAN FRANCISCO—Carol McGee, pastoral associate for evangelism, Sacred Heart Church, Boise, was among presenters at the “Conference on the Laity, Apostles to the World” held at St. Ignatius Church on the University of San Francisco, Calif., campus, April 27-28.

The conference, attended by about 400 people from around the nation, was co-sponsored by the School of Pastoral Leadership, Archdiocese of San Francisco, and the Catherine of Siena Institute of the Western Dominican Province. Catherine of Siena Institute sponsors the Called and Gifted Program, which helps people discern the gifts they have received from the Holy Spirit and encourages parishes to serve as centers for formation, once people have identified their gifts.

Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Rome, was the keynote speaker. Also in attendance was Archbishop William J. Levada, San Francisco, and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Halifax, Nova Scotia, who spoke on “The Laity: Collaborators in Mission with the Ordained.”

McGee, a Called and Gifted teacher, went to the conference with others from Idaho, including Debbie Oaas, also a Called and Gifted teacher, Sa-

cred Heart, Mary Jane Atkinson, Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, Helen Churchhill, Sacred Heart, Bonnie Lee, Sacred Heart, and Rita Harding, St. Mark’s, Boise. Jenne Picotti, also a Called and Gifted teacher and formerly a member St. Mark’s who now lives in Orange County, Calif., also joined the group.

Cardinal Stafford, who was archbishop of Denver before his Vatican appointment, celebrated a Solemn Mass April 27 to mark the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, who is the only lay Doctor of the Church.

The next day in his keynote address, Cardinal Stafford spoke on “The Laity in the 21st Century.” He talked about the inherent honor of the laity, “whose mission it is to be the visible sign of the heavenly church.”

“Each of us is given a Divine Mission,” said the cardinal.

He said the Beatitudes are “not theory for us to merely think about, but they are the very ethic of the laity, a portrait of Christ himself and our life in him. We are a sign of holiness and hope as we live our search for happiness.”

Cardinal Stafford said those who in the world must understand the meaning of happiness, “for the theology of the lay person is in evangelizing our culture.”

Quoting John Newman, the cardinal said that the job of the laity is in “bewildering the worldly with the unexpected.”

McGee was among a group



SENDING FORTH—Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Rome, lays hands on some of the Diocese of Boise delegates to the Conference on the Laity, “Apostles to the World” in San Francisco, April 28. He sent them forth praying for a continued out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit on the faithful and all the parishes and ministries in Idaho. The group includes from left, Helen Churchhill, Debbie Oaas and Carol McGee, Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, Mary Jane Atkinson, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Bonnie Lee, Sacred Heart.

of speakers who made a presentation on “The Parish As A Center of Formation for Lay Apostles.” The presenters also included Father Michael Sweeney, OP, and Sherry Anne Weddell, co-founders of the Catherine of Siena Institute, Seattle, and designers of the Called and Gifted Program, Scott Moyer, young adult ministry, St. Dominic’s Church, San Francisco, who gave a personal testimony, and Susan Timoney, STD, Education for

Parish Service Foundation, Washington, D.C., who spoke on “Models of Lay Formation.”

McGee spoke about what has happened in Sacred Heart Parish as a result of the parish becoming a “center of formation of the laity” through such efforts as Called and Gifted, Evangelization Retreat, RE-NEW, and small faith communities.

“These programs have helped us come to a sense of mission,” said McGee. “Not

only do we do all the usual ministries within our parish, but we know we have a divine call to reach out and bring Christ to the world.”

Before departing the conference, Cardinal Stafford laid hands on those who attended from the Diocese of Boise, sent them back to share the continuing outpour of the Holy Spirit with all the faithful of Idaho and asked the Holy Spirit to be active in all parishes and ministries in the Idaho Church.

Irish photographer-turned-priest finds joy in late vocation

By Cian Molloy

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — Father Frank Gavin was one of Dublin’s best-known wedding photographers for more than 30 years before he became a priest following his wife’s death.

“I think I still hold the record for the most weddings photographed in one day, when I did

nine of them. In the old days, you just took photos outside the church and came back later for the cutting of the cake, so they were quick jobs, with the first at 5 a.m.,” Father Gavin said.

“I am as happy as Larry doing what I am doing now,” he said, using a Dublin phrase referring to the way Lazarus felt when Christ

restored his life. “I am having a second bite of the cherry, and I wanted this life for a long time.”

A year after setting up in business in 1953, Gavin married his wife, Noreen, and they had seven children together. But following her death in 1984 and with their children grown up, he no longer found his life as a photographer

rewarding— despite the fact that three of his children followed him into the business.

He said he felt he had a calling to be a priest and, after contacting the Dublin archdiocesan vocations office, he went to Rome to study at Beda College, the Vatican’s seminary for late vocations.

“I got the real Beda experience, all right,” he said. “I thought I was a Catholic until I went to Rome. It was all very daunting for a man of my age— taking up studies in philosophy, theology, canon law, ecclesiastics and what have you — but it was also very rewarding, and there was plenty of practical experience in different ministries along the way.”

At the age of 62, Father Gavin was ordained June 24, 1992—his wedding anniversary. He asked to minister in England, because he felt too many people in Dublin knew him through his former life as a photographer. He now serves as a parish priest in Lincoln, England.

“With the scarcity of priests in England, we are all missionaries where I am. I get great support from my bishop, an Irishman, James McGuinness (of Nottingham, England), and I will keep at what I am doing for as long as I can keep going,” he said.

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Pray for Vocations Filler

Idahoan to serve Central American mission

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—Working as a lay missionary in an orphanage in Honduras or Guatemala is not what Allison Winkle, 21, pictured herself doing when she grew up.

Yet Winkle, a member of St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, who recently completed a degree in graphic design from North Idaho College, Coeur d'Alene, is now looking forward to doing just that.

She will leave Aug. 1 for a two-month Spanish language school in Honduras and then go on to work in one of two orphanages sponsored by Farm of the Child, a small Catholic non-profit organization. Farm of the Child's mission is "to care for needy children and to promote the development of a productive society of devout Christians." A husband and wife team, Vincent and Zulena Pescatore founded the organization in 1987. Vincent died in a plane crash in 1996. Zulena has continued the work with the help of an international team of volunteers and Honduran employees.

Winkle was inspired to pursue a year or two of missionary work with the poor when, as a college student, she spent two weeks in Tijuana, Mexico, with youth from St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, helping to build a combination school, town meeting place and church for a poor community.

"Down there I fell in love with working for the poor and helping communities that want to make their lives better," she said. She especially enjoyed meeting with the women of the Mexican village, asking them



PLANNING THE NEXT TWO YEARS—Allison Winkle, daughter of Maryann and Alan Winkle, St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, shows some brochures she is using to educate people about the Farm of the Child, a Central American orphanage where she intends to work for the next two years. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

questions and answering their questions.

"They were so grateful that we had chosen to come there to help them," Winkle said. "It wasn't like they thought we were there to get anything out of it for ourselves. They knew we were there to work together as a team to help their town, and they were very thankful."

She also loved spending time with the children.

"I didn't know any Spanish," she said. "They were still

so eager to communicate with us. We drew in the dirt with sticks and pointed to objects and figured out a way to talk to each other."

Winkle, who is one of six new volunteers for Farm of the Child for this fall, is hoping to serve as a social worker or social worker assistant when she gets her orphanage assignment. Her job would be to investigate cases of orphaned and abandoned children, handle the paperwork for their adoption to the farm and maintain their files. Social workers also assist in the day-to-day running of the orphanage by supporting the house parents and children, regulating discipline and supervising "family life" in orphan homes.

"...I was called to be the hands of Jesus at this time in my life. It is the perfect time."

"At the Farm of the Child they work as a community," said Winkle. "So when someone is sick or has to be away, we take over their jobs until they return. There is teaching, which I would love to do. There is an agricultural part of the operation which involves growing food for the orphanage and teaching the children useful skills, which I'm interested in, and there is community outreach."

Winkle understands that all ages of children live at the farm. "Once they are old enough to live on their own, they have to leave," she said. "So the goal of the farm staff is to teach the kids the skills they need to live on their own."

The Idaho native said she is looking forward to living in Central America and experiencing a new culture.

"I'm very excited and a little nervous," she said. "I don't know any Spanish at all. I know I'm going to struggle for a while, not being able to communicate with people and not seeing any familiar faces. But that will just make me learn it faster. I know I'll come back a stronger person—strong in my faith and in knowing who I am."

Winkle said the first time she thought about missionary work was her first year of college.

"It was the first time I had been away from my family," she said. "It made me realize how lucky I was to have a family like I have and a church community. I felt I could share that."

After she returned from Mexico last year, she borrowed a resource book on Catholic volunteer programs from Brian Kraut, St. Pius X youth minister in Coeur d'Alene. She sent out about 30 letters of inquiry and got back 25 letters.

"Out of all those, Farm of the Child was the only one I really felt called to apply to," she said.

Winkle remembers a sermon she heard when she was in Mexico. "The priest talked about how in a community of Christians, we are all part of Jesus' body," she said. "Some people plan, and they are the head. Some pray, and they are the heart. And some donate. They are the feet. The ones that are out there working are the hands. I was called to be the hands of Jesus at this time in my life. It is the perfect time."

Winkle must raise \$10,000 to support herself while she is working for Farm of the Child. The money pays her living expenses over two years, health insurance, language school expenses, transportation within Central America and transportation back to the United States.

So far, she has about \$3,000 she has earned working at the YMCA daycare. Anyone who would like to assist Winkle in her ministry can make a tax deductible contribution by sending a check earmarked for Allison Winkle to Farm of the Child, 653 Yeary School Road, Steelville, MO 65565.

Ex-ad executive uses corporate tools to attract vocations into the church

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Natalie Smith talks about marketing, mismanagement and "broadening the market." But she's just as likely to bring up vocations, the Holy Spirit and "aggiornamento."

Smith, a Third Order Trappist from Coral Springs, Fla., says God is leading her to use the skills she honed as an ad executive for many years to bring more vocations into the Catholic Church.

One tool she "revert" to the

Catholic faith has developed to achieve that goal is the Vocations Placement Service — on the Web at www.vocationsplacement.com — which aims to make the idea of religious vocations "more commonly accepted" (See, 'Ad exec,' page 16)

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Boise parish honors Benedictines who served there

BOISE—St. Mary's Parish, Boise, recently honored the 53 Benedictine Sisters who have served in their parish over the past 51 years.

A group of parishioners planned the celebration as an act of love and appreciation to the Sisters "who have profoundly affected the faith development of so many St. Mary's parishioners."

Thirteen of the 53 were present for a special celebration liturgy with over 400 in attendance. The Sisters pro-

cessed in with Father Pat Dennis and were seated in a place of honor.

A banner made by parishioner Barbara Little hung in the sanctuary and was later presented to the Sisters to hang at their motherhouse, Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood.

Each of the 53 Sisters was mentioned and prayed for by name during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Students from St. Mary's School, where many of the Sisters taught, made three large



APPRECIATED WOMEN — These Benedictine Sisters were present at St. Mary's Parish Benedictine Appreciation Day in Boise recently. They are from left, Sisters Angela Uhlorn, Sister Rose Marie Nutsch, Mary Kay Henry, Carm Ternes, Sister Scholastica Uhlenkott, Mary Frances Kluss, Bernice

Wessels, Theresa Mary Stroeing, Betty Schumacher, Jean LaLande, prioress, Clarissa Goeckner, Maria Elena Schaeffers, and Bernadette Stang. This is the first time in 51 years that no Benedictine Sisters are working in St. Mary's Parish. (Photos by Mike Pape)

ceramic bowls that bore the children's initials and a special imprint. Father Dennis blessed the bowls during the liturgy and presented them to the Sisters for use at the monastery.

Sister Jean LaLande, Monastery of St. Gertrude prioress, offered words of gratitude to St. Mary's Parish from the entire Benedictine community.

At the reception following the liturgy, many former students and friends from previous years were reunited with the Sisters who were present. A group of young Hispanic dancers performed.

Pat Goldade and her family made a photo board with the Sisters' photos and names.

Tom Hadzor videotaped the liturgy so those Sisters not present could enjoy the celebration later.

The Sisters who were presented for St. Mary's Benedictine Sisters Appreciation Day and the work they did include: Sisters Angela Uhlorn, who served as pastoral associate; Bernice Wessels, teacher; Betty Schumacher, pastoral associate and teacher (13 years); Bernadette Stang, in residence; Carm Ternes, taught at St. Mary's School the first year it opened in 1949; Clarissa Goeckner, teacher and principal (11 years); Jean LaLande, prioress; Maria Elena Schaeffers, teacher; Mary Frances Kluss, teacher; Mary Kay Henry, teacher; Scholastica Uhlenkott, principal (6 years); Rose Marie Nutsch, teacher, and Theresa Mary (Sister Leona) Stroeing, teacher and also there when the school opened.

Other Benedictines who served at St. Mary's were: Sisters Alexia Kaschmitter, Aquinas Schaecher, Augustine Uhlenkott, Barbara Gonzales, Barbara Jean Glowdowski, Benita Hassler, Bernie Ternes, Connie Sonnen, Corinne Forsman, Corita Eisenbeiss, Elise Marie Martinez, Esther Valesquez, Gertrude Wemhoff, Joan

Smith, Lillian (Sister Philip) Englert, Margie (Sister Johnita) Schmidt; Mary Marge (Sister Charlotte) Goeckner, Meg Sass, Placida Wemhoff, Regina O'Connell, Valine Kachelmier and Winifred Lorentz.

Those Sisters who served St. Mary's Parish who are now deceased were: Sisters Assumpta Schaecher, Anastasia

Kucklick, Celestine Riener, Coletta Weiland, Cyrilla Schlangen, Dolorosa Feucht, Dorothy Brown, Florentine Schlangen, Frowina Hack, Edith Forsman, Edward Wessels, Irmengard Hack, Jerome Arnzen, Lioba Metzger, Luitfreda Novak, Luitgard Meder, Marguerite Diebert, and Veronica Hassler.



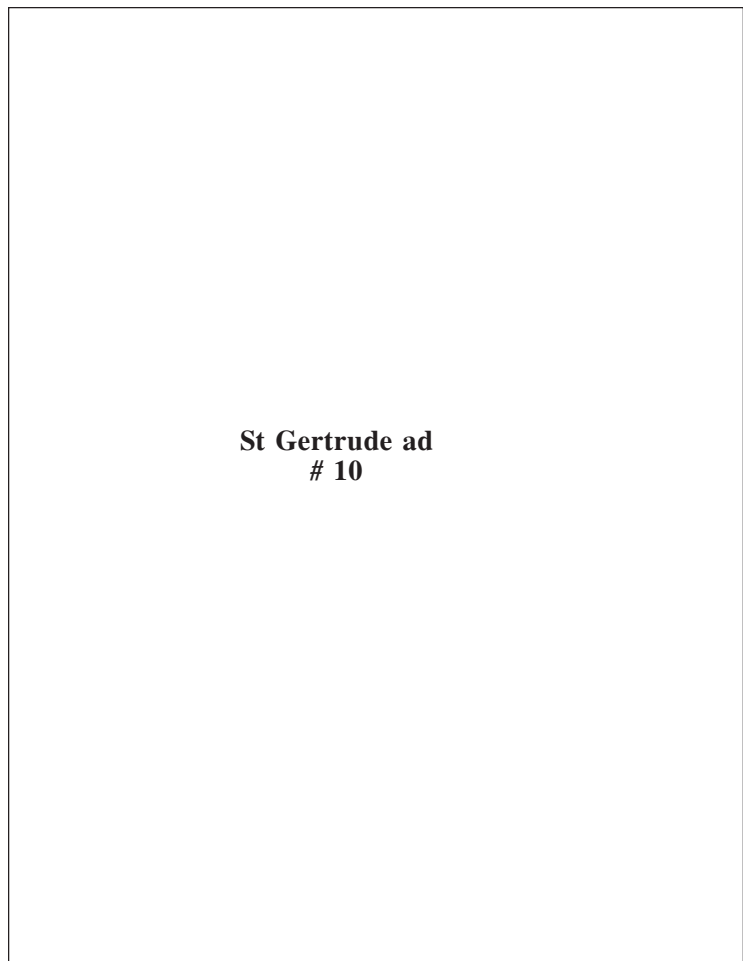
OLD FRIENDS—Sister Clarissa Goeckner, left, and Ruth Elston, St. Mary's Parish, Boise, enjoy the festivities during St. Mary's Benedictine Appreciation Day. Sister Clarissa taught at St. Mary's School and served as principal for over a decade.



RECONNECTING—Sister Betty Schumacher, who taught at St. Mary's School and served as pastoral associate in the parish for 13 years, shares memories with St. Mary's parishioners Beth Carpenter and Bev Thometz.



WELCOME SISTERS—A banner, featuring a likeness of Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, motherhouse of the Idaho Benedictines, greeted Sisters who were able to attend St. Mary's Benedictine Appreciation Day. Parishioner Barbara Little made the banner. It was given to the Sisters to hang in the motherhouse.



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Five Benedictines celebrate nearly 300 years service

COTTONWOOD—With a combined 320 years experience, five Sisters recently celebrated their Jubilees at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood.

The five celebrants were: Sister Augustine Uhlenkott, 80 years; Sister Aquinas Schaecher, 70 years; Sister Sylveria Weiand, 60 years; Sister Scholastica Uhlenkott, 60 years, and Sister Lucy Keaney, 50 years.

When asked to share their thoughts on their years as Benedictines at St. Gertrude's, each one said the very best thing about this community is the devotion to prayer, especially the Divine Office.

Both Sister Sylveria and Sister Lucy decided to join St. Gertrude's because of the obvious love and devotion of the community to prayer, and to one another.

Sister Scholastica, after visiting other religious communities, was drawn to St. Gertrude's by the exemplary dedication of the sisters to God. She believes that "the fidelity and devotion to Mass and the Divine Office is the greatest asset of St. Gertrude's."

Sr. Augustine said that her vocation was tested in the early years. "Good spiritual direction and deep prayer helped me prioritize my call from God." Once she put her religious vo-

cation first, she "felt the affirmation of my call in my heart each time I prayed."

The jubilarians all are convinced that becoming a sister today is a desirable choice, as long as a woman is "called to a life consecrated to God."

Sister Sylveria believes that without that single-hearted call from God, "dwelling on the things of God" might be overwhelming.

What do these elders advise regarding a personal relationship with God or the church? The answer was varied.

Sister Augustine: The journey is hard without personal prayer. Learn to know and trust Jesus through your prayer.

Sister Sylveria: Don't lose hope, and always trust that God is present and eager to help in any situation.

Sister Scholastica: Your personal relationship with God and the church is vital. Whether this relationship is fostered best in religious life, or not, depends upon your vocation.

Sister Lucy: Get a good spiritual adviser who will help you grow in personal relationships.

Sister Aquinas was unable to comment due to the effect of Alzheimer's.

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THREE CENTURIES OF PROFESSION—Five Idaho Benedictines recently celebrated big jubilees. Pictured from left, seated, are Sister Augustine Uhlenkott, 80 years, Sister Aquinas Schaecher, 70 years; Standing from left, Sister Scholastica

Uhlenkott, 60 years, Sister Jean LaLande, prioress, Sister Sylveria Weiand, 60 years, Father Meinrad Schallberger, Sister Lucy Keaney, 50 years, Sister Emagene Warren, procurator, and Sister Meg Sass, assistant prioress.

Sister Chanelle Schuler, OSB, takes God to work each day

By Sister Chanelle Schuler, OSB

SPOKANE, Wash.—I began my life as a Benedictine sister working as an obstetrics nurse. The first years of my career were more of a job than a ministry because I would get so bogged down with the work, believing that everything depended upon me.

In those days I found it difficult to combine spirituality with my physical work. However, as I grew in experience and wisdom, I learned to let the Spirit work through me. Coming full circle from those early years in the maternity ward, I now find myself assisting people with the dying process.

After 30 years as a hospital RN, I changed gears. For 12 years I have served as a chaplain at Sacred Heart Regional Medical Center, Spokane, Wash. My primary ministry is serving patients and staff in the Dialysis Unit at the hospital and outlying units throughout the region. My trips to Coeur d'Alene, and Moses Lake, Wash., allow me time to reflect upon the tremendous work dying patients must go through.



Sister Chanelle Schuler, OSB

Renal Care Group, a for-profit dialysis company, recently merged with Sacred Heart. This group recognized the importance of people dying with dignity, with a sense of peace and closure. They have continued Sacred Heart's commitment to chaplaincy and our patients' spiritual needs.

I absolutely believe that patients heal more quickly, or accept death more readily, when their spiritual needs are recognized and met. Without a doubt, the spiritual dimension has a direct

effect on the body.

Much of my work is compassionate listening to patient and family stories. I help them discover meaning in their life experiences, especially in the pain and suffering they are currently experiencing. I often sing and share music with patients. They find the music calming, and it helps them in reaching a peace and tranquility in the midst of their trauma.

Dying well requires patients to resolve unsettled issues in their lives. One woman was able to let go only after she found a way to forgive her grandson for the death of her daughter. She had held this pain in her soul for a long time, and once she relinquished it, she was free to die.

Our Benedictine mission statement calls us to be eager to welcome God's transformation in ourselves and our world through healing hospitality. This is manifest daily in my ministry as I remind others and myself that we choose how to color our days—black and white, with shades of gray or multi-colored!

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Deacon

(Continued from page 11) just outside Washington, where he got a job with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

He learned plumbing, brick-laying and cement finishing, but his inability to read became a handicap. He couldn't accept promotions because he couldn't handle the paperwork involved in foreman jobs.

Forbes said in 1969 he experienced "a call from God telling me to become more involved in the church." The call came in the form of severe heart attacks that eventually forced him to retire in 1976.

He started attending daily Mass, was active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, became a eucharistic minister and brought Communion to the sick. He formed a weekly prayer group, and began considering the diaconate.

Until then, keen powers of observation on walks around the city and a great memory had helped him carve out an urban life without being able to read. But, the diaconate program—then three years, now four, of reading and course work—seemed out of reach.

Undaunted, Forbes faced the challenge. Father Michael Wilson, who knew him in the Serra Club of Washington, in-

troduced him to a retired teacher who agreed to tutor him once a week at her home.

A quick and enthusiastic learner, he became a voracious reader. He learned to use a dictionary and read the Bible and borrowed books, sometimes late into the night.

After 52 sessions, he was able to begin diaconate studies.

"The people in my deacon class were fantastic," he said. "They knew my faults and tried to help me any way they could. ...If I didn't know how to pronounce a word, or what it meant, I'd ask."

Also, the wife with whom he'll celebrate 55 years of marriage in November sat beside him in class all three years.

In 12 years as a deacon, Forbes has ministered to the sick and shut-ins, assisted at sacramental celebrations and helped prepare couples for marriage. He is moderator of the Washington Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

"I'm happy the Lord has led me this way, so I can reach out to people," he said. "My thing was always helping people."

Regarding his vocation, he said, "The more I do, the more I love it."

Sibling Sisters near 300 years combined service

By Marty Perry

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas (CNS) — When Sister Janice Kobierowski marked her 50th anniversary with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, her siblings Elizabeth, Cordia, Philomena and Ann Rita were there to celebrate.

But in terms of longevity with the religious order, Sister Janice was the rookie of the bunch.

The five Kobierowski sisters gathered at the Blessed Frances Siedliska provincial motherhouse in the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie April 21 to watch the baby of the family renew her vows after 50 years.

Together, the Kobierowskis have devoted 291 years to the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

"We know this is the only family of five in our entire community, which has 1,800 sisters," said Sister Catherine Marie Kawa, who helped organize the daylong event that included Mass, a catered meal and lots of visiting time. "I imagine there can't be many orders, if any, with five sisters. The probability of it is astronomical."

It was the first time the close-knit sisters, who all hail from Pennsylvania, had gotten together since Sister Janice was transferred to Texas last summer. The other four gather every Sunday to call their youngest sibling.

The eldest is Sister Elizabeth, a teacher who joined the community in 1936. Next is Sister Ann Rita, 1939, also a teacher. Third is Sister Cordia, 1942, who dispenses medicine. And fourth is Sister Philomena, 1946, a principal for 23 years.

The youngest of the Kobierowski clan, Sister Janice, also has served as a teacher and is the provincial superior for the



SIBLING NUNS—The Kobierowski sisters count 291 years as Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. They gathered recently in Grand Prairie, Texas, to mark the 50th anniversary of Sister Janice, second from right. From left are Sisters Elizabeth, Philomena, Ann Rita, Janice and Cordia. (CNS photo by Robert Bunch, Texas Catholic)

province that includes the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Tyler and Wichita Falls.

Sisters Elizabeth, Cordia and Philomena are at Mount Nazareth in Philadelphia and Sister Ann Rita is at Our Lady of Calvary in Philadelphia.

Sister Philomena told the Texas Catholic, newspaper of the Dallas Diocese, that it is not surprising they followed the same path.

Growing up in Philadelphia, she said, "our parents instilled in us a love for the church. Also, our grade school and high school were taught by Holy Family of Nazareth teachers and we admired our teachers very much."

Sister Elizabeth was the first to receive the calling, entering Holy Family in high school. "My parents were thrilled," Sister

Philomena recalled.

Then Sister Ann Rita followed her older sister. "My parents were surprised, but said, 'Sure. We understand. She's following her sister.'"

But when Sister Cordia told them of her decision a few years later, Sister Philomena said her parents tried to stop her.

"But Cordia told them that she wouldn't be happy otherwise and they agreed," she said. "And by the time it was my turn to tell them, they were used to it."

All four joined the community while in high school. But

Janice, the youngest daughter, graduated without giving any indication of following in her sisters' footsteps. Then, to everyone's surprise, shortly after graduation she announced that she, too, had the calling.

"The bomb exploded," Sister Philomena said. "Our parents had tears in their eyes. They felt privileged to have five daughters become nuns, but it was sad for them, too, because Janice was the one of us most likely to have a family."

The other siblings in the family of eight—a brother and two

other sisters, one deceased—never had children.

More than 100 people, including three priests and approximately 40 nuns, attended Sister Janice's 50th anniversary celebration.

Father Matthew Bagert, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Grand Prairie, said he was honored to be chosen to celebrate Mass for her golden jubilee. "Five sisters from one family," he told the Texas Catholic. "That's really amazing."

At the reception afterward, Sister Janice visited with many of the guests, but always seemed to gravitate back to her four sisters, as if to make the most out of every minute of the week they had arranged to spend with her before returning to Pennsylvania.

"Every time we get together, it is such a special thing," Sister Philomena said. "Everyone always says they've never seen sisters so close."

Sister Elizabeth said everyone has a special fondness for Sister Janice, the baby of the family, which makes their long-distance relationship especially difficult.

"She's the only one who lives far away from us," Sister Elizabeth said. "That's why it's so special to be here."

After the Mass, Sister Janice opened her gifts, which mainly were religious items and perfume. But she said one present was easily her favorite: "The only gift I really wanted was for my four sisters to be here."

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among people who might never have considered becoming a priest, brother, nun or deacon.

By answering a few simple questions about where they live, their age, the religious books they've read most recently, their education, and their talents and gifts, individuals can get information about the religious community or diocese that might be the best match for them.

Her target audience is people 17 and up "who never thought of a religious vocation before."

It's all part of what the corporate world calls "broadening the market" — expanding the field of those who might be interested

in a product (in this case, a religious vocation) rather than competing for the smaller circle of those already interested.

But Smith also uses the Second Vatican Council's term of "aggiornamento," or updating, to describe the Vocations Placement Service.

Life in a religious community is often seen as "too mysterious," she said. "We need a little 'aggiornamento' in how we do vocations."

Another service Smith provides to vocations directors in dioceses and religious orders is follow-up on why candidates drop out along the way to becoming a priest, nun, brother or deacon.

Conversion timing was perfect for Stephen Anderson

Catholic school principal shares faith journey

By Stephen Anderson
For the ICR

POCATELLO—If anyone would have told me twenty years ago that I would some day be the principal of a Catholic school and convert to Catholicism, I would have told them they're crazy. But here I am the principal of St. Anthony Catholic Community School in Pocatello and newly received into the Catholic Church.

My faith journey began as a desire on my part to be closer with my family. In 1984, I went through marriage preparation with my now wife, Gretchen. This was my first introduction to Catholicism, and it made me feel at ease with myself and with the Catholic religion. I had no reservations about being married in the Catholic Church and raising my family in the faith.

With the birth of my children, Elizabeth in 1990 and Zachary in 1997, I began to recognize within me a desire to find out more about the faith. As my wife and I prepared for each child's baptism, I again felt at ease and peace with myself. I began to ponder the notion of becoming a part of this community, but I guess I wasn't

quite ready to make that leap because I failed to act on those feelings. I felt my marriage and baptismal experiences strengthened my love for my children and my relationship with my wife, but still I held back.

As my children grew, my wife and I wanted to share with them a religious identity that would promote their relationship with God. My wife had been raised as a Catholic but had not been confirmed. She decided to pursue her confirmation because it was important to her personally and as a model for our children. She began her preparation, and it again perked an interest in me.

About this same time, I was in my eleventh year of teaching in the public school district, and I was looking for a change in my life. I was approached about the principal's job at St. Anthony Catholic Community School, so I applied for the job. I was familiar with the school because our daughter Elizabeth went there. Her enrollment was another way Gretchen and I could promote her faith, not to mention her academic standing. When I interviewed for the position I stated that I wasn't trying for the job to convert,



Stephen and Gretchen Anderson, Pocatello, and their children, Zachary and Elizabeth

but rather to serve the needs of the school and the children. I truly felt like I had been called to serve the Catholic community. When I asked Father Joseph Muha, pastor for the Pocatello/Chubbuck community, if there would be a problem with me not being Catholic, he said there wouldn't be. I

was a little skeptical with his answer, but was made to feel comfortable by the way I was welcomed with open arms.

As time passed, I began to yearn to learn more about the Catholic faith. I enrolled in the R.C.I.A. program to find out more. As I progressed through the program, I felt a strength-

ening in my faith, my relationship with my family and an acceptance from the Catholic community as a whole. As the spiritual leader of the school, I always felt good about sharing my love of Christ with the students, parents, and faculty. Once I made the decision to convert, everything felt right. Once again, I felt an overwhelming feeling of peace and confidence, and I was ready to commit myself to Christ and the Catholic Faith.

On April 14 this year, I was baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist as an official member of the Catholic Church. Although my faith journey has been a long one, the timing has been perfect for me. I'm a firm believer that things happen for a reason and my conversion is just one more example of this belief. I finally came to a point in my life when I was ready to appreciate and accept the goodness of the Lord and apply Him in my life as husband, father, principal and spiritual leader. I feel blessed to be a part of the Catholic Community for it has become an important part of me. May God bless all of you and yours like he has blessed me and mine.



NEW MEMBERS—Quin and Diana Mace, center, the newest adult members of Mary Immaculate Church, St. Anthony, are shown here with their sponsors, during this year's Easter Vigil in the parish.

Church cross prompts inquiry, inspires Maces to join church

By Yvonne Ramos
For the ICR

ST. ANTHONY—Living behind the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in St. Anthony all her life, Diana Mace always had a fascination for the cross on top of the church. She wanted to know more about what the cross stood for, other than Jesus' suffering.

The cross continued to intrigue her, even in her darkest years. Then one day she dropped by Mary Immaculate's annual rummage sale. She ended up inquiring about Catholicism, and parishioner Adelita Woolf told her about classes she could take.

Mace believes the Holy Spirit directed her into the Rite of

Christian Initiation (RCIA) at St. Anthony. She was welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass in St. Anthony April 14, along with her husband, Quin.

During his school years, Quin Mace, says he had no interests but sports. Then he enlisted in the military. That was when his interests in Christianity started to grow. He realized as he followed Diana's journey, that the Catholic Church was his way to satisfy his hunger.

The Maces became full members of the Catholic Church and the newest adult members of Mary Immaculate Parish, St. Anthony, at the Easter Vigil Mass this year.

Two Idaho seminarians receive bachelor degrees at Mt. Angel

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—Oscar Stanley Klass and Benjamin Raymond Uhlenkott, seminarians of the Diocese of Boise, were among 52 students who graduated from Mount Angel Seminary May 13.

This is the largest graduating class in 10 years. Abbot Joseph Wood, O.S.B. presided over the commencement ceremony.

Both Klass and Uhlenkott received their Bachelor of Arts degree and plan to go on to Theology I.

Father Nathan Zodrow,

O.S.B., seminary administrator, and Father Paul Thomas, O.S.B., prior of Mount Angel Abbey, were the principal

concelebrants of the graduation Mass. The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa, Bishop of Baker, was the homilist.

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St. Jerome youth worships through song

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
For the ICR

JEROME — It's 7:15 a.m. on a Wednesday morning and very few high school seniors are looking for a reason to be up and ready for the day.

But, at this time every week, Patrick Crozier is at church. He and his friends meet for a mid week prayer session.

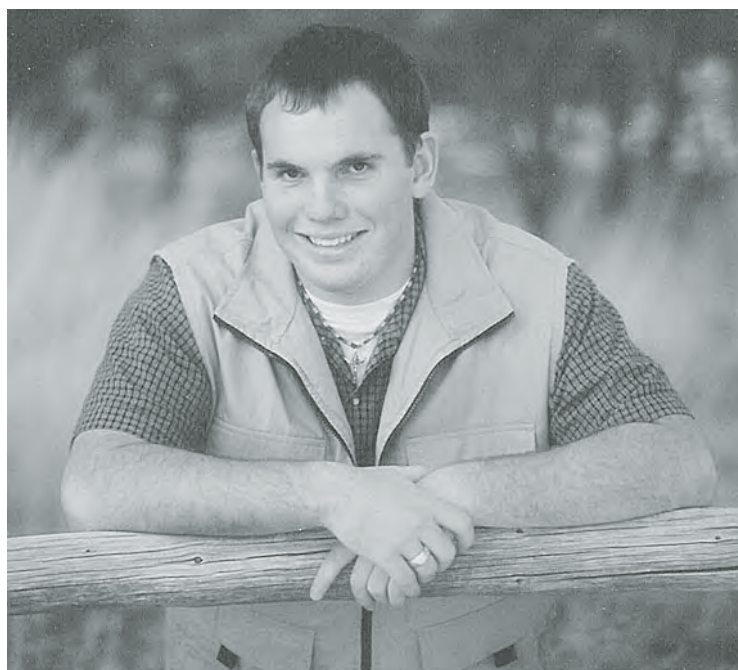
"It's my way of throwing God in during the middle of the week instead of just Sundays," Crozier, 18, said.

"If my week's been bad up till then, it straightens out my week," he said.

The Wednesday morning prayer is just one of several ways the Jerome High senior has found to praise God.

He sings in a church band as well as another band with friends. He's known around school as a dynamic speaker and competes on Jerome High's award winning speech team.

Crozier will graduate later this month and plans to attend the University of Idaho. "He's a very likeable young man," said Gail Cushman, Jerome High's principal. "He's very talented. He has the gift of gab. He says things easily and can express his meaning."



Patrick Crozier

While his gifts as an orator should come in handy as he pursues a career in education administration, his true love is in the music.

"It's my easiest way of praying," Crozier said. "I praise God through the music."

Crozier plays guitar and sings at all the masses accompanying his father, Reed.

"Patrick sings well," said St. Jerome's parishioner

Marty Espinoza. "To see a father and son sing at Masses is pretty rare nowadays. He has

good composure. He never looks nervous. He gets right up there and plays."

The interest in music started at home with Reed and Patrick's mother Colleen.

"My mother is very musical," Crozier said. "She taught me how."

His mother also got Patrick involved in teaching and the youth education program. He taught fifth grade religious education classes and has remained very active in St. Jerome's Life Teen program throughout his high school career.

"I've always been involved," Crozier said. "I know that it's good for me. It's not something my parents force me to do."

Crozier said he's also inspired by his older sister Katie who was very involved in the youth ministry program and later served with REACH and

at an orphanage in Mexico.

Crozier said his Catholic faith has given him strength and an identity in a predominantly Mormon community.

"I think it's a unique thing. It's different than anyone else," Crozier said. "It's a way of telling people about God in a different way."

He said he relies on his faith driven values to make choices each day.

"I'm more into evangelizing through who I am than what I do," he said. "My faith has to do with all my decisions. If you don't put your faith in all your decisions they're not the right decisions."

"I don't think I could live without my faith," Crozier said. "Faith is basically life. I don't have a concept of how you can't believe in God. My faith is something I have to have. I need it."

New website features U.S. Catholic colleges

By Catholic News Service
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Information about Catholic colleges in the United States is now just a click away, all on one Web site.

The site—www.catholiccollegesonline.org—is sponsored by the National Catholic College Admission Association. It provides information for prospective students, parents and high school counselors.

Nearly 200 Catholic colleges are listed on the site's search engine, enabling students to find a Catholic college that suits their needs based on school size, undergraduate program, region of the country and setting—urban, rural or suburban.

The matching results then provide a short profile of the colleges, including programs offered and tuition costs as well as a link to the school's home page.

If students find a college they

are particularly interested in, they can also download an application.

The site also offers plenty of practical information for students from how to start their college search and obtain financial aid to the nitty-gritty of a list of items they should bring to college.

It also attempts to answer parents' questions, providing additional college search tips, financial aid advice and a calendar of important deadlines and tips for college admission.

For high school counselors, the Web site also offers links to other sites of interest.

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STUDENT SIGNATURES IN SPACE—Left, students from St. Edward's School, Twin Falls, sign a poster that will travel aboard a U.S. space shuttle mission this fall with the Student



Signatures in Space Program. Right, Joanne Draper's sixth graders participate in a live webcast with John Glenn and other astronauts on the International Space Station May 3. The

students typed their questions about space. The astronauts answered back. (Photos by Joanne Draper)

St. Paul's Student Center, BSU, twice honored

By Carol Brown for the ICR

BOISE—Boise State University recently recognized St. Paul's Catholic Student Group as Organization of the Year and Religious Organization of the Year.

With over 100 different organizations on campus, St. Paul's was selected as the best group overall. The selection committee said they chose St. Paul's because of its commitment to the students, with over 25 different activities, and its achievement of the group's goals. The goals of the student group were "to develop deeper personal relationships with God, show Christ to the campus of Boise State University, and demonstrate acts of love to the greater community."

The student group achieved their goals this year in a variety of ways. To develop a deeper relationship with God, an assortment of distinctively Catholic worship opportunities like Rosary and Adoration were offered at various times and days to accommodate all students.

To show Christ to the cam-

pus of BSU, the students reached out to the lonely, hurting, and searching students on campus by inviting these students to St. Paul's Catholic Student Center. Regardless of age, gender, or religion, all students were welcomed in the spirit of hospitality to the center's daily lunch and to the facility to study or to the game room to play. The welcoming environment has become a home away from home to many and has become an extended family from different countries, religions, and backgrounds.

To achieve the third goal of demonstrating acts of love, St. Paul's students continued to reach out to the greater community with what they had to offer—their time and talents.

Hearing of the great need of the children on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, they started a toy drive for Christmas.

They also spent seven days of their Christmas break at an orphanage in Mexico and at a half way house for prostitutes building rooms and fixing existing structures.

The student group has no plans for slowing down. Next year they plan to do more social



ST. PAUL'S STUDENTS ON CHRISTMAS BREAK—A group of students who belong to St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, pose with one of the Sisters and a child at an orphanage in Mexico where they spent their Christmas break working. St. Paul's

recently was recognized by Boise State University as Organization of the Year and Religious Organization of the Year. The group was recognized for its work both on and off campus.

justice work especially assisting the Boise Catholic Worker and continuing their work in Mexico and with the children

of Duck Valley. They are currently fundraising for their fall retreat at the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome with hopes

of including Idaho State University and the College of Southern Idaho for a combined retreat.

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El Evangelio

El Espíritu Santos nos conduce a la verdad plena

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez Jn. 14, 23-29.



Entre los dones pascuales, el mayor es el Espíritu Santo. En este Evangelio Jesús lo anunció, junto con preparar a sus discípulos a su partida. En verdad, en el discurso de Jesús vemos ambas cosas. Era necesario que Jesús muriera, resucitara y fuera al cielo; que su presencia fuera quitada de nosotros, para que nos enviara al Espíritu: *...Les conviene que yo me vaya, porque si no me voy el Espíritu no vendrá a ustedes...* Jn 16,7.

Esto nos da a entender la tremenda importancia que tiene el Espíritu Santo en el cristianismo y en la historia humana. Desde los profetas cuando anunciaron una *nueva creación* (Is 43:19) *Pues yo voy a realizar una cosa nueva* Es al

Espíritu a quien ligan de inmediato con esta innovadora actividad. Ezequiel, ve en particular, la venida definitiva de Yavé unida a la actividad superior del Espíritu Santo (Ezk 36:27). El final de los tiempos será *la edad de oro del Espíritu*, la consumación del poder de la nueva era.

En este pasaje de San Juan, Jesús aparece asegurando a sus seguidores que no quedarán huérfanos porque les hereda los dones de la presencia de Dios; la paz y el Paráclito. Con toda ternura Jesús promete a quienes lo amen y guarden su palabra, el amor de su Padre, diciéndoles: *vendremos a él y haremos en él nuestra morada*. En otras palabras, Jesús está diciendo a sus discípulos que se convertirán en templos vivos de Dios.

La inhabitación de Dios en su pueblo fue anunciada por el profeta Zacarías como un gran acto de amor: *Canta, llena de gozo, oh hija de Sión, pues mira que yo vengo para quedarme*

contigo, te lo dice Yavé Zac. 2, 14. Esraél entendió que esta profecía se cumplió, cuando la gloria de Dios se manifestó en el templo, la casa de Dios, pero Jesús claramente en San Juan nos dice que ha reemplazado el templo consigo mismos, como el lugar en que los creyentes pueden entrar en contacto con Dios. Esto quedó muy claro cuando arrojó del templo a los vendedores, y cuando habló con la mujer Samaritana en el brocal del pozo de Jacob. Claramente establece que en el corazón del creyente Dios y Jesús escogen vivir.

A veces pensamos con cierta nostalgia, que si hubiéramos vivido en los tiempos de Jesús, si hubiéramos conocido, visto y escuchado a Jesús de Nazaret, tendríamos más fe, seríamos mejores cristianos. Pero hubo muchísimos que en su tiempo lo escucharon, vieron sus milagros y lo trataron, y no creyeron en Él. La fe y el compromiso con Jesús no es un producto de su presencia, sino de la acción del

Espíritu en nosotros. *El que me ama guardará mi palabra y vendremos a él y haremos nuestra morada en él*. Pero ¿Qué hace el Espíritu que vive en nosotros? Nos va recordando, a través de la historia, lo que Jesús ha dicho. Nos *enseña todo* nos enseña a reconocer su acción en el mundo actual. Nos enseña a descubrir en los acontecimientos personales, los hilos conductores que señalan la presencia de Espíritu; a leer en ellos lo que Dios nos quiere decir, nos quiere exigir y por donde nos que señalan la presencia del Espíritu; a leer en ellos lo que Dios nos quiere decir, nos quiere exigir y por donde nos quiere llavar: *nos lleva a la verdad total* Jn. 16, 13.

Oremos pues con toda la Iglesia en espera de la fiesta de Pentecostés: *Envía Señor tu Espíritu ha renovar la faz de la tierra*.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.



CELEBRACION—Izq, Un grupo lee una alocución relativa al acto, Padre Jesus Camacho y miembros del Comité Hispano de Santa María.

Der. Un grupo de jóvenes, al que siguieron muchos más, bailan ante la entusiasmada audiencia. La fiesta fue precedida por la Santa

Misa celebrada en inglés y español. (Foto de Juan Mena)

Cinco de Mayo en un marco de tradición

BOISE—Lector: ¿Qué se celebra el 5 de Mayo? El Cinco de Mayo no es el día oficial de la Independencia de México que es el 15 de Septiembre de 1810 cuando fueron expulsados los colonistas españoles.

¿Qué se Celebran un 5 de Mayo?

Coro: El 5 de Mayo de 1862 el pueblo mexicano agregó otra liberación.

Lector: Es el aporte de México a una de las más reciente liberaciones en América.

Narrador: En la Europa de 1800 se formó una gran revolución conocida como la Revolución Francesa. Su líder fue Napoleon. Con ello se daba comienzo a liberarse del poder de los Reyes. Igualdad, fraternidad y libertad eran los ideales para toda la Humanidad.

Sin embargo un sucesor de Napoleón, que también se hizo coronar Rey un tal Napoleón Tercero decidió ocupar México y años más tarde puso a un pariente como Rey de México, su nombre Maximiliano y la Reina Carlota.

Esto no podía ser tolerado por el pueblo mexicano.

Lector: ¿Qué se celebra un 5 de Mayo?

Coro: un pueblo que se libera.

Narrador: El Presidente de México Benito Juárez envió una tropa de 4000 hombres al mando del General Ignacio Zaragoza quien derrotó a los franceses en Puebla un 5 de Mayo de 1862.

Aunque la batalla no logró el fin de la ocupación fue la primera batalla con participación del pueblo mexicano unido a una causa común.

Coro: Entonces gritaron orgullosos: “Yo soy mexicano.”

Lector: Hoy en el año 2001. Debemos seguir luchando por nuestra independencia.

Coro: Independencia por los ideales de igualdad, fraternidad y libertad.

Lector: No será con balas ni armas que ganaremos las nuevas batallas.

Coro: Debemos ganar las batallas que vencen la ignorancia.

Lector: No será con cañones o fusiles que ganaremos las nuevas batallas.

Coro: Nuestra lucha es por valores que duran para siempre.

FAMILIA RESPETO Y EDUCACION

Papa se acerca a ortodoxos y musulmanes

VALLETTA, Malta (CNS) — En peregrinación marcada por conspicuas señales ecuménicas e interreligiosas, el papa Juan Pablo II se acercó, salvando siglos de división, a los ortodoxos cristianos de Grecia y a los musulmanes de Siria.

En Grecia, mayo 4-5, el Papa ofreció una dramática disculpa por el pasado trato a los ortodoxos, y dijo que era tiempo de "sanar las heridas" que habían dividido a las iglesias del este y del oeste por cerca de 1,000 años.

En Siria, el 6 de mayo, se convirtió en el primer Papa de la historia que entra a una mezquita, en donde fue calurosamente saludado por sus anfitriones musulmanes. Dijo que la Cristiandad y el Islam deberían dejar de lado conflictos y pedir perdón por pasadas ofensas.

En Malta, país católico casi en su totalidad, el papa Juan Pablo beatificó a tres malteses y los llamó guías para el futuro de la Iglesia.

El Papa iba siguiendo las huellas de San Pablo. Dijo que San Pablo se había acercado a las antiguas gentes de la región den-

tro de sus propios términos culturales hacía 2,000 años, iniciando la misión universal de la Iglesia.

El Papa, que cumplirá 81 años en mayo, parecía un tanto cansado después de trabajar arduamente en recepciones y liturgias durante su peregrinaje del 4 al 9 de mayo. Pero el Pontífice se mostraba claramente animado con el éxito visible de sus visitas y el recibimiento ofrecido—cordial en Grecia, entusiasta en Siria y vehemente en Malta.

"No quiero abusar del término histórico, pero fue realmente histórico," dijo el vocero del Vaticano, Joaquín Navarro-Valls.

"En Grecia, la visita a la Iglesia Ortodoxa sucedió después de 10 siglos. Recibimos mensajes de muchos países islámicos del mundo, mensajes que decían: 'Desearíamos estar allí (en Damasco),' " dijo.

"Estos son sucesos de importancia histórica tal que permanecerán en el futuro, para el futuro de Papas por venir, como parte de la herencia de la Iglesia," dijo.

'Sacerdotes y padres de familia son la clave para promover vocaciones'

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — El señor arzobispo Justin F. Rigali de St. Louis se está dirigiendo a los sacerdotes y padres de familia para que promuevan vocaciones para el sacerdocio.

El arzobispo mencionó la necesidad de promover vocaciones sacerdotales como "una super prioridad" de la arquidiócesis.

"El legado del Sacerdocio — Hay que transmitirlo."

Los sacerdotes pueden promover las vocaciones con el gozo que demuestran en su propia vocación, dijo el arzobispo Rigali, añadiendo que sus propios 40 años de sacerdocio han sido tiempo de gozo y felicidad.

Los padres de familia pueden promover las vocaciones a través de la "estima" que demuestran por el sacerdocio, añadió.

"No es una cuestión de poner a los muchachos bajo presión, sino de hacerles ver en cuánta estima tienen al sacerdocio, qué tan convencidos están de que los planes de Cristo para la Iglesia requieren del sacerdocio por la Eucaristía," le dijo al St. Louis Review.

El arzobispo citó la urgente necesidad de vocaciones, diciendo que las necesidades de la arquidiócesis eran mucho más grandes de lo que el número de sacerdotes podía satisfacer.



INMIGRANTES HACEN FILA PARA ENTREGAR SOLICITUD DE LA 245(i) — Inmigrantes hacen fila fuera de las oficinas del Servicio de Inmigración y Naturalización en Chicago para entregar en el último minuto solicitud de la 245(i) el 30 de abril. La

solicitud les permite a inmigrantes indocumentados legalizar su estado si tienen un miembro de la familia legal en los EEUU. Un obispo de los EEUU apeló al gobierno para que se extendiera la fecha límite. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

Que se amplíe el plazo de ley de inmigración, obispo exhorta mientras se vence la fecha

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Mientras inmigrantes se amontonan para entregar su solicitud de legalización antes de que expire el plazo de la ley temporal, el director del Comité de Obispos sobre Migración de EEUU pidió que se extendiera la disposición.

El pasado otoño, el congreso volvió a poner en vigor temporalmente la disposición de la ley de inmigración conocida como 245(i) que les permitiría a unos 640,000 inmigrantes ilegales solicitar visas sin tener que regresar a su país de origen.

Pero expiró el 30 de abril, mientras muchos inmigrantes ilegales se enteraban de que la ley existía bajo la cual podrían legalizar su estado.

El obispo Nicholas A. DiMarzio de Camden, N.J.,

director del Comité de Migración, le urgió al Congreso y al presidente Bush que extendiera inmediatamente la fecha límite.

Dijo que los obispos apoyan la legislación para que vuelva a entrar en vigor la disposición 245(i) permanentemente, pero que le dan la bienvenida aunque sea un arreglo temporal. Añadió que la puesta en vigor de la disposición "es al presente el tema más apremiante para comunidades inmigrantes de EEUU."

En 1997 el Congreso eliminó la ley 245(i) entre otras leyes de inmigración. Esto forzó a los solicitantes de visas que vivían ilegalmente en los EEUU a que regresaran a su país de origen y solicitaran el estado legal, con fuertes penas para los que trataran de reingresar al país.

Desde la promulgación el pasado diciembre del Acta de Inmigración Legal y Equidad Familiar, conocida como LIFE en inglés, "agencias católicas y otros proveedores de servicios legales a través de la nación se han visto inundados con peticiones de ayuda por parte de aquellos que quieren conservar su habitación para aprovechar la Sección 245(i)," dijo el obispo DiMarzio en su declaración.

Mientras la disposición temporal expiraba, miles de personas alineadas en las oficinas de inmigración y de licencias matrimoniales trataban de aprovecharla.

Muchas personas dijeron que no habían sabido nada acerca de la ley sino hasta el último minuto.

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Pope reaches out

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cal impact with a unilateral apology on behalf of Catholics, delivered in front of the head of the Orthodox Church in Greece, Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens.

"For the occasions past and present, when sons and daughters of the Catholic Church have sinned by action or omission against their Orthodox brothers and sisters, may the Lord grant us the forgiveness we beg of him," the pope said.

Among the especially painful memories for the Orthodox, he said, was the "disastrous" sacking of Constantinople by Western Crusaders in 1204. Constantinople, today the city of Istanbul in Turkey, was the center of the Eastern church in Greece at the time.

"It is tragic that the assailants, who had set out to secure free access for Christians to the Holy Land, turned against their own brothers in the faith. The fact that they were Latin Christians fills Catholics with deep regret," he said.

The pope followed his strong "mea culpa" statement with a call to turn the page, saying the time had come for Christians to put aside rancor over past injustices and "walk together."

At the end of the day, Archbishop Christodoulos prayed the Our Father with the pope and called his visit the start of "a new era" between the churches. The archbishop flew to Moscow the next day for talks with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II, a coincidence Vatican officials found promising.

The pope visited the Areopagus, the Athens hillside where St. Paul first preached to the Greeks, and venerated an icon of the apostle. He called Paul a model for the church and a special inspiration to his own papacy.

Throughout his stay, he lauded Greek culture and encouraged the country's new role as a member of the European Community. He met with Greek President Konstantinos Stephanopoulos and other ministers, who said they were pleased that anti-pope demonstrations earlier in the week had run out of steam by the time the pope arrived.

Before leaving for Syria, the pope celebrated a low-key Mass with 18,000 Catholics in an Athens basketball arena, on a small altar placed on one end of the court. The simple liturgy seemed designed to assure Greeks that the pope's visit had no triumphal aims.

The visit to the Umayyad Great Mosque in Damascus marked a milestone in Christian-Muslim relations, and in a talk to Muslims the pope urged others to take note of the historic event.

"It is my ardent hope that Muslim and Christian religious leaders and teachers will present our two great religious communities as communities in respectful dialogue, never more as communities in conflict," he said.

"It is crucial for the young to be taught the ways of respect and understanding, so that they



MEMORABLE MOMENT—Pope John Paul II embraces a Syrian girl as he arrives at El Quneitra in the Golan Heights of Syria May 7. The pope prayed at the ruins of a Greek Orthodox church there. The city was totally destroyed by withdrawing Israeli troops in 1974. (CNS photo from Reuters)

will not be led to misuse religion to promote or justify hatred or violence," he said.

The pope, who greeted the Muslim leaders with the Arabic expression, "As-salamu alaikum" ("Peace be with you"), received long applause and a warm reception from dozens of imams and other Islamic leaders gathered in a courtyard of the eighth-century complex.

After removing his shoes and donning a pair of white slippers, he walked down a long aisle of the mosque's prayer hall, pausing occasionally for an explanation from his Muslim guide. Then

he stopped silently for a minute before a memorial shrine to St. John the Baptist. Local tradition says the shrine is the place where the saint's head is buried.

Syria greeted the pope warmly. He received his first enthusiastic welcome of the trip at an Orthodox cathedral in downtown Damascus May 5. Tens of thousands of cheering Christians—Catholics and Orthodox—lined the streets of the old city and the courtyard of the church, tossing flower petals as he rode in his popemobile with Greek Orthodox Patriarch Ignatius IV.

After listening to a chanted



PEACE GESTURE—Pope John Paul II waters an olive tree—a symbol of peace—outside the destroyed Greek Orthodox church at El Quneitra in Golan Heights May 7. In Syria, the pope appealed to people to forgive past wrongs and commit themselves to peace. (CNS photo)

prayer, the pope gave a speech in which he recalled the flowering of the faith in Syria during the early centuries of the church.

He said he was pleased at the generally excellent relations between Syrian Catholic and Orthodox churches today, but urged them to do more in terms of cooperation. A prime example in which the Middle Eastern churches should show leadership, he said, is reaching agreement on a common date for the celebration of Easter.

The pontiff paid a visit to the Syrian Orthodox cathedral the next day, meeting with clergy and laity from all nine of the Catholic and Orthodox church communities in Syria. This time he shared his popemobile with the Syrian Orthodox patriarch.

At a three-hour-long Mass in a Damascus sports stadium May 6, the pope told a congregation of about 25,000 Syrians that Christians, Muslims and Jews were called to work together for regional peace.

He asked them to remember that "Christian identity is not defined by opposition to others but by the ability to go out of oneself toward one's brothers and sisters."

The pope's message of inter-religious and political reconciliation contrasted with a strident arrival speech delivered by Presi-

dent Bashar Assad. It assailed Israel—though not by name—for its policies in occupied Palestinian territories and suggested Israel was acting with "the same mentality of betraying Jesus Christ and torturing him."

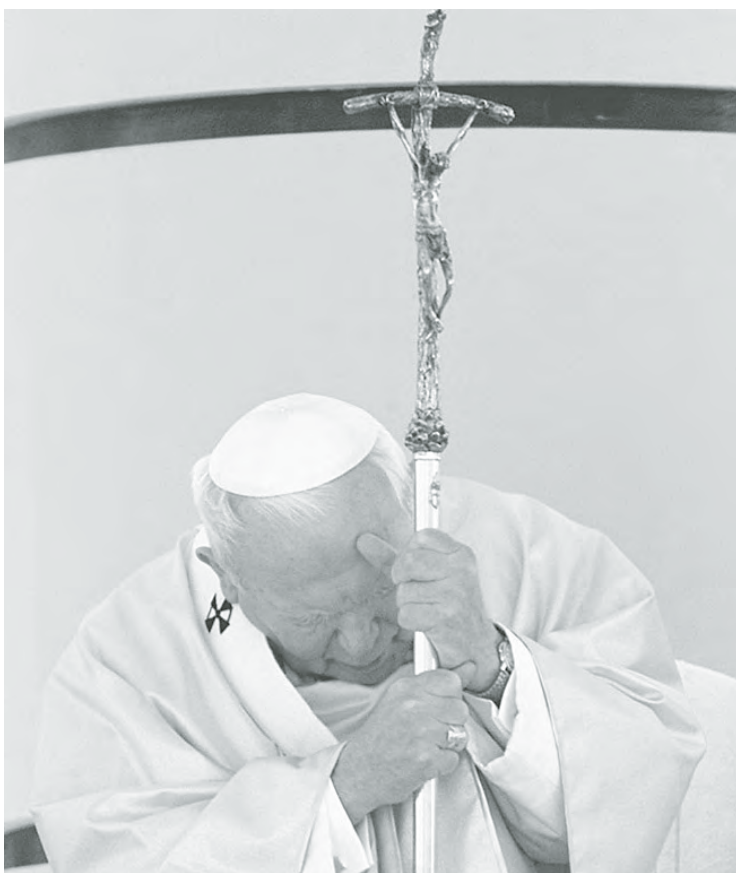
A Vatican spokesman downplayed the remarks, saying they were merely the Syrian point of view.

For his part, the pope called for respect for U.N. resolutions, the banning of acquisition of territory by force and the right of people to self-determination.

Malta, the site of St. Paul's shipwreck on his way to martyrdom in Rome, gave the pope a rousing welcome when he arrived May 8. Many on the Mediterranean island took a two-day holiday in the pope's honor.

The pope said the Gospel had taken hold and flourished in a way that should inspire the rest of Europe. At the beatification Mass May 9 in Valletta, he told about 170,000 people—nearly half the country's population—that the newly beatified left a wealth of moral and spiritual values to the Maltese.

"As you move into the future, be faithful to the legacy they have left. Follow Christ with undivided heart, and never be afraid to speak up for the truth that saves and the values that lead to life," he said.



POPE BOWS HEAD—Pope John Paul II bows his head during Mass on the tiny island-nation of Malta May 9. The pope beatified three Maltese Catholics during the service attended by 170,000 people. (CNS photo)

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Cardinals cite priorities for new millennium

By Cindy Wooden
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—To be holy, to share the Gospel, to strengthen bonds with non-Catholics and to care

for the suffering must be the priorities of the Catholic Church in the new millennium, the world's cardinals said after meeting at the Vatican.



CARDINALS DISCUSS—U.S. Cardinal Bernard F. Law, Boston, speaks with Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, right, outside Synod Hall following a meeting of

the consistory May 22 at the Vatican. Issues of concern for U.S. bishops included the "new evangelization" of the church and an annual worldwide Synod of Bishops. (CNS photo)

All the other topics discussed during the cardinals' May 21-24 consistory, including improving structures of collegiality, "are of the order of instruments and means, this is the purpose," said Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Mechelen-Brussels.

After the 155 cardinals participating in the Vatican meeting spent a morning working in small groups and voted on a final message, several cardinals interviewed agreed with the Belgian prelate's assessment of the consistory's top priorities.

"Holiness would have come out on top," said South African Cardinal Wilfrid F. Napier of Durban.

"It's back to the basics in a sense: how to do the job in a world that is changing," said Australian Cardinal Edward I. Cassidy, recently retired president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

The consistory's final message, published May 24, asked Catholics to keep their eyes fixed on Christ through Scripture reading, prayers, participation in the Eucharist and the sacrament of confession and "a courageous commitment to holiness."

From the experience of a loving rela-

tionship with Jesus flows the energy and the impulse to go out into the world and share the Gospel, the message said.

"In a world heavily marked by lacerations and conflicts and in a church which bears the wounds of division, we feel an even stronger obligation to cultivate a spirituality of communion, both within the Christian community as well as in following with charity, truth and trust the path of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue," the cardinals said.

The church also insists on solidarity with all men and women, but particularly with the poor and those whose "sacrosanct rights to life, health, work, culture, social participation and religious freedom are trampled," they said.

In their final message, the cardinals made a special appeal to all Christians to "intensify their prayers for peace in the Holy Land."

They asked national leaders "to help Israelis and Palestinians live peacefully together."

"In union with the Holy Father, we beg both sides to reach an immediate cease-fire and to restart the dialogue on a level of equality and mutual respect," they said.

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OFFICIAL

Effective July 1, 2001:

Rev. Steve Rukavina is granted a sabbatical for a period of six months.

Effective July 6, 2001:

Very Rev. Henry Carmona, J.V., is reappointed pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert, for a term of six years.

Rev. Roger LaChance is reappointed pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, for a term of six years.

Rev. John Morgan is reappointed pastor of Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Sun Valley, and of St. Charles Borromeo, Hailey, for a term of six years.

Rev. Mark Schumacher is reappointed pastor of St. Augustine's, Moscow, and St. Mary's Station, Potlatch, for a term of six years.

Rev. John Koelsch, after completing two full terms as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, is appointed as administrator of Sacred Heart Parish.

Rev. Les Kish, currently administrator, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, and remains sacramental supervisor for St. Stanislaus, Lewiston, for a term of five years.

Rev. Richard Haldane, currently administrator, is appointed pastor of St. James, Lewiston, and Sacred Heart, Lapwai, for a term of five years.

Rev. William Crowley, currently administrator, is appointed pastor of

Christ the King Parish, Idaho Falls, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, Shelley, for a term of five years.

Rev. William Gould is appointed vicar general with special ministerial duties to clergy personnel in addition to his present duties as pastor of St. George Parish, Post Falls, St. Stanislaus Chapel, Rathdrum, and St. Joseph's Chapel, Spirit Lake.

Rev. Dennis Wassmuth, V.G., will remain a vicar general for the Diocese of Boise, with special ministry in diocesan business and financial matters in addition to his duties as pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise.

The Treinen House of Discernment and Formation is erected as a place where men can live and discern their call to ministerial priesthood. The house will be located at the former St. John's Cathedral rectory, 804 North Ninth Street, Boise.

Rev. Jairo Restrepo, currently a member of the pastoral team and moderator at St. Agnes, Weiser, Corpus Christi, Fruitland, and stations and chapels, is appointed director of Treinen House of Discernment and Formation and parochial vicar of St. John's Cathedral.

Rev. Rogatian Urasa, ALCP, currently parochial vicar at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, is appointed administrator of St. Mary's Parish, Boise.

Rev. Patrick Dennis, currently ad-

ministrator of St. Mary's Parish, Boise, is granted a medical leave of absence for a period of six months.

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Rev. Nondier Zuleta, who is currently a member of the pastoral team for St. Agnes, Weiser, Corpus Christi, Fruitland, Holy Rosary Station, Cambridge, St. Jude the Apostle, Council, St. Aloysius Chapel, New Plymouth, and Holy Family Chapel, Payette, is appointed co-administrator of those communities with Rev. Blankinship.

Rev. Matthew Pu, who is currently serving as pastor, St. Bernard's Parish, Jordan Valley, Ore., for the Diocese of Baker, Ore., is appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Buhl, and St. Catherine Station, Hagerman.

Rev. Arnold Miller, currently parochial vicar for Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Caldwell, is appointed parochial vicar at St. Jerome Parish, Jerome.

Rev. Donald J. Riffle is granted retirement. He will remain available to supply diocesan parishes and will continue serving as director of the Idaho Catholic Foundation and Stewardship Office of the Diocese of Boise.

Rev. Thomas Keller is appointed part-time parochial vicar for Corpus Christi, Fruitland, St. Agnes, Weiser, Holy Rosary Station, Cambridge, and St. Jude the Apostle Station, Council, and will pursue the hermetical life in Mesa, Idaho.

Rev. Thomas Faucher will continue as active outside the diocese.

Rev. John Legerski will continue as active outside the diocese.

Rev. Timothy O'Toole will continue as active outside the diocese.

Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, D.D., MSW

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BRIEFS

Pope to take 5,000 donated pairs of kids' shoes to Ukraine

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II will be going to Ukraine in late June with 5,000 new pairs of children's shoes. A centuries-old, Italy-based association of shoemakers has donated the shoes for the pope to give as a gift when he visits Ukraine June 23-27. Greeting members of the Sts. Crispino and Crispiniano Consortium during his May 16 general audience, Pope John Paul said, "Thank you for this generous participation in my care for the beloved land, which I will have the joy of visiting in June." Patrizia Merati, secretary of the consortium, told Catholic News Service the 500-member group holds a major collection of new shoes each year, then asks the Vatican where they should be sent as a gift in the name of the pope. When the collection coincides with a papal trip, the boxes of shoes usually are loaded aboard the papal plane, she said.

Oregon bishops lead rally urging state to do more for poor

SALEM, Ore. (CNS) — Hundreds of churchgoers and activists gathered on the steps of the Oregon Capitol May 14, urging legislators — and taxpayers — to spend more of the state budget on anti-poverty efforts. Leading the march for the Campaign for Fairness were Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland and Bishop Robert F. Vasa of Baker. "My friends, we hunger and thirst for what is right for the most vulnerable Oregonians," Archbishop Vlazny told the cheering crowd of about 500. The church-backed campaign seeks \$159 million to restore proposed cuts in the Oregon human services budget. The plan calls for support for subsidized day care for working parents, job retention programs and a reserve of \$7 million in aid for needy families in case the state economy crashes.

Immigrants comprise 28 percent of new U.S. priests

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A higher percentage of foreign-born priests will be among the more than 400 men being ordained this year in the United States. The percentage of ordinands born outside the United States rose to 28 percent from 24 percent, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. bishops' Committee on Vocations. The largest number came from Mexico and Vietnam, with each of those countries represented by 5 percent. Of the 343 diocesan and religious seminarians preparing for ordination in 2001 who responded to the survey, 13 percent are Hispanic, 7 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander and 1 percent are African-American. Results of the survey were released by the U.S. Catholic Conference May 21 in Washington.

Christians must be fools, Supreme Court justice says

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS) — You have to be a fool to believe in traditional Christianity, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia told a gathering of Catholic judges and lawyers. But, he said, that's what Christ and the apostles expect us to be. Scalia spoke at a dinner following the annual Red Mass at St. Anthony Church in Fort Lauderdale May 16. The event was sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society of South Florida.

Bishops plan to explain Christ's real presence in Eucharist

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops plan to vote this June on a statement explaining church teachings on the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Besides addressing the core teaching, the statement touches on topics such as eucharistic devotion, receiving Communion under both kinds and what happens when someone without faith or in a state of sin receives the Eucharist. The bishops are to discuss and vote on the proposed 19-page statement, written in question-answer format, during their June 14-16 national meeting in Atlanta. A number of bishops signed a request to develop such a statement in November 1999.

Seventy percent of Latinos identify as Catholic, says survey

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new national survey reports that 70 percent of the Latino population identified themselves as Catholic. The survey also showed a drop-off in the percentage of Latino Catholics with each generation born in the United States and an increase in the Protestant population with each passing generation. The survey was done by the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, a California-based think tank, as part of the Hispanic Church in American Public Life Project. The Hispanic project is a three-year ecumenical research program funded by a \$1.3 million grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts to examine the role of religion on the political and civic commitment of Latinos.

Canonization cause opened for 'rosary priest' Father Peyton

By James N. Dunbar
FALL RIVER, Mass. (CNS) — The Vatican Congregation for Sainthood Causes has formally opened the cause for the possible canonization of the late Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, the world famous "rosary priest" and pioneer radio and TV producer.

Bishop Sean P. O'Malley of Fall River, who made the announcement June 1, sought the formal approval of the Vatican congregation because Father Peyton is buried in Easton, which is within the Diocese of Fall River.

Calling the Vatican approval "wonderful news," Bishop O'Malley said that as a priest for 51 years, Father Peyton "encouraged millions of families around the world to pray daily, especially the rosary, to strengthen families and to achieve world peace. He knew that with prayer all things became possible."

Bishop O'Malley has received the nihil obstat ("no objection") from the Vatican congregation to open a diocesan inquiry into the sanctity of Father Peyton.

Last November, the Vatican approved a "transfer of competency" in the cause to the Fall River Diocese from Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles, the archdiocese in which Father Peyton died. Causes are to be opened in the diocese where the candidate died unless "competency" is transferred.



SERVANT OF GOD—The Vatican has formally opened the cause for canonization of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, who died in 1992 at age 83. (CNS file photo)

With the opening of the diocesan inquiry, Father Peyton has the title "servant of God."

The bishop will establish a historical commission to oversee and report on the gathered material and will appoint a theological commission to examine the writings of the new "servant of God."

Bishop O'Malley asked that anyone who has any original writings or other documents by Father Peyton as well as any information and testimonies about their experiences with Father Peyton or any favors or miracles received from his intercession to contact Father Tom Feeley in Easton.

Generally, to declare a person a saint the church requires confirmation that the person practiced Christian virtue to a heroic degree, as evidenced by his or her actions and writings and two

miracles ascribed to his or her intercession.

Father Peyton spent his priesthood spreading the message that family prayer, especially the rosary, is the key to family unity and world peace. These messages are reflected in Father Peyton's famous slogans: "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

He reached millions of people via his worldwide rosary crusades, radio and TV programs, films, books and a public-service billboard campaign.

Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, said, "Behind all of Father Peyton's achievements was a man of deep faith and piety, a prayerful man who always had his rosary in his hand."

Pope: Loving God means serving poor

By Cindy Wooden
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Those who love God and sing his praises must put their love into action by combating evil and serving the poor, Pope John Paul II said.

In Psalm 149 and in the Blessed Virgin Mary's Magnificat, giving thanks for the marvels worked by God is joined to the commitment to "struggle against the forces of evil, solidarity with the poor and fidelity to God," the pope said May 23 at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

Continuing a series of talks about the Psalms used in the Liturgy of the Hours, the pope said it may seem strange that

Psalm 149, which begins "Sing to the Lord a new song," ends with references to war.

The psalm was written, he said, "for the faithful who found themselves engaged in a struggle for liberation."

Today, he said, "this war-like symbolism becomes an image of our commitment as believers, who after having sung our morning praise to God, set out on the paths of the world in the midst of evil and injustice.

"Unfortunately, the forces opposed to the Kingdom of God are powerful," he said. But Christians, like the faithful of the psalm, are sure that God is on their side and will be their strength.

St. Augustine's commentary on the psalm, he said, also examined its use of the images of a choir, drums and the harp.

The choral singing of God's praise, he said, is a reminder that the voices of the faithful must be singing the same song and in key, "because even one voice off-key disturbs the listener and causes confusion in the choir itself."

St. Augustine, the pope said, explained the use of the instruments as underlining the fact that not only voices but works praise the Lord.

"When you sing alleluia, you must give bread to the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the pilgrim," St. Augustine said.

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Bishop Driscoll announces clergy appointments

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

Bishop Michael Driscoll has appointed **Father William Gould**, Post Falls, as vicar general with special ministerial duties to the clergy personnel.

Father Gould, pastor of St. George Parish, Post Falls, St. Stanislaus Chapel, Rathdrum, and St. Joseph's Chapel, Spirit Lake, will stay in Post Falls and continue with his present duties until a priest becomes available to take over the Post Falls, Rathdrum and Spirit Lake cluster. His appointment to the diocesan administrative position is effective July 6.



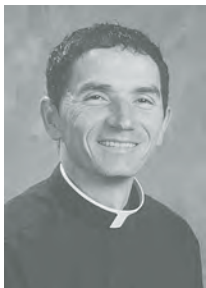
Father Dennis Wassmuth, will remain a vicar general for the Diocese of Boise, with special ministry in diocesan business and finance matters in addition to his pastorate.

Father Gould, who was born in Seldon, Kan., attended Mt. Angel Minor Seminary for his first two years of college, and then St. Thomas Seminary, Kenmore, Wash. He was ordained May 22, 1965, for the Diocese of Boise.

His assignments have included assistant at parishes in Cottonwood and Twin Falls, and associate pastor at Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls. From 1969 to 1971 he was chaplain at Sacred Heart Hospital, Idaho Falls, and director of religious education for senior high students. Father Gould has served as pastor of parishes and missions in Aberdeen, American Falls, Idaho Falls, Arco, Mackay, Mud Lake and Roberts, and Twin Falls. He has been in Post Falls since 1990.

Father Gould's special honors and appointments in the diocese include spiritual director for Charismatic Renewal, 1974-1982, vocations director, member and president of the Presbyteral Council and Board of Consultors, (two terms), member of the Pastoral Advisory Council, and Priest Personnel Commission, 1997 to present.

In other actions, the bishop has erected **Treinen House of Discernment and Formation** as a place where men can live and discern their call to ministerial priesthood. The house, which will be located in the old St. John's Cathedral rectory in Boise, will open in August. (See complete story in the May 18 issue of the ICR)



Father Jairo Restrepo, currently a member of the pastoral team for parishes, stations and chapels in Weiser, Fruitland, Cambridge, Council, New Plymouth and Payette, will serve as director for Treinen House. He is also appointed as parochial vicar of St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

Father Restrepo, who is also a member of the Diocese of Boise vocations team, is a native of Colombia. He started his seminary training at Seminario Mayor San Pedro, Cali, Colombia, and completed theology at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore. He was ordained June 13, 1992, for the Diocese of Boise in what was then the Idaho diocese's mission parish, San Marcos Parish in Cali.

His assignments have included parochial vicar at Sacred Heart, Boise, and St. Mark's, Boise. He was named to his assignment in Weiser and Fruitland in 1997.

Effective July 1, Bishop Driscoll has granted **Father Steve Rukavina**, St. Mark's Parish, Boise, permission to take a six-month sabbatical. Father Rukavina said he plans to attend the New Direction Sabbatical Program at Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Calif. The program is designed to enhance the physical, spiritual, and psychological health of a pastoral minister.

He said he will take classes in subjects like scripture, liturgy and moral theology. "I also hope to further develop my right brain by taking an art class—maybe sculpture," said Father Rukavina.

He will attend a seven-day retreat at the beginning of the program, and will have an opportunity to attend weekly seminars on various topics of interest to pastoral ministers.

"Another focus of the program is spiritual direction for participants, so I will be assigned a spiritual director and will meet with that person regularly while I'm there," Father Rukavina said.

Effective July 6, the bishop has reappointed **Father Henry Carmona**, St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert, **Father Roger LaChance**, St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, **Father John Morgan**, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Sun Valley, and St. Charles Borromeo, Hailey, and **Father Mark Schumacher**, St. Augustine's, Moscow, and St. Mary's Station, Potlatch, as pastors of those parishes for another six year term.

Father John Koelsch, who has served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, for maximum of 12 years, is appointed administrator of that parish. He will accept annual administrative appointments until retirement.

Three priests, who were serving as administrators of their parishes, are now appointed pastors for five year terms effective July 6. They are **Father Les Kish**, Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, with sacramental supervision for St. Stanislaus, Lewiston, **Father Richard Haldane**, St. James, Lewiston, and Sacred Heart, Lapwai, and **Father William Crowley**, Christ the King Parish, Idaho Falls, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, Shelley.

Father Rogation Urasa, ALCP, who is currently parochial vicar at St. John's Cathedral, will serve as administrator of St. Mary's Parish, Boise, starting July 6.



Bishop Driscoll has granted **Father Patrick Dennis**, who currently serves as administrator of St. Mary's Parish, a medical leave of absence for six months.

Father Urasa, who comes to Idaho from Tanzania, his homeland, is a member of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests.

After seminary in Tanzania, Father Urasa was ordained Nov. 20, 1983. He did parish work in several parishes in Tanzania before coming to serve in Idaho in 1998. Here he has served as parochial vicar at Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls, and at St. John's.

Effective July 6, **Father John Worster**, presently pastor in Buhl and Hagerman, is appointed pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Soda Springs, and Our Lady of Lourdes Station, Lava Hot Springs, Blessed Sacrament Station, Montpelier, and St. Peter's Station, Preston, for a six year term. Father Worster served those Catholic communities before 1991 to 1998.

Father Calvin Blankinship, Jr., currently pastor, in Soda Springs, Lava Hot Springs, Montpelier and Preston, is appointed co-administrator and moderator at St. Agnes Parish, Weiser, Corpus Christi Parish, Fruitland, Holy Rosary Station, Cambridge, St. Jude the Apostle Station, Council, St. Aloysius Chapel, New Plymouth, and Holy Family Chapel, Payette.

Bishop Driscoll has appointed **Father Nondier Zuleta** co-administrator in Weiser, Fruitland, Cambridge, Council, New Plymouth and Payette. Father Zuleta is currently a member of the pastoral team for those Catholic communities.



Father Worster, who was born in Los Angeles, Calif., attended Mount Angel Seminary and was ordained June 26, 1987.

His other assignments have included associate pastor, St. John's Cathedral, Boise, parochial vicar, Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls.

Father Worster's special diocesan appointments have included Clergy Trust and Retirement Committee, Priest Personnel Board, Jesus Caritas, and Priestly Life and Ministry Committee.

Father Blankinship is a third generation Idahoan raised in Boise. He graduated from University of Idaho, Moscow, in 1977, with a business degree and worked in banking before going to work for Morrison Knudsen in Saudi Arabia for three years as director of accounting and personnel.



After returning to Idaho, he worked in several administrative positions before attending St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. After ordination in 1996, he served as parochial vicar at Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls, for two years before being named administrator and then pastor in Soda Springs in 1998. Father Blankinship currently serves on the Diocesan Building Commission.

Also effective July 6, **Father Matthew Pu** is appointed administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Buhl, and St. Catherine Station, Hagerman.

Father Arnold Miller is appointed parochial vicar at St. Jerome Parish, Jerome.

Father Pu, a priest of the Diocese of Boise, who is currently serving as pastor of St. Bernard's Parish, Jordan Valley, Ore., Diocese of Baker, was born in Manchuria, China.

He attended seminary in Manchuria and Hong Kong, and was ordained June

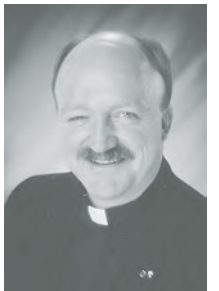
29, 1953, for the Prefecture of Fushun, Northeastern China. He came to the Diocese of Boise to work in August 1965 and was incardinated in the diocese Jan. 4, 1971.

Over the years, Father Pu worked among Chinese refugees in Hong Kong, did pastoral work in Taiwan, and studied canon law in Rome. In Idaho he served as assistant at St. John's, Boise, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, before doing graduate studies at Loyola University, Los Angeles, Calif, 1967-69. From 1969 to 1971, Father Pu was vice officialis of the Diocese of Boise Matrimonial Tribunal and chaplain at St. Alphonus Hospital, Boise.



His other assignments have included administrator in Idaho City, Grandview, and Oreana. He went to Baker Diocese to do pastoral work in 1996.

Father Miller, a Denver, Colo., native, and former fish hatchery manager for Idaho Fish and Game, attended Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., and was ordained June 8, 2000. His first assignment was his present as parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Valley, Caldwell.



Bishop Driscoll's other official announcements that are effective July 6 include:

—**Father Donald Riffle** has permission to retire. He will be available to assist in parishes around the diocese when the assigned priest cannot be present. He will also continue serving as director of the Idaho Catholic Foundation and Stewardship Office of the diocese.

—**Father Thomas Keller** is appointed part-time parochial vicar for the Catholic communities in Fruitland, Weiser, Cambridge and Council and will continue to pursue the hermetical life in Mesa near Council.

—**Father Thomas Faucher** will continue as active outside the diocese. He is currently on loan to the Diocese of Baker, Ore. He works in the Office of Canonical Affairs in Baker and as pastor of St. Edward the Martyr Parish in Sisters, Ore.

—**Father John Legerski** will continue as active outside the diocese. He is currently teaching at Marist High School in Eugene, Ore.

—**Father Tim O'Toole** will continue as active outside the diocese. Father O'Toole is currently serving at Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

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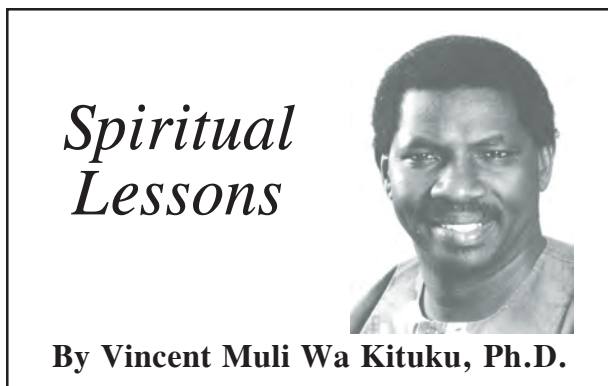
Bitterness can bring life to a standstill

Few years ago, I was invited to speak at a community college on, "How to Build a Business Image and Tell the Public Your Culture." After the first two hours of my day-long presentation, I noticed one of the female participants crying. I immediately asked the group to take a ten minutes break. I wanted to find out why this lady was crying.

I asked what was the matter and she told me her story. She had just separated from her African boyfriend and had planned not to attend my presentation because my presence would remind her of her estranged friend. Her boss, who had previously heard my speeches, had insisted that she attend. Her boss had said my seminars help people live up to their personal and professional potential.

Now she was sobbing, and with tears flowing uncontrollably, she said, "I would have missed so much. This presentation is just what I needed at this time. Thank you for coming, and forgive me for my prejudice."

As I drove home I wondered how often we live in agony and below our potential because of bitterness. How often are we at spiritual, personal and professional standstill because of bitterness? We can not harbor bitterness and keep it concealed. The bitterness plant bears bitter fruits. Bitterness is sharp and tears down all facets of proper reasoning and emotional balance. Bitterness that is hidden inside an unforgiving soul can not be masked with a smile... it will eventually cut its way to the surface.



Spiritual Lessons

By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

This monster, bitterness, is comparable to the water buffalo in an African Village. The buffalo invaded villages without warning, devastating social structures, uprooting the harmonious livelihood of villagers and leaving them feeling insecure and stressed out. The bitterness buffalo invades the lives of unsuspecting family members, spiritual associates and those different from us.

The bitterness carrier suffers the most. He becomes a victim of his unforgiving spirit. In Matthew 18:21-35, Jesus presents a character who would not forgive even though he had learned the joy of being forgiven. His fate was worse than that of his victim. The bottom line is, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35). Noth-

ing frees the soul like forgiving others even when they don't ask for it!

Sometimes bitterness is carried from parents to children or from generation to generation. We see the fruits in the racial, religious, gender or cultural animosities people harbor for groups that are different from them. This "bitterness buffalo" caused the Rwanda genocide and racial and religious tensions all over the world. It is a sin to have ill feeling toward others, and dumb to be bitter toward people who have done nothing directly to you.

Remember the message in Matthew was for God-loving people, not unbelievers. Bitterness confines Christians to insisting on being right, offended or hurt, thus we feel we have the license to relegate others from our lives. Christ didn't keep those who offended Him out of His life. We can't minister to empty space. Forgiving others is the most effective Gospel one can ever share, even with those who are in the wrong.

Paul in Ephesians 4:31-32 says, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Christ had a right to be bitter, but He wasn't. Slay the buffalo of bitterness and free your soul, body and mind from its outbursts.

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Pentecost is our epiphany

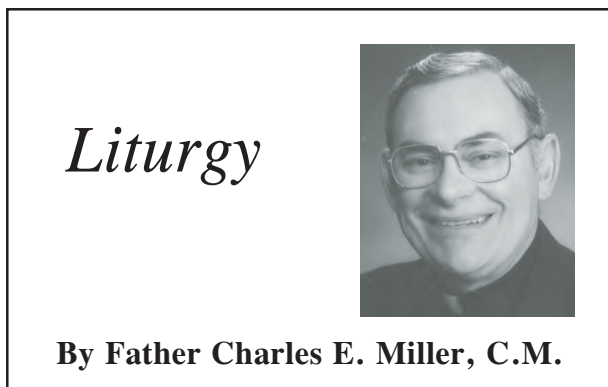
When a child is born, his parents wonder what he will become. They cherish fond hopes in their heart. They want only the best for their child and try to give him their spirit.

Jesus was born as the hope of the whole human race. The Epiphany manifested that he was the savior, not only of the Jewish people from whom through Mary he had been born, but of all times and all places.

The church was born on Good Friday, "for it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the wondrous sacrament which is the whole church." So wrote Pope Pius XII in 1943 in his encyclical, *Mystici Corporis*. But what was to be the future of this infant church? Pentecost gives the answer.

On the day of Pentecost, the church appeared before the world as the sacrament of universal salvation. Pentecost is the Epiphany of the church. It proclaims that the church, though Jewish in origin, is truly catholic—it is universal.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, we should reflect on the truth that people all over the world have heard the voice of Christ in the church "speaking in their own tongue about the marvels God has accomplished." In turn these people raise their voices in the rhythms and sounds of a multitude of



Liturgy

By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

languages to create a marvelous symphony of thanks and praise to God the Father in the eucharistic sacrifice.

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit people of every race and tongue, of every tribe and nation, have come to know God as their Father and Jesus as their savior.

The church not only spans the globe; it also extends back in time through all the centuries to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Slave and free, king and peasant, saint and sinner, have embraced Christ in the church since the day of Pentecost.

People who lived in the first century of the Chris-

tian era had little in common with us. They understood almost nothing of the solar system, and they did not even know that the Western Hemisphere existed. And yet we share with them our Catholic faith.

People of the second century never rode in a car or flew in a plane, but we are on the same journey as they through this life to the Father in Heaven. Our diet would seem strange to them but they would recognize the Eucharist as the spiritual food and drink of a pilgrim people.

People of the Christian centuries before ours never listened to a recording or consumed artificial vitamins, but with them we have heard the same gospel and been nourished by the same Body and Blood of the Lord.

Pentecost is a day of bigness. It should fill us with an expansive sense of jubilation. It is a time for perspective, for seeing ourselves as part of the growing body of Christ by the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are part of those people of all times and places whom in Christ Jesus form with him one body and one spirit, the universal church.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Did Jesus raise himself from the dead?

By Father John Dietzen
Q. I was taught and I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven by his own power because he was God. Why do people today, even clergy, say that Jesus was "taken up" into heaven?

Isn't this wrong? Don't we believe that our blessed mother Mary was the only one assumed into heaven?

A. There's nothing at all wrong with this expression. It is how to describe our tradition of what happened to Our Lord at the end of his earthly life.

St. Peter was possibly the first to speak of Jesus with these words. In his discourse at the first Pentecost, he proclaims that "God raised this Jesus." In doing so "God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2).

St. Paul, however, is the one who, if we may put it this way,

sanctions this way of speaking about the risen Lord. In only one place (1 Thes 4:14) does he say that Jesus "rose again," seeming to imply it was by his own power.

Every other reference to the resurrection and glorification of Jesus in the Pauline letters attributes this event to the Father. It was he "who raised Jesus from the dead" (Rom 4:24). Galatians 1:1, 1 Corinthians 6:14 and numerous other Pauline texts say the same.

It was common in the early church, as with Paul, to view the resurrection and ascension as one single event in the exaltation of Christ and of our salvation, carried out by the Father of glory, "raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens" (Eph 1:20).

It was in this exaltation, sharing the Father's glory, that Jesus received his own power to give new life, even resurrection, to

those who believe in him. (See, for example, 1 Cor 15:20-24.)

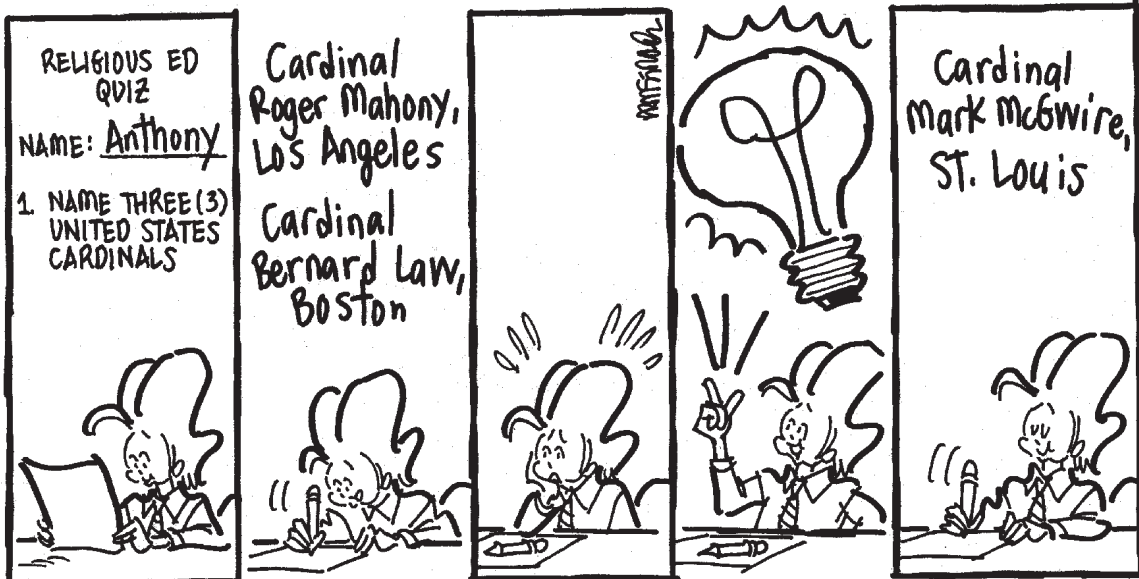
The usual understanding of these words of the apostle Paul

is that the power of the resurrection is ascribed to the Father of all life, as part of the attribution of the whole of redemption

to the Holy Trinity, with each of the three divine persons holding a respective role.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY



Catholic parents: Love your kids enough

By Lynne Tiddens
For the ICR

Our children are God's gift of love and creation to us as parents. They are God's creation of hope and faith for the future. They are given to us to nurture and care for, to instruct and guide as they go through the stages of development to their highest potential as adult children of God and sharers in Christ's mission in our world. Parenthood is an enormous task and responsibility, especially when you take a look at our modern culture today.

So what is our responsibility as Christian parents in a secular world of power, faltering values, openness to alternatives clearly opposing God's plan for humankind? What can we do to protect our children from the messages they receive daily in the music they hear, movies they view, TV shows they watch, the people they meet, that openly promote sex, violence, homosexuality, intolerance, sexism? Many people would simply say, "It's just the way the world is today" "It's the world we live in." Well, right, it is. But that doesn't mean we have to support it or condone it.

Parents are the best and most important teachers of moral integrity and values that their children will experience. Therefore, parents, it IS your responsibility to be aggressively aware of what your children are doing, watching, seeing, listening to, and associating with. It IS your responsibility to read movie reviews (Christian based), to know the message of the music that's playing on the CD player, to control TV viewing and absolutely not tolerate viewing of programs that promote morals

opposing our Christian faith and teachings, and to be constantly aware of and familiar with the friends with whom your children associate.

It's also very important to talk to your children. Talk to them about sex, about the importance of abstinence. Tell him or her that just because "everyone does it" doesn't make it okay. Explain the beauty of God's plan of love and intimacy between a husband and wife and His gift of the sexual experience as a way of giving totally of self to another. Explain to them that God created man and woman as a part of His creative plan and that homosexual relationships and experiences go against this plan. Explain to them the magnificent gift of life, beginning at conception, and why abortion is simply a way of destroying a life which our Lord has created (and not simply a choice women should have the right to make).

Explain to your children God created all people equal, in His image, that no person, regardless of gender, regardless of race or nationality, regardless of social status, regardless of power and authority, was meant to be considered "better" than any other or have the power to dominate or abuse any other. The poorest of the poor is equally important and as loved in the eyes of God as the richest of the rich.

The best tool we parents can use is the task of nurturing and raising children is PRAYER. Pray for your children on a daily basis. Pray with your children on a daily basis. Make it a part of your everyday life. Make it as easy and natural as eating, as sleeping, as talking. This may feel "unnatural"

if you are not in the habit of openly and spontaneously praying. But do it anyway. Children learn from experience and from watching their parents. If you pray openly and honestly, they will grow into prayerful people who find prayer just a natural part of their day.

Make attendance at Mass a family event which is simply a normal part of your week's routine, not an option from week to week. Parents, celebrate Mass with joy.

Let your children see you truly moved by God's gift of Himself in the Eucharist. Participate in other liturgies throughout the church year—weekday Masses, Stations of the Cross, Holy Week services, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, whatever your parish offers. Give your children a sense of being "Catholic," of knowing who they are as Catholic Christians. Help them know, love and appreciate, take pride in and celebrate being Catholic.

Our children ARE the future of our world and our Catholic faith. They are given to us for a short period of time. It is our duty and responsibility, as well as our promise in marriage, to instruct them and guide them to a truly Christian way of life, based on values and morals taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. A tough task? Yes, but it is one we choose to do because of our love for God and our desire to be parents—the best parents we have in our holy power to be!

Tiddens is a member of St. Hubert's Catholic Community, Homedale, a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and a recent LIMEX graduate.

Light One Candle

Forgiveness in confession takes dignity seriously

By Father Tomas J. McSweeney
director The Christophers

The act of confessing one's sins to a priest has long been a source of confusion and suspicion for many non-Catholics.

I still remember my Anglican mother helping me learn the answers to the many questions Catholic boys and girls memorized from the Baltimore Catechism, a summary of the principles of Catholicism in Q&A form.

But when we go to the section dealing with the Sacrament of Penance, mom asked a question of her own. "This is the one part of being Catholic that I don't understand. I was raised to confess my sins directly to God," she puzzled, "because no one can act as a go-between for me and the Father when it comes to divine forgiveness."

Over the years the question would come up every so often, but it wasn't until I myself became a priest and began to hear confessions that I grasped the weight of her question and its answer.

Next to celebrating Mass,

hearing confession is the most humbling yet affirming task of my priestly ministry. Humbling because I know, as did my mom, that no individual has the power to forgive sins. This power belongs to God alone. Yet, in His wisdom, God can and does forgive others through me. Hearing confession is affirming in the sense that I am privileged to see and feel God's grace at work.

The penitent, recognizing an action as wrong, is actually upholding what is right. In asking for forgiveness the penitent actually restores the norm or standard that was knowingly violated.

God's forgiveness is an act of love, not of blindness. Love sees wrong and names it. It does not ignore it or call it something else or claim that it is not important. Confession meets this deep need of human nature head on.

It is as if the penitent looks squarely in a mirror and truthfully acknowledges, "Yes, I was wrong to do what I did, and I want to stop doing it. I want to do good and be that much closer to God." As priest I merely assist this moment of self-awareness

and honesty so as to make reconciliation with God complete.

The act of forgiveness takes the penitent's personal dignity seriously. Indeed, for me, the most exciting moment takes place when I get to announce, "My

friend, God delights in your being here today. God is honored by your honesty! You are clearly a person of good character and virtue, or else you would not have been courageous and faithful enough to confess. You are

forgiven!" The difference between the beginning of the confession and the end is palpable. Distress, anxiety and loneliness are transformed into a peace of mind and soul too wonderful for words.

Big dose of Holy Spirit needed

READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
GOSPEL READING: John 20: 19-23
"What this parish needs is a super-sized dose of the Holy Spirit!"

When I asked the exasperated parish council member what she meant, she began to count off the parish's problems and needs.

"Only the Holy Spirit can jump-start things so that this parish can get moving the way it should," she said. After a momentary pause, she added: "Just like the Spirit did for the church on the first Pentecost."

She may have been right. But then, I think all of us—individuals as well as parishes—need "a super-sized dose of the Holy Spirit" periodically.

The annual celebration of Pentecost reminds us where and how the church began. It also makes clear the fact that we depend on the Holy Spirit for everything—not only for our grace-filled life together as members of the church, but to fulfill our Christian mission, too.

In the gospel, Jesus appeared to His disciples on the evening of the first Easter Sunday. He wished them peace, showed them His hands and side, and gave them their mission. Then He breathed the Holy Spirit into them: *Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.* But something was still lacking. Somehow they did not yet have the courage and the "jumpstart" that they needed to begin.

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

Pentecost gave them both! In our parishes, we are sometimes so concerned about keeping the collections up, the programs running, and "business as usual" that we forget that we exist to breathe the Holy Spirit into people, to bring them to repentance, to help them learn how to live in Christ's peace. Parishes exist to make converts and help them become ever more deeply converted.

Pentecost not only helped the world's first Catholic parish discover this, but also gave the first Catholics the tools they needed to accomplish it.

What about us in today's world? We all received the Holy Spirit when we were baptized—also when we were confirmed. The Spirit works in us whenever we pray, each time we receive the sacraments, whenever we decide to do something good. And yet there are times when we need a new Pentecost in our lives.

Let's add this intention to our daily prayers. Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

Readers Write

Support for life

Editor, the ICR:

A big "thank you" to all who helped make the Respect Life Mother's Day Breakfast a huge success—donors, organizers, chefs, cashiers, ticket sellers, table bussers, and those who brought their families to breakfast.

The major sponsors for the breakfast were the Boise area Respect Life groups, BK Life Club, BK Boosters, and St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 12531. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to help sponsor speakers, billboards, and other educational and spiritual activities involving "life issues."

Joni Krakau and Karen Simkins
Boise

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

June 10: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary
Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal, 5 p.m. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant

June 10: CHUBBUCK, St. Paul's
Celebrating 25th Anniversary, Mass 10 a.m., followed by a picnic at 12 noon-4 p.m. Games for all ages, raffle drawing at the conclusion. Inviting all former members and Catholic community of Idaho

June 13: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake
A History of the Church, A-6 Session, Father Fraser, sign up requested so books and materials can be ordered. Call parish office, 634-5474

June 15-16: BOISE, St. Mark's
Rummage Sale in the school gym, Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 24: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake
Monthly Catechesis and Potluck, 4 p.m., dinner will at 5:30 p.m.

July 27-28: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake
Called and Gifted Weekend. Contact: Joanne Wood, 634-5474

Aug. 10-12: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School
Class of '71 Reunion, 30th Anniversary. Call Joe Good, 853-1575, Barry Zamzow, 345-4486, or Dave Skinner, 375-4015, for information

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart
Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday-Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church
First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Fourth Fridays-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

HAGERMAN, St. Catherines: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration-24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday-Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Thursdays, 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community
Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration-all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

CASCADE: June 3, 4 p.m., Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

June 1: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles, ICCW Luncheon, 12 noon.

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June 2: BOISE, Holy Apostles, ICCW Convention, Mass, 5 p.m., Banquet 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Inn

June 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Graduation, Carley Center, 2 p.m.

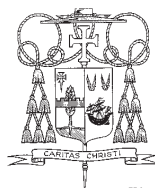
June 4: BOISE, Nazareth Retreat Center, Presbyteral Council Meeting, noon

June 4-7: BOISE, Nazareth Retreat Center, Priest Study Days

June 6: MERIDIAN, Dedication of Holy Apostles Church, 7 p.m.

June 7: BOISE, Nazareth Retreat Center, Priest Personnel Commission, noon

June 11-16: ATLANTA, GA, NCCB Spring General Meeting



Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the first part of June.

June 1, 2000	Rev. Morse A. Later
June 2, 1979	Rev. James H. Grady
June 7, 1981	Rev. Aloysius J. Tracy
June 7, 1995	Rev. Henry Wolozen
June 8, 1988	Rev. John J. Quinn
June 9, 1927	Most Rev. Daniel Gorman, D.D.
June 16, 1959	Rev. Herman L. Hermann
June 17, 1937	Rev. Arthur C. Corley

Nazareth Schedule

June 1-3	Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo, 208-549-3862
June 4-7	Priest Study Days
June 8-9	Linder Road Church of Christ Men's Retreat
June 9	Knights of Columbus
June 21	V.A. Medical Center
June 22-23	NCCW-Province of Portland
June 26-28	St. Alphonsus Education Department
June 29	Catholic Charities
June 29-30	Vineyard Christian Fellowship
July 5-13	Bishop Connolly 8-day Directed Retreat
July 16-20	National Association of Pastoral Musicians
July 27-29	Deacon Formation 2000 Discernment Retreat
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July 27-29	Deacon Formation 2000 Discernment Retreat
Aug. 13-15	Co-Ad, Inc.
Aug. 24-25	Idaho Commission on the Arts
Aug. 25	Catholic Daughters Board Meeting
Sept. 7-9	Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Ignatio and Maria Cornejo 208-549-3862
Sept. 12	State of Idaho Transportation Department
Sept. 14	St. Alphonsus Mission Services
Sept. 14-16	Presbyterian Women's Retreat
Sept. 18-20	St. Alphonsus Education Ministries
Sept. 21-23	Deacon Formation 2000
Sept. 28-30	Marriage Encounter

To volunteer at Nazareth or for more information regarding the above listed retreat schedule, call (208) 375-2932, 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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Masses at Cascade move to Roxy Theater

CASCADE-Starting June 3, Pentecost Sunday, the Catholic community of Cascade will have Mass at the Roxy Theater in Cascade each Sunday at the usual 11 a.m. time, Father Don Fraser, pastor, announced. He called the timing "the perfect new beginning of another era in the 76 year history" of the community.

The Cascade Catholic Community will meet at the Roxy Theater on Main Street for Mass at 11 a.m. until its new church is built.

"We hope to be in a new facility by the fall of 2002," Father Fraser said. He said the property for a new church was donated shortly after the community was asked as part of the results of the Vitality Project, released in 1997, to "begin the process of acquiring property and begin to build a larger church"

The community is starting a major fundraising campaign to build the church. Peter Rockwell, a Boise architect, was selected to design the church. The design phase will include thorough consultation with all the parishioners.

Father Fraser said the community has about

\$250,000 saved for site development and design for the new church.

The Cascade Catholic community, which is part of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, McCall, sold their old church building to the Lutherans about two years ago and has been sharing the building with the Lutherans ever since. Now the Lutheran community is starting to remodel the old building, which was originally a Grange hall.

The interim move to the theater "is a 'win win' situation" for both faith communities, Father Fraser said. The Catholics will have more space and other amenities, and the Lutherans can remove the Catholic artifacts and proceed with their remodeling.

Father Fraser said the old worship space has no bathrooms, no running water and no parking. It holds only about 50 to 75 people, and Masses were always crowded, especially in the summer. The Roxy Theater will hold about 150 people.

The community will incorporate enough seating into the design of their new church building to meet present and future needs.

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Lewiston teacher awarded fellowship

LEWISTON—Denise Hammrich, fourth grade teacher at St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School, Lewiston, is one of eight Idaho teachers selected to participate in the Thomas C. Wright Fellowship Program.

St. Stanislaus Principal Marcia Ney expressed excitement over Hammrich's selection calling her "an outstanding teacher."

Each teacher will receive a \$8,500 fellowship to cover registration fees, textbooks and related expenses so they can obtain their masters degree or education specialist degree at the University of Idaho, Moscow.

Hammrich plans to attend a six-week summer session, conduct action-based research in her classroom during the fall and spring semesters, and then return to Moscow the following summer for another six-week session.

The program is organized around eight themes, Hammrich said. Those are: Leadership in



Denise Hammrich

the education organization. Assessment and changes in student performance. Policy development and strategic planning for education. The school as an organization. Research for advancing classroom practice. The developing child. Technology for learning. Instruction beyond the standards.



LEARNING AND MAKING MEMORIES—Twenty-two St. Edward's School fourth graders, Twin Falls, their teacher and some parents pose for a photo on the

altar steps at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Boise. The group was in the state capital for a history field trip.

St. Edward's School fourth graders, T.F., tour historic sites in Idaho's capital city

TWIN FALLS—Twenty-two St. Edward's School fourth graders, Twin Falls, recently traveled by car to Boise for their Idaho history field trip.

The class and several parents first toured the Idaho Statehouse and then the Old Penitentiary and the World Center for Birds of Prey.

Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, offered the class hospitality for the night. The children slept in Hope Hall. The next morning, the entire group attended the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Diocese of Boise's St. John the Evangelist Cathedral.

After a tour of the cathedral, the fourth graders visited the

Discovery Center and then enjoyed a fast food lunch before stopping at the Idaho Historical Museum.

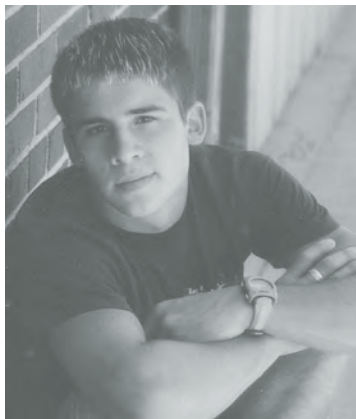
"Except for sleep deprivation, the trip was a complete success," said parent Susan Barry. Teacher Kathy Sorenson is already talking about next year's field trip.

Caldwell Scout receives Eagle rank in ceremony

CALDWELL—Joseph Katzenberger, Knights of Columbus Troop 277, received the rank of Eagle Scout May 20 at 3 p.m. the award ceremony was held at the St. Mary's Reception Hall, Caldwell.

For his Eagle project, Katzenberger improved the playground equipment site at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He installed many safety features, including cement anchors and added strength to the slide. He also buried large tractor tires to add safe climbing structures. To complete the project, he stained the entire wooden structure and replaced bark ground cover.

Many area children use and enjoy the swing and slide.



Joseph Katzenberger

Katzenberger, son of Monte and Julie Katzenberger, has been active in scouting since 1988. He is a 2001 graduate of Caldwell High School.

Grangeville school wins equipment

GRANGEVILLE — Sts. Peter and Paul School, Grangeville, recently learned that it is the recipient of the President's Award from Numonics Interactive Products Division.

The school will receive an Interactive Presentation Manager (IPM) from Numonics which can be used to make presentations to groups.

School staff will have the ability to move the equipment to anywhere they have access to any computer or to the school's Local Area Network. The 77 inch diagonal IPM screen will turn a white board into a computer screen.

"At Sts. Peter and Paul, the IPM will also allow the school to receive distance learning classes and live video presentations," said Father Tom Loucks, pastor. "For example, Bishop Mike (Driscoll) in Boise could broadcast over the Internet to students or

adults at the school." Father Loucks said he believes, in the future, all Catholic schools in Idaho will have similar equipment to the IPM.

"Most parishes will also be getting similar IPMs," he said. "Sts. Peter and Paul, Idaho's smallest Catholic school, is proud to lead the way."

The school was encouraged to apply for the President's Award after it was one of 12 schools in the nation to receive the Innovative Uses of Technology in Catholic Education Award that was presented at the National Catholic Education Association convention in Milwaukee in April.

Coeur d'Alene's St. Pius X Parish trains, celebrates, affirms

By Peggy Faust
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE—St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, spent a busy weekend recently.

Father Roger LaChance, pastor, met with the Pastoral Council at the former Shoshone Work Center along the North Fork of the Coeur D'Alene River on May 4-5 to pray, discern, and set goals for the parish.

An evening of appreciation "Siete de Mayo" celebration hosted by the parish for its many volunteers and their families was

held on May 7. A Mexican style meal was served to about 275 persons. Entertainment was provided, and several special awards were passed out.

Marking the end of Mystagogia for the parish's new Catholic brothers and sisters was the May 8 Mass celebrated by Father LaChance who was assisted by Father George Rassley, CSSR, and Deacon Gary McSwain.

The evening came to a close with refreshments in the parish hall.

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BRIEFS

Soda Springs parish holds authentic Mexican dinner

SODA SPRINGS—St. Mary's Chapel in Soda Springs, part of Good Shepherd Catholic Community, sponsored an authentic Mexican dinner as a fundraiser May 19.

The dinner raised over \$1,400, which will be applied to the cost of re-carpeting the church and other maintenance projects.

The Mexican women of the parish prepared home made enchiladas, tostadas, refried beans and rice. The other parish members assisted them with publicity, decorating, serving and cleaning up.

Parishioners and citizens from Soda Springs, Montpelier, and Lava Hot Springs attended the dinner as the reputation of the quality of the food was already common knowledge from dinners in the past.

Catholic Home Educators plan family picnic June 16

BOISE—The Catholic Home Educators are planning a family potluck picnic at Municipal Park, Boise, picnic site number four, June 16 starting at 6 p.m.

All home schooling families and those considering home education are encouraged to attend.

Participants are asked to bring a main dish and salad to share and place settings for your family.

For more information contact Mary Anne Murphy, 387-2707 or Diana Hamerl, 385-7958.

Post Falls Orthodox church extends invitation to June 1-2 seminar

POST FALLS—Dr. H. Tristram Engelhardt, professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, will kenote a weekend seminar June 1-2 at St. John the Baptist Antiochian Orthodox Church, Post Falls. All are welcome to participate.

The seminar is entitled "Being A Christian in A Post-Christian Age."

To register call the church office, (208)-777-1128. Registration fee is \$10.

Engelhardt, who holds degrees in both medicine and philosophy, also teaches in the Department of Philosophy at Rice University and is an active member of the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. He has authored many articles and books, including his most recent, "The Foundation of Christian Bioethics."

Some of the topics he will address include euthanasia, abortion and sexual morality.

His lecture will take place in St. John's Church Hall, 4750 East 20th Avenue, Post Falls. The first session will start Friday at 7 p.m. and continue Saturday at 10 a.m. The day will conclude at 4 p.m. with vespers following. A question and discussion time will follow each lecture.

Mt. Angel Benedictine Sisters offer July 14-21 monastic experience

MT. ANGEL,—“Calling You Into the New Millennium” is the theme for a weekend long opportunity to explore the nature of monastic life at Queen of Angels Monastery July 14-21.

The weekend-long experience is for single Catholic women, ages 18-50, who are interested in religious life. Participants will join the Benedictine Sisters for community prayer and join in other aspects of community life at the monastery.

The Sisters offer several possible affiliations, including vowed membership, an oblate program and volunteer positions.

Founded in 1882, the community today sponsors two ministries, Shalom Prayer Center and St. Joseph Shelter, and co-sponsors Women's Intercommunity Aids Resource.

For more information contact Sister Marietta Schindler, OSB, 840 South Main Street, Mt. Angel., OR 97362, (503) 845-6141, or email, smarietta@juno.com.



CDA CONTEST WINNERS—Five of St. Rita's Parish youth, Kellogg, won prizes in the Idaho Catholic Daughters Education Contest this year. Shown here are Katie Kilbourne, left, who won a first place in the Poetry Division 1, Danielle Ferraro, 2nd place, Poetry Division 2, Molly Stout, first place in the Essay Division 3 and David Lane, first place in Computer Art Division 3. Erin Baldwin, not pictured, won a second place in the Art Division 2. First place winners had their work sent on to the national contest in New York. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

Holy Rosary School dedicates playground

By Sherri Barnes
For the ICR

IDAHO FALLS —The students, faculty, and families of Holy Rosary Bi-Parish Elementary School, Idaho Falls, celebrated the completion of their new school playground May 9 with a blue-ribbon cutting ceremony in the school parking lot.

The new playground is the result of a multi-year effort by the Holy Rosary Home and School Association and represents the volunteer time and financial support of dozens of school families.

“At least 75 percent of the school's families supported the effort, either by assisting with fund-raising events, dismantling the old facility, or assembling and installing the new equipment,” said Kerry Martin, president of the Holy Rosary Home and School Association.

The project also received significant support from many local businesses, as well as receiving a grant from the Columbia Hospital Corporation.



WORTH THE WAIT— Logan Merchant and Alex Wilde, Holy Rosary kindergarten students, Idaho Falls, enjoy the new school playground equipment following a blue ribbon cutting ceremony May 9 to celebrate the opening of the playground. (Photo by Sherri Barnes)

Bishop Driscoll to dedicate Holy Apostles Church June 6

By Deacon Gerald Pera
For the ICR

MERIDIAN—Bishop Michael Driscoll will celebrate the dedication Mass for the new Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, on June 6 at 7 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Chinden and Meridian Road, Meridian.

A reception will follow the dedication in the parish dining room. Father Tim Ritchey, pastor, and Deacon Jack Pelowitz invite all Catholics in Idaho to attend the dedication, a ritual most Catholics seldom have an opportunity to celebrate in a lifetime.

Eagle Mayor Rick Yzaguirre, Meridian Mayor Robert Corrie and state legislators who represent to Eagle, Meridian, Star, Middleton and Horseshoe Bend area have also been invited.

Special rites during the dedication ceremony include the lighting of the candles, the bishop placing a saint's first class relic in the altar, dedication of the altar with Holy Chrism and blessing of four crosses.

Holy Apostles has obtained a memorial relic of Saint Frances Cabrini for the altar. Mother Cabrini, with her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, ministered to abused immigrants in the late 1880s in the U.S. They founded over 50 schools, orphanages, hospitals, convents and other institutions to help immigrant children. Her relic was chosen for Holy Apostles in memory of

the first Catholic Church in Meridian. The late Father Urban Schmidt dedicated that church in honor of Saint Frances Cabrini on July 7, 1946, the same day she was canonized by Pope Pius XII in Rome.

Holy Apostles music director, Nick Wood, and the parish music ministers are preparing special music for the dedication Mass.

The new Holy Apostles Church was built in response to explosive population growth in western Ada County and a dramatic increase in the number of Catholic families. The number of Catholic families in the Eagle, Meridian, Star, Middleton and Horseshoe Bend area increased from about 400 to 2000 in five years, according to Father Ritchey.

The new church, which was built in the Greco-Roman style, features a rounded apse, high columns and cruciform shape. The place of honor and adoration for the Blessed Sacrament is in the barrel-vaulted apse.

The interior décor of the worship space is a melding of traditional and contemporary concepts as exemplified in the chandeliers with alabaster diffuser bowls supported by modern suspension systems.

“To understand the size of the building, it helps to know that it is a distance of 100 yards from the altar to the front doors, the length of a modern football field, said Deacon Pelowitz, Holy Apostles pastoral associate. “It is the largest Catholic Church in Idaho.”

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Idaho Benedictine Sisters raise funds for tree seedlings

COTTONWOOD—The Benedictine Sisters at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, have established a donation program that enables participants to provide a living memorial for unforgettable people in their lives and, at the same time, assist the Sisters with creating a healthy, productive forest on their property.

Monastery of St. Gertrude was recently recognized by the State of Idaho as "Tree Farmer of the Year." Working to establish and maintain a healthy forest is in keeping with the Benedictine way of good stewardship.

"We believe the forest will contribute to oxygen for the earth, ecological balance in the Columbia River Watershed, renewable products for our economy and beauty," the Sisters said in their tree-shaped brochure printed to explain the donation program.

The Sisters expect to plant 60,000 tree seedlings over the next two years. Their effort will result in 200 acres of fledgling forest on Cottonwood Butte. They are inviting people to contribute to the cost of the seedlings. Trees are 50 cents each. People can choose to plant however many they want. For example, \$150 will

plant an acre of forest or 300 trees, or for \$75, a donor can purchase 150 trees, which will plant a half acre of forest.

For all donations made in memory of a deceased person, the Sisters will record that person's name in the Book of Memory, which is permanently displayed in the Monastery Chapel.

For all donations of a half acre of seedlings or more, the Sisters will send the designee of the donors choice a card, handcrafted by the Sisters, which acknowledges your gift in honor of him or her.

Idahoans donate \$22,401 for earthquake relief

The Diocese of Boise sent a total of \$22,401.57 from Idaho Catholics to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for earthquake relief in India, El Salvador, Dominican Republic and Turkey in February and April.

Many of those who donated were responding to Bishop Michael Driscoll's call to reach out to the victims of several earthquakes that took place in countries around the world in late 2000 and early 2001. Those who wished to donate were asked to send their checks, earmarked for CRS for earthquake relief, to the Diocese of Boise, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705, so that the diocese could do the initial paperwork and then forward the money all together. This method of sending donations also enabled the diocese to maintain some record of how much was donated.

Catholic Relief Service officials said donations for earthquake relief are especially appreciated right now because the needs are still very great as the people in the countries affected by the earthquakes continue to try to take care of the homeless and orphans and repair or rebuild homes, businesses and utilities.

Buhl Knights honor Welchs as April Family of the Month

BUHL—Buhl Knights of Columbus honored the Jim and Christine Welch family as the Immaculate Conception Parish "Family-of-the-Month" for April.

The Welchs have been members of the parish for 25 years. Jim taught business classes at Buhl High School for five years and also coached football and basketball. He helps with parish fund raising breakfasts, works at the Lenten fish din-

ners, and can be counted on to haul the fair booth at fair time.

He is a member of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Clear Lakes Country Club, Surplus Lines Insurance Association, and is president of the Idaho Golf Association.

Christine has worked in Buhl schools for 13 years and is currently secretary at Buhl Middle School. She has been active in the parish religious education program for 11 years

and is the current director. Her parish activities also include chairing the January Cleaning Committee, working on the Dining Room and Decorating Committees, and helping with the summer Bible School program. She was a Cub Scout leader for 11 years and served

as Scout Master. Christine worked with the Parent Teachers Network while her children were in Popplewell Elementary.

The Welchs have three children: Christopher, 19, attending Eastern Oregon University; Michael, 16; and Alyssa, 14.

All the children have been altar servers and active in religious education. They have also participated in retreats, played in church basketball tournaments, helped with the annual fair booth, and have been part of the kitchen and dining room crew at parish dinners.



AWARD WINNERS—Holy Rosary Bi-Parish School sixth grade students, Idaho Falls, from left, Brian Zeladonis, Justin Magleby, Maria Kong, and Robby Colson, received first prize for "Steepest Climb," at the Mars Rover Challenge on the University of Idaho campus, Moscow, May 4. (Photo by Sherri Barnes)

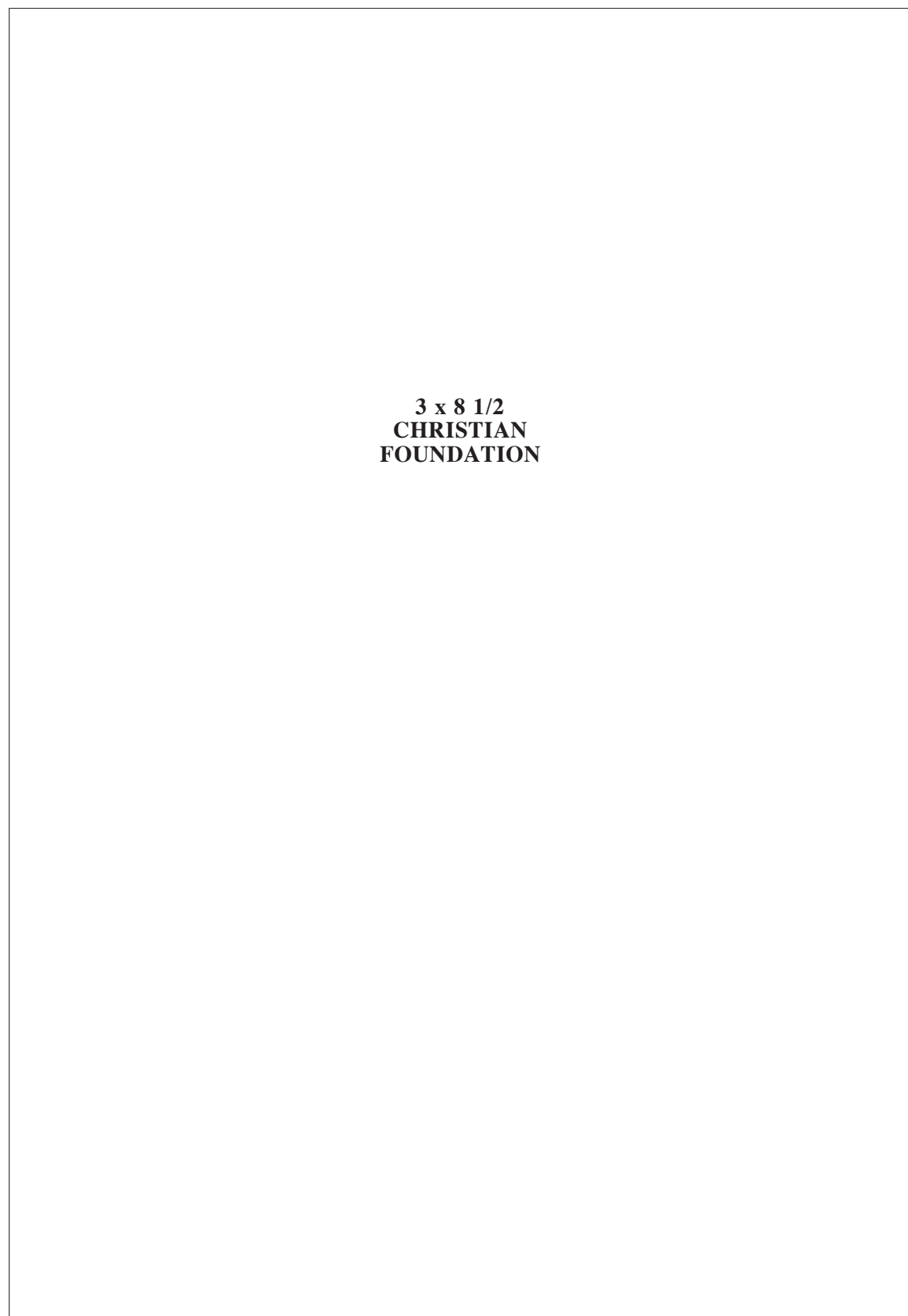


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Ada County St. Vincents make changes

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—Starting Sept. 30, charity services at the Ada County St. Vincent de Paul stores in Meridian and Boise will close, but the stores will stay in business.

The St. Vincent conferences in the area parishes will take over all charity services, which include assistance with rent and utility bills, bus tokens and gasoline vouchers to enable people to get to work or the doctor, emergency prescription medicine, transitional housing, prison ministry, and many other kinds of assistance. Each parish conference takes on the projects and services that best meet the needs in their area.

The stores will continue to sell donated clothing, household items, appliances and furniture, said Chuck Nilles, executive director of the Ada County stores. People can continue to drop off goods they feel others can use or call for pick up.

"The profit from the stores, over operating expenses and retirement of the store's debt, will go to the parish conferences through the Southwest Idaho District Council to support the conferences in their works of charity," Nilles said. "In the St.

Vincent de Paul Society, the power centers are really at the parish conference level. The stores help raise money, and the national office sets the rules, gathers information and helps with networking between the conferences."

Margo Henning, district council president and an active worker in the St. John's Cathedral Conference, said St. Vincent programs are intended to happen "person to person" in people's homes. Parish conference workers make personal visits to clients homes to assess the situation and find out if there are other needs besides the initial help sought. She said one-on-one attention people in need receive is one of the reasons that Bishop Michael Driscoll has encouraged every Idaho parish to establish a St. Vincent de Paul conference.

Henning and Nilles said the St. Vincent stores started out doing the charity work in Ada County because there were no conferences to do it. Now there are St. Vincent Ada County conferences at St. John's, Risen Christ Community, and Sacred Heart Parish.

People who need services can call a centralized number —331-2208—and leave a message for one of the conferences. Conference workers will then

contact them to make an appointment to assess the needs, make referrals and provide resources.

Nilles said Ada County stores have developed a good reputation with the city and county and other charity organizations, but that reputation has grown since the parish conferences were formed.

"They are all much more aware of the work of St. Vincent," he said. "St. Vincent is the most visible hand-to-hand Catholic charity in the community, and it is going to continue to grow."

Henning said the fact that St. Vincent conference workers do a good investigation, try to find solutions and put their money where their mouth is has gained St. Vincent's a lot of respect in the community.

"One hundred percent of donations that go to St. Vincent's go to help the poor," she said.

Nilles expects the needs in the county to "get worse before they get better."

A recent survey that was done at the Boise St. Vincent de Paul Store showed that 87 percent of those who request St. Vincent's charity services are not Catholic.

"A similar percentage were working poor," he said. "Their salaries did not cover their needs."

LIMEX orientation meetings planned in June around state

Four orientation meetings—the official beginning of a LIMEX group—are scheduled during June around the Diocese of Boise.

LIMEX (Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension) is a graduate studies program sponsored by the Diocese of Boise and Loyola University, New Orleans, La. Through the program, participants can earn a Master of Religious Education or Master of Pastoral Studies degrees without leaving Idaho.

At the orientation meetings, the learning method is introduced, the learning agreement is presented and discussed, tuition for Course One is collected and a schedule for meetings is finalized, according to Dan McGill, LIMEX liaison for the Diocese of Boise.

The meetings are:
West/West Central Deaneries:

—June 4, Monday Morning LIMEX Group, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the St. John's Cathedral office building, 775 North 8th Street, Suite 106, Boise. Co-facilitators are Deacon Rick Bonney, 342-3511, and Sister Beth Mulvaney, CSC, 367-2121.

—June 13, Wednesday Evening LIMEX Group, 6-9 p.m., faculty lounge, Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 Franklin Road, Boise. Co-facilitators are Cliff Year, 454-8476, and Pam Curry, 658-6358.

Eastern Deanery:

—June 14, St. Bernard's Church, Blackfoot, 7-10 p.m. Co-facilitators are Scott Pearhill, 232-1196, and Jennifer Wise, 254-3133.

Northern Deanery:

—June 16, St. Pius X. Church, Coeur d'Alene. Co-facilitators are Deacon Dave Beurman, 556-0182, and Shannon Shepperd, 245-3849.

McGill said the North Central Deanery LIMEX group has already had its orientation meeting. About 18 people have signed up. They will start meeting in the fall.

Not enough people registered in the Southern Deanery for a LIMEX group. McGill said those who did sign up will likely start with the West Central Deanery group until there are enough people to start a group in the Southern Deanery.

"The Eastern Deanery hopes to include a number of Hispanic students to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic population in the area," McGill said.

He said those signing up for LIMEX across the state come from a number of different backgrounds and hope to use their studies for a wide range of ministries.

"Some are working in medicine or counseling," he said. "Others are in government service and hope to bring theological reflection to bear on the problems they face as well as to deepen the way in which they serve others. Some work in education, both public and Catholic. Some are professional parish ministers, and some are dedicated lay people hoping to deepen their ministry gifts with the people they serve. Others have reached retirement age and find themselves at last with the time and energy to focus on areas of study and growth to which they have long wished to pay attention."



'ALL LIFE IS SACRED' — Bishop Michael Driscoll, assisted by Father Mel Sprute, pastor, blesses a Right to Life monument placed by the Wallace Knights of Columbus Council 1293 on the north side of St. Alphonsus Church, Wallace. Members of the Fourth Degree Knights Honor Guard stand at attention with their swords pointed skyward. (Photo by Darlene Dancer)

Bishop blesses monument for Wallace community

WALLACE—Bishop Michael Driscoll recently blessed a Right to Life monument that was erected by Knights of Columbus Council 1293, Wallace, at the north side corner of St. Alphonsus Church, Wallace.

The bishop was in Wallace for confirmations. Father Mel Sprute, pastor, assisted him in the blessing.

The Knights expressed

gratitude to Harry Voltolini for helping to place the monument using heavy equipment and to Herb Zanetti, who furnished the cement.

The Fourth Degree Knights Honor Guard was present for the dedication.

The inscription on the stone monument reads: "All life is sacred from conception to national death. Life is God's greatest gift."



NEW OFFICERS—The newly elected 2001-2003 officers for Holy Apostles Catholic Church are from left, Cheryl Simer, first vice president; Mary Pera, director; Karen Buchanan, president; Kathy Smith, treasurer, Roni Ekman, secretary, Patty Weakley, second vice president. The women were installed during a May 14 Mass at the new church in Meridian. Father Timothy Ritchey, pastor, presided. (Photo by Deb Miller)

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Notre Dame Students to serve in Idaho

By Scott Curtis
For the ICR

The Notre Dame Club of Idaho (NDCOI) is again making its commitment to service known by supporting two summer service project (SSP) students this coming summer.

Most of the organization's dues and funds raised by the club go to pay for the scholarships given to these students. Notre Dame organizes this program each year through various alumni clubs throughout the country. It is an opportunity for students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College to work for eight weeks in a job directly related to serving others. It is also an opportunity for the club to bring talented young people into an area to help those who are in need.

The students involved in the service projects receive no payment, but they do earn a tuition scholarship and board and room and transportation provided by NDCOI. The hosting agencies receive the energy and skills of talented students for no charge, while providing them with a formative experience.

SSP students have served in various capacities in Idaho for many years. The two SSP sites in Idaho are currently the Terry Reilly Health Clinic in Nampa

and La Posada Ministries in Twin Falls.

Maria Duque, a sophomore from Savannah, Ga., will bring her bicultural/bilingual gifts to work with Sister Rosemary Boessen, Sisters of Mercy, in Twin Falls as well as at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Jackpot, Nev. She says she is excited about coming to Idaho, has never been west of Indiana, and is passionate about helping the Latino community with immigration issues.

Idaho's second SSP student, Ann Feilmeyer, is a junior from Guthrie Center, Iowa. She said coming to the Boise area will be a "big city" experience for her. She is considering a career in medicine, which, combined with her developing proficiency with Spanish, makes her placement with Terry Reilly Health Clinic a great fit.

Dr. David Baltierra, a 1988 Notre Dame graduate, will supervise her project at Terry Reilly, which will likely include perinatal work with migrant farm workers.

For those who wish to support the SSP program, the best way to help is by joining the Notre Dame Club of Idaho. NDCOI is a 501(c)(3) organization open to any graduate, former student, faculty member, or friend of the University of Notre Dame residing in Idaho, so membership is open to virtu-

ally anyone.

The Notre Dame Club of Idaho also conducts a raffle each year as the major fundraiser for the SSP program. This year's grand prize will be two tickets to the North Dakota/Tennessee home game, with bed and breakfast accommodations. The raffle will also offer a variety of other prizes including spa treatments, dinner certificates, a case of prize-winning Koenig wine, and opera tickets just to name a few. Tickets are \$5 a piece and go a long way toward helping the club support the SSP students.

The raffle drawing will take place at the club's annual Summer Picnic in Sun Valley, Aug. 4. To purchase a raffle ticket, or obtain more information about club membership and the summer picnic, contact Pam Hunt, pamehunt@sarmc.org, or phone 333-0231.

NDCOI is currently looking for a vehicle that can be used by Feilmeyer during her eight weeks in Idaho.

For more information regarding the SSP, to volunteer a vehicle for use this summer in the Boise/Nampa area, or to get more information on joining NDCOI to support projects like this, contact Scott & Kathleen Curtis (ND '94) at 363-9334.

Loris Buccola receives Mt. Angel Lumen Gentium

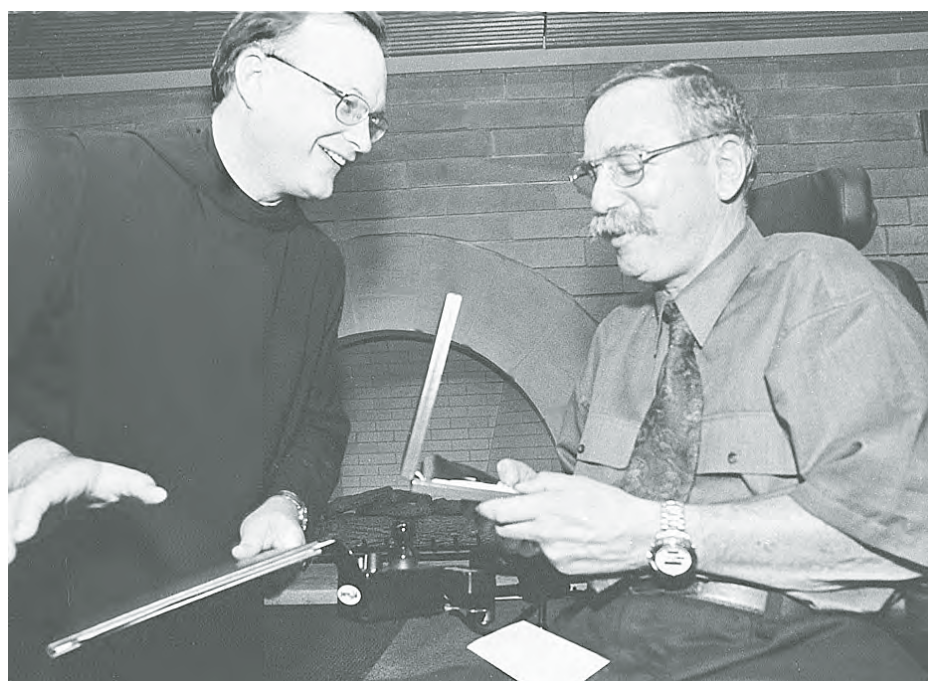
ST. BENEDICT, Ore. - Loris A. Buccola, M.A., L.P.C., was presented with Mount Angel Seminary's prestigious Lumen Gentium Award April 26.

The award, the name of which comes from the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, was established in 1989. Through the award, Mount Angel Seminary honors those individuals who have contributed significantly to the pastoral mission of the church, and have shown by their life and work that they are a "light for the nations."

Born and raised in California, Buccola earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Southern California. During his senior year there, he began to discern a call to religious life and upon his graduation entered Mount Angel Seminary, completed the requisite year of philosophy, and entered Mount Angel Abbey as a novice the following year. As a junior professed monk, Buccola completed his Master of Divinity studies in 1967.

After a period of discernment he decided not to make solemn vows and returned to California where he taught Latin, world history and religion at Rosary High School in Fullerton. He continued to pursue graduate studies in ancient history and received his Master's degree from University of Southern California.

Buccola joined the faculty of Mount Angel Seminary in 1971, teaching Greek and Roman history as well as modern church history. For the next 12 years, Buccola taught in the seminary college,



HONOREE—Father Nathan Zodrow, OSB, Mount Angel Seminary administrator, St. Benedict,

served as principal of the seminary high school for three years, and was named director of the seminary's humanities program.

In 1974, Buccola became the first lay person ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Portland. He has served in a parish for the past 27 years.

Taking a two-year sabbatical, Buccola returned to school in the early 80s,

Ore., presents the seminary's Lumen Gentium Award to Loris A. Buccola during ceremonies April 26.

earning a Master's degree in counseling psychology from Lewis and Clark College. During this time he became a member, and diplomat of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He returned to Mount Angel Seminary after his sabbatical to teach a variety of courses in counseling and psychology.

In addition to his teaching duties, Buccola continued to serve as the dea-

con for St. Paul Church, provide pastoral counseling in several settings and consultation and seminars for many parishes and church organizations in the Northwest.

He left the seminary in 1991 to accept a position as clinical director of E.A.S.E., Inc., a provider of counseling services to employees, but returned to the hilltop in 1994 to teach undergraduate psychology courses. He continues to provide pastoral counseling and consultation in Portland and Silverton in addition to his teaching responsibilities at Mount Angel.

Buccola was an enthusiastic runner and cyclist for many years and in 1998 he completed his dream ride, a 1,000-mile 11-day tour through the Northern Rocky Mountains.

In November 1999, after noting some curious symptoms of muscle weakness, Buccola was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, a chronic degenerative neurological disorder which leaves its victims paralyzed and unable to speak, swallow or breathe on their own. Buccola has faced this challenge with faith and patience, saying it's "deadly but not serious." He said he relies on the enormous support of the Holy Spirit, his family, friends, church community, colleagues and co-workers, and students.

Buccola and his wife, Jane, have been married for 32 years and have three grown children.

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The Body, A-IV (PG-13)
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The Brothers, A-IV (R)
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Driven, A-II (PG-13)
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The Emperor's New Groove, A-I (G)
Enemy at the Gates, A-IV (R)
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Faithless, A-IV (R)
The Family Man, A-III (PG-13)
15 Minutes, O (R)
Finding Forrester, A-II (PG-13)
Freddy Got Fingered, O (R)

Get Over It, A-III (PG-13)
The Gift, A-IV (R)
The Golden Bowl, A-III (R)

Hannibal, O (R)
Head Over Heels, A-III (PG-13)
Heartbreakers, A-IV (PG-13)
The House of Mirth, A-II (PG)

In the Mood for Love, A-III (PG)
The Invisible Circus, A-III (R)

Joe Dirt, A-III (PG-13)
Josie and the Pussycats, A-II (PG-13)
Just Visiting, A-II (PG-13)

Left Behind: The Movie, A-III (PG-13)
Love, Honour & Obey, O (R)
The Luzhin Defence, A-IV (PG-13)

Malena, A-IV (R)
Me You Them, A-IV (PG-13)
Meet the Parents, A-III (PG-13)
Memento, A-IV (R)
Men of Honor, A-III (R)
The Mexican, A-IV (R)
The Million Dollar Hotel, A-III (R)
Miss Congeniality, A-II (PG-13)
Monkeybone, A-III (PG-13)

O Brother, Where Art Thou? A-II (PG-13)
102 Dalmatians, A-I (G)
One Night at McCool's, O (R)

Panic, A-IV (R)
The Pledge, A-III (R)
Pokemon 3 The Movie, A-I (G)
The Price of Milk, A-III (PG-13)
Proof of Life, A-III (R)

Quills, O (R)

Recess: School's Out, A-I (G)
Remember the Titans, A-II (PG)
Requiem for a Dream, O (no rating)
Rugrats in Paris - The Movie, A-I (G)

Save The Last Dance, A-III (PG-13)
Saving Silverman, A-III (PG-13)
Say It Isn't So, A-IV (R)
See Spot Run, A-II (PG)
Series 7, O (R)
Simon Magus, A-IV (no rating)

Snatch, O (R)
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Spy Kids, A-II (PG)
State and Main, A-III (R)
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Sweet November, A-III (PG-13)

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The Widow of Saint-Pierre, A-II (R)
What Women Want, A-III (PG-13)
With A Friend Like Harry, A-III (R)
Wonder Boys, A-III (R)

Yi Yi (A One and a Two), A-III (no rating)
You Can Count on Me, A-IV (R)

New play tells life story of Father Solanus Casey

HUDSON, Wis. (CNS) — By all accounts, a candidate for sainthood who grew up in western Wisconsin never wanted to be the star of the show.

However, Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, a candidate for sainthood, now has a play written about his life by a Hudson woman with college degrees in drama and theology.

Father Casey was declared "venerable" in 1995, the first of three steps to being declared a saint. He was the first U.S.-born male to reach that stage.

Before he can be beatified, which is the next step, a miraculous healing that cannot be attributed to medical intervention but to his intercession must be authenticated. The final step, canonization, would require a second such authenticated miracle.

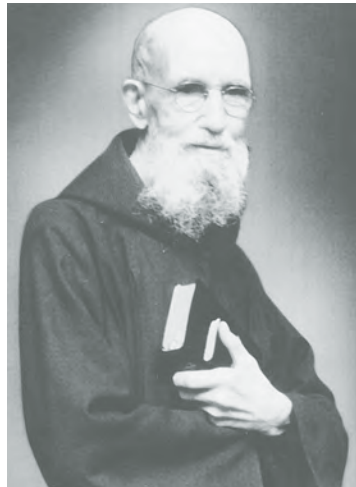
"I think the way that he worked with the poor and the needy really has had an affect on me, personally. He was not famous or someone who held a high position in the church," writer Molly Delaney Druffner told the Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Superior Diocese.

Father Casey was a largely unschooled man who got to know the poor while working as a doorkeeper in parishes and church offices. In later years, until his death in 1957, he was sought out by large numbers of people who believed he had gifts of prophecy and healing.

The play gives the audience a sense of the history of the Hudson and Prescott areas and of Stillwater, Minn., during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, said Druffner.

As a young man, Father Casey worked on the St. Croix River near Stillwater in the logging trade, drove a trolley car in Superior, and worked at the Stillwater Prison guarding, among others, the Jesse James gang.

After becoming a Capuchin priest and moving to Detroit, and then to New York City,



Father Solanus Casey

Father Casey was widely recognized for his services to the poor at soup kitchens, Druffner said.

"His miracles were done in a simple way. He blessed people and prayed for them," she said, adding that he never sought the spotlight.

"This play is important because he lived right here and he had first Communion in our (St. Patrick's) parish," said Barb Ruemmele, who helped with Druffner's research.

"He helped people with all different kinds of problems. He did it by praying; he never wanted to draw attention to himself," added Ruemmele, who directs the local chapter of the Father Solanus Guild.

"She asked me to put together a skit on his life. That was about a year ago," Druffner said. "But when I did the research, I found that his life was far too fantastic to just do a skit. It needed to be a full-fledged play."

Father Casey's life is perfect for the stage because of his many experiences, she said.

Father Casey spent much time as a porter, writing from his desk and giving counsel to people who came by. In the play, he is shown reading from his journals at the right side of the stage, while on the left side, flashbacks are enacted by the other actors.

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El Evangelio

Pentecostés

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Jn. 20, 19-33.



En la tarde del mismo día de la resurrección, El Señor resucitado imparte a sus discípulos su máximo regalo Pascual, El Espíritu Santo: "Sopló sobre ellos y dijo, reciban el Espíritu Santo." Esta escena evoca de inmediato la primera imagen de la creación cuando Dios soplo sobre Adán su aliento de vida. El mismo día de la resurrección el nuevo Adán, la comunidad escatológica, nace del Espíritu que sale de la boca del Señor resucitado. El nacimiento de la nueva creación que es la Iglesia, es para San Juan el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios.

San Lucas en los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos presenta el nacimiento de la Iglesia con diferentes imágenes, y cincuenta días después de la resurrección, en la fiesta de Pentecostés. Para explicar lo inexplicable, para describir lo indescriptible, San Lucas nos presenta al Espíritu Santo, los discípulos continuaron anunciando el mismo Reino de Dios que Cristo

inauguró.

Desde que el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre los temerosos apóstoles reunidos en torno a María en el Cenáculo, estos se encendieron en el mismo fuego del que Cristo habló cuando dijo: "Yo he venido a traer fuego a la tierra, y cómo deseo que ya esté ardiendo." Lc. 12:49. Este fuego es el mismo que movió a Cristo a iniciar su ministerio en la Sinagoga de su pueblo, cuando leyendo al profeta Isaías, dijo a todos que el Espíritu de Dios estaba en él y lo mandaba a proclamar la Buena Nueva a los cautivos, a los oprimidos, a los pobres... Este mismo fuego se nos ha dado a nosotros hoy. Por lo que, como discípulos de Cristo no solo somos antorchas de fuego, sino que debemos encender a los demás que entran en contacto con nosotros. Debemos, dicho de otra manera transformarnos y transformar nuestros ambientes. ¿Será este el caso con nosotros? ¿Notamos las consecuencias en el ambiente en que vivimos?

Para describir al Espíritu Santo que Jesús promete enviar de su Padre, San Juan usa la palabra griega Paráclito que puede entenderse como el que da apoyo, ayuda o consuelo. El Espíritu Santo viene a revelarnos todo, a decirnos toda la verdad de Dios, a decirnos quien es

Dios. Y Dios es Yavé—El Dios que quiere estar cerca de nosotros:

Yavé—yo estoy

- Yo estoy contigo—cuando nadie te quiere
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando estás triste
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando estás en peligro
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando estás enfermo
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando nadie te escucha
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando tu conciencia te reprocha tus acciones
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando me llamas
- Yo estoy contigo—cuando mueres
- Yo estoy contigo—como un ángel para protegerte
- Yo estoy contigo—como una madre para darte cariño
- Yo estoy contigo—como un padre para darte seguridad
- Yo estoy contigo—como tu corazón que siempre está contigo...

Cuando lo el angel Gabriel anuncia a María el nacimiento del Mesías, lo presenta como **EMANUEL—Dios con nosotros**. Esto es lo que Cristo nos reveló en sí mismo como Hijo eterno del Padre. Esta presencia nos la garantiza con el regalo del Espíritu Santo que se nos dio desde Pentecostés, desde que Cristo triunfó sobre la muerte y el

pecado. Esta es la fiesta que celebramos este fin de semana recordando que somos una nueva creación, recordando que la renovación de nuestro mundo depende mucho de nuestro testimonio, de nuestro fuego como el que encendió a los discípulos de los Apóstoles.

La fiesta de Pentecostés por lo tanto nos da la oportunidad de mirar nuestra identidad personal como cristianos, y como Iglesia. En los evangelios, en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, y en el Nuevo Testamento en general encontramos los criterios para examinar nuestra identidad. Hoy vemos claramente que el llamado de Pentecostés a renovar la faz de la tierra, no es un fin en sí mismo, sino el principio de una tarea que no ha terminado. El poder *re-creador* de Dios no se agota ni en nuestros triunfos ni en nuestras fallas. La fiesta del Espíritu Santo nos da una idea de lo que es y sera de un mundo nuevo que tiene la dinámica de Dios que nos desafía constantemente a hacerlo todo nuevo y a buscar caminos nuevos hasta llegar a la consumación plena.

Envía Señor tu Espíritu a renovar la faz de la tierra!

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Cardenales hacen lista de prioridades pastorales

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — En la asamblea más grande de su clase en el Vaticano, más de 150 cardenales bosquejaron una lista de prioridades pastorales para el tercer milenio, incluyendo nuevas maneras de fortalecer la santidad, unidad y energía misionera en la Iglesia.

El papa Juan Pablo II, que celebró Misa para clausurar el consistorio de mayo 21 al 24, lo llamó "momento de comunión" que produjo profundo análisis y algunas propuestas bien meditadas.

"La Iglesia se encuentra en la situación de afrontar enormes retos, que ponen a prueba la confianza y el entusiasmo de los que proclaman (el Evangelio)," dijo el Papa. Dijo que tenía pensado hacer uso de las sugerencias de los cardenales acerca de una amplia gama de temas pastorales.

Fue la sexta vez que el Papa ha convocado a los cardenales para que se reúnan en una junta especial consultora y fue la primera vez desde 1994. Para más de la mitad de los 155 participantes fue una nueva experiencia.

El cardenal Roger M. Mahony de los Angeles dijo que el consistorio hizo que "la tierra se encogiera en el buen sentido de la palabra" permitiéndoles a los prelados de todos los continentes escucharse unos a otros.

El y otros muchos cardenales dijeron que, además de temas específicos relacionados con estructuras de la iglesia y planes de acción, el tema avasallador fue el de la santidad — su lugar central en la vida de cada cristiano. Como lo dijo un prelado, el programa de la Iglesia debería ser "la globalización de la santidad."

Relacionado con eso fue cómo la iglesia puede proclamar el Evangelio a la gente de sociedades plurales en donde la religión ya no se transmite automáticamente de generación en generación.

"Uno tiene que predicar el Evangelio con autoridad, pero de alguna manera hay que ayudarle a la gente a que entienda que el mensaje del Evangelio es bueno para ellos," dijo el cardenal australiano Edward I. Cassidy, sumariando el cuestionamiento clave para la evangelización moderna.

El consistorio se distinguió por discursos de presentación por parte de tres cardenales, pláticas cortas — generalmente de diez minutos — por parte de la mitad de los participantes, y pequeños grupos de discusión. En la sesión de trabajo final, se leyeron los informes de los pequeños grupos, junto con un documento de 17 páginas que resumía los principales puntos de las juntas.

Fuera de dos sumarios breves, el Vaticano no proporcionó



EL PAPA INAUGURA LA JUNTA DE LOS CARDENALES DEL MUNDO — El papa Juan Pablo II preside la apertura de la sesión inaugural del consistorio de mayo 21 en

la sala del Sínodo en el Vaticano. Más de 150 de los 183 cardenales del mundo se reunieron por tres días para juntas a puerta cerrada. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

ninguna otra información acerca del contenido de las discusiones ni del informe final. Sin embargo, algunos cardenales, por su parte, aceptaron hablar con los reporteros.

Dijeron que una preocupación central de muchos discursos fue la de mejorar el aspecto colegial (de autoridad compartida), especialmente a través de la reforma del sínodo de obispos.

Un cierto número de cardenales criticaron el actual formato del sínodo, que consta de dos semanas de discursos seguidas de discusiones en grupos, como poco productivo y difícil de manejar.

La unción de los enfermos no siempre está al alcance

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Con menor número de sacerdotes al alcance para que administren el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos, se está haciendo cada vez más difícil que los pacientes gravemente enfermos reciban el sacramento cuando lo piden las personas encargadas del cuidado pastoral.

Este fue el hallazgo de un nuevo estudio publicado durante el simposio internacional de la Asociación Nacional de Capellanes Católicos, sostenido del 16 al 29 de mayo en Baltimore.

La Asociación comisionó al Centro de Investigación Aplicada al Apostolado de la universidad de Georgetown para que llevara a cabo el estudio. Se basó en una encuesta escrita repartida entre 3,365 capellanes de hospitales y muestreo al azar de conferencias telefónicas de 2,100 católicos a través de los EEUU.

De acuerdo con el estudio, empezado en noviembre, uno de cada tres capellanes que respondieron dijo que un sacerdote está de guardia tan sólo "ocasionalmente" para administrar el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos. Cerca de uno en cinco capellanes dijo que lo administran en

situaciones en las que "nunca o casi nunca" hay un sacerdote de guardia.

Mientras que cerca del 90 por ciento de católicos informaron que hay un sacerdote acaquible, las veces más recientes en la que ellos o un ser querido han pedido el sacramento, más de dos tercios de los capellanes dijeron que el número de sacerdotes entrenados e interesados en el ministerio de hospitales va decreciendo. Cerca del 60 por ciento de capellanes creen que la cantidad de tiempo que los sacerdotes están disponibles para administrar el sacramento va en disminución.

El padre Richard M. Leliaert, director de la Asociación de capellanes, dijo que en el estudio se demuestra que ya es hora de que la Iglesia explore caminos para hacer que el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos sea más accesible — incluyendo la posibilidad de permitirles a los laicos que administren el sacramento.

Durante el simposio, 680 personas se reunieron para discutir ese tema y otros relacionados con el sacramento desde perspectivas históricas, teológicas y doctrinales.



LA BASILICA DE SAN PEDRO EN EL CREPUSCULO — Se puede observar la basílica de San Pedro en el crepúsculo desde la Via della Conciliazione, la avenida principal que desemboca en la Plaza de San

Pedro. Se celebra este año el 375 aniversario de la inauguración de esta iglesia católica, la más grande del mundo. (Foto archivo CNS por Nancy Wiechec)

El Papa exhorta a México a proteger los derechos de los pobres e indigentes

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — México debe hacer más para proteger a la gente pobre e indigente al tiempo que realiza movimientos positivos hacia la edificación de una democracia y economía fuertes, dijo el papa Juan Pablo II.

Al darle la bienvenida al nuevo embajador de México ante el Vaticano el 19 de mayo, el Papa dijo que los sacrificios necesarios para solidificar la economía del país "no deben agravar las condiciones de pobreza de las clases más bajas" de la sociedad mexicana.

Le dijo al nuevo embajador, Fernando Estrada Sámano, que México está pasando por "un proceso de madurez política a través de profundos cambios en muchos aspectos de su vida social que tienden a superar las

causas estructurales de pobreza y exclusión con un modelo de desarrollo integral basado en la justicia social."

Hasta ahora, dijo, la globalización de la economía ha beneficiado solamente a algunos individuos y grupos mientras ha sido causa de "nuevas formas de empobrecimiento, marginalización y exclusión de grandes grupos sociales, especialmente los campesinos y los indígenas."

El papa Juan Pablo dijo que la iglesia Católica en México y miembros de sus comunidades indígenas están particularmente preocupados para que el sistema legal del país sea más justo, especialmente de la manera como los indígenas son tratados en los juzgados.

Con demasiada frecuencia

en la historia de México, dijo, las personas han visto "el encuentro de culturas como mala fortuna" en lugar de verlo como un regalo; y han tratado de empujar a una u otra cultura hacia los márgenes de la vida nacional.

"Algunos, tratando de proteger a los indígenas, han insistido en ideologías basadas en lecturas equivocadas de la historia," dijo. Otros han insistido en que los valores que su gente llevó a México son los únicos valederos para la vida moderna.

La llave para sobrepasar las diferencias, dijo, es "una purificación de memorias" de injusticias pasadas, y un nuevo aprecio y compromiso de proteger los valores de la cultura indígena.

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History students to make Smithsonian presentation

BOISE—St. Mary's School sixth graders, Carly Gerard, Stephen Moncrief and Douglas Rudeen, Boise, who placed first in Idaho History Day Competition in April and won the Governor's Cup, are invited to present their project at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History June 13.

The project, entitled "The Civilian Conservation Corps: On the Road to Recovery," is one of only 16 student projects selected. The 16 are part of a larger group of 2,000 finalists who will participate in the National History Day contest at the University of Maryland at College Park June 10-14. Other states represented with student projects at the National Museum of American History are California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Utah.

The theme for this year's History Day competition was

"Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas." This is the 25th year that National History Day has made history come alive for students across America.

Kathy Yribar, St. Mary's sixth grade teacher, will accompany the students to Washington D.C. and Maryland. She will compete on the national level as Outstanding History Day Teacher in Idaho.

The St. Mary's students are the only ones from Idaho who will make a presentation at the Smithsonian, according to Chris Rudeen, a St. Mary's parent.

She said the site for National History Day is about 12 miles outside Washington D.C., and the students will have lots of time for sightseeing.

The students and their parents are fundraising to cover the cost of their trip to National History Day. They need to raise about \$4,500 for airfare, meals and lodging.

Persons who wish to assist them can send donations to: St. Mary's School, 2620 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702; Attention: History Day Trip. Checks



GOVERNOR'S AWARD—St. Mary's School students who won the Governor's Cup in the Idaho History Day competition recently, and their parents, pose for a photo with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in his office May 22. They are from left, back row, David Rudeen, Gov.

Kempthorne, Gary Moncrief, Heidi Moncrief, Therese Gerard, and Keith Gerard; front row, Christine Rudeen, Douglas Rudeen, Stephen Moncrief and Carly Gerard. The students are fundraising for their trip to the national competition this summer.

should be made out to St. Mary's School and earmarked for the History Day trip.

The three St. Mary's sixth graders met with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne May 22 in his of-

fice to receive their Governor's Cup and have photos taken with the governor.



SCHOOL BIRTHDAY—Mary Ann Dunnigan, an original Steering Committee member during the school's inception, receives a musical note symbol during the offertory at Holy Family Catholic School's 5-year Birthday Celebration Mass, May 22 in Coeur d'Alene. Principal Karen Durgin looks on.

Holy Family Catholic School celebrates fifth year anniversary in Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE—Holy Family Catholic School celebrated five-years in existence May 21 at a special community Mass at St. Thomas Catholic Church, Coeur d'Alene.

Father George Rassley, C.Ss.R. officiated at the liturgy at the historic church. Over 200 students, teachers, parents and community members participated. Among those present were people who were instrumental in starting the first self-supporting Catholic School in Idaho.

Holy Family Catholic School began operation in 1996, exactly 25 years after the last Catholic school in the area closed its doors. During his

sermon, Father Rassley spoke emotionally about the school's struggle to raise money to open in the mid-1990's, sometimes facing overwhelming odds.

"There were people who wouldn't take no for an answer," he said in his homily, reminiscing about some of the tenacious founders of the school.

From the beginning, Holy Family committed to stand on its own financially—receiving no

financial support from the Catholic diocese or local parishes, and always having one-year's operating budget in hand.

"The hard fought lessons during our school's inception, are now being shared throughout the state as the framework and model of another Catholic school being considered in Meridian," said Karen Durgin, principal of Holy Family Catholic School.

Consistory closes

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Cardinal Napier and others said that, in addition to holiness, the most discussed themes were:

—The office of the pope and collegiality, including ways to improve the Synod of Bishops so it is an opportunity for a real exchange of ideas and decision-making.

—Ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

—Globalization and evangelization, including concern for the poor.

—Evangelization and the mass media.

—Inculturation, including in the liturgy and in translating liturgical texts.

—Questions regarding family life, sexual morality and bioethics.

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony of Los Angeles said the largest gathering of cardinals in history "shrunk the earth in a good sense," allowing the prelates to learn from each other and share with one another.

Although the cardinals were examining problems and challenges, "there was no sense of crisis, panic or defeat," Cardinal Mahony said.

In discussing how to improve structures of collegiality and sharing responsibility for the governance of the church, he said, the focus was on improving mutual respect between bishops in their dioceses and those who work at the Vatican.

The working relationship, he said, must reflect the fact that those working in the Roman Curia "are in service to the rest of the church. The cardinals in the Vatican are not the pope, they do not dictate."

At the May 24 closing Mass, Pope John Paul II, in apparent response to several cardinals' suggestions for improving the format and function of the Synod of Bishops, said the synods have shown themselves "to be a valid and effective instrument of episcopal collegiality at the service of the local churches."

Cardinal Cassidy said the car-

dinals were honest in recognizing that some church structures can and should be improved, "but that was not the main purpose" of the consistory.

The cardinals' main concern, he said, was how the church can proclaim the Gospel to people who are increasingly well-educated and used to living in pluralistic, democratic societies.

Modern men and women "like to make up their own minds" and do not respect authority as much as people did in the past, he said.

"You have to preach the Gospel with authority, but somehow you also have to help people understand that the message of the Gospel is good for them," Cardinal Cassidy said.

Irish Cardinal Desmond Connell of Dublin said the consistory was an experience of "the spirit of communion," a feeling of unity that the cardinals hope "will spread throughout the church." Service/U.S. Catholic Conference.

Bill Wassmuth honored for human rights work

COEUR D'ALENE—Human rights advocate Bill Wassmuth, recently received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Idaho, Moscow, for his leadership in the struggle against hate and bigotry.

Robert A. Hoover, university president, who made the presentation during commencement ceremonies on the North Idaho College campus, called the degree "the highest award the University of Idaho can bestow."

Wassmuth was a priest at St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, when he was named the first head of the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations.

In 1986, an Aryan Nation offshoot group targeted him. His home was bombed. Later he helped found the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, which he directed for 10 years.

More recently he worked behind the scenes to keep a criminal investigation active in the 1998 attack by Aryan Nation security guards on Victoria and Jason Keenan. The attackers received a conviction and prison sentence, and the investigation eventually led to a civil judgment, which forced Aryan Nation leader Richard Butler to declare bankruptcy. Plans for the former Aryan Nation compound now call for a museum and other programs to promote diversity.

Today, Wassmuth is running a publishing company in Washington state. He co-authored the book "Hate is My Neighbor," which chronicles his experiences countering the impact of the Aryan Nation.

Wassmuth was recently diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). There is no known cure for the disease, which causes progressive loss of muscle control.

Bishop Kelly High seniors to graduate June

BOISE—One hundred seventy Bishop Kelly High School seniors will graduate June 3 at 2 p.m. at the Carly Center on the Bishop Kelly campus in Boise.

Bishop Michael Driscoll will address the graduates. Students scheduled to speak are Valedictorians Mary James, Bryce Schunke, and Ben Zamzow.

The traditional Baccalaureate Mass will take place June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary. Father Pat Russell, Bishop Kelly chaplain, and Father Dennis Wassmuth, Our Lady of the Rosary pastor, will concelebrate.

Principal David Lachiondo said this year's graduates were offered more than \$3.4 million in scholarships.

Among their special honors, four seniors garnered military academy appointments and seniors Angela Harris and Cameron Carter received a Mayor's Youth Award.

Those students receiving military appointment are Scott Murphy and Sam Uebelacker, U.S. Naval Academy, and Joe Forney, West Point Academy. Aaron Obrochta received appointments to both the U.S. Naval Academy and West Point.

Following are the names of the Bishop Kelly High School Class of 2001:

Elizabeth Jane Allen
 Mary Elizabeth Anderson*
 Travis William Anderson
 Teresa Elizabeth Antonopoulos***
 Dustin Michael Archer
 Carrie Marie Arensmeyer
 Courtney Ann Badgley***
 Brandi Nicole Baltas
 Heather Vanessa Bartlett**
 Brett Christopher Berning
 David Thomas Berry**
 Joseph Edward Bleymaier*
 David Peter Bloxham
 Kristen Kimberly Bor*
 Brian Anderson Bourquard
 Mischa Malachi Brady
 Sarah Annette Brandt
 Allison Lynn Burley
 Sarah Michelle Burley



Bishop Kelly High School graduates for 2001

Kelleen Brook Burlison
 Jacob Charles Burry*
 Edward Duane Bush
 Morgan Adrian Camie
 TaMia Colette Campbell
 Alexis Brooke Carson*
 Cameron Burns Carter***
 Nathan Benjamin Carter
 Lyndsay Ann Cavanaugh
 Erica Lynne Chown
 Andrew Benjamin Colin
 Timothy Thomas Compton
 Marshall Douglas Cook
 Robert Francis Corbari
 Dietrich Michael Cordon
 Steven Shane Crea
 Andrew Ryan Cross
 Patrick Philip Crowley
 Spencer Aubrey Cummings
 Angela Jeannette Dalton
 Daniel Waldron Davis*
 Shannon Shagaye Decker
 Michael Shawn Deller*
 Uyen Kim Dinh
 William Joseph Donnelly*
 Alex Michael Dorais
 Matthew Michael Downey
 Brenda Marie Duer
 Christopher Colin Dwyer
 Adam Maxwell Elkington
 Cari Marie Fenicottero

John Thomas Fly
 Andrew Michael Ford
 Lena Marie Foreman
 Joseph Allen Forney
 Samantha Joanne Fritz*
 Sarah Elizabeth Gallaway
 Roman Aldecoa Gamboa
 Elizabeth Clare Geile
 Nichole Jolein Gerhard
 Jaclyn Golus
 Ellen Elizabeth Gould
 Woodrow William Gustafson
 Christopher James Hall
 Angela Iciar Harris***
 Nathan Anthony Heintzman
 Daniel Matthew Henbest**
 Melissa Anne Henry
 Joshua Martin Holdridge
 Eric J. Holland
 Richard Anthony Hopkins
 Alexis Grey Hoyt
 Laura Ann Hughes
 Mary Lynn James***
 Anthony Scott Johnson
 Nekane Maite Jones
 Nicholas Charles Preston
 Jones
 Samuel Steven Joyce
 Samson C. Justice
 Matthew Ronald Karpavich
 Ryan David Steven Kerns*

Andrew J. M. Knudsen*
 Alanna Marie Lake
 John-Anthony Daniel Larinaga
 Mitchell Joaquin Lecertua
 Amy Katherine Lind
 Jackie Anne Lindley
 Madelyn Marie Lodge**
 Alexis Renee Loffer
 Rachel Marie Loud***
 Brandon Keith Lynde**
 Alvan Yiu Chung Ma
 William Gaines Macy
 Alicia Marie Mahan
 Melissa Ann Majka
 Nicole Christine Marselle*
 Katherine Anne Masterson
 Annie O'Brien McDevitt
 Julie Ann McGee
 Lisa Marie Meale*
 Andrew Jefferson Mentzer
 Anne M. Meyer
 Elizabeth Sara Miller
 Megan Justine Miller
 Earl Jay Mitchell
 Frank Edward Mitchell*
 Megan Elizabeth Moody***
 Felicia Ann Moore*
 Jessica Laura Moore
 Joshua Clinton William Mouat
 Scott Edward Murphy*

Adam Ryan Nelson
 Aaron Michael Obrochta**
 Gregory Nicholas Oden
 Donald W. Pancoast
 David James Pasker
 Lauren Nicole Phoenix
 Matthew Paul Prengaman
 Megan Beth Prusynski***
 Sarah Marie Ragan
 Matthew Francis Raimondi*
 Zachary Alan Rasmussen***
 Autumn Marie Renshaw
 Joseph Carlo Rinaldi
 Nicholas Anthony Ritchie
 David Nicholas Sansotta*
 Dianna Lynn Schonberger*
 Bryce Kwang Schunke***
 John Richard Shackelford
 Joshua Ryan Shrum
 Mary Denise Siron
 Genevieve Theresa Smith
 Nolan William Smith*
 Jake Nicholas Stevens
 Charles Homer Stivison
 Tamara Nantiya Stowe
 Chris Alan Stuber
 Jeniffer Sulez
 Nicole Nova Swafford
 Ashley Marie Syms
 Katherine Elizabeth Thomas
 Meredith Erin Thomason
 Richard Raymond Tolsma
 Victoria Claire Trotta*
 Christine Diane Tumanjan
 Samuel Merritt Uebelacker***
 Benjamin David Ulmen
 Genevieve Marie Ulmen
 Elizabeth Cailean Van Lith
 Aaron Thomas Vance
 Theresa Mae Vawter
 Margaret Allison Vernon
 Sarah May Wade
 Courtney Anne Wamhoff
 Leigh Allison Wensman***
 Emily Elizabeth Whitesides*
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 James Daniel Wolfe*
 Brett Anthony Woods
 Trevor Vernon Wright
 Lindsay Lee Wyatt
 Miren Amaya Zabala
 Benjamin Mitchell Zamzow***
 Carmen Gail Zamzow
 Valedictorian***
 Salutatorian**
 3.7 G.P.A. or higher*

Anointing of the sick is not always available, chaplain survey shows

By George P. Matysek Jr.

BALTIMORE (CNS) — With fewer priests available to administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, it is becoming increasingly difficult for seriously ill patients to receive the sacrament when requested by pastoral caregivers.

That was the key finding of a new study released during the international symposium of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, held May 16-20 in Baltimore.

The association commissioned the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University to conduct the study. It was based on a written survey of 3,365 hospital chaplains and a random sample telephone survey of 2,100 Catholics across the United States.

According to the study, launched in November, one in three chaplains who responded said a priest is on call no more than "occasionally" to administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Nearly one in five chaplains said they minister in situations where there is "never or almost never" a priest on call.

While nearly 90 percent of Catholics reported that a priest was available the most recent time they or a loved one requested the sacrament, more than two-thirds of chaplains said the number of priests trained for and interested in hospital ministry is decreasing. Some 60 percent of chaplains believe that the amounts of time priests are available for administering the sacrament is also decreasing.



ANointing of the Sick—Father Anthony Janik, a hospital chaplain in Crown Point, Ind., anoints the hands of George Schmidt May 23 as his wife, Irene, and daughter, Andrea Fox, look on. A recent survey showed that the sacrament of the sick provides comfort to patients and families. (CNS photo)

Crosier Father Richard M. Leliaert, president of the chaplains' association, said the study shows that it is time for the church to explore ways of making the sacrament of the anointing of the sick more accessible — including the possibility of allowing lay people to administer the sacrament.

During the symposium, 680 people gathered to dis-

cuss that issue and others related to the sacrament from historical, theological and doctrinal perspectives.

"Right now, it's in the exploration stage," said Father Leliaert. "We want to bring up different possibilities in the hope that with loving and honest dialogue with the whole church, the bishops and the chaplains, we can begin to see real possibilities for enriching the sacrament and making it more available to people."

"It drives me crazy," said Brother Robert. "I'm there from a patient's initial diagnosis and throughout their illness, but I can't help them with the ultimate thing that gives them peace. We should allow extraordinary ministers of the anointing just as we allow extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist."

According to canon law, only priests may administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The practice derives in part from a passage in the Book of James that encourages the sick to "call for the elders (presbyters) of the church" who should pray and anoint them with oil "in the name of the Lord."

The CARA study showed that nearly 100 percent of chaplains reported that the sacrament of the anointing of the sick "somewhat" or "very much" provides comfort and responds to spiritual needs of patients, their families and friends.

It found that chaplains in the West and South were more likely than those from the Northeast and Midwest to say that "too few priests in the area" accounts "very much" for the lack of available priests for the sacrament.



HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH DEDICATION— Smoke from the incense burned during the June 6 dedication of the new Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, creates an ethereal scene as it drifts in front of the stained glass windows behind the altar. Right, an enthusiastic congregation sings the recessional song as Bishop Michael Driscoll and clergy leave the church at the end of the dedication Mass. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)

Bp. Driscoll dedicates Idaho's newest church

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

MERIDIAN—The smell of incense and chrism oil filled the sanctuary of the new Holy Apostles Church in Meridian as Bishop Michael Driscoll dedicated the 1300-seat church June 6, asking the Holy Spirit to make it "an ever holy place."

"May this building, which we dedicate to your name, be a house of salvation and grace where Christians gathered in fellowship may worship you in spirit and truth and grow together in love," the bishop prayed.

About 700 people from the combined Catholic communities of Eagle, Meridian, Star, Middleton and Horseshoe Bend, about 25 Idaho priests who were in the area to attend Priest Study Days at

Nazareth Retreat Center, and many government, parish and diocesan leaders attended the dedication Mass.

Music ministers who serve at various Masses at the new church combined to provide music for the liturgy under the direction of Nicholas Wood, director of music. A 4th Degree Knights of Columbus honor guard participated in the procession and recession.

At the start of the ceremony, architects Jim Glancey and Pete Rockwell and parishioners Robert Courval and Marge Rabdau presented Bishop Driscoll with symbolic keys to the church, a dedication plaque which will hang outside, blueprints of the church and a book of names of those who supported building the church.

In making the presentation, Rockwell

explained that the design of Holy Apostles Church is a "melding of traditions of the past and the present." It is an adaptation of ancient Roman architecture to modern liturgical functions, he said.

"The church is oriented facing east toward the rising sun, symbolically welcoming the Risen Christ every day," said Rockwell. "The building is supported by 12 columns, representing the 12 apostles. Stained glass windows from both St. Matthews (Eagle) and Holy Spirit (Meridian) churches are incorporated into the design bringing both old parishes together in this new church."

He said new stained glass windows, which are at the tops of the north and south transepts are the Jubilee Year 2000 logo, to represent the year in which construction began on the new church, and Diocese of Boise's coat of arms signifying the connection to past, present and future and to the bishop of the Diocese of Boise.

As part of the dedication, Bishop Driscoll, assisted by Father Timothy Ritchey, pastor, deposited a relic of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini under the altar. Mother Cabrini's relic was chosen for Holy Apostles in memory of the first Catholic Church in Meridian.

The bishop then rubbed chrism oil on the altar. Then Father Ritchey was joined

by Father William Gould and Father Dennis Wassmuth, vicar generals of the diocese, and Father Roger LaChance, president of the Presbyteral Council, in anointing the walls of the church.

"We now anoint this altar and this building. May God in his power make them holy, visible signs of the mystery of Christ and his church," Bishop Driscoll prayed.

After the anointing, Bishop Driscoll incensed the altar and four deacons followed by incensing the people and the church walls.

"Lord may our prayer ascend as incense in your sight," Bishop Driscoll prayed. "As this building is filled with fragrance, so may your church fill the world with the fragrance of Christ."

Then the newly dedicated altar was prepared for the eucharistic liturgy with linen, candles and flowers and church lights were turned on.

In his homily, Bishop Driscoll thanked Father Ritchey and Deacon Jack Pelowitz, who oversaw construction of the church, for their "tenacity, stick-to-itiveness, exhortations and willingness to bring about this building... that all Catholic people in Idaho can be proud of."

He said the whole ceremony was a homily on what it means to be dedicated.

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Survey to give parishes direction for Hearts Burning Within Us adult religious education programs

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

People in parishes across Idaho are participating in a confidential survey called "Information for Growth" that will give parish and diocesan leadership some direction when it comes to providing adult religious education.

The survey, which was developed by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is a companion for Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us, a program endorsed by the U.S. bishops about a year ago to revive adult education in all parishes in the United States.

"This program is unique to the Catholic Church in the U.S.," said Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise director of education. "It is not operating anywhere else in the world. The bishops feel this

should be the central religious education program for adults throughout the nation. The results of the information will be used to implement Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us."

Craven said his office expects to reach at least 5,000 adult Catholics in Idaho with the survey.

"Once the surveys are completed, they will be processed and each parish will receive an individual report from which it can draw information that will help them develop adult education programs," he said. "This is an invaluable tool. We're the first diocese to use this tool to this extent in as broad a manner and for this purpose. Our approach has gained national recognition."

Before the survey started, Craven (See, 'Hearts Burn,' page 15)

Last issue until August

The Idaho Catholic Register is not published during the month of July. The next issue is scheduled to come out Aug. 3.

The final deadline for submitting calendar information, articles and photos for the next issue is July 27. The ICR staff plans to start work on the Official Directory of the Diocese of Boise during July.

Any readers who have photos that show the beauty of God's creation or friends and family enjoying summer are invited to submit them for possible publication in one of the August editions.

The ICR staff wishes all a happy, blessed and peaceful summer.

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New bill would fund 'responsible' adult stem-cell research

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As evidence of the effectiveness of adult stem-cell research continues to mount, a Catholic congressman introduced legislation June 5 that would provide at least \$30 million annually to conduct and support such research. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., unveiled the Responsible Stem Cell Research Act of 2001 at a Washington press conference three days after Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Mass., introduced the Stem Cell Research Act of 2001, which would change federal law to allow for funding of stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos. Meanwhile, a survey commissioned by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops found that 70 percent of Americans oppose federal funding of stem-cell research that requires destroying human embryos, compared to 24 percent who support it.

As faith-based investing gains, Catholic indexes launched

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Faith-based investing is experiencing an explosion in 2001, with several new investment alternatives based specifically on Catholic social principles, according to financial analysts and those in the corporate responsibility movement. Jeffrey Petersen, president of Carlisle Social Investments, said in a telephone conference call June 6 that 12 new religious investment vehicles have been launched since Dec. 1, compared to only five-four of them in the same fund family—that were launched between June and November of 2000. "What we are seeing today in the explosion of faith-based investing alternatives is Wall Street finally waking up to the fact that there are 60 million Catholics and millions of other religious Americans who want to keep their personal finances from running afoul of their religious values," Petersen said.

Ending hunger is 'obligation of all,' says Vatican official

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ahead of a world leaders' summit on eradicating hunger, a Vatican official called on governments and international organizations to respect the "fundamental obligation of all to guarantee, concretely, food security for all." Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, the Vatican's permanent observer to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, said poor follow-through from a similar meeting in 1996 was "profoundly disappointing" and without justification. The diplomat made his remarks at the opening session of a May 28-June 1 meeting in Rome of the Committee on World Food Security, which was planning a November gathering called "World Food Summit-Five Years Later."

New directory shows most U.S. Catholic numbers rising

WASHINGTON (CNS) — There are now nearly 63.7 million U.S. Catholics, according to the 2001 Official Catholic Directory. The directory reported that as 2001 began there were fewer priests, nuns and brothers than a year earlier, but more baptisms, confirmations and first Communion—and, for the first time since 1990, more marriages. For the first time in five years, the number of priests teaching in Catholic schools rose. The 2,400-page book, widely known in church circles as the "Kenedy directory" after its publisher's imprint, reports information received from all U.S. dioceses at the beginning of the year.

Four nuns, 22 others sentenced for SOA protest actions

COLUMBUS, Ga. (CNS) — Twenty-six people received sentences ranging from two years' probation to a year in prison for their participation in protests last November at the School of the Americas, now known as the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. The group sentenced May 23 at the federal courthouse in Columbus included two Franciscan sisters from Dubuque, Iowa, who are siblings; Sisters of St. Joseph from Minnesota and Washington state; and several members of the Catholic Worker movement. Twenty of the protesters—including the four nuns—received sentences of six months in federal prison. All 26 had been banned from entering Fort Benning after earlier demonstrations, but had crossed onto the fort grounds during a Nov. 19 protest marking the anniversary of the 1989 slayings in El Salvador of six Jesuit priests and their housekeeper and her daughter.

Immigrant women take rosary to the streets of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — For 31 evenings in May, parishioners of Holy Spirit Church in Los Angeles walked and prayed the rosary for the needs of their neighborhood. By the end of the month, the neighborhood was praying, too. Parishioners picked a different block each day and prayed for peace, unity, the poor and for the children and elderly of the neighborhood. "Outside on the streets, the people realized what was happening and were motivated to leave the TV and come join us in the rosary," organizer Maria Lopez told The Tidings, newspaper of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. "And people are bringing their children." For 10 years Holy Spirit parishioners—mostly immigrant women from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras—have prayed the rosary inside one another's homes each May. This was the first year they took their prayers to the street.

Execution marks sad day for country, says bishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The execution of Timothy McVeigh and the resumption of federally sanctioned executions marks a sad day for the country, the president of the U.S. bishops' conferences said.

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference, said that he deeply regretted the execution of McVeigh.

McVeigh was executed by lethal injection June 11 at the federal prison at Terre Haute, Ind. He had been convicted of murder in the 1995 bombing of the Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City, in which 168 people were killed.

"In an age where respect for life is threatened in so many ways, we believe it is important to emphasize that human life is a gift from God, and no one or any government should presume to kill God's gift," Bishop Fiorenza said in a statement released just after the execution was carried out. "Rather, all of us have the responsibility to protect human life from conception to natural death."

He noted that the U.S. criminal justice system has alternative ways to punish criminals and protect society and called on Catholics and all people of good will — particularly legislators — to reconsider the use of capital punishment.

He said the bishops offer their sympathy and prayers for all those touched by the bombing.

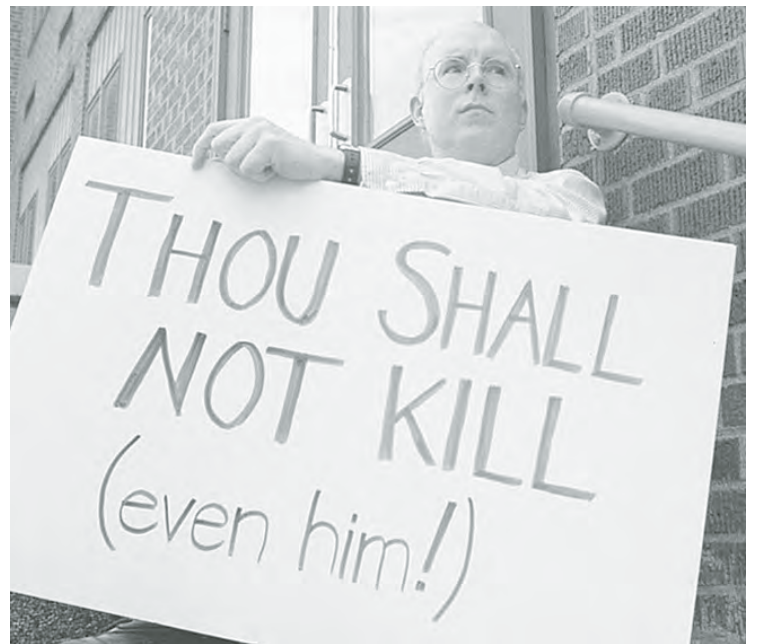
"We pray that the God of all mercies will grant them every consoling grace during their grief and suffering," Bishop Fiorenza said.

"On this difficult day, we pledge our best efforts to reverse this culture of violence and replace it with a profound respect for the inherent value God confers on human life."

Susan Borcherts, spokeswoman for the Indianapolis Archdiocese, in which Terre Haute is located, said Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein was saddened the execution was going forward.

"He is praying for the victims and their families. He is praying for Timothy McVeigh and his family. He urges Catholics to join him in prayer," said Borcherts in a June 8 statement.

Weeks earlier, Archbishop Buechlein had issued a lengthy statement about the impending execution, saying McVeigh's case, like no other, "tests the



ANTI-DEATH PENALTY ACTIVIST—William P. Quigley, a professor at Loyola University, New Orleans, waits in front of St. Margaret Mary Church in Terre Haute, Ind., to begin an anti-death penalty march June 10. Activists marched from the church to the federal prison the evening before the execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. (CNS photo)

mettle of the emerging Catholic view about the inappropriateness of capital punishment." Yet, he said, "the good of society requires that we rise to the challenge of a measured and larger vision" that declares capital punishment to be wrong.

"In recent times, the death penalty does more harm than good because it feeds a frenzy for revenge, while there is no demonstrable proof that capital punishment deters violence," the archbishop said in an April statement.

Among other comments about the execution was a June 7 statement from Cardinal Adam J. Maida of Detroit.

"The spectacle that surrounds the McVeigh execution should have a sobering effect on us all, moving us to an examination of conscience of how we can best promote life for everybody," said Cardinal Maida. "This includes innocent human beings in the womb threatened by abortion, the victims of other people's violence, and yes, even the guilty who are caught in a vicious cycle of vengeance and unrepentant rage."

"We have a God-given mission of understanding and reconciliation to everyone in need, even those with sadly hardened hearts," he said.

In Cincinnati, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk lamented McVeigh's execution.

"The issue is not whether Timothy McVeigh is guilty of a

horrendous crime," he said in a June 11 statement. "The issue is not whether he has caused immense suffering. The issue is whether killing the killer really resolves anything. It does not."

In Terre Haute, Warden Harley Lappin told the media outside the prison where McVeigh was executed that he personally found the experience difficult.

Lappin said he had "anticipated (the execution) to be a very difficult thing to do, and it was. But I think today my thoughts and prayers are with the many victims of this tragedy in Oklahoma City."

At Terre Haute, several dozen witnesses from the media and a handful of relatives of survivors watched the execution. In Oklahoma City, about 230 survivors and family members of the victims watched via a closed-circuit television broadcast arranged by Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating issued a statement saying justice had been served and that McVeigh deserved to die.

"The 168 victims, their families and the hundreds of survivors ... will never be forgotten and it's especially important to pause on their behalf today," Keating said. "I hope this morning's execution will bring some sense of peace to the victim's families and will allow them to continue on with their lives."



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ICCW delegates vote support for vocations

By Colette Cowman
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BOISE—Delegates at the Idaho Council of Catholic Women's Convention voted June 3 to have their organization sponsor a seminarian in Tanzania for two years as part of a commitment to support vocations.

Cookie Sorge, the outgoing ICCW president, said the commitment is for \$1,500 a year, and the organization will work

through the Apostolic Life Community of Priests. Two members of that community from Tanzania are currently serving in Idaho—Father Rogatian Urasa, Boise, and Father Camillus Temba, Pocatello.

About 150 Idaho Catholic women attended the June 2-3 convention at the Boise Riverside Doubletree Hotel.

The delegates also passed a resolution, as part of their com-

mitment to vocations, to continue to promote and support Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Diocese of Boise.

Sorge said the convention theme, "Called, Healed, Empowered" was lived out during the convention. She expressed her gratitude to the ICCW Board and convention chairpersons for "a job well done." She also thanked all the workshop presenters and speakers, including K. LaVerne Redden, the National CCW president, Bishop Michael Driscoll, Father Mike Masslowsky, St. Anthony Village, Portland, Ore., and Boise motivational speaker and Idaho Catholic Register columnist Vincent Muli Wa Kituku.

"A special thank you goes to Father John Donoghue, our moderator for his prayers and his spiritual guidance these past two years," said Sorge.

She also thanked the women who attended the convention. "May you continue to be the heart of our church, and may the Lord continue to bless all your work for ICCW," she said.

Workshops during the convention included "Practical Ways of Praying, with Father Donoghue, "Relationships As Our Life Changes," with Janez Buffinton, Boise, a licensed counselor, "The Healing Power of the Pen," with Barbara Herrick, a Boise freelance writer, and "Called and Gifted, presented by Debbie Oaas, Boise.

Delegates prayed, worshiped and sang together, participated in a silent auction to raise money for the ICCW scholarship program, poured over unit scrapbooks, heard commission reports on organizational, family, church, community, international and legislative concerns, and elected and installed new officers.

New ICCW officers for 2001-2003 are Irene Schlader, Chubbuck, president; Mary Thompson, Weiser, president elect and first vice president; Mary Kay Molitor, Pocatello, second vice president; Louanna Chavez Maheras, Pocatello, secretary; Linda Vanderford, Pocatello, treasurer; Rhonda Good, Pocatello, auditor, and Christine Hofman and Arlene Johnson, Chubbuck, co-historians; Matilda Kolbet, Idaho Falls, parliamentarian, and Father Temba, moderator and spiritual advisor.

Commission chairpersons are Mary Thompson, Weiser, Organizational Concerns; Margaret Langan, Family Concerns; Barbara McAdams, Pocatello, Church Concerns; Rita Collins, Pocatello, Community Concerns; Cheri Honas, Pocatello, International Concerns, and Idaho Purce, Pocatello, Legislative Concerns.



CONVENTION ACTIVITIES—Fern Keck, Fruitland, left, Leonora Church, New Plymouth, and Kathy Duerr, Boise, look over unit scrap books during a break at the Idaho Council of Catholic Women Convention in Boise June 1-3. Below, Father John Donoghue talks about prayer during one of the convention workshops. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)



BIG SURPRISE—ICCW Woman of the Year Betty Tully, center, accepts congratulations from ICCW outgoing president, Cookie Sorge, left, and Ann Marie Reuter.

Betty Tully, Meridian, named ICCW Woman of the Year

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

MERIDIAN—"I can't believe it. I just can't believe it," said the smiling but surprised Idaho Council of Catholic Women's 2001 Woman of the Year when she reached the altar at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, to receive her honor June 2.

Her fellow parishioners and Idaho Council of Catholic Women Convention delegates, who were at the Mass, didn't have any trouble believing it. They knew Betty Tully had earned the honor through endless hours of caring for others and serving the church.

Referred to by Father Tim Ritchey, Holy Apostles pastor, as a "parish trooper," Tully has been active in CCW and the parish for nearly half a century.

Before presenting Tully with an ICCW Woman of the Year medallion, ICCW President Cookie Sorge listed some of Tully's accomplishments and honors including holding offices in her CCW unit, organizing funeral dinners in the

parish for 12 years and overseeing wedding receptions for 10 years.

Sorge said Tully has been a prayer chain leader, president of the St. Jude's Monthly Meeting, and chairman of the annual inter-parish luncheon and card party, the proceeds of which went to assist the needy in the community.

She is a eucharistic minister to the ill and shut-ins, serves as a driver to Mass and meetings for those who cannot drive, and has planned the priests' dinner before Christmas and Easter reconciliation services.

"This wonderful lady is a widow and has two children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren," Sorge said. "Her family always came first with her, and she was always there for them, as they were for her. They helped her at church to set up for functions and also in her home. But she still had time to spend endless hours in her love for the church to answer all its needs. Her friends say she has never met a stranger and is loved by all."



ICCW OFFICERS 2001-2003—Elected and installed at the Idaho Council of Catholic Women Convention June 1-3 in Boise were the 2001-2003 ICCW officers from left, Matilda Kolbet, Idaho Falls, parliamentarian; Rhonda Good, Pocatello, auditor; Linda Vanderford, Pocatello, Treasurer, Louanna Maheras, Pocatello, Secretary; Mary Thompson, Weiser, first vice president and president elect, and Irene Schlader, Chubbuck, president. Officers not shown are Mary Kay Molitor, Pocatello, second vice president and Arlene Johnson and Christine Hofman, Chubbuck, co-historians.

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Catholic Charities will enhance quality of life

As we approach summer, I would like to give you a progress report on the establishment of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Boise. Catholic Charities is an organized expression of the church's 2000-year ministry of service and love toward people in need. We in the Church of Idaho have now joined a national network of over 150 diocesan Catholic Charities organizations. Collectively they serve approximately 10 million people per year.

These diocesan agencies use a similar three-fold approach to ministry: First, they provide a broad range of skilled social services to help families and individuals resolve problems in living. Second, they advocate for social justice in our societal laws and policies; and third, they offer education and assistance to parishes to develop parish-based social ministry, as a way to help Catholic people live out their Baptismal commitment to live the Gospel.

In order to develop this three-fold approach to ministry here in our state, Marie Hoff, our executive director, began her work by traveling around the diocese during these past months to introduce Catholic Charities to the parishes, and to learn what clergy and

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Thought...*



By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

lay leaders see as the most important concerns and needs in our diocese. Professional services to help support marriage and family life were among leading concerns that were voiced. To respond to these concerns we are developing counseling and family support programs in several sections of the diocese.

As a beginning we are directing our attention to Northern Idaho and Western Idaho. During our second year, it is my hope that Catholic Charities will

have a presence in each of the six deaneries of our diocese. Its presence may and will take different forms, depending on consultation with the CCI Board and recommendations of the people of these areas. Catholic Charities staff will also continue offering parish social ministry educational workshops to parishioners during our second year.

Catholic Charities is also working to develop collaborative relationships with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, with other programs of the diocese, such as youth ministry and Catholic education, and with other social service organizations in the local communities.

I believe that Catholic Charities will play an important role to enhance the quality of life for everyone in our communities. Through Catholic Charities service, we, as Catholics bear witness to our Gospel belief that Christ is found in every person we encounter, especially among the poor and the suffering among you.

I thank you for the prayers, good wishes and financial support that you have already given to help us launch Catholic Charities of Idaho, and I encourage your continued support for this essential ministry of the church.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice

To be a Catholic it is necessary to believe in the real presence of Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

The thought of the presence of Christ is like a brilliant light which is so bright that it can blind a person to the reality, which it is illuminating.


When one does not recognize the purpose of the presence of Christ, wonderful though that presence is, he fails to see the magnificent truth of our faith that the Eucharist is a sacrifice, the sacrament of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The official teaching of the church, solemnly proclaimed by the Council of Trent in agreement with the universal tradition of the church, was reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council in these significant words: "At the Last Supper, our Savior instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the centuries until he comes again. He entrusted it to his bride, the church, as a memorial of his death and resurrection" (Constitution on the Liturgy, 47).

"The sacrifice of the cross and its sacramental renewal in the Mass are one and the same, differing only in the manner of offering" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 2).

The sacrifice of Christ, which is the Mass, is offered to God the Father. That is why we conclude the

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

eucharistic prayer with the doxology, "Through (Christ), with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever."

The church teaches us that we should give thanks to God the Father by offering Christ, the Immaculate Victim, through the hands of the priest and in union with him, and that we are to offer ourselves as well to the Father through Christ our Mediator (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 48).

We must adore Jesus in the Eucharist since he is present as truly God, but not to the detriment of the meaning of the Mass and the purpose for which Jesus

instituted the Holy Eucharist. Adoration of Christ is the primary purpose of benediction and visits to the Blessed Sacrament but not of the Mass.

The church went through a very dark era in the Thirteenth Century when the meaning of the Mass was so obscure to many people that they were content with worshipping Christ in the sacrament and rarely received Holy Communion. We must not drift back into that situation.

And yet it is actually reported that in some places the people are led to sing, "O come, let us adore him," during that most sacred moment of the consecration when Christ wishes to be the Way which leads us to God the Father. This and similar practices are not to be tolerated because they are misleading in a very serious matter. Nor should there be any substitution for the approved Eucharistic acclamations, of which in English there are four. The purpose of these acclamations is to proclaim the memorial nature of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

We must be faithful to the command of Christ when he instituted the Eucharist: "Do this in memory of me."

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., the theological seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Can inactive Catholics receive Holy Communion?

By Father John Dietzen
Q. We recently had a death in the family, and there was some discussion as to who should receive Holy Communion. Some of the family were baptized and confirmed long ago, but had not been to Mass for the last 10 years or so.

Since it was their parent's funeral, they went to Communion. Someone claimed this was all right, that the church permitted it in situations such as this. Are there such exceptions to the rules about receiving Communion?

A. There are no exceptions to the requirement that people should be in the state of grace, not conscious of any unforgiven mortal sins, to receive Communion.

For Catholics to neglect the obligations of their faith to the point of seldom participating at Mass and not receiving the sacraments is objectively seriously sinful.

By objectively, I mean it is a sin unless they are so ignorant of their faith or so mentally or otherwise handicapped that they do not know what is necessary

for a good Communion.

Catholics who are so uneducated in their faith or are seriously out of touch with the meaning of Communion, would be sinning objectively, but perhaps not subjectively or personally.

In other words, Catholics who consistently refuse to share in Mass and the sacraments should not receive Communion without confession.

One wonders, if their Catholic faith and the sacraments are so important, why the gross neglect of their relationship to God in these ways at other times?

Only God can judge them. I'm just asking whether they feel they still have any Catholic faith. If they do, why is it important only on sad and family occasions and not at other times? It's a matter of personal honesty with God.

Q. In a recent column you discussed the possible locations of the Blessed Virgin's death and tomb. Doesn't the church teach that Mary was not subject to death as is the rest of humanity?

I was taught Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven, and we celebrate this on Aug. 15. Is your answer consistent with Catholic theology?

A. You are correct. We do believe that the mother of Jesus was taken into heaven, body and soul, when her life on earth ended.

However, the church has

never taken an official position on whether she died or not before the assumption. Most generally, it is believed she did die, and if she did she would have been buried somewhere, just as Christ was. The discussions are about where such a burial might have taken place.

When the assumption was proclaimed a dogma of the Catholic faith by Pope Pius XII

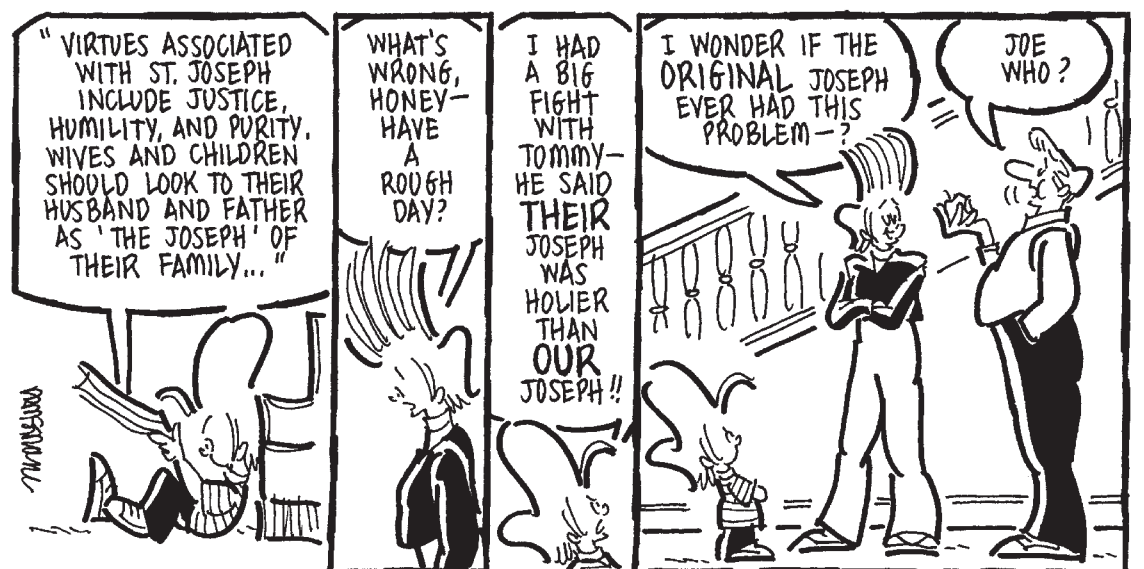
in 1950, he avoided the question of her death. He said simply that at the end of her earthly life (in Latin, "expleto terrestri vitae cursu") she was accepted into heaven by God.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY

by Mark Armstrong



The Internet

Those of us who are Internet-challenged found comfort when we read the cover story of a national magazine entitled "High-Tech Overload" (The subtitle: "Complex Gizmos are driving Americans Nuts. The Message to Manufacturers: Simplicity Sells"). We who resent our computers yet love them agree with the general tenor of that article: "Why can't all those savvy Silicon Valley engineers design phones and computers that are easier to use?" (*U.S. News & World Report*, 1/15/01, p. 32). Still, it seems quite patent, the Internet does offer myriads of opportunities to evangelize.

It is said that inactive Roman Catholics 'come home' by visiting the Web Pages of parishes. It is also said that teenagers surf the Internet searching for convincing spiritual havens. One logical conclusion: May U.S.A. parishes make an effort to have welcoming web pages.

Conservative and liberal Roman Catholics (let's emphasize *Roman Catholics*) dialogue with and rebuke each other in Internet Forums identified as 'Silence After Mass or Talking?', or 'Snubbed at Church.' It should be a matter of concern that their exchanges continue to be conducted without the benefit of the input of sensible clerical leaders. Still, the

Ponder And Act



By Father Marcellus Fernandez

lay and clerical leaders of our parishes will profit if they were to, at least, eavesdrop in the exchanges that are taking place in those forums. In so doing, parish lay and clerical leaders might become more aware of what are some of the issues and concerns that interest, even irritate, so many Roman Catholics—issues that, sometimes, key lay and clerical leaders prefer to avoid because they are controversial.

The Internet reminds us that Roman Catholics are a worldwide community of believers. It is not frivo-

lous to discover, through the Internet, that, for example, a parish in Hagatna (Guam) has a 'Dawn Rosary' on Tuesdays at 4:20 a.m.. Or that our fellow Roman Catholics in Mandeni, South Africa, in the Diocese of Eshone, have been feeding malnourished infants (1-5 years old) since 1950.

Church art supports evangelization efforts and it deepens genuine Roman Catholic piety. Still, it seems that much too frequently art and design in so many of our churches are ignored, although we know that worship divorced from aesthetic beauty lacks soul. Let us admire, then, for instance, the Web Page of the Archdiocese of Milan, Italy, it certainly offers opportunities to behold impressive ecclesiastical artistic designs and symbols.

The Internet serves the interests of the church in many other ways. Using computers and accessing the Internet for evangelization purposes can be trying yet ultimately rewarding. Let's hope that pastoral councils, pastors, and bishops all over the U.S.A. will continue to discuss how the Internet advances evangelization, the goal of every Roman Catholic community.

Father Marcellus is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Emmett.

Guest Column

The Eleventh Commandment: Keep holy the summer!

By Mary Cronk Farrell

Summer vacation. Ah, what a relief. But if we're not careful, our spiritual life will take a holiday too.

In our house when summer comes all routine seems to go out the open windows.

Morning and bedtime prayers become haphazard. The parish Religious Ed program ends. Visiting friends and relatives fill our weekends while the Scriptures gather dust.

This summer I'm determined things will be different. Where's that "blueprint for a holy family in ten not-so-easy steps" I tried last summer?

Did I file that "Summer Spirituality Seminar for Kids?" Here they are. Ready?

Just toss those in the trash. This summer start with some simple plans for a better chance of success:

—Cultivate a sense of gratitude. Greet each child with a smile in the morning, thanking God aloud for the gift that child is. Summer offers innumerable examples of the glory and abundance of God's creative genius.

From a sprouting seed to the beauty of full bloom, model for your children appreciation of God's gifts.

—Rededicate yourselves to mealtime prayer. Whether it's a picnic at the park or hot-dogs on the run, begin with bowed heads and thanksgiving. Light a candle. A citronella can do double duty (God is present; bugs aren't!). A simple ritual like holding hands, saying "Thank you, God" together and blowing out the candle can be a graced moment for your family.

—Commit to Sunday Mass even when traveling or camping. This speaks powerfully to your children about the centrality of your faith. Sunday best dress isn't always necessary.

—Extend your family circle. Whether it's the new child on the block, or the elderly neighbor you don't see all winter, summer is the perfect time to reach out and include them. Don't fuss about making special plans; just invite others to join whatever you're already doing.

—Serve others. Teens can mow lawns; grade-schoolers can walk dogs, or pick up mail.

Trying to get kids to do chores in the summer is every parent's challenge, but kids are often more than willing to do the same chores for someone else. Volunteer service works wonders for boredom. Older teens may even be able to volunteer for a week away from home in programs helping disadvantaged children or underprivileged communities.

—Don't forget Vacation Bible School for the younger set. If your church doesn't offer VBS, just look down the street. Last summer my children attended two sessions, one at a Presbyterian Church and another at an Episcopal Church. They had fun, learned Bible stories, and experienced genuine caring from adults outside our usual circle of family and friends.

Does my list sound like a six-point plan for stressing out

your summer? Relax. If you manage one or two of these suggestions, that's success. Spirituality is a journey taken one step at a time. And you never know—some of these ideas may become habits you'll carry over to the craziness of the school year next fall.

Mary Cronk Farrell is a freelance journalist and children's writer. She lives in Spokane, Wash. with her husband and three children.

We share in everything

READINGS

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18-20

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GOSPEL READING: Luke

Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui...

Somehow the words and melody of this time-honored Benediction hymn fill my mind at the thought of today's feast. There's a tad bit of nostalgia tied up with it, too.

Corpus Christi was celebrated with a lot of pomp and pageantry during my seminary years. The student body in cassock and surplice chanting the beautiful hymns, the celebrant vested in gold cope and carrying the ornate monstrance in which the Sacred Host had been placed, the sense of awe and devotion—all these made us feel as though we had been caught up nearly to the gates of heaven itself.

Perhaps we were. If so, we still are whenever we celebrate this feast.

Today's first reading presents Melchizedek—a mysterious Old Testament figure—about whom we know only what appears in this passage. More important (at that time) than Abram himself, he foreshadows and points toward the true King of Peace, which is what "king of Salem" means. Jesus Christ, "a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek," offers a sacrifice of bread and wine greater than that of the Old Testament priest-king's.

St. Paul reminds us that the church has always taught and believed in the Eucharist. Bread and wine, through the power of Jesus Christ, become His Body and His Blood, given for our nourishment. We share in ev-

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

everything that His suffering, death and resurrection accomplished for us.

The gospel miracle, in which the *five loaves and the two fish* were miraculously multiplied to feed the crowd of 5,000 or more, has always been seen to represent the Eucharist. Nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ, we are not only *satisfied* but are left with *12 wicker baskets* to share with the poor—that is, those who do not know Christ.

This implies that disciples are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood so that they can become apostles and witnesses.

Today's feast reminds us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We adore Him, we are nourished by our worthy reception of Holy Communion, and He works in our lives so that we can share Him with others.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Tantum ergo sacramentum, veneremur cernui...

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

Readers Write

So much to thank God for

Editor, the *ICR*:

The movie "Pearl Harbor" was not only a masterpiece of history, but an overwhelming reminder and a wake up call to realize the freedom we enjoy in God and Country. It tells the true faith these men and women had in these United States of America and the freedom they held so dear.

We are so blessed and yet so complacent about what we have and enjoy in our world. God has given us more than we can ever be worthy of, and yet we want more. I found myself in tears not for fear of the story told in Pearl Harbor, but the gratitude that went so deep within my heart for all of the men and women that put their

lives on the line for us. Also the men and women that served their homeland with heart and soul and a great deal of sacrifice. They gave their sons and daughters and their own commitment for our freedom.

This holds true with each and every time we see or hear of war when our service people are called to serve their country—be it here in our own homeland or in another country. I praise God for all of those who stand up for my freedom to live with so much to be thankful for.

Thanks be to God! I pray we can all learn to love one another as family and countrymen and work at preserving what each generation before us has fought for with heart and blood. May our God bless America.

Linda M. Sabrowski
Coeur d'Alene

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

June 21: KAMIAH, St. Catherine's Celebrant Singers, 7 p.m., free-will offering. The address of St. Catherine's is 7th and Idaho
June 24: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Monthly Catechesis and Potluck, 4 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.
July 27-28: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Called and Gifted Weekend. Contact: Joanne Wood, 634-5474
Aug. 10-12: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Class of '71 Reunion, 30th Anniversary. Call Joe Good, 853-1575, Barry Zamzow, 345-4486, or Dave Skinner, 375-4015, for information
Aug. 25: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary School Reunion of all school graduates, staff and families, after 5 p.m. Mass. Food, music, fun and renewal of friendships. For more information, call Mary Dolven, 208-523-0239
Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets
BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.
BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon
EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.—Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service
GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass
HAGERMAN, St. Catherines: 11:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month
IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.
IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.
LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows
LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.
MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week
OROFINO: Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction
POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Thursdays, 12-9 p.m.
RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.
ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30 —9:30 a.m.
SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.
TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome
CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction
CASCADE: June 3, 4 p.m., Evening Prayer 5 p.m.
COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass
COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday
COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.—Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.—Fri., 7:30 a.m.
COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.
BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon
BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon
BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Summer Mass Schedule addition

Holy Apostles Church in Meridian has announced their summer Mass Schedule as follows: Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 9, 11 a.m., Teen Mass, Sun. 6:30 p.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



June 23: RUPERT, St. Nicholas, Diaconate Ordination, Paul Henscheid, Orville Rathe, 11 a.m.
June 23: AMERICAN FALLS, Presentation of the Lord, Diaconate Ordination, Edward Souza, 6 p.m.
June 24: POCATELLO, St. Anthony's, Diaconate Ordination, Bill Duggan, 11 a.m.
June 28: CASCADE, Discipleship Senior High Camp, Noon
June 29: BOISE, Nazareth, Catholic Charities of Idaho Board Meeting, noon
June 30: EMMETT, Sacred Heart Pastoral Visit, Mass (English) 5 p.m., Mass (Spanish) 7 p.m.
July 1: EMMETT, Sacred Heart Pastoral Visit, Mass (English), 9 a.m.
July 1: GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude's, Pastoral Visit, Mass, Noon
July 6: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.
July 6: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.
July 8-August 8: Vacation

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the last part of June through Aug. 4.

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| June 16, 1959 | Rev. Herman L. Hermann |
| June 17, 1937 | Rev. Arthur C. Corley |
| June 19, 1995 | Rev. Francis DeNardis |
| June 22, 1966 | Rev. Morrison J. Hiskey |
| June 23, 1969 | Rev. Msgr. Michael Mroz |
| June 24, 1971 | Rev. John B. Kunkel |
| July 3, 1967 | Rev. Thomas J. Kelly |
| July 4, 1993 | Rev. Manuel Gomes |
| July 15, 1975 | Rev. George P. Brennan |
| July 27, 1957 | Rev. Msgr. Francis Bonora |
| July 27, 1993 | Rev. William Steuber |
| July 29, 1984 | Rev. William F. Ordway |
| Aug. 3, 1985 | Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Verhorvan |
| Aug. 4, 1972 | Rev. Msgr. Eric A. Schermanson |

Nazareth Schedule

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| June 21 | V.A. Medical Center |
| June 22-23 | NCCW—Province of Portland |
| June 26-28 | St. Alphonsus Education Department |
| June 27 | Idaho Department of Corrections |
| June 29 | Catholic Charities |
| June 29-30 | Vineyard Christian Fellowship |
| July 5-13 | Bishop Connolly 8-day Directed Retreat |
| July 16-20 | National Association of Pastoral Musicians |
| July 27-29 | Deacon Formation 2000 Discernment Retreat |
| July 30 | St. Alphonsus |

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Pre-conference for Fall Conference Sept. 14, to focus on Catholic identity

This year's Pre-Conference, that will take place Sept. 14 before the start of the Diocesan Fall Conference, Sept. 14-16, will provide "a good, solid, meaningful day for anybody who is involved in education in the Catholic Church in Idaho, according to the diocesan director of religious education.

Jack Craven said this year's Pre-Conference, which will take place at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian will focus on Catholic identity and infusing Catholicism into the content of everything taught in the parish or Catholic school.

The day will include breakout sessions for elementary and secondary teachers and principals, directors of religious education,

youth ministers, adult ministers, and all support personnel, including school and parish secretaries.

Craven said his office has sent surveys to every parish and asked parish secretaries to indicate what training and education they need to do their job.

"We are building on that," he said. "These are the people who are the church for people who contact them. For example, what characteristics should they exhibit when dealing the homeless or with those who are grieving."

This year's Pre-Conference keynoters will include:

—Father Paul W. Galetto, an Augustinian priest who has been a missionary in Nigeria and Peru, taught high school ten years and

now serves as president of St. Augustine Prep, Richland, N.J. He has done research on the status of religious education in the nation's Catholic schools.

—Dr. Robert J. Kealey, executive director of the Department of Elementary Schools, National Catholic Education Association, Washington D.C. Formerly a professor and dean of education at Manhattan College, New York City, and author of nine books, he will talk about infusing Catholicism into the content of what is taught.

—Jacquie Jambor, a teacher, catechist, adult educator and catechetical advisor and national consultant for Resources for Christian Living, she is well known for her catechist training.

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Boise parish offers youth ministry internship

BOISE—Young adult Catholics looking for a creative way to spend the next school year have a new opportunity at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) Parish in southeast Boise. It's a youth ministry internship program.

Jim Robinson, director of youth ministries for the parish, created the idea and developed the program to fill two needs. One need is for someone in the parish to spend time in one-on-one ministry with teens. Robinson finds that his time is spent largely in program management and working with volunteers, leaving little time to work directly with teens.

"The other need being met by such a program is to train young adults in the diocese for ministry," he said. He hopes to have applicants from parishes with little or no youth ministry programs, so that the intern he trains will return to a parish where they can really make a difference.

The intern will live with a parish family, getting free room and board, and will also receive a small stipend from the parish. He or she will work in full

time ministry, training on the job in the areas of youth ministry philosophy and methodology, evangelization, ministry administration, communication, and spirituality.

"This would be ideal," Robinson said, "for a young adult who wants to spend some time in discernment about where the Lord is leading them, or is considering missionary work or some other ministry."

The position will start Aug. 15 and continue until May 15, 2002.

"I'm hoping this will be so successful that it will become an ongoing program at OLR," Robinson said. "In fact, other larger youth programs in the diocese should consider this idea if we can make it work!"

Ken Cook, coordinator of youth ministry for the diocese, supports the program as a way to build youth ministry in the diocese, and has advised Robinson on some of the specifics of the internship.

Applicants should be practicing Catholics, have a desire to grow in their own relationship with the

Lord, be willing to share their faith journey, and care deeply about teenagers. They will work with both junior high and high school students, as well as with a team of about twenty volunteers.

"It will be challenging, but very rewarding," according to Robinson, who has thirteen years of full time youth ministry experience in the diocese. "This person will have a flexible work schedule of days, evenings, and weekends. They'll visit teens at school, at home, and on the local sports field or auditorium.

"We'll train them to develop lesson plans and retreats, lead Bible studies, create their own events, and counsel teens," Robinson said. "At the end of his or her nine month term, this person will be fully employable as a youth minister, and will receive a letter of recommendation from me."

Anyone with questions or interested in an information packet or application should contact Robinson either by phone, 208-343-9041, or e-mail (olrboise@JustCatholic.net). Applications must be in by July 16.

Couple starts errand service for seniors

BOISE—Elizabeth O'Neill and her husband Richard Serrato have recently started a business in the Treasure Valley that is like their ministry to senior citizens and others who need assistance.

The business is Senior Concierge Service and their motto is "Courtesy, Honor, Respect. Going the extra mile: Helping Idaho people!"

Serrato, a retired U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel and a member of St. John's

Cathedral Parish, Boise, said he and his wife assist with grocery shopping, pick up and delivery, taking things to the dry cleaners, ordering and delivering prescriptions, meals and running other errands in the Boise, Meridian, Nampa and Mountain Home area. The charge is \$7.50 for the first hour and \$5 an hour for every hour after that.

O'Neill, a local artist and grandmother, has worked as director of Help, Inc., and a

Title V Program and as employment specialist with AARP/Senior Employment.

Serrato said she "has a heart to help people of all ages and understands the great need for support and help at the different seasons of their lives.

Serrato, a native of Italy, has 15 years experience in customer service and speaks five languages.

For more information call 284-6167.



NEW OFFICERS—Newly installed historian and president of the Idaho Council of Catholic Women, West Central Deanery, show off a new quilt the organization will raffle in 2002 to help support the ICCW scholarship fund. The officers are Susan Pirrong, left, historian, and Kathy Cilek, president. (Submitted by Mitzi Aden)

Shelby Cook shares locks to 'help sick kids'

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—St. Mark's School second grader Shelby Cook, Boise, is sporting a new short hairdo that she loves because it is so much cooler than her long hair... and because she knows the eight inches she had cut off will make life better for another child.

A couple of months ago, Shelby, 7, overheard her mom, Kim, and a friend talking about Locks of Love, a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 with medical hair loss. She decided she wanted to donate her lengthy locks for the cause.

As part of a class service project, she did research on the internet to find out more about the organization and then wrote a short report.

"Cambi cut my hair on Saturday, May 10. She works for Salon Rios and cuts hair for Locks of Love all the time," Shelby said in her report. "I know that it will help the kids from being teased, and it will make them feel better about themselves. This service project was exciting because I knew that I would be



helping sick kids."

On the Locks of Love website, www.locksoflove.org/hairdonation.htm, Shelby learned that organization wants donors to have their hair freshly washed and completely dry before cutting.

At the time of this interview, Shelby was waiting for her teacher to return her report so she could send it with her hair to Locks of Love, 1640 South Congress Avenue, Suite 104, Palm Springs, FL 33461. She will send her hair in a zip

lock plastic bag as directed.

Shelby's dad, Ken Cook, who is the Diocese of Boise coordinator of youth ministry, said he had a hard time thinking about Shelby cutting her hair at first because he likes long hair on girls. "But for that reason (helping others), it was good," he said.

Shelby now plans to cut her hair every year in the spring and donate the hair to Locks of Love. That way she will have a cooler summer. She has also inspired her little sister, Taylor, to ask to cut her hair "up to my ears."

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BRIEFS

Fourth Degree Exemplification set June 30

GARDEN CITY—The DeSmet General Assembly #181 of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will conduct a Fourth Degree Exemplification in honor of the late Msgr. Dennis Falk June 30 at the VFW Post 63, 3308 Chinden Boulevard, Garden City, at 2 p.m.

All assemblies who are sponsoring new candidates should mail membership applications and fees to Faithful Navigator Robert J. Wamelen by June 16.

Spouses and guests are not permitted into the ceremony until the conclusion. Mass will follow at 5 p.m. with a Knighting ceremony after Mass. A dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Wamelen, 429-9825.

Father Stephen Hofmann celebrates 60th jubilee

ST. BENEDICT, ORE.—Father Stephen Hofmann, OSB, Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Ore., recently celebrated his 60th jubilee as a priest.

Father Hofman, who was ordained May 22, 1941, at Mt. Angel Abbey, served as chaplain of St. Benedict's Hospital, Jerome, with care of the missions at Wendell and Hagerman from 1967 to 1977.

He was prior at St. Benedict's Priory, Twin Falls, in the late 1970s and helped supervise the construction of the first unit at Ascension Priory, Jerome.

Though semi-retired now, Father Hofman still is involved in ministry around the abbey.

Saint Alphonsus RMC to sponsor summer courses, clinics, seminars

BOISE—Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center is sponsoring numerous programs this summer to assist people with healthier living and give support for those who are caretakers, dealing with specific diseases, or learning how to cope with chronic illness.

For information call the 24-hour Saint Alphonsus Education Line, 367-3838 or call toll free, 1-888-813-0053. You may also log on to their website: www.saintalphonsus.org/healthy/calendar.html.

A sampling of the programs and courses offered include: Vegetable Mania Cook Class, July 26; Foot Clinic, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointment; Headache Seminar, every fourth Wednesday starting July 25; Babysitting Safely 101 for ages 11-13, July 10, 16, 24 and 31; 55 Alive: Mature Driving Program, July 12-13.

DeSmet Assembly, KC Fourth Degree to host monthly fish dinners

GARDEN CITY—Starting Aug. 10, the Knights of Columbus DeSmet Assembly, Fourth Degree, will host a monthly fish dinner the second Friday of each month at the VFW Post 63, 3308 Chinden Boulevard, Garden City.

The dinners are open to all. Cost is \$6.50 for "all you can eat."

"We at the DeSmet Assembly want every Catholic to see how much fun and fellowship we have along with our service and giving," Robert Wamelen, spokesperson.

Gonzaga University Religious Studies to host 'Wisdom Week' June 25-29

SPOKANE—The Gonzaga University Department of Religious Studies, Spokane, will host "Wisdom Week" June 25-29 to give people an opportunity to continue their theological and biblical education.

The week consists of eight courses that meet each week day. The cost is \$150 per course, and continuing education credits are available. Limited housing is available on campus.

A sampling of the courses are: "Biblical Men and the Readers Who Love Them," "Living Outside of Paradise: Native Traditional Ways and the Concepts of Life as Spirituality," "Growing a Wisdom Tree: Conceiving, Creating and Nurturing Adult Religious Education Programs, and "Sensitizing Individuals, Congregations and Religious Education Classes to Multicultural Realities."

To learn more about the course offerings and to register, contact Gail Jennings at (509) 323-6782 or e-mail: Jennings@gonzaga.edu.

Coeur d'Alene CDA officers installed

COEUR D'ALENE—Newly elected officers of Lewiston's Court Cataldo, No. 158, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, were installed at the group's annual potluck dinner June 11.

Elizabeth Huffman will serve as regent during the next term, Jean Jorgenson, vice-regent, Dina Brigham, recording secretary, Wilma Kraut, treasurer, and Judy Dahman, financial secretary.

Outgoing officers are Alice Jackson, regent, Phyllis Marker, recording secretary, Patricia Cooper, treasurer, and Cindy Hasenoehrl, financial secretary.



SHOWING THEIR DELIGHT—Religious education students at St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg, show off the rosaries and instructions on how to pray the rosary they received at the end of the school year. The rosaries were part of a statewide program to encour-

age children to pray the rosary. The program is sponsored by the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus and Idaho Council of Catholic Women in the Treasure Valley. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

St. Rita's children learn to pray rosary

KELLOGG—St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg, recently presented rosaries to each religious education student and Idaho Catholic Youth member and other children of the parish who were at church on that day.

Colleen Braun, religious education coordinator, said the rosaries were sent to the parish as part of a project sponsored

by the Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus and Idaho Council of Catholic Women in the Treasure Valley.

The groups have united to provide free rosaries to encourage Idaho Catholic children to learn the devotion. Braun had responded to a letter sent out to all Diocese of Boise parishes from Eva Pera, Meridian, Le-

gion of Mary president, (208) 888-7823.

St. Rita's catechists and students used the rosaries when they joined in the International Rosary May 6.

Religious education instructors said the children were delighted with their rosaries and were especially pleased that they glowed in the dark.

Thomas Tibor to celebrate 90th birthday

AMERICAN FALLS—Thomas Tibor, a member of Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls, since 1939, will celebrate his 90th birthday at a family reunion in Anchorage, Alaska, July 5.

Tibor was born Aug. 20, 1911, in North Dakota. He had eight brothers and two sisters. He married Minnie Wagner on May 30, 1935. In 1939 the family moved to American Falls. He and Minnie had seven children—four sons and three daughters.

Minnie died in January 1997. A son, Dale, died at birth in 1937. Sons James, John and Jerry live in Anchorage. Daughters Janet, Pat and Karen live in Florida, Texas and Georgia.

Tom has 22 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Shortly after the Tibors arrived in American Falls, Tibor was contacted by the older members of Our Lady of Lourdes Mission. They asked if he could join the church council and take over church maintenance. In those days this entailed starting the fire in the wood stove before Mass so the church would be warm.

Mail for the church was often



Thomas Tibor

delivered to the Tibor home. Tom and Minnie often invited priests, guests and new members of the parish to their home

after Mass for refreshments or breakfast.

Minnie was active in the deanery. During the construction of St. Mary's Chapel, Tom helped select the lava rock that is the altar. He carved the rock in its current form in his garden and helped move it to the church and set it in place. He welded the exterior crosses on the chapel and built the baptistery, holy water fonts and lectern.

In recent years, Tom has relinquished his maintenance duties to "younger" members of the parish.

Tom has served the American Falls community as a city councilman, Red Cross committeeman, hospital board member, Mental Health Committee member, first aid instructor, 4-H leader, elections judge and Rod and Gun Club president.

The Boy Scouts of America honored Tom and Minnie for their service to Scouting by awarding them the Silver Beaver Award and making them members of the Eedahow Council Hall of Fame. The Tibors were also awarded the St. George Medal for their service to Scouting by the Diocese of Boise on their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Operation Calcutta

Students see their power to make a difference

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

BOISE—A class project to help orphans and lepers in Calcutta, India, this past school year became a catalyst for St. Joseph's School sixth graders, Boise, to learn about the world, practice their faith, develop their talents, and recognize their own power to make a difference in the world.

When art mom Pattie Forbes showed her slides of art and architecture in India last fall, she decided to also show the children slides she took while working in a Calcutta orphanage sponsored by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity.

The sixth graders and their teacher, Mary McClure, were moved by what they saw. They couldn't believe, for example, that the people who worked at the orphanage only had three towels to use to wipe the children's faces and that diapers for the babies were in short supply. They wanted to know what they could do to help.

After some discussion, the class hatched a plan for "Operation Calcutta." The students

decided to ask their school and parish community to help them raise money and collect supplies that would be useful at the orphanage. Forbes volunteered to return to India to deliver all that the children collected.

In April, Forbes and Shelbye Weaver, another mom of one of the sixth graders and St. John's Cathedral parish secretary, delivered nine big duffle bags full of needed items and a check for \$4,161 to the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta.

In preparation for the project, St. Joe's sixth graders visited the classrooms of the other grades at the school to explain what they knew about the needs of the children in the orphanage at Calcutta. Each class agreed to collect specific items including bandaging materials, cloth diapers, chewable vitamins, antibacterial ointment, and boys and girls underwear.

The class also had a letter inserted in the parish bulletin in March asking members of the parish to assist them in their global community service project. They invited money donations and also placed a box

in the parish hall for any goods people wanted to donate.

Other items they ended up collecting included soap, washcloths and towels, scissors, toothpaste and baby formula.

Before Forbes and Weaver left for India with the sixth graders' offerings, they attended an all-school Mass in the cathedral. At that Mass the sixth graders gathered at the altar to bless the two women and ask God to protect them in their travels.

"It was a very moving experience," said Weaver. "It still makes me cry to talk about it."

When the women got to the orphanage in Calcutta, they emailed the sixth graders to let them know they arrived safely. It wasn't long before they got an email back with lots of questions from the class members about the people, their accommodations, what they were seeing, and the culture. The two mothers and St. Joseph's School sixth graders were in email contact the duration of the trip.

Forbes and Weaver returned to Boise April 30 with a letter for the students from Sister M. Nirmala, mother superior of the Missionaries of Charity and medals for each sixth grader. The medals had been laid out Mother Teresa's tomb.

In her letter, Mother Nirmala thanked the children for supplies they had gathered "with love and sent for God's poorest of the poor in Calcutta."

"The poor people cannot thank you personally, but know that you have touched their hearts and made God's love present to them. What a beautiful way to use your youth power," she said. She urged the sixth graders to "pray and stay close to Jesus so that they may always have the joy that springs from a heart that is in love with God and so wants to serve others."

During the last week of school, St. Joe's sixth graders were still remembering and analyzing all they learned through Operation Calcutta. They liked going to the other classrooms, talking to the students and seeing the response and participation, and they loved checking each day to see what and how much had been donated and then getting it packed for the trip. But they also feel they learned a lot about the world and their own values.

"In Calcutta people die on the streets of diseases like a



OPERATION CALCUTTA—St. Joseph's School sixth graders, Boise, show off the medals they received from the Missionaries of Charity as a thank you for their work to help the poorest of the poor. The medals were touched to Mother Teresa's tomb in India. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

cold or the flu. All we have to do is go to the doctor and maybe take some medicine when we have those diseases, and we get better," said one student. "All that stuff we sent probably saved some people's lives," said another.

"I don't think we all realize how lucky we are," said another sixth grader. "We have so much stuff that we don't even really need, and we take it for granted." Another student noted that she feels sad when she sees a homeless person with a backpack walking on the street, but she gets a different perspective when she realizes that in Calcutta there are people who are "born on the streets and practically die where they were born."

Some of the sixth graders noticed while watching Forbes' slides of India that even though the people had nothing, they were happy.

"They knew people liked them and accepted them the way they were, and they were just happy to be alive," said one girl.

"My attitude has changed

since I saw how grateful the people in India are for help and how happy they can be," said another student. "People in the U.S. seem to need money to be happy."

The sixth graders all agree that Operation Calcutta helped to raise their social consciousness and inspired them to want to do more.

"We learned that just a small group of children can make a difference for people in other parts of the world," one girl said. "Before, I knew that a lot of people in America gave to charities, but now I feel like we can do a lot more," said a boy.

Another boy said he has been thinking that when he grows up, he might want to spend some time as a volunteer at the orphanage in India.

"I think that what we sent the most of was love and hope for the people of Calcutta," said one sixth grader summing up the feelings of many.

The students are already starting to plan ways they can continue to assist the poor of the world in the future.

Junior High Camps still open

There is still time to sign up for the Diocese of Boise Junior High Camps that will take place in Ketchum July 23-27 or McCall, Aug. 6-10.

"We are excited about these camps," said Ken Cook, diocesan coordinator of youth ministry. Each camp promises to be a week filled with lots of activities and adventure. We are sure our Idaho Catholic junior high-age youth will come away energized and excited about their faith."

Both camps will focus on the "Good News" of Jesus and the gospel message. The campers will explore who Jesus is, what their personal relationship is with Jesus and what following Jesus

and living the gospel means.

Other camp activities will include swimming, volleyball, hiking, roasting marshmallows over a campfire.

"It will also be a time for making new friends and strengthening old relationships, discovering gifts and talents within ourselves and exploring our strengths and weaknesses," Cook said.

Even though the focus of the week-long camps is on Catholicism, Catholic campers are welcome to invite friends who are not Catholics to attend.

For more information or to register for one of the camps contact Cook at (208) 342-1311 or email: kcook@rcdb.org.

Garden Valley starts youth program

GARDEN VALLEY—A new youth ministry program—a first for the community—is sprouting up at St. Jude's Station, Garden Valley, and the youth ministry team and Catholic teens in Garden Valley would appreciate prayer support from youth ministers and teens throughout Idaho.

John and Maria Rollins and Richard Smith, Garden Valley, have volunteered to serve as the youth ministry team.

Father Marcellus Fernandez,

pastor, has asked Ken Cook, diocesan coordinator of youth ministry, to provide training to help the new program get underway.

Cook said the training will be based on the document "Renewing the Vision," a framework for Catholic youth ministry, and developing a support team.

"We are all very excited for the new youth program to develop in Garden Valley," Cook said.

Pray for the McGuckins, says Father Day

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

SANDPOINT—The five McGuckin children of Garfield Bay near Sandpoint, are “normal fine kids who are in an extraordinarily abnormal situation,” in the opinion of Father Dennis Day, pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish, Sandpoint.

“The mother loves those kids and they love her,” he said. “We need to pray for healing in that family and safety for the children.”

The children drew national media attention to themselves in early June when, after their mother was arrested for child neglect, they refused to leave their rural home and turned their dogs loose on authorities.

Law enforcement officials chose to bide their time, and the children were eventually convinced that their mother was okay and that their dogs would not be harmed. They were placed in foster care while they awaited a resolution to the child custody dispute and neglect charge against their mother, JoAnn McGuckin, 45. At press time, negotiations were underway to resolve the case and create a suitable home environment for the children and their mother.

McGuckin was free to leave jail more than a week ago, but she refused to do so because she would not accept a judge’s restrictions on seeing her children without supervision. She demanded the charge against her be dropped and that prosecutors apologize.

Officials have said the family’s house was filthy with dog feces, human waste and rotting food and there was no running water or electricity.

The children’s father, Michael McGuckin, died May 12 of complications from multiple sclerosis. Mrs. McGuckin had dropped his body off at a local mortuary because she was not able to pay for a funeral. At the request of the McGuckin’s oldest daughter, Erina, who was estranged from the family because of conflicts with her mother, Father Day conducted the funeral.

“How do we help people who refuse good intentions? We’re powerless to resolve the situation if they won’t let us help. We can continue to pray for them. Our parish stands ready to help in any way.”

He said a small notice was placed in the local newspaper, and about 30 people attended the funeral. He noticed that the mother and children showed no recognition of their neighbors and others at the funeral until the children saw Father Timothy John O’Donovan, a retired priest of the Diocese of Boise, who lives in Sandpoint and assists at the parish.

“When the children saw Father Tim, who had been their pastor, they all ran up and hugged him,” said Father Day. “It was obvious that they knew him and loved and trusted him. Based on that, I later put the sheriff in touch with Father O’Donovan.”

Father O’Donovan was with the sheriff and Erina McGuckin talking to the children using a bull horn to convince them to come out and get help when a news helicopter flew over and scared the children and they release their dogs.

“The sheriff did an excellent job,” said Father Day. “He didn’t want to frighten them any more, so he backed off.”

For days after the standoff, media representatives were calling the parish nonstop to try to get information. Father Day set aside his mornings for more than a week to try to calm the situation and give the media what information he could.

“It was a circus,” he said. Local, national and international media interviewed him, including the networks, wire services and talk show hosts. In every case, he did his best to get across the idea that the best thing people could do to help overcome the tragic situation is pray for the family.

“Our parish remembered the McGuckins every chance pos-

sible in prayer,” he said. The children’s god parents, who are members of St. Joseph’s Parish, established a trust fund for the children. Contributions can be sent, earmarked for the McGuckin, family to St. Joseph’s Church, P.O. Box 279, Sandpoint, ID 83864.

Father Day said problems in the McGuckin family have been evident for several years. JoAnn and Michael McGuckin were married at St. Joseph’s Church in 1977 and were involved in the parish for many years. She sang in the choir. Gradually, the couple developed some strong ideas about end times and constitutional rights and mistrust of government. They homeschooled their children and dropped their participation in community activities.

Michael was a Knight of Columbus. When his brother Knights realized the family was having financial problems, Father Day said he has been told that the Knights stepped forward to try to give them food and clothing.

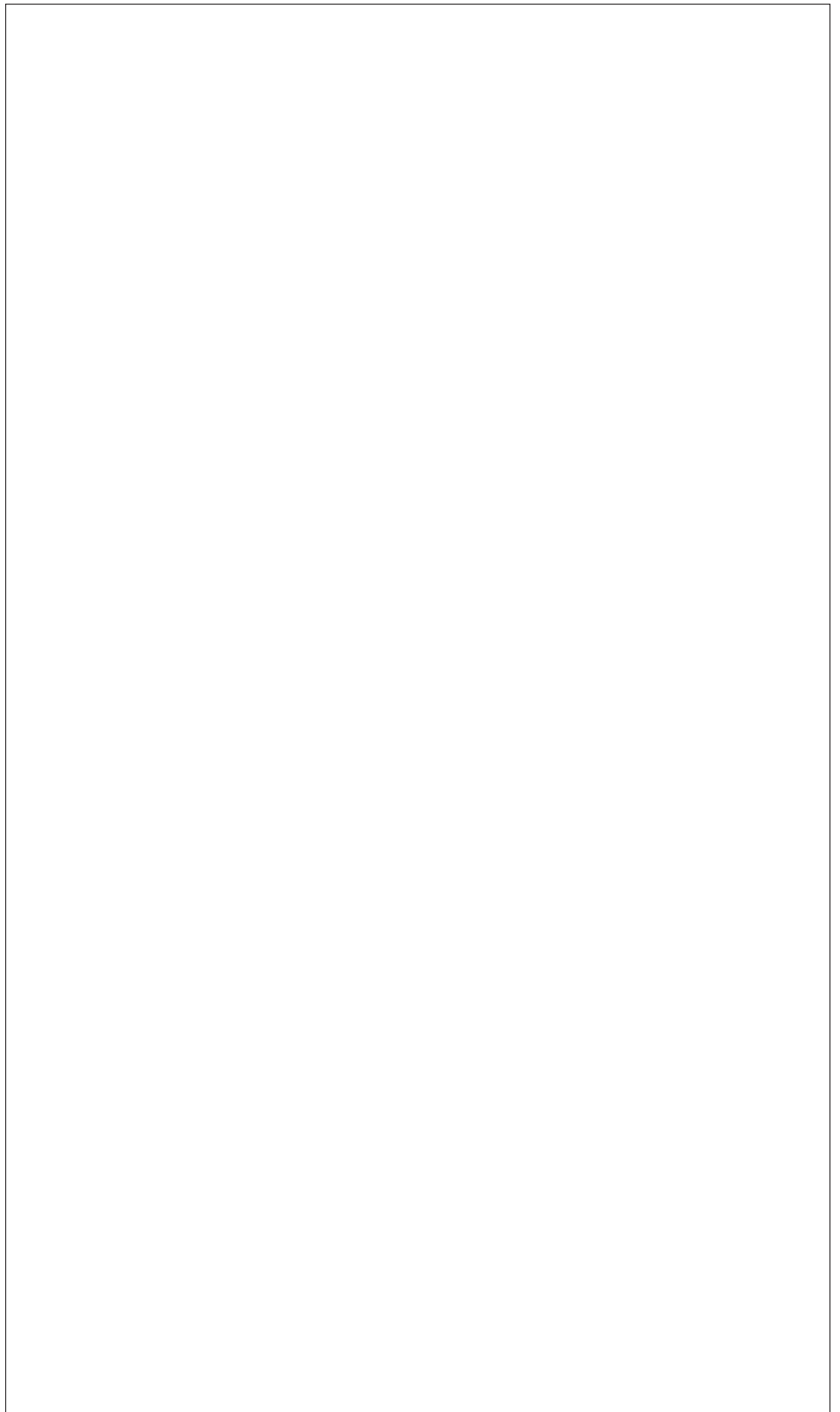
“But they were rebuffed and told not to come back,” he said. “People in the parish were upset because they wanted to help the family.”

On another occasion, a Legion of Mary member tried to visit the McGuckin home and was told that if she set foot on the property, she would face a

shotgun, said Father Day.

About five years ago, when Father Day first went to St. Joseph’s, JoAnn McGuckin came up for communion during Mass. After she had received the Eucharist, she showed him a pix and asked for four hosts for her husband and children. Not knowing her, he asked if she would see him after Mass so she could explain the circumstances. She got angry and said she would never set foot in the church again and walked out. He never saw her again until her husband’s funeral.

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El Cristo compasivo y misericordioso que nos presenta San Lucas y los Evangelistas en general, se manifiesta en su preocupación por los pobres, los enfermos, los menospreciados, los marginados, etc. Esta preocupación la manifiesta Cristo en las comidas que él frecuentaba con esta clase de gente. “El sentarse a la mesa,” podemos decir que era el marco de toda su predicación, era el púlpito desde donde Jesús anunciaba la Buena Nueva. En este contexto anuncia el Reino de Dios como un banquete de boda. En una comida perdona a aquella mujer considerada como pecadora. En una comida se convierte Zaqueo. En una comida (“La Cena Pascual”) nos invita a comer y beber su sangre como memorial de su entrega a la muerte por nosotros: “Hagan esto en

memoria mía.”

El milagro de la multiplicación de los panes y peces que leemos de San Lucas este Domingo, habla muy bien de esa acogida de Jesús a toda la gente. Jesús que va en busca de un poco de descanso para El y sus discípulos, al ver a las multitudes que van en su busca, no las rechaza, sino que les da la bienvenida, les anuncia el Reino de Dios y cura sus enfermos. La descripción de las acciones de Cristo (bendecir, partir y distribuir los panes), son alusiones muy claras del gran milagro de la Eucaristía que nos iba a dejar para satisfacer nuestra hambre y sed de vivir como hermanos y hermanas, como hijos e hijas de Dios. La abundancia de comida manifestada en lo que sobró una vez que todos se saciaron, la invitación a los discípulos a repartir el pan, así como la preocupación que éstos mostraron por la multitud que empezaba a tener hambre, manifiesta la invitación de Jesús a participar en su misión de dar y compartir.

En la solemnidad de la fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, la Iglesia nos

invita a no perder de vista el valor de la eucaristía que es el centro y razón de ser de nuestra existencia como pueblo de Dios o cuerpo de Cristo. Nos invita a recordar que la Eucaristía es el centro de la misión de Jesús en la tierra: “Hagan esto en memoria mía” La participación en la Eucaristía, en la mesa del Señor, comiendo y bebiendo su cuerpo y su sangre nos hace uno con Cristo: “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre vive en mí y yo en él” Juan 6, 55. Recordemos que al celebrar el memorial de la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo oramos así: “Te pedimos (Padre) humildemente que el Espíritu Santo congregue en la unidad a cuantos participamos del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo.”

Durante la Ultima Cena, (la última comida) Jesús revela charamente que su muerte es necesaria para que su Reino sea una realidad: “Porque este es el cáliz de mi Sangre, Sangre de la alianza nueva y eterna que será derramada por ustedes y por todos para el perdón de los pecados.” Todas las comidas de Jesús que tanto escándalo provocaron por no

excluir a nadie, ni siquiera a los pecadores públicos, están presentes en esta Cena del Señor como anticipo del banquete de la consumación del Reino de Dios. Si participamos de la Eucaristía nos unimos a Cristo que ofrece su vida “por todos.” El advenimiento del Reino de Dios, la celebración del gran banquete, no puede realizarse sin la muerte de Cristo que anunciamos en la Eucaristía. La reunión final supone su entrega por todos: Les dijo: “En verdad, he deseado muchísimo comer esta Pascua con ustedes antes de poder; porque les aseguro, ya no la volveré a celebrar hasta que sea la nueva y perfecta Pascua en el Reino de Dios.” Juan 22, 16.

Qué la fiesta del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo despierte nuestro apetito por participar en la celebración de la Eucaristía, que misteriosamente una nuestra vida, muerte y resurrección.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Plan emergente para extender servicios católicos en la frontera a migrantes

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Como continuación de consultas locales en cinco diócesis de los EEUU y México, dirigentes oficiales de varias oficinas nacionales católicas y agencias se reunieron en Washington el 6 de junio para afinar planes tendientes a establecer un programa piloto de servicios extensivos legales, sociales y pastorales a migrantes.

En las sesiones locales de auscultación, “conocimos a mucha gente y recibimos mucha colaboración de ideas buenas sobre lo que se hace ahora, dónde están los vacíos y en dónde están las necesidades,” dijo Mark D. Franken, director ejecutivo de la Conferencia Católica de los EEUU de Servicios de Migración y Refugio.

Le dijo al Servicio de Noticias Católicas que las necesidades abarcan desde asistencia legal y protección de derechos hasta cuidado pastoral para migrantes a ambos lados de la frontera.

Las oficinas de la Conferencia Católica de los EEUU involucradas en el esfuerzo son los Servicios de Migración y Refugio (MRS en inglés), la Campaña Católica para Desarrollo Humano, Asuntos Hispánicos, Misiones de Casa, Justicia Internacional y Paz y la Iglesia de Latinoamérica. También están involucrados los Servicios Católicos de Alivio y la Red Católica de Inmigración Legal, conocida en inglés como “CLINIC.”

A finales de mayo los oficiales nacionales dirigieron una serie de consultas con representantes de la Iglesia involucrados en temas



TRABAJADORES DE LA IGLESIA DISCUTEN PROBLEMAS FRONTERIZOS — De izquierda a derecha, Erica Dahl Bredine de Servicios Católicos de Alivio, Héctor Rodríguez de la Campaña Católica para Desarrollo Humano y Rick Ufford Chase de Enlaces Fronterizos discuten una propuesta para aliviar el sufrimiento a través de la frontera entre México y los EEUU. Representantes de varias agencias nacionales de iglesias se reunieron en Tucson, Ariz., el 22 de mayo para hacer planes tendientes a responder mejor a los temas de la frontera. (Foto CNS por Kate Harrison, Catholic Vision)

de migración. Hubo juntas en la arquidiócesis de Hermosillo, México y en la diócesis de Tucson, Ariz.; Las Cruces, N.M.; El Paso, Texas; y Ciudad Juárez, México.

El señor Franken dijo que los aspectos que necesitan atención, para los que las oficinas nacionales o agencias pueden contribuir, incluyen:

—“Servicios legales dirigidos a personas en centros de detención o gente que necesita intervención con la oficina de Servicios de Inmigración y Naturalización acerca de su estado de inmigrantes.”

—“Servicios legales en términos de observar los temas de acciones aplicadas en la

frontera.”

—“Observar por si hay abusos en el lugar de trabajo debido a que alguien no cuenta con estado legal y no se puede defender.”

—“La creación en las estructuras diocesanas y de parroquias de las condiciones necesarias que capaciten para ser una Iglesia de acogida favorable.”

—“Amparo, con la creación de enlaces en donde ahora no existen; por ejemplo, aplicación de acciones apoyadas por Servicios de Migración y Refugio con respecto al trabajo a nombre de los obispos y de los grupos locales de amparo en las diócesis.”

ICR publicará artículos sobre apologética

A partir del mes de Agosto Idaho Catholic Register publicará una serie de seis artículos con el tema de La Defensa de Nuestra Fe escritos por el Señor Martín Zavala, Profesor de Apologética, Autor y Actual Director de Apóstoles de la Palabra con sede en Phoenix, Arizona.

Zavala y su equipo dieron talleres sobre apologética recientemente en parroquias del Decanato del Oeste.

Participamos en la vida de la Iglesia — especialmente en la Santa Misa — pero cuando alguno de otra fe nos hace preguntas no sabemos cómo explicar nuestra fe.

Zavala, fundador del Instituto Diocesano de Teología en Juárez, México desde 1993-2000 ha viajado por varias partes del mundo dando conferencia sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, “vacunando” a los Fieles para defender su fe.

John Hitchman, Director de Ético Ministerios de la Diócesis de Boise, ha confirmado la presencia de Zavala para atender talleres en la Fall Conference este 18 de Septiembre.

Hitchman recomienda a los católicos hispanos parlantes de Idaho asistir a esta conferencia en Septiembre para aprovechar esta oportunidad de educarse y participar en hermosas liturgias, con cerca de 800 participantes, que vienen de todos los rincones de la Diócesis.

Los puertorriqueños reciben los restos del beato Charlie Rodríguez

CAGUAS, Puerto Rico (CNS)—Miles de puertorriqueños se reunieron en Caguas para recibir los restos del primer puertorriqueño que ha sido beatificado, el beato Carlos Manuel “Charlie” Rodríguez.

El cardenal Luis Aponte, arzobispo jubilado de San Juan, y su sucesor, el arzobispo Roberto González, celebraron una Misa a la que asistieron más de 10,000 personas.

Durante la homilía, el hermano del beato Charlie, sacerdote benedictino, José Rodríguez, dijo que su hermano había ayudado a “aclarar la verdadera idea de santidad.”

“Debido a que nunca

habíamos tenido en Puerto Rico un santo proclamado en Puerto Rico, estábamos acostumbrados a pensar que los santos eran personas raras venidas del cielo,” dijo. “Pero hoy, al traer los restos de Charlie, un laico, a la iglesia del ‘Dulce Nombre de Jesús’ en donde él solía rezar, declaramos que él no fue un superhombre, sino un hombre con sus raíces en la tierra, en la familia y en su patria.”

Carlos Manuel Rodríguez fue beatificado el 29 de abril por el papa Juan Pablo II. Aunque murió en 1963, su proceso de beatificación empezó solamente hace once años.

Group gathers to make human rights statement after cross burning

By Jill Jarman
For the ICR

BOISE—In the darkness of the early morning, Monday, June 4, a burning cross seemed to deliver a message of hate on the steps of the Idaho State Capitol in Boise.

That evening, the Ada County Human Rights Task Force responded with a gathering of dozens of people on the steps of the Capitol Building to deliver a message of their own.

The message was that of unity against hate, in any form, toward any person or group. Instead of dwelling on the possible fear the burning symbol evoked, speakers focused on the opportunity it provided to unite.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne said when the cross was ignited, it "ignited a sense of absolute disgust in Idahoans." The governor also said the incident provided an opportunity to deliver a message that diversity makes us stronger and that "Idaho comes together. We will pull together continuously."

In an opening invocation, Reverend Nancy Taylor, First Congregational United Church of Christ and Idaho Voices of Faith for Human Rights, used a Martin Luther King Jr. quote to illustrate the importance of uniting to deal with hate symbols. "All life is interrelated. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Ada County Human Rights Task Force Chairperson Susan Curtis, a member of St. John's Cathedral parish, Boise, also reminded those gathered to come together.

"All of us share this moment," she said. "There is strength in numbers. We can be an example for our neighbors. We can give them the strength they need to stand up."

The gathering made it clear that citizens of all beliefs were eager to come together and take advantage of the opportunity to unite in a spirit of love, in broad daylight against a hate crime that took place in the dark of night.

Nominees sought for Ministry Recognition Awards

Idaho Catholics are invited to nominate persons for the annual Ministry Recognition Awards that the Education Ministries Office will present at the Diocesan Fall Conference set for Sept. 14-16 in Boise.

Nominees are sought in the categories of adult education, parish catechesis K-6, youth ministry 7-12, Catholic schools, RCIA, music ministry, special programs, small Christian communities or other. Nomination forms are available at all parish offices or through the Office of Education Ministries, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83703. Deadline for submission is July 15.

To submit a nomination, list the person's name, address, phone number and parish, the category in which recognition is requested. Explain how the nominee has been exemplary in his or her service to the ministry. Indicate their length of service to the particular ministry, and explain the manner in which that person has been exceptional in duty, devotion, dedication or innovation. Tell why the nominee should be considered for the award.

Hubert and Clara Frei to celebrate 50th anniversary with July 21 Mass

FERDINAND—Hubert S. and Clara C. Frei, Ferdinand, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 21 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. at Assumption Church, Ferdinand.

Hubert married Clara Grunloh on Sept. 15, 1951, at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham, Ill. Mass was celebrated by Father Gerald Weigand. They built their home on the farm that Hubert grew up on. Then continued to farm there all their lives, until recently retiring.

His hobbies include fishing, woodworking, dancing, and bowling. He continues to help Clara with their upholstery business.



Clara worked 15 years prior to marriage at the Central Glove Company in Effingham, at the same time serving as officer of the local glove workers union for several years.

After marriage, she became a full-time homemaker, as well as a gardener and seamstress. Her hobbies include bowling, dancing, and sewing. Her interest in sewing grew into an upholstery business which she has managed the last 40 years.

Both Freis have always

been active in parish activities.

Their family includes one daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren. The family will host the anniversary celebration.

McPeaks mark 50 years of marriage

KELLOGG—Wayne and Lois Dean McPeak, who were married June 11, 1951 will celebrate 50 years of marriage with a week long family reunion at Camp Larson on Lake Coeur d'Alene with their five children and their families.

The week will start with a Mass on July 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Rita's Church, Kellogg, when they will renew their vows. A reception will follow at 1 p.m. at the Elk's in Kellogg. Anyone who has been a part of the McPeaks life are welcome to join in the celebration.

celebration.

The couple is active at St. Rita's. Between them they have been members of the Altar Society, Catholic Daughters, Charismatic Renewal, Knights of Columbus since 1955 and Full Gospel Business Men.

Wayne and Dean have also been involved in Boy Scouts, Campfire, Good Sams and many other community groups in the Silver Valley.

Wayne was employed with Bunker Hill for 28 years and Dean with the Kellogg School District for the same time.



Wayne and Lois Dean McPeak

They are grandparents of 17 and have three great grandchildren.

Seniors treat Moscow 7th grade CYO to party

MOSCOW—What's the best thing to do on a Thursday morning when there is no school? Sleep, right?

But not for St. Mary's Parish seventh graders one recent Thursday morning. The senior Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) had other plans for them.

With calls informing parents of an early morning snatch and soliciting their help, the seniors roused sleepy-eyed boys and girls out of bed at 7 a.m. and took them to the parish center for a few "get to know" games and a pancake and bacon breakfast.

The seventh graders were returned to their homes a few hours later.



KIDNAP—Janie Kleffner, a St. Mary's Parish seventh grader, Moscow, is awakened by a St. Mary's senior for a surprise "get to know you" breakfast party at the parish center on a recent Thursday morning.

Abbot Wood retires at Mount Angel Abbey

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—Abbot Joseph Wood, O.S.B. recently announced his retirement as abbot of Mount Angel Abbey, St. Benedict, Ore. His tenure as the ninth abbot of this Benedictine community will end June 22.

Abbot Joseph, 78, said he was stepping down "for reasons of age." He was elected abbot July 7, 1997. He was Ministry Center director at Ascension Priory, Jerome, at the time of his election.

Abbots of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, to which Mount Angel Abbey is a member, are elected for an indefinite period of time. According to the order's constitution, an election for his successor must be held within three months.

Abbot Joseph thanked his community for calling him to serve as its Father and as the chancellor of Mount Angel Seminary these past four years.

During his administration, the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, Idaho, became an autonomous monastery of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation, the second of the abbey's new Martin Ott pipe organs was installed.

Abbot Joseph established the Mount Angel Seminary Board of Directors, a consultative body

that assists the abbot in his role of chancellor. In cooperation with the Archdiocese of Portland, Abbot Joseph made arrangements for Mount Angel to assume parishes closer to the monastery in exchange for more distant ones, to enable the monks to come home more often.

Also under the abbot's leadership, the abbey's first major capital campaign was initiated. The construction of a new dining hall was completed earlier this spring and the renovation of Aquinas Hall, a seminary residence, is about to begin.

Abbot Joseph said what he cherishes most has "been the blessing to share with the monastic community his own spiritual insights and vision."

"I am grateful to my brother monks for their support and love, which I have felt deeply," said Abbot Joseph. "I want to thank all associated with the Abbey for the support, encouragement and friendship I have received during these last four years."

Abbot Joseph said he plans to travel a little once he is retired. Then he will be at the abbey praying and helping in any way he can. He will stay involved with the Abbey's Capital Campaign working with the staff of the Abbey Development Office.



PROUD PARENTS—Mike Anderson, Lynn, left, and Kevin Fox, center, look on. Anderson presents \$100 U.S. Bond certificate to essay contest winner John Fox while his parents look on.

Youth wins essay contest on patriotism

COEUR D'ALENE—John Fox, a 14-year old student at the Coeur d'Alene Academy School, won first prize in an essay contest on patriotism sponsored by the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

As winner, Fox received a \$100 U.S. Savings bond. The prize was presented by Mike Anderson, faithful navigator of the Bishop Kelly Assembly of the Knights of Columbus.

The title of Fox's essay is "Is Patriotism Dead?" The contest

was open to any student 13 to 15 years.

"I disagree with the people who don't care enough about this country, its heritage, or even its flag," said Fox. "I believe that people should be taught at a young age to be thankful and respectful of this country."

Fox and his parents are members of St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene.

"The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is sometimes known as the Patriotic

Degree of the KC order," said Anderson. "This event is held yearly to give our youth the opportunity to spend some thought on the general subject of love of country. "We hope that next year we can extend the contest to more schools in the area than we had for this year."

The Bishop Kelly Assembly of the Knights of Columbus draws its membership from St. Thomas and St. Pius X parishes in Coeur d'Alene, and from St. George Parish in Post Falls.

Hearts Burn

(Continued from page 1) made presentations to the Presbyteral Council and then to all pastors at the deanery meetings. He followed that up with presentations on Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us to all those people the pastors designated as coordinators of the program.

"There are about 60 coordinators," he said. "No parish has been overlooked. Everyone has been extremely cooperative. The result will be that every parish will know the basic needs for adult Catholic education, and we as a diocese, will accumulate broad based information about what our adult Catholic population identified as needs, Craven said.

He said any adult Catholic, 18 years or older, who wishes to take part in the survey should contact the parish director of religious education or their pastor for information.

"All are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity which, not only will benefit the church, but will also provide individual participants with a private, personalized

"I'm very encouraged... This program is one that can link us."

report. That report will show how you did in the various sections and give you a listing of recommended readings.

Craven believes Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us is the most well designed effort the church has made in the area of adult education. "It's beauty and strength lie in a recognition that the needs of parishes are different," he said. "This program is structured to recognize those differences and allow parishes to develop adult education programs that best suit their needs without downsizing the emphasis already placed on child and youth catechesis.

"As a result," Craven said, "we will not see in the Diocese of Boise or in any diocese across the U.S. a cookie cutter type of adult education program emerging. Many parishes will use

existing components of adult education and expand and strengthen these."

He said some parishes will introduce new programs that they perceive best suited to answer their needs. Small Christian communities, lecture programs, discussion groups, prayer groups and formal classes are samples of the kinds of programs parishes might develop.

Another element of Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us that Craven sees as important is its encouragement for parishes to work with one another while retaining their character as parishes, to recognize that the Catholic community extends beyond their own boundaries.

Craven said parishes might share speakers and provide ac-

cess to programs for all, while still retaining their individual identity.

"I'm very encouraged," he said. "We have challenges be-

cause of the size and geographics of our state. We need to accept that and find ways to overcome it. This program is one that can link us."

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ALTAR RELIC—Father Timothy Ritchey, pastor of Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, assists Bishop Michael Driscoll in placing the relic of Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini under the altar at the new Meridian church, Meridian Road and Chinden,

during the church's June 6 dedication. Center, Father William Gould, the most recently appointed Diocese of Boise vicar general blesses a cross and the walls of Holy Apostles Church with chrism oil. Right, Deacon Jack Pelowitz incenses the congrega-

tion during the dedication Mass. Incense symbolizes the prayers of the people ascending to heaven. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)

Dedication

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It is not the building itself, so much, as that it will hold the Body of Christ and remind people of the beauty of God's grace," Bishop Driscoll said.

He reminded the congregation that they are the temple of God. They are the ones in which God dwells, and "you are holy."

The church serves as a reminder "that we are made in the image of God and we are to

follow in Jesus' footsteps as priests, prophets and kings," he said. "We are also reminded that this place is a holy place. Jesus himself reminded us that

this is his Father's house."

Bishop Driscoll urged Holy Apostles parishioners to let their new church remind them of

who they are and that they come there to offer the sacrifice of God who became man and died for us.

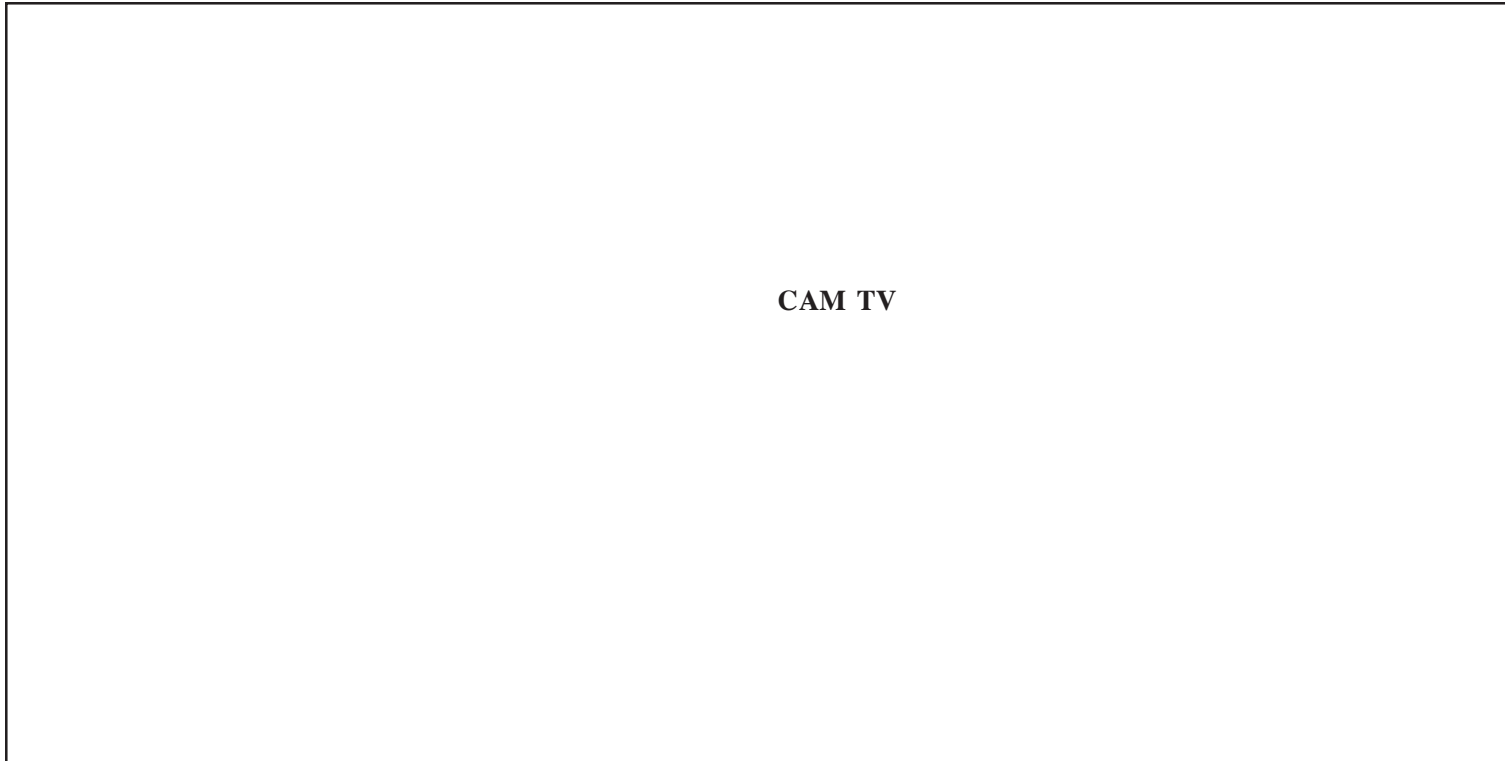
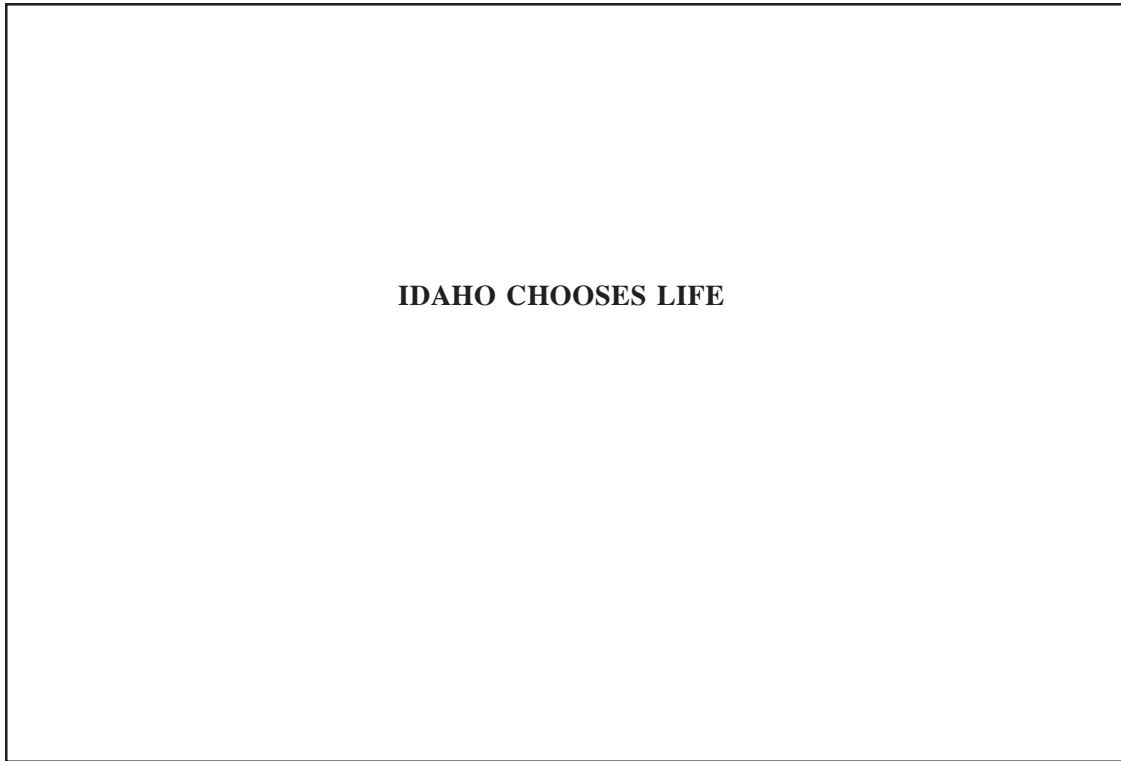
"Then we are sent out to reflect the beauty of God's face and the love of Jesus to others," the bishop said.



ORGANIZER—Deacon Gerald Pera, Diocese of Boise chancellor, served as master of ceremonies for the Holy Apostles Church dedication liturgy.



COAT OF ARMS—The Diocese of Boise coat of arms is in the stained glass window of Holy Apostles Church south transept. The use of the coat of arms represents the church past present and future connection to the diocese and the bishop.



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READY FOR MINISTRY—Newly ordained Deacon Ed Souza receives the Book of Gospels from Bishop Michael P. Driscoll during his ordination Mass June 23 at Presentation of the Lord Parish, American Falls.

When the bishop hands the Book of Gospels to the deacon during the Rite of Ordination he says, "Believe what you read. Teach what you believe, and live what you teach." (Photo by Mary Anne Murphy)

Diocesan Fall Conference to feature something for everyone Sept. 14-16

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

There isn't a Catholic in Idaho who can't find something of interest or assistance to them in the program the 2001 Diocese of Boise Fall Conference will offer Sept. 14-16 in Boise, according to Jack Craven, diocesan director of education.

"In the range of workshops and keynote speaker presentations there is something that will benefit everyone in their personal faith journey or provide them with information that will help them in their ministry," said Craven.

"There is a renewed interest these days on the part of mature Catholics to learn more about who they are and what the basic beliefs of our church are," he said. "People are asking for opportunities to learn more about them-

selves as Christian people. The diocesan staff, in planning this year's conference, has tried to be extremely sensitive to the requests that have come from all quarters of the state for speakers on specific topics, and that is going to be evident."

This fifteenth annual Diocesan Fall Conference will feature a pre-conference on Friday at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, for parish secretaries, elementary and secondary Catholic school teachers and principals, directors of religious education, youth ministers, adult ministers, and other parish support personnel.

Speakers at the pre-conference will include Father Paul W. Galetto, OSA, president of St. Augustine Preparatory School, Richland, N.J., who has done extensive research and writing (See 'Fall Conference,' page 20)

Bishop ordains four new permanent deacons

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll ordained four new permanent deacons for the Idaho Catholic church June 23 and 24.

The ordination Masses for Deacon Paul Henscheid and Orville J. Rathe took place the morning of June 23 at St. Nicholas Church, Rupert. Deacon Edward Souza was ordained that evening at Presentation of the Lord, American Falls.

The bishop ordained Deacon Bill Duggan June 24 at St. Anthony's Church, Pocatello.

The four men are among 17 scheduled for ordination to the permanent diaconate. The other 13 will be ordained in August and October in Lewiston, Bonners Ferry, Twin Falls, Boise and Grangeville. They join 34 other permanent deacons in Idaho.

"The ancient Rite of Ordination into Sacred Orders for deacons is one of the most beautiful and poignant in the Roman Catholic Church because it continues the institutional priesthood," said Deacon Gerald Pera, diocesan chancellor and master of ceremonies for some of the ordinations.

At the start of the ordination Mass, the deacon candidate, vested in a white alb, prostrates himself on the sanctuary floor of the church while the community sings the Litany of the Saints.

"In doing so, they invoke the intercessory prayers of the saints for the new

deacon, that the Holy Spirit will come to him and give him wisdom and holiness to minister to God's holy people," said Deacon Pera.

During the Mass, the deacon candidate goes to the bishop three times—first to pledge obedience to the bishop and his successors; second to have the bishop ordain him by the laying on of hands, and third, to receive the Book of Gospels.

"After the laying on of hands, the newly ordained deacon is vested with stole and dalmatic (the sash that is worn across the deacon's chest) by his wife and a priest or deacon," Deacon Pera explained.

After vesting, the new deacon kneels before the bishop who hands him the Book of Gospels, saying as he does, "Receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read. Teach what you believe, and live what you teach."

The Order of Deacons was instituted by the apostles in the early church and remained for 1,000 years. It was reinstated after Vatican II in 1967.

Deacon are ordained and missioned by Christ, through the bishop, to minister to the poor and those in need, to proclaim the gospel and preach, to assist at the Eucharist, to baptize and witness marriages, to administer sacramentals and to bury the dead.

Following is some biographical data (See 'Deacon ordinations,' page 19)

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Pope clears way for beatification of married couple from Rome

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II cleared the way for the beatification of a married couple from Rome, approving decrees at a July 7 ceremony attended by the couple's three surviving children. During the ceremony, the Vatican issued separate decrees recognizing the holiness of Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi as well as a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to their joint intercession. The decrees mean Pope John Paul can fulfill a desire he has expressed for many years: to beatify a married couple as a recognition of how many men and women live holy lives through the vocation of Christian marriage. Luigi, a lawyer and civil servant, died in 1951 at the age of 71. Maria, who dedicated herself to her family and to several Catholic charitable and social movements, died in 1965 at the age of 81.

Rwandan bishop declares authenticity of 1980s Marian apparition

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a formal declaration, a Rwandan bishop said the Virgin Mary regularly appeared to three women in the southern town of Kibeho in the early 1980s. "Yes, the Virgin Mary appeared at Kibeho on Nov. 28, 1981, and in the course of the following months. There are more reasons to believe than deny it," Bishop Augustin Misago of Gikongoro said June 29, following a decades-long investigation. The Vatican press office released a summary and excerpts of the bishop's 23-page declaration. Bishop Misago said that, although the apparitions continued for a number of years, church authorities limited their investigation to the first two years, during which "the essential elements of the message" were communicated and repeated. The bishop believes the apparitions in the early 1980s were a warning about attitudes that led to the 1994 ethnic genocide in the country.

Faith-based bill passes House; Senate action soon unlikely

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The House passed the first piece of President Bush's faith-based initiative July 19 after a contentious debate about whether the bill should exempt church charities from local civil rights laws. Both supporters and opponents of the bill peppered their remarks on the House floor with glowing tributes to faith-based community services in their hometowns. They credited Catholic Charities agencies, Lutheran social services, synagogue-based soup kitchens and their teachers in Catholic grade school with shaping their opinions about whether the disputed exemption is necessary or not. The House vote of 233-198 moved the Community Solutions Act of 2001 on to the Senate, where its future is more cloudy. In a statement from London, Bush said the House action was "an important step toward building stronger and more caring communities."

Town, parish offer prayers and support for boy attacked by shark

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. (CNS) — As a sign of community support, yellow ribbons decorate downtown Ocean Springs, home of an 8-year-old local boy still in a Florida Catholic hospital recovering from a life-threatening shark attack. An outpouring of prayers and affection for Jessie Arbogast in the wake of a July 6 attack that occurred during the family's outing near Pensacola, Fla., has developed into what many are calling "the miracle of Jessie." Jessie remained in a light coma after suffering extensive internal bleeding and undergoing skin graft procedures at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital in Pensacola. Support for Jessie has ranged from Masses, prayers and a blood drive held at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Ocean Springs, the Arbogasts' parish, to a pledge from the Coca-Cola Company to match every dollar, up to \$50,000, donated to Mississippi's Hancock Bank fund set up for Jessie.

Refugees' right to asylum must be respected by others, says pope

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — People should not be forced to flee their homeland, but if they do leave, other nations must offer them shelter and protection, Pope John Paul II said. Reciting the Angelus July 29 with visitors at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Pope John Paul marked the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Convention that dealt with refugee issues. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said that, as the anniversary was being marked, 21 million people were being assisted under the terms of the convention. Pope John Paul said the convention is "an important agreement which remains the basis for the international protection of refugees, having been ratified by 140 countries, including the Holy See."

Ruling on Mormon baptism clarifies Catholic practice

By Jerry Filteau

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. church officials said the Vatican ruling on the invalidity of baptism in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is intended to clarify Catholic practice, not make a judgment on Latter-day Saints, more widely known as Mormons.

A canon law expert called the ruling a significant one for church courts dealing with marriage cases.

Msgr. J. Terrence Fitzgerald, vicar general of the Salt Lake City Diocese, said in a telephone interview that, before the ruling, priests in Utah had been giving conditional baptism to Latter-day Saints who become Catholic.

Now they will "baptize absolutely," he said, not preceding it with the conditional formula, "If you are not baptized."

Latter-day Saints have their world headquarters in Salt Lake City.

In a statement sent to all parishes, missions and offices of the diocese, Salt Lake City Bishop George H. Niederauer emphasized that the Vatican ruling "should not be understood as either judging or measuring a spiritual relationship between Jesus Christ and the LDS Church."

The bishop said, "As we know, the LDS Church baptizes all its new members who were previously baptized in any other church. That practice indicated that the LDS Church regards its own baptism as accomplishing something which is substantially different from that of all other baptismal rites."

The Vatican ruling, he said "indicates that the Catholic Church also recognizes that LDS baptism is substantially different from Roman Catholic baptism."

"We cooperate with the LDS in many areas of charitable works," Msgr. Fitzgerald said. "We share many similar views on community issues and moral issues. ... So this is not a judgment about the relationship of the individual Mormon to Christ, it's a statement about how we're going to practice baptism."

Bishop Niederauer's statement noted that the Vatican's own commentary on the ruling called for continued Catholic-Mormon cooperation, dialogue and growth in understanding.

The doctrinal congregation's ruling was dated June 5 and published July 16.

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Vatican said that even though the Mormon baptismal rite refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the church's beliefs about the identity of the three persons are so different from Catholic and mainline Christian belief that the rite cannot be regarded as a Christian baptism.

Latter-day Saints regard Jesus and the Holy Spirit as children of the Father and the Heavenly Mother. They believe that baptism was instituted by the Father, not Christ, and that it goes back to Adam and Eve.

The congregation said it reached its determination with the assistance of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine.

Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, Pa., chairman of that committee, told Catholic News Service, "The church in the United States was closely identified with this judgment. It has supplied much of the information and documentation to Rome and concurred in the judgment."

Summarizing the effect on pastoral practice, he said: "We would no longer say (baptizing a former LDS member) is a conditional baptism; it is a baptism. As far as marriages go, we would say each one has to be considered independently. The effect of this on marriages has to be judged on a case-by-case basis."

In church law marriages are considered sacramental only if both parties are baptized.

If the non-Catholic party is not baptized, the marriage is not sacramental. It is not a valid marriage unless certain conditions have been fulfilled and the bishop has given a dispensation for it.

Church law adds, "If at the time the marriage was contracted one party was commonly held to have been baptized or the baptism was doubtful, the validity of the marriage must be presumed... until it is proven with certainty that one party was baptized but the other was not."

Franciscan Father Arthur J. Espelage, executive coordinator of the Canon Law Society of

America, said for many years now the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments had held that Mormon baptisms were not valid and called for baptism of converts from that church.

But he said that for questions of validity of a marriage between a baptized Christian and a member of the Latter-day Saints, the doctrinal congregation regarded it as a sacramental marriage; it "would not grant the Petrine privilege" by which the pope can dissolve a nonsacramental marriage in favor of the faith of the baptized party.

"The Holy Father could never dissolve a sacramental marriage," he said, but now cases involving a Mormon partner may be resolved by dissolution of the previous marriage, avoiding the more difficult and not always successful alternative of seeking an annulment.

Msgr. Fitzgerald said when dealing with marriage cases involving Mormons, "previously we assumed that they were baptized validly; now we will assume that the LDS person is not baptized."

Bishop Trautman noted that such issues can get complicated. He said one would have to explore, for example, whether the Mormon had first been validly baptized in a Christian church and later converted to the Latter-day Saints.

He said his committee did not investigate how other Christian churches deal with the question of the validity of Mormon baptisms.

In a published commentary on the issue the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America concluded that Mormon teaching is so "substantially different" from Christian belief that "Christian baptism has not taken place" in a Mormon baptism.

Paulist Father Ronald Roberson, associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and an expert on Orthodox churches, said none of the Orthodox churches regard Mormon baptism as valid.

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New abbot elected at Mount Angel Abbey

ST. BENEDICT, Ore. — The Benedictine monks of Mount Angel Abbey elected a new abbot July 6.

Father Nathan Zodrow, 49, becomes the 10th abbot to lead the 118-year old monastic community. He succeeds Abbot Joseph Wood who retired two weeks earlier.

Abbot Jerome Kodell of Subiaco Abbey, located in Subiaco Ark., presided over the closed-door election. Abbot Kodell installed Father Zodrow as ruling abbot immediately after he accepted the election by the 57 monks eligible to vote. He also presented him with the Engelberg Pectoral Cross. The cross, a gift to the abbey's first abbot in 1904, was given in honor of Mount Angel becoming an abbey from the motherhouse, Engelberg, in Switzerland.

Abbot Zodrow was born Gary Zodrow in Chewelah, Wash., the youngest of eight children, to the late Henry and Gertrude Zodrow. Feeling a call to religious life, he attended Mater Cleri High School Seminary where he graduated in 1970. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Angel Seminary six years later and his Masters of Arts in Theology and Masters in Divinity in 1990. He received his Doctorate in Catholic Educational Leadership from

the University of Dayton in 2000.

Abbot Zodrow has served the abbey and seminary in many capacities over the years. He was an instructor of art and pottery and chaired the art program at the seminary in the mid-to-late 70s. He also served as seminary formation director and director of personal formation. Abbot Nathan was named vice-rector of the seminary in 1993, a position he held until this year when he served as seminary administrator.

Other positions he has held include assistant manager of the Benedictine Press, seminary alumni and public relations coordinator, and curator of the museum and art collection. He has served as an elected member to the Abbot's Council many terms, including the last seven consecutive years.

"I'm very happy about the outcome of the election," said Abbot Joseph Wood after the announcement. "I think that Nathan has a lot of gifts and talents. The community loves him, and I love



Abbot Nathan Zodrow

him. So I am very, very happy. And I will pray that he is happy in this position."

During his first address to the community as abbot, Abbot Zodrow greeted his confreres and those who had gathered in the church with the sign of God's peace. The new abbot was visibly moved when he shared the story of his first visit to the hilltop.

"As I was walking into the church, I was thinking that it was 29 years ago almost to the day that Brother Claude and I visited Mount Angel for the very first time. And I think I can say without reservation that I fell in love with Mount Angel and the community that day and I have been in love with this community ever since."

"This community," he continued, "is a holy community in a sacred place filled with many friends accomplishing, by God's grace, many wonderful things. And so I feel somehow that with the direction of the Holy Spirit we will keep accomplishing and receiving that Grace from God to do His will here."

After thanking Abbots Jerome Kodell

and Joseph Wood, the monastic community and the abbey's friends and supporters, Abbot Nathan closed by saying that he was filled with an overwhelming feeling of joy. "There is a psalm that says '... and they will look upon Him and their faces glow with joy.' My hope for this community and for all of us gathered here is that we will always experience that joy of Christ. We will look to Him and our faces will glow with joy."

An abbot's authority over his monastic community is similar to the authority exercised by a bishop over his diocese. Abbot Nathan is responsible for the personnel and apostolates of Mount Angel, guiding the monastic community here as well as the Our Lady of the Angels Priory, a community in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico which was founded in 1966. He also serves as Chancellor of Mount Angel Seminary.

The Abbatial Blessing, a formal service in which Abbot Nathan receives from the local archbishop the mitre, crozier and ring, will be conferred by Archbishop John Vlazny in the next several months. This ceremony recognizes and acknowledges the link of Mount Angel Abbey to the Archdiocese and the rest of the Church.

Dedication of new Driggs church set for Aug. 25

By Walter J. Harris
For the ICR

DRIGGS—Bishop Michael Driscoll will dedicate the new Good Shepherd Catholic

Church, Driggs—the first Catholic Church in the Teton Valley on the Wyoming border—on Aug. 25 at an 11 a.m. Mass.

The church is the dream come

true for a bilingual community of about 50 Catholic families and many visitors who go to the area to visit Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, national forests or to ski. The community has long yearned for a proper place of worship. For years they have attended "Sunday Mass," often on Friday evenings, at the American Legion Hall in Driggs where a janitor's closet has served as the confessional.

Starting the first Sunday in August, Masses are scheduled at the new Good Shepherd Church each Sunday in English at 5 p.m. and in Spanish at 6:30 p.m.

The church is the product of the prayers and efforts of many. The principal benefactor selected the basic church design—a log structure that reflects the community's western heritage. Parishioners and Father Gabriel Vargas, pastor, have made sure the church also reflects their Catholic heritage. Some subcontractors volunteered their labor and parishioners donated labor for site plan development, landscaping, clean up and obtained various religious fixtures. One parishioner donated a Mexican wood carving of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The new structure sits on a ten-acre lot that is within view of the Grand Tetons. The size of the lot will allow for expansion and minimizes the traffic noise from the highway.

The church entrance has a large upper window area with an embedded crucifix frame.

Parishioners feel certain that God has had a hand in building their church. One example of His handiwork is the alignment of the church. During the winter of 1999-2000, the construction crew had a delay due to cloudy weather. The plan was to construct the foundation to align with the Grand Teton Mountain, but the mountain had not been visible for several days. Because the delay was creating extra expense, a parishioner was called to use a preliminary compass bearing that was determined the previous summer in the site plan development. That bearing was only within a few degrees. Prayers were offered, the best estimate given, and foundation poured.

When the sky cleared, it appeared the desired alignment was missed by a couple of degrees. But after the church was built, it became evident that the alignment is "absolutely perfect." It is offset just enough that the Grant Teton Mountain can be seen from the center aisle through the front windows without obstruction.

The building's large, covered entrance serves as a warm invitation into the church. Two stairways just inside the entry, one to the left and one to the right, lead to an upstairs loft. The loft provides a grand view and can be used for extra seating during services and also for meetings.

Also at the rear of the church, on the main level, are the sacristy, altar server vestments room, confessional, office, cry room, and restrooms.

The sanctuary features in-floor heating, carpeting, and five exit doors along the sides.

The new Good Shepherd Church, which has seating for 200 in the main sanctuary and an additional 50 in the cry room and loft area, is decorated in earth tones with log columns and log-trim accents.

The Driggs Catholic community hopes to someday include stained-glass artwork in the church's many windows.

The altar features hand-carved scenes of the Teton Mountains with a view of the Grand Teton Mountain. A large, hand-carved crucifix hangs from an overhead wooden truss above the altar.

Fundraising continues

DRIGGS—The objective of the Drigg's Catholic community from the start was to pay cash for their new \$800,000 church.

The Good Shepherd Catholic Church Capital Campaign currently has \$117,845 in gifts and pledges.

"To date there have been over 50 different donors from all over the country who have made contributions to the church," said Father Gabriel Vargas, pastor. "Those gifts have ranged in size from \$25 to \$50,000 and have greatly bolstered the spirits of local parishioners."

These gifts are in addition to the \$500,000 plus an anonymous principal donor gave and the community's building fund, which was over \$100,000 when construction began.

The community still needs to raise about \$130,000 by the end of this year.

"The parish needs more financial help to achieve its goals," said Father Vargas. "Now that the church is nearly done, it is easy to see how this will be a remarkable, beautiful new house for God that will forever change this community. This church will serve the Catholics of Teton Valley for a long time to come, and it is the prettiest little church I've ever seen."

Long-term parishioner Tom Walsh acknowledged that the community has a long way to go to raise the needed money.

"But we have already come so far that I am confident that God will provide us with the resources and energy to complete this new house of faith," he said.

Persons who would like to make a donation to the Good Shepherd Catholic Church Capital Campaign can send it to: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, P.O. Box 1174, Driggs, ID 83422.

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Death invites look at deeper meaning of life

In October 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Harlem, N. Y. . He told a group that met him: "We are an Easter People." The abrupt death of a widely respected Idaho Catholic invites believers to unfold deeper meanings of living. It also urges them to rediscover enduring mysteries, like mortality and our commitment to our identity as an Easter People.

On an average Wednesday afternoon, I was rendered speechless when I was told: "Glenna Welch was involved in a car accident. She did not survive." Word about this Sacred Heart, Emmett, parishioner's abrupt death spread around. Soon a few parishioners gathered, spontaneously, in our church, crying in each other's shoulders.

Glenna had played significant roles in various key parish ministries. Her prayer life had touched many within and without the parish. Then she had died when she had been only 48 years of age. Although we had already celebrated the daily parish Mass, those of us who were in the church were moved to celebrate the liturgy again. About 60 parishioners and I, then, gathered to recall the Lord's Death and Resurrection, and to pray for Glenna Welch's eternal rest.

The biblical wise man of old considered death, the death of a young person. In a few uncomplicated words he offers God's perspective: The wise man affirms that some might die at a young age, but the virtues that he (or she) practiced before an early death put to shame the many years of the wicked man grown old (Wis 4,16). Confidently, the wise man also de-

Ponder And Act



By Father Marcellus Fernandez

clares that *the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time, nor can it be measured in terms of years* (Wis 4, 8). In typical ancient rhetorical ways that sometimes elude our modern Western logical patterns, he explains that what is important is *not to be old but virtuous* (Wis 4, 7-20). The wise man's reflections are God's perspective, God's own words expressed in human language. Those of us who were shocked, because of Glenna's untimely death, welcome his message while struggling to accept it.

The wise man affirms that if the young person who died was virtuous, he has fulfilled his purpose for having been in this world: *Having become perfect in a short while, he reached the fullness of a long career* (Wis 4, 13). Then the wise man makes a statement that only believers could recognize as mysterious words moving

us to praise God: *His soul [of the virtuous person who died young] was pleasing to the Lord, therefore he [God] sped him out of the midst of wickedness* (Wis 4, 14).

Aging can't be avoided. But becoming virtuous, at any age, is a continuous personal *choice* to respond to God's active presence beckoning us to open our hearts to the mysteries surrounding living and dying. *Youth swiftly completed condemns the many years of the wicked man grown old* (Wis 4,16), proposes the wise man of old. Words that make some of us, older experienced folks still alive in this world, pause, as we pray for grace-filled illumination disclosing deeper meanings of our personal and communal existence, in this world. As we become older, we could also become wiser: *Delay not your conversion to the Lord, put it not off from day to day* (Sir 5,8).

Our Lord knew well the Scriptures. He who was delivered to death at 33 years of age must have pondered the words of the wise man of old. Thus it is that, in his kindness, The Lord exhorts us: *Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come* (Mk 13, 33). They are blessed words addressed to both those who are young and virtuous and also those who are old and unrepentant. We heed Our Lord's exhortation, aware that, as the Holy Father said "we are an Easter People," because of God's merciful kindness toward everyone, young and old alike.

Father Fernandez is administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Emmett.

The Mass is directed to the Father

A few years ago some friends asked me to help them celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents. We had a simple but moving Mass of thanksgiving, followed by a delightful dinner at which we were blessed with few and short speeches.

These occasions are among the great joys of life. As I reflected on the celebration, however, I came to a disturbing realization. Throughout the evening I had really paid much more attention to my friends than I had to their parents.

Why I had somewhat neglected the parents was clear to me. After all, I knew them only through their children. The parents belonged to another generation that had come from a different era. Their children and I were about the same age and we had a lot in common. And yet the celebration was in honor of the parents, not their children.

This experience helped me to understand something which happens, perhaps not infrequently at Mass. Jesus invites us to the sacred and sacrificial banquet, the Holy Eucharist, in honor of his heavenly Father. The tendency among some of us is to focus on the person of Jesus rather than on his Father.

This tendency is understandable. After all, Jesus, though divine, is one of us. He became human like us in all things but sin. We have a picture of him in our

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

minds. The Father belongs to eternity. He is transcendent, far above and beyond us, and the best imagination cannot form an adequate image of what God the Father looks like. And yet the Mass, like the life of Jesus, is directed to the Father. Jesus leads us to the Father. He is the truth who reveals the Father to us. He is the life which comes from the Father and which he shares with us.

If we are attentive to the liturgy, it becomes its own teacher. Notice that prayers are addressed to the Father through Christ in union with the Holy Spirit: "Grant this," the priest says to the Father, "through our Lord

Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with these words: "Through Him (Christ), with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

Another reason for the tendency to "neglect" the Father is that the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is so awesome that we may pause too long during the Mass in admiration of this truth and in adoration of Christ so that we do not pass to the purpose of the Eucharist.

This purpose is to make present the offering of Christ so that we may become part of it. The Mass is a sacrifice, not a devotion in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus on the cross offered himself to the Father, and we are empowered by baptism to share in that offering through the Eucharist.

We should identify with the sentiment expressed in the words of the priest after the consecration: "In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup."

In the Mass Jesus invites us to go with him to the Father.

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Question Corner

Is permanent diaconate conferred by Holy Orders?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. A recent article on the "Jubilee of Permanent Deacons," celebrating Vatican II's restoring permanent deacons in the church, states, "In its effort to update the life of the church, Vatican Council II made allowance for the diaconate 'to be restored to its own permanent position in the hierarchy' ('Lumen Gentium,' 29), also making it possible for married men to be conferred this sacrament."

Is conferring the diaconate considered the same as the sacrament of holy orders? When a seminarian receives the order of deacon and then priesthood, does he receive the sacrament twice?

A. One might put it that way, since the sacrament is conferred in two distinct ceremonies. It is more proper and theologically correct, however, to speak of three degrees of the sacrament of orders.

St. Hippolytus, a Roman priest who died in 236, has left us a valuable work titled "The Apostolic Tradition," with information about Christian worship and structure in his time. The bishop is the "sacerdos" (priest), says Hippolytus, elected by the people and ordained by imposition of hands by another bishop.

It was the bishop's role, among other functions, to preside at the Eucharist and proclaim the word of God.

"Presbyters" (elders or priests) were ordained by the bishop, with other priests laying on hands with him. "Presbyters" stood with the bishop as he presided at the eucharistic celebration and could themselves preside at the Eucharist with the bishop's permission.

Deacons were ordained by the bishop alone, since the specifics of their service to the bishop and priests in the local church were determined by the

bishop himself.

With the restoration of the permanent diaconate in the last 40 years, that picture of Catholic Church hierarchy described by Hippolytus remains in basic outline the one we know today.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, summarizing this tradition, speaks of two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ, the episcopacy and the presbyterate, and a

third degree, the diaconate, to serve liturgical and other needs of the local community as determined by the bishop.

"Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by... the sacrament of holy orders" (Catechism, Nos. 1554

and 1596).

The catechism quotes a letter of St. Ignatius of Antioch, martyred in Rome about the year 107, emphasizing the importance of all three degrees of holy orders, bishops, priests and deacons, in the life of the church. "Without them," writes Ignatius, "one cannot speak of the church."

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Our misunderstandings about suicide

Each year I write an article on suicide because so many people have to live with the pain of losing a loved one in this way. When someone close to us falls victim to suicide we live with a pain that includes a lot of confusion ("Why?"), guilt ("What might we still have done? Why didn't we notice sooner?"), misunderstanding ("This is the ultimate form of despair") and, if we are believers, considerable religious anxiety as well ("How does God treat such a person? What's to be his or her eternal destiny?")

What needs to be said about suicide: First of all, that it's a disease, something that in most cases takes a person out of life against his or her will, the emotional equivalent of cancer, a stroke, or a heart attack. Second, we, the loved ones who remain, should not spend undue time and energy second-guessing as to how we might have failed that person, what we should have noticed, and what we might still have done to prevent the suicide. Suicide is an illness and, as with a purely physical disease, we can love someone and still not be able to save them from physical death. God too loved this person and, like us, could not interfere with his or her freedom. Finally, we shouldn't worry too much about how God meets a suicide victim on the other side of God's love, unlike ours, goes through locked doors, descends into hell, and breathes out peace where we can't. Most victims of suicide will awake on the other side to find Christ standing inside their locked doors, inside the heart of their chaos, breathing out peace and gently saying: "Peace be with you!"

But there are always a number of objections: "You are making light of suicide! Suicide is the ultimate act of the despair and must always be named as such! Wasn't it G.K. Chesterton himself who said that, by killing yourself, you insult every flower on earth?" What's to be said about these comments?

They're correct, when suicide is indeed a despairing act within which one kills oneself. But in most

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By Father Ronald Rolheiser

suicides, I suspect, this is not the case because there is huge distinction between "falling victim to suicide" and "killing oneself". They're not the same thing.

In "suicide," a person, through illness of whatever sort, is taken out of life against his or her will. Hence we use the term "victim"—"a victim of suicide." Many of us have known "victims of suicide" and we know that in almost every case that person was someone who was the antithesis of the egoist, the narcissist, the over-proud, hardened, unbending person who refuses, through pride, to take his or her place in the humble and broken scheme of things. Usually it's the opposite.

The "victim of suicide" has cancerous problems precisely because he or she is too-sensitive, too-wounded, too-raw, and too-bruised to possess the necessary callousness needed to absorb life's many blows. I remember a comment I once heard at a funeral. We had just buried a young man who, suffering from clinical depression, had committed suicide. The priest had preached badly, hinting that this suicide was somehow the man's own fault and that suicide was always the ultimate act of despair. At the reception afterwards a neighbor of the suicide victim

came up and expressed his displeasure at the priest's remarks: "There a lot of people in this world who should kill themselves, but they never will! But this man is the last person who should have killed himself, he was the most sensitive person I've ever met!" Too true.

"Killing yourself" is something different. It's how some of the Hitlers pass out of this life. Hitler, in fact, did kill himself. He wasn't a victim of suicide. In such a case, the person is not too-sensitive, too self-effacing, and too-bruised to touch others and be touched. The opposite is true. The person is too proud to accept his or her place in a world that, at the end of the day, demands humility of everyone.

There is an infinite distance between an act done out of weakness and one done out of strength, even though on the surface they might look the same. Likewise there is an absolute distinction between being too bruised to continue to touch life and being too proud to continue to take one's place within it, though these too might look the same on the outside. There is all the difference in the world between falling "victim to suicide" and "killing oneself." Only the latter makes a moral statement, insults the flowers, and challenges the mercy of God.

Our loved ones who have fallen victim to suicide are now joyous and whole, inside of God's embrace, where, as our faith assures us, all is well and every manner of being is well.

Father Rolheiser, general councilor for Canada for his order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and an author, speaker and retreat director, has taught theology and philosophy at Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta, for most of his 26 years of priesthood. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Seattle University, Wash. He holds a doctorate degree from University of Louvain, Belgium. His areas of specialization include theology, philosophy, mysticism, and spirituality.

Readers Write

Thank you ICR

Editor, the ICR:

Your excellent account concerning the 60th anniversary of Ordination of Father Stephen Hoffman, O.S.B. is so appreciated.

His dedicated efforts and accomplishments here in our Magic Valley are exceptional.

Thank you for the fitting tribute.

Wynn Allee
Twin Falls

Meeting Jesus

Editor, the ICR:

For the last five years on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, members of Risen Christ Catholic Community, Boise, have served lunch at the former Soup Kitchen. Now they are serving at the new location in Community House. During this time hundreds of parish members have been given the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the person of the homeless. They are blessed as a parish and as individuals to have the opportunity to respond to the challenge of the scripture; *I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, Mark 25:34.*

Every weekday morning Boise Catholic Worker volunteers provide hospitality and breakfast for the hungry at Community House. Every second Thursday at 6 p.m. the homeless of Boise gather at St. John's Cathedral where the St. John's community invites Jesus in His street-people disguise to dine.

I hope that members of these communities would in future issues of the Register share their experiences of what this response to the scriptural challenge has meant to their parish

and to themselves.

Henry Krewer
Boise Catholic Worker

Voice that cries in the wilderness

Editor, the ICR:

The mystery of suffering in our own lives and in our world has always been a source of puzzlement to the human mind. It's often difficult to accept that it is God's raw material in moulding his children to perfection. So it's reassuring to see a glimpse of the divine wisdom as the fruits of suffering emerge.

Recently on a visit to a Polish Church a beautiful wooden icon of Our Lady caught my eye. An old gentleman told me its history. It was carved by a man using the sharpened lid of a tin can during his captivity in a Nazi concentration camp in Poland. He went on to describe the sufferings of his people both under the Nazi regime and then the Communists that followed them. So much persecution and oppression, the tears in his own eyes revealed his part of it. Plaques cherishing the memory of the thousands of soldiers who had fallen in battle lined the choir loft.

The faith of the people was surely tested in the furnace and despite 40 years of atheistic Communism, hope remained, the Church maintained its position, and the culmination of half a century of prayer and pain brought forth a Polish Pope.

To see that shortly followed by the collapse of the regime in Poland and then right across Eastern Europe and the USSR show clearly God's mighty hand guiding history.

As John Paul II continues to

be a voice crying in the wilderness of a world that largely ignores Christ's teaching, I can't

help wondering what means God will use to bring our nations back into the fold, but I'm

sure his love will find a way.

Stephen Clark
Manchester, UK

Weak or strong?

READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12: 13-21

Brothers and sisters: if you were raised with Christ see what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is of earth.

"I can't think about heaven all the time," an old parishioner once told me in a half-joking way. "I've still got too many things to do here on earth."

She was right. Most people are so eaten up by family and job responsibilities that they have neither the time nor the inclination to give much consideration to the next life. But this isn't really what St. Paul is saying.

When we were baptized, Christ brought us into a whole new way of living. He forgave our sins, lovingly birthed us into God's family, and gave us a whole new relationship with God and with other people. If we have been renewed—and we have—we should live as what we now are. God wants us to be in the world but not owned by it.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly—the attitudes and actions that are not fully Christian. St. Paul gives a list that certainly doesn't cover everything: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed and untruthfulness. The apostle expects believers to do a remake, with God's help of course, on their lives.

A few months ago, a young woman called me for information about marriage in the Catholic Church. As we talked, it became evident that she was not Catholic, although her fiancé had been baptized and raised in the church. In fact, she did not belong to any church or practice any religion.

"I have always believed that religion is for

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

weak people," she said. "And if they need something like that to lean on and give them support, that's fine with me." We discussed the matter a bit, and then ended our conversation.

Weak? How much weakness does St. Paul show? And how weak are the practicing Catholics you know? In actual fact, it takes a lot of inner strength, what we used to call "intestinal fortitude"—and God's grace, of course—to live as Christ wants. People who don't believe in God and His Son may choose their own values and ways of life, but these choices are not necessarily good for them or society. The newspapers and television are full of shocking stories that bear this out. Values need a solid basis or they become simply whims. Only strong, dedicated people can live Catholicism as it should be lived.

Today's gospel ends with some sobering though-provoking verses. But God said to him, *You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared—to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves—or choose ways other than Christ's—but are not rich in what matters to God.*

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Aug. 10-11: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Class of '71 30th reunion. Call Joe Good, 853-1575, Barry Zamzow, 345-4486, or Dave Skinner, 375-4015.

Aug. 12: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Latin Mass 5 p.m., according to 1962 Roman Missal, Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant

Aug. 20: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center Inter-Parish Evangelization Meeting, 7 p.m.

Aug. 21: BOISE, St. Marks Catechesis: Therese of Lisieux, 7 p.m.

Aug. 24: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer and Praise, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

Aug. 24-27: BOISE AREA HEALING EVENT International Catholic Speaker, Thomas Rutkowski, author of "Apostles of the Last Days" and "Miracles and How to Work Them." He is now an instrument God uses to bring spiritual and physical healing to many. For information: Elli Gerichs, 208-466-8511

Aug. 24: Sacred Heart, 811 S. Latah, 6:30 p.m., Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass, Presentation and Healing Blessing

Aug. 25: St. Paul, 15115 8th Street South, Nampa, 4:30 p.m. Rosary, 5 p.m. Mass, Presentation and Healing Blessing

Aug. 26: St. Edward the Confessor, 152 7th Ave. E., Twin Falls, 3 p.m. Rosary, 3:30 p.m. Presentation and Healing Blessing

Aug. 27: Holy Apostles Parish, 6300 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m. Presentation and Healing Blessing

Aug. 25: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary School Reunion of all school graduates, staff and families, after 5 p.m. Mass. Food, music, fun and renewal of friendships. For more information, call Mary Dolven, 208-523-0239

Sept. 13: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Returning Catholics, 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks

Sept. 14-16: BOISE/MERIDIAN, Diocesan Fall Conference, Holy Apostles, St. John's Cathedral and Bishop Kelly High School

Sept. 29: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Fall Festival/Cow Chip Bingo, 6300 N. Meridian Road, 12-6 p.m. Booths, children's games, music, food and beverage, cow chip bingo (with live cow), cash prize bingo, country store, auction raffles, sweet shops

Oct. 9: BOISE, St. Mark's Catechesis: Adoration, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11: BOISE, Idaho Historical Museum Ada County St. Vincent de Paul Society—Stone Soup Supper, 6 p.m., \$25 per person

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

POST FALLS, St. George's: Vocations Holy Hour 6-7 p.m., Sunday. Adoration, 6-9 p.m., Monday—Conversion Prayer while RCIA meets

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.—Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fridays—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

HAGERMAN, St. Catherines: 11:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI, Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

NAMPA, St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OROFINO, Little Flower Church: Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

POCATELLO, St. Anthony's: Thursdays, 12-9 p.m.

RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30—9:30 a.m.

SANDPOINT, St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

CASCADE: June 3, 4 p.m., Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



Aug. 6: Boise, Return from Vacation

Aug. 9: Boise, Interfaith Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Aug. 9: McCall, Junior High Camp

Aug. 11: Lewiston, Lewiston High School, Diaconate Ordination, Frank Phillips, Fred Schmidt and Nick Vietri, 11 a.m.

Aug. 12: Bonners Ferry, St. Ann's, Diaconate Ordination, Joseph Nicholas, 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 14: Rathdrum, St. Stanislaus, 100th Anniversary Celebration, 7 p.m.

Aug. 15: Cataldo Mission, Feast of the Assumption Mass, 11 a.m.

Aug. 17: Boise, Catholic Charities of Idaho Office Blessing, 775 N. 8th, 9 a.m.

Aug. 19: Silver City, Our Lady of Tears Mass, 1 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the first part of August.

Aug. 3, 1985

Rev. Msgr. Joseph M Verhorvan

Aug. 4, 1972

Rev. Msgr. Eric A. Schermanson

Aug. 7, 1956

Rev. James J. Williams

Aug. 7, 1990

Rev. Richard C. Bauman

Aug. 10, 1962

Rev. Patrick Slattery

Aug. 18, 1970

Rev. Michael J. McGowan

Nazareth Schedule

Aug. 13-15

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Aug. 15-16

BSU-College of Education

Aug. 16

St. Mark's Staff Retreat

Aug. 20-22

Department of Corrections

Aug. 21

Fort Boise Mid-High Staff Retreat

Aug. 23

St. Mary's School Staff Retreat

Aug. 24-25

Idaho Commission on the Arts

Aug. 25

Catholic Daughters Board Meeting

Sept. 7

State Board of Education

Sept. 7-9

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and Eda Elizalde, (208) 482-6995

Sept. 12

State of Idaho Transportation Department

Sept. 14

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

Sept. 14-16

Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Sept. 17-19

State of Idaho Transportation Department

Sept. 17-20

St. Alphonsus Education Ministries

Sept. 21-23

Deacon Formation 2000

Sept. 26

St. Alphonsus Home Health

Sept. 28-30

Marriage Encounter

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Luis Palau Festival to feature Christian stars, skateboarders

A Luis Palau Festival is scheduled for Aug. 10-11 in Ann Morrison Park, Boise, as a means to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the attention of every person in the area.

Many Christian churches in the Treasure Valley are working together to sponsor the festival.

Headlining the festival Friday will be Point of Grace, Jaci Velasquez, 4Him, Wintley Phipps and Idaho-based singer/songwriter Stan Sinclair.

On Saturday, dc Talk will perform as well as Rebecca St. James, reliant K, Grits, and

Sammy Ward.

The Festival Food Court will feature a broad range of choices from local eateries. Interactive games, clown, inflatables, face painting, videos, Veggie Tales characters and an entertainment stage are planned for the Children's Area.

Matt Beach, ranked one of the best competitive skateboarders in the world, will headline the Skateboard Exhibition.

For future information, visit the website, www.treasurevalleyfestival.org or call (208) 323-9554.

Chubbuck golf tourney Aug. 12

CHUBBUCK—St. Paul's Church, Chubbuck, is planning its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament, a scramble, for Sunday, Aug. 12 at Highland Golf Course in Pocatello. The tournament is a fundraiser for the parish.

Tee off times are between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person, which includes green fees and a barbecued chicken dinner.

Both men and women are invited to play. Players can register individually or as a team (five people per team) by calling St. Paul's Church, 237-7167 or John Shannon, 234-

1452 evenings and weekends.

Winning teams will receive prizes. Prizes will also be awarded to the man and the woman with the longest drive and to the man and woman who is closest to the hole. A drawing for door prizes is also planned, and those who register by Aug. 5 are eligible for the "Early Bird" raffle prizes.

Participants do not have to be pros to have an enjoyable day. Those who wish to reserve a cart for the day can call the Highland Golf Course to make arrangements.

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Sister Mary Boniface marks 50th jubilee

LA CROSSE, Wis. - Sister Mary Boniface Kriener, who for many years supervised the School of Xray Technology at Sacred Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls and was an adjunct faculty member at Idaho State University, Pocatello, was among 13 Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their religious profession at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse June 2.

Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls, will host a special Mass and reception to honor Sister Mary Boniface on Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. at the church. All are welcome.

After entering the FSPA community, Sister Mary Boniface spent three years in preparation for religious life before professing her first vows in 1951. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wis. She also graduated from St. Francis Hospital School of Technology, La Crosse, Wis., in Radiologic Technology.

She served as a radiology technologist in Iowa and Idaho.



Sister Mary Boniface Kriener

Sister Mary Boniface is currently living in Idaho Falls and is involved in many types of ministry.

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, an organization of over 450 women, have been serving their neighbors both at home and abroad for over 150 years. FSPA is committed to cultivating spirituality in the world and bringing new hope and meaning to the materially and spiritually poor.

Randy Steiner promoted to chief financial officers in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Randy Steiner, who served eight years as finance officer for the Diocese of Boise, was recently named chief financial officer of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Cardinal Roger Mahony, with the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the consent of the College of Consultors, appointed Steiner, who left the Idaho diocese in 1998 to serve as director of Financial Services in the Los Angeles archdiocese. He succeeds Jose Debasia, who will continue to serve as a consultant and advisor during the transition period until his retirement in July 2002.

In Idaho, Steiner worked with Bishop Tod Brown to establish modern business practices and assure financial solvency in the diocese. As director of Financial Services in Los Angeles, Steiner has worked to develop a technological infrastructure and information systems plan to better serve the parishes, schools and institutions of the archdiocese.

"Under the leadership of Cardinal Mahony and Jose Debasia, we are very well positioned to continue as a leading diocesan financial operation the United States," Steiner told The Tidings, official newspaper of the Arch-



diocese of Los Angeles, in an interview. "In technology we are well ahead of the field, and we are now in an excellent position to take advantage of the strategies we've implemented to improve our ministerial services to our parishes and schools, as well as the efficiency of our operation."

Steiner said the archdiocese has a serious obligation to "manage the money that people in the pews contribute to the church in a high standard."

He and wife, Eileen, who is now a cantor and choir member at St. Brendan, Hancock Park, and son Erich, who recently graduated from St. Francis High School, La Canada Flintridge, were members of St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, when they were in Idaho. They hope to return to the Gem State someday.

Steiner said he considers his job a ministry. "I made a conscious decision to stay with it when I went to Boise and then came here (to Los Angeles)," he said, "and I consider it very fulfilling. I appreciate the opportunity to be employed in an environment of faith, to be able to use my skills toward the betterment of our church."

Raspberry Festival, Aug. 5 to benefit monastery museum

COTTONWOOD — No questions about it: The raspberries are on! The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude will hold its 9th Annual Raspberry Festival Sunday, Aug. 5 at the Prairie High School Gymnasium located next to the Monastery, three miles west of Cottonwood, on Keuterville Road.

The Raspberry Festival, which will run 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., is the annual fund-

raiser to benefit The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude.

This year the festival will feature traditional raspberry shortcake, barbecue sandwiches and drinks. Items offered for sale include raspberry jams, honey, mustard and vinegar; raspberry soaps, bath powders and lip balms; new books, old books and hand-crafted items made by the Sisters of the Monastery of St. Gertrude.

Live entertainment, including the Old Time Fiddlers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mary Kaye Jungert on keyboard from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., will provide a lively musical backdrop for the festivities.

Live handwork demonstrations such as flint-knapping, spinning, weaving and lacemaking by the Appaloosa Lace Guild will be going on throughout the day.

The drawings for door prizes will take place at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Ticket holders must be present to win. The raffle drawing for a big-screen TV or \$500 in cash, a French linen tablecloth embroidered by Sister Mercedes Martzen and a handmade quilt entitled, "Redwork Alphabet" will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from the museum or during the festival. At the Quilt

Show, area quilters will exhibit their art, and attendees will vote, by ballot, for their favorite quilts and wall hangings. There will be a \$2 per person charge for viewing the quilt show.

Loretta Reiner, Cottonwood, is organizing the Show 'n Shine Car Show this year. The show will be set up along the park in front of St. Gertrude's Monastery. Trophies will be awarded, including "Nun's Choice Award" and Viewer's Choice.

Joseph and Mary Henscheid's children honor parents for 50 years of service to God, family and community

BOISE—Joseph and Mary Henscheid, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 1.

The Henscheids were married Aug. 1, 1951, at St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert.

Although the couple has traveled to Costa Rica to build a home for Habitat for Humanity and they volunteer weekly at the Red Cross, in addition to their parish activities, their children say they are very modest about their accomplishments.

"Humble as they are, we feel they deserve recognition for 50 years of service to God, their family and community, said Nicki Henscheid Karst, Idaho Falls, speaking for herself and her siblings. To that end, they submitted this poem in tribute to their parents:

A Golden Anniversary

*Joseph and Mary met and were wed
Some 50 years ago it is said.
Now this couple was not the biblical one,
Henscheid they were, you'd know by their son.
A Jesus he wasn't; nor were their five daughters.
Their teasing and playing reminded me of otters.
Those children came along, one after one.
And each tried everything under the sun.
But now they have left to make their own dough,
Under the watchful eyes of Mary and Joe.
Though some left and came back,
They flew out again with nothing to lack.
And 50 years later, Joe and Mary can be awed.
They contributed well to the children of God.*



Joe and Mary Henscheid

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BRIEFS

Rathdrum Catholic community to celebrate church centennial

RATHDRUM—The Rathdrum Catholic community will celebrate the centennial of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church with a Mass celebrated with Bishop Michael Driscoll on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.

The St. Stanislaus Altar Society will host a reception in the parish hall. The church, which is the oldest brick church in North Idaho, was dedicated on Feb. 13, 1901. It has been in continuous use since then.

Video Series showing at St. Patrick's, Rexburg

REXBURG—St. Patrick's Station, Rexburg, is presenting "Sharing the Faith," an instructional video series by Trinity Communication's Father Robert J. Fox.

The videos are shown each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the church, 385 3rd West, Rexburg.

The series is for Catholic adults and teens who want to review and learn more about their faith, and for non-Catholics who would like to learn about the Catholic religion. Topics include: The Existence of God, Divine Revelation, Sanctifying Grace, The Sacraments, Devotion to Mary, Morality, and many others.

Admission is free. Call 529-3138 for more information.

Nampa CDA awards eight scholarships

NAMPA—Court Our Lady of Victory, 1348, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Nampa, recently awarded eight scholarships to graduating seniors representing four parishes.

Winners were selected on the basis of an essay they wrote about their involvement in the Catholic Church, their community and their school, according to Marilyn Gunning, Melba, a spokesperson for the organization.

The winners and the school they plan to attend are listed by parish below:

St. Joseph's, Melba—Latisha Eve Hensley, Albertson College, Caldwell; Christopher Wm. Nutt, Blue Mountain Community College, Pendleton, Ore.; Kristin Keeney, Blue Mountain Community College, and Paul Keeney, University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.

St. Paul's, Nampa—Liam Lunstrum, Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore.

Our Lady of the Valley, Caldwell—Mari Lynn Robinson, University of Idaho, Moscow, and Kati Robinson, University of Idaho.

Holy Apostles, Meridian—Adrienne Wright, Boise State University, Boise

Nampa Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

NAMPA —Meals on Wheels is in need of individuals with reliable transportation who would like to donate a few hours each week, Monday through Friday, to assist in the delivery of meals in the Nampa area. Training will be provided, and the small meal routes are within the city limits of Nampa.

Meals on Wheels is a home delivered nutrition program for homebound individuals, primarily senior citizens, sponsored by Mercy Medical Center.

For more information, contact Donna Queen, coordinator, 208-463-5720; email: donnaqueen@chiwest.com

John Nourse named National Merit Scholar

MESA—John Nourse, son of Michael and Ceara Nourse, Mesa, was recently named a National Merit Scholar.

The Nourses are Byzantine Catholics (Eastern Rite). Their home parish is St. John Chrysostom Parish, Seattle, Wash. Because there is no Byzantine parish in their area, they attend Mass most often in McCall.

John, who has been home schooled, plans to attend Gonzaga University, Spokane, starting next fall. He has been awarded Gonzaga's Regent's Scholarship, the Diversity Scholarship and Gonzaga's National Merit Scholarship. He will major in psychology and plans to continue on to law school. He is interested in becoming a public defender.

His favorite reading currently is philosophy, and he is reading the *Summa Theologica* by St. Thomas Aquinas. He also serves daily Mass at Marymount Hermitage, Mesa, and is always willing to help the Sisters at Marymount in any task they need done.

"I cannot help myself. My son, single handedly, in spite of his parents, became a scholar, and I'm very proud of his accomplishments," said Michael Nourse. "I'm sure his birth parents would be as proud also. God grant him the wisdom to use his brain for good."

Four Bishop Kelly students attend Idaho Business Week 2001

BOISE—Four Bishop Kelly High School students, Boise, attended the 24th annual Idaho business Week program on the Boise State University campus.

They are Thomas Czarniecki, Eli Pierson, Sarah Shoebridge and Patty Wold.

Established in 1978, Idaho Business Week is an educational program which focuses on the values and principles of the free enterprise system through performance based education.

Cathedral Children's Collection teaches kids about stewardship

By Jill Jarman
For the ICR

BOISE—Stewardship is a key element in all relationships with God, regardless of the age of the follower.

At St. John's Cathedral, Boise, this idea is implemented through the Children's Collection, a program designed to help children incorporate stewardship in their own lives.

The program began when Father Joe McDonald formed a Stewardship Committee. Members Julianne Russell and Patty O'Neill recognized the need to train youth in the ways of stewardship. With this knowledge, they worked to implement the Children's Collection, an envelope program that encourages children to share their time, talent or treasures with God.

"The program really encourages not money, but the realization that stewardship is giving time, or talent, or treasure to God. The program is not concerned with how much, but why, it is given," said O'Neill. "Money is not the goal, but when money is received, it is donated to a local children's charity, so the kids realize they are really impacting something."

The program began with a six-week trial run around Advent last year. When parishioners responded positively to the program, it continued, and a new tradition was built.

Different styles of envelopes for children and pre-teens are provided for families to take home, or any envelope can be used. Over the week, children think about their offering to God and talk to parents about it before church, said O'Neill.

Then, at Mass, the priest who is celebrating invites the children go to the front of the church and place these envelopes with their



CHILDREN'S COLLECTION — Father Joseph McDonald, St. John's Cathedral rector, Boise, thanks Jacob Oths for his participation in the Children's Collection. Jacob is the son of Michael Oths and Susan Burke. The Children's Collection encourages children in the parish to share their time, talent or treasures with God. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

offerings in a ribbon festooned collection basket.

An early concern of the program was the distraction that might be caused when the children proceed to the front of the church. Fortunately, this was an unnecessary concern.

"The kids are very quiet and respectful," said O'Neill. "It has been incorporated as a reverent time of church, and the children have really risen to the occasion," Parishioners are able to stay informed of the children's collection through updates in the church bulletin. Every other week, some of the children's offerings are shared.

Recently, a young boy wrote of how, "like the Apostle's, (he) too had become a fisherman."

Others share "talents" of not hitting siblings, or playing musical instruments for others. Some share treasures, such as notes or drawings they have made for God, said O'Neill.

The increase in children participating has proven the program's success. The children of St. John's have gained a great enthusiasm for stewardship, O'Neill said. They share this through their contributions that prove they have learned the importance of stewardship, even at their young age.

Boise students honor Homebound Friends

BOISE—St. Mary's School, Boise, honored elderly parishioners at a special Mass and luncheon recently. As part of the Homebound Friends Program, 7 of the 21 elderly parishioners designated as friends to each grade celebrated a Friday morning Mass with the student body, faculty and parents. Homebound Friends in attendance were Johanas Abel, Evelyn Charters, Jean Rieger, Alan Logan, Anne Pankowski, Anna Heuston and Bill Maher. Judith Joyce and Nettie Miller were special guests.

In his homily, Father Pat

Dennis, celebrant, urged the students to seek out elderly people throughout life for advice and guidance. He reminded the students to show respect and gratitude to previous generations for their hard work and sacrifices for America.

Sister Betty Schumacher established the Homebound Friends Program at St. Mary's 11 years ago. Each grade is assigned two or three elderly parishioners to visit, write and remember in prayer. The goals of the program are to ease isolation and loneliness of the elderly, encourage qualities of car-

ing, compassion and respect in the students and strengthen outreach between school and parish.

Laurie Nolan, Homebound Friend coordinator says, "It's wonderful to see the interaction between the children and Homebound Friends. Both gain so much."

Nolan, assisted by Angela Housely, and a parent from each grade, planned the Mass. The school hopes to make this an annual event.

For more information contact Marcia Beckman, St. Mary's School principal, 342-7476.

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Housing sought for family with sick child

By Jill Jarman

For the Idaho Catholic Register

BOISE—It is always heartbreaking to watch a child suffer from illness. For one Twin Falls family, this heartbreak and struggle seems endless, especially since they haven't found housing and have to commute to Boise for her medical care.

Nick and Melissa Martinez's little Christina's turmoil began she was only 6-months-old. She contracted Rotovirus. The stomach virus is not uncommon, and usually not too severe, but this child's situation was unusual.

She developed a severe case of the virus that ate away at her intestines and bowels. It was so serious that doctors had to perform an operation to remove her intestines.

Now, at 20-months-old, the youngest of the Martinez's six children suffers from short bowel syndrome. She is fed a nutritional supplement through a tube, is on a wide assortment of medications, and suffers through chronic stomach problems, and other complications such as renal failure, said Jennifer Roy, St. Luke's Hospital pediatric social worker, Boise.

Her medical needs are very specialized, and fortunately, she can get the care she needs for her condition at St. Luke's. Unfortunately, that means a long commute from Twin Falls for the baby and her mother. Because the family only has one car,

the mother and daughter must take the bus. Often, they take this trip more than once a month, for up to three weeks at a time, Roy said.

"The mother and daughter spend so much time in Boise that the little girl was recently baptized at St. John's Cathedral because the mother only had time to attend the classes that were offered in Boise," said Roy.

The extensive amount of time spent in Boise means the baby and her mother are away from the rest of the family more than they are with them.

"The situation is forcing each parent to act as a single-parent family in extremely stressful situations," Roy said. "One parent has a child with a chronic illness, while the other works two jobs and raises five children, Roy said.

To combat some of this stress, the family hopes to relocate to Boise. Relocation would end the bus trips where the mother faces a less than convenient bus schedule and repeated questions from strangers about her daughter's condition. It would also end separation of the family, enabling each parent to offer greater support to one another and the children.

So far the family of eight has not been able to locate suitable housing, said Roy.

"I have called all the housing authorities, the state, low income housing, health and welfare. Everywhere. And the best I can find is a two-year waiting list," said Roy.

"They aren't looking for a free place to stay. They are willing to pay. They just can't find a source to rent from. It is so difficult to find anyone who is willing to rent to such a large family, but they are great tenants," she said. "They have always rented. The mother has even done house-cleaning for a landlord to earn money for the bus fare, while the father has done additional handiwork to help out. They can supply references."

Roy has high praise for the Martinez family. "They are a really neat family," she said. "They work hard to take care of their needs, and they are great parents. It is hard to watch them struggle with all of the complications of the commute, along with this little girl's sickness."

Roy said the toddlers prognosis is uncertain. To ensure that she receives the best care, the family should be near the hospital in Boise.

The father, a CNA (certified nursing assistant), should be able to easily find a job in Boise. The family just needs to know they have housing. Currently, the family pays \$600 a month in rent for their three-bedroom home. They are looking for a comparable housing situation.

Anyone who believes they can assist this family with housing is asked to contact Jennifer Roy, MSW, 381-2218 to offer ideas and/or resources. Roy is in her office at St. Luke's Hospital Tuesdays through Thursdays.

BK scholar Alicia Lachiondo keeps perfect SAT score in perspective

By Herbert Atienza

Alicia Lachiondo just received a perfect score of 1600 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Is she headed to Disneyland? Nope.

What she would rather do is sell her clothes and other worldly possessions and give the proceeds to the needy.

"It feels great to have done well on the test, but there are so many other things to life," the 17-year old student at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise said.

"I think it might open up some opportunities for me, but a test is such a narrow thing to pin your whole life on," said Lachiondo, whose father, David, former principal of Bishop Kelly High School who just resigned this year to take a post with the Boise School District.

The grandchild of Julian Lachiondo, a Basque sheepherder who emigrated from Spain, Alicia Lachiondo draws strength from her family, her Catholic faith and her Basque heritage.

When she took the SAT, she brought with her a rosary owned



Alicia Lachiondo

by her grandmother, Lydia, "for peace and comfort."

She has been active with the Oinkari Basque Dance Troupe since she was 14 and is also involved in varsity basketball in her school.

"She's a wonderful girl, a true blessing to her family," said David Lachiondo. "She's a multi-dimensional person."

Alicia Lachiondo said she expected to do well, but did not expect an error-free SAT, a feat achieved by only a handful of more than 1 million students who take it each year.

She said a recent experience affirmed her belief that most things—including a sensational splash on the SATs—all have their proper place in the grand scheme of things.

She spent a week last summer helping build a church and laying concrete for a school classroom in the small town of Vicente Guerrero in Baja California, Mexico.

"It was probably the best week of my life," she said.

"It was a simple experience that completely transformed me... when I got back, all I wanted to do was to sell my clothes and give the money to those who needed it," she said.

She said the chance to interact with people who did not have a lot of material possessions made her realize what is truly important.

"No matter how rich, beautiful or famous you are, in the end, all those don't mean a thing," she said.

Lachiondo, who works as a bus girl at Goldy's in Boise, said she is now considering where to attend college, with hopes of becoming a doctor who will treat people who are needy.

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Buhl Knights honor John, Lillian Romero family

BUHL—The Buhl Knights of Columbus honored John and Lillian Romero as Immaculate Conception Parish Family of the Month for May.

The couple moved from Colorado to Filer in 1969. John worked for the local feed mill until his retirement. He helped with the parish fair booth for several years and made sure it was in "ship shape" before it opened each day. He is a regular at daily Mass and offers an hour of adoration at the church each Monday. He also helps take care of food donated to the parish food bank for the poor.

Lillian works for Clear Springs Foods and has been very active in the Legion of Mary. She served as the Legion's treasurer for the Buhl Presidium and secretary for the Twin Falls Curia. She has been a member of St. Ann's Club, Filer, a group of women who meet for religious study, fellowship and good works. At Immaculate Conception Church, she works on the November committee that puts on the Sunday coffee hour and cleans the church.

The Romeros have raised 10 children. They have 35 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

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Hispanic Center names director

BOISE—The Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho (HCCI), Idaho's only cultural center dedicated to Hispanics, has announced the appointment of Janie Aguilar as executive director.

"We are very fortunate to have found someone of Janie Aguilar's caliber," said Ana Maria Schachtell, HCCI board

president. "She comes to us with tremendous experience in marketing, management, human resources and communications. She is bilingual and has the passion that this position requires. The center has amazing room for growth and naming Janie as executive director is definitely a step in the right direction and couldn't have come at a better time."



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Coeur d'Alene Catholic Daughters install officers, initiate new members

By Sadie Brooten
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE — Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of the Lake, 1447, Coeur d'Alene, installed new officers and initiated new members with special ceremonies during their recent meeting.

They started the evening with Mass at St. Thomas Center celebrated by Father George Rassley, chaplain. He told the members to continue their good works by "spreading the message of Jesus everywhere and especially in your own daily lives."

Father Rassley urged new members to attend meetings and get involved in the good works and activities of the organization, steps he believes will benefit their personal lives.

State officers in attendance were Bonnie Wissell, Nampa, state regent; Arme Bernhardt, Osburn, first vice regent; Rita Cline, Coeur d'Alene, state treasurer, and Sharon Waldo, Kingston, district deputy north.

Waldo installed the new officers—Bonnie McDowell, regent; Marg Chadderdon, vice regent; Rosemary McGrath, recording secretary; Barbara Brouillard, treasurer, and Barbara Suveg, financial secretary.

New members who were received into the organization included La Verle Moultrie, Coco Moreno, Celine Cutler, Martha Jauregui, Jane Nelson, Shirley Christensen and Patricia DeBaker. Mary Ann

Dunningan, chairman, was in charge of the reception.

State Regent Wissell invited members to the state workshop that will take place in August at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise.



NEWLY INSTALLED—New officers who were recently installed for Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of the Lake, 1447, are from left, Bonnie McDowell, regent; Marjorie Chadderdon, vice regent; Rosemary McGrath, recording secretary; Barbara Brouillard, treasurer, and Barbara Suveg, secretary.



ENJOYING GOD'S GIFTS IN NATURE—Christine and Bill Parsley's children, Daniel, left, Elizabeth and Meghan, pose for a photo while on a family camping trip. The family belongs to St. Joseph's Parish, Sandpoint.

St. Teresa's Academy Class of '51 holds reunion

BOISE—The St. Teresa's Academy class of 1951 gathered for their 50th reunion at Surprise Valley July 14-15 in Boise.

It was with great excitement that they met each other, some after not seeing each other for 50 years. Members enjoyed a potluck dinner together, looked at photo albums that different classmates brought and reminded each other of the fun and good times of high school days.

Milly Siminich Gutkoski compiled a remembrance booklet for everyone in the class with the article each wrote about his/her life since graduation. The book also contained a list of the Sisters of the Holy Cross who taught the class during their years at St. Teresa's.

St. Teresa's class of 1951 had 22 girls and five boys. The five boys were Clifford Brady, Tom Stuart, Ed McDonald, Herbert Brewer, and Tom Murphy. The boys were graduated in February of 1951 so they could go to the military in the Korean War. The 22 girls graduated in St. John's Cathedral, Boise, in May.

The girls who attended the reunion were: Pat Brush, Sister Mary Louise Deroin, CSC, Kay



CLASS OF 1951—Participants in the recent St. Teresa's Academy Class of 1951 reunion pose for a photo together. They from left, back row, Ed McDaid, Boise, Kay Rutledge Frankenstein, Seattle, Wash.; Grace Wood, Cambridge, Colleen Watson, Seattle, Sister Josephine Marie, CSC, Ventura, Calif., and Joanne Shurts Hally, Boise; Front row, Laura Mae Gann, St. Joseph, Mo., Margaret Davis Pielstick, Nampa, Pat Brush, Boise, Mary Jo Kerwin Lang, Beaverton, Ore., Mary Nash, Twin Falls, Milly Siminich Gutkoski, Bozeman, Mont., and Sister Mary Louise Deroin, CSC, Salt Lake City.

Rutledge Frankenstein, Laura Maye Richardson Gann, Milly Siminich Gutkoski, Joanie Shurts Hally, Mary Jo Kerwin

Lang, Margaret Davis Pielstick, Colleen Richardson Watson, Grace Van Paepghem Wood and Mary Mick.

Others who could not make the reunion were Betty Baker, Joan Mizer, Micki Flaherty O'Brien and Phyllis Chamber-

lain Ravina.

Two classmates are deceased: Betty Kulick and Betty German.

Class members said they all feel appreciative of the education they received from the Sisters of the Holy Cross from South Bend, Ind. They hold in fond memory Sister Leo Anthony and Sister Josephine Marie who then served as principal of the academy at the time.

Class reunion participants welcomed Sister Josephine Marie to the reunion.

Sister Josephine Marie is retired and lives at St. Catherine's by the Sea in Ventura, Calif. she helps manage the annual bazaar at St. Catherine's. While in Boise she saw many of her former students.

On Sunday morning, several of the classmates attended Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Boise. They remembered it before it was renovated and discussed their graduation ceremony there 50 years ago. They prayed for all the classmates who could not be with them and those who are deceased.

After breakfast at a local hotel, the classmates said their farewells and departed until they will meet again, either in five years or in eternity.

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Benedictine Sisters celebrate Golden Jubilees

Sister Bernice Wessels and Sister Benita Hassler celebrated their golden jubilees as Benedictine Sisters of the Monastery of St. Gertrude on the Feast of St. Benedict, July 11.

Sister Bernice entered the community in 1947 at age 14, making final vows in 1954. From 1951 until 1972 she taught grade school in Nezperce, St. Maries, Pocatello, Grangeville, Lewiston, Buhl, Cottonwood, Emmett, Rupert and Boise. In 1972, she went to Cali, Colombia, to teach English. When she returned to the U.S., she began working in pastoral care and served in Homedale, Burley, Rupert, Arco and Mackay and Tremonton, Utah, ministering mainly with Hispanic programs.

In 1993, at the request of then Bishop Tod Brown, Sister Bernice found herself at St. Thomas Aquinas school in Rome, Italy, studying Canon Law in the Italian language. Upon receipt of her degree, she began working at the Office of Canonical Affairs in Boise. Currently, she is on sabbatical at the monastery in Cottonwood.

Sr. Bernice believes that the "prayer and the support from the Sisters has made me who I am today." She credits her monastic calling for broadening her horizons, not reducing her opportunities.

"The educational and other opportunities given me by the Community have been tremendous," she said. "I have come to a trust that it is truly God who



JUBILARIANS—Sister Meg Sass, assistant prioress; Sister Benita Hassler, 50th jubilee; Sister Jean Lalande, prioress; Sister Bernice Wessels, 50th jubilee; and Sister Emagene Warren, procurator, pose for a photo during the July 11 jubilee celebration at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood.

is leading me, and I need not worry."

Did she ever question her decision to make vows? "Yes, there were times I was asked to do things that I believed I couldn't do. However, through the support of the community and my family and friends, I somehow always found a way to 'make' it," she said.

Sister Bernice believes that God is still calling women to join religious life. Those feeling the "call" need to bring it to prayer and find someone who

can be their spiritual guide.

Her advice to those striving to live a deeply spiritual life: "Take it one day at a time. Believe that God is real and loves you more than can be imagined. God will never ask more of you than you can take."

Sister Benita entered St. Gertrude's in 1949 and made her final profession in 1954. From 1951 to 1962, she taught in Greencreek, Boise, St. Maries, Grangeville, Nampa, Cottonwood and Lewiston. She spent five years in Bogota,

Colombia, teaching music at Colegio San Carlos. After a three-year break, Sister Benita found herself back in South America for an additional three years. In 1973 she returned to the US for good and taught in Boise, Rupert and Caldwell.

In 1984 and in 1987, Sister Benita received the Idaho Foreign Language Teacher of the Year award. She retired in 1999 and established the Caldwell Benedictine Outreach, a ministry which helps people who slip through the social services sys-

tem earn their GEDs, computer skills, English and citizenship study.

Sister Benita believes that being a Benedictine Sister has given her the gift of an enormous amount of personal growth, spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally.

"The balance of community and personal prayer with meaningful, making-a-difference opportunities to work with others has made my Benedictine lifestyle very healthy and energizing for me," she said.

After resisting "the call" during her high school years, the prayers of her mother, her three Sister-aunts and her Benedictine uncle, "finally brought me to St. Gertrude's, a 'good and holy place,'" said Sister Benita, smiling.

Sister Benita wanted to be a nurse and live at the monastery. However, her prioress wanted her to study music and to teach, so she did. Eventually she ended up in Colombia, South America, far from the monastery. With the wisdom of a 50-year perspective, Sister Benita sees that "following St. Benedict's emphasis on obedience has given a fruitful direction to my life."

"I say to anyone inquiring about the Benedictine way of life that it continues to lead me closer to what Amado Nervo, the Mexican mystical poet, proclaims: *I love, I was loved, the sun caressed my face. Life, you owe me nothing. Life, we are at peace.*"

Idaho silk artist Helen Glidden makes banners for Council church

COUNCIL—Two matching banners made by Idaho silk artist Helen Glidden graced the altar at St. Jude's Church, Council, this spring. It was art that added a feel of awe and reverence for many who worship at that church.

Glidden, who lives in Council and joined the Catholic Church about three years ago, said for a long time she "shied away from doing such projects due to the awesome responsibility involved in creating a holy piece of art."

"Once I started, I found the experience very enriching as it takes one beyond the 'art for art's sake' into art for the church and the people of the church," she said, acknowledging that the idea for the banners came easily.

She chose to keep the design simple using the symbols of Easter to depict the holiness of

the Mass.

"The flow of one symbol to the next helps move the viewer's eye from the top vertically down the banner," said Glidden describing her work. "At the top of each banner are a white dove, a host and a chalice. Three Easter lily blooms visually support the chalice. Below those are the Alpha-Omega sign and then dogwood blossoms."

Glidden, whose father was an author and whose mother was a homemaker and artist, got involved in silk painting through a friend shortly after her graduation from University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1985 with a degree in art. She spent some time with her friend learning the basics.

"I then struck out on my own and chose to use silk painting to make my living. I am now a professional silk artist and have

been painting for over 10 years," she said. She attends most of the major arts and crafts fairs in the Northwest and in Arizona in the winter. Her craft allows her plenty of time for meditation and prayer.

Glidden said silk painting starts with white silk of various weaves. She uses mostly habotai and crepe de chine. The silk is stretched on frames in preparation for painting. She uses a high quality professional silk dye made in Paris, France. The dye is applied using sumi brushes and foam brushes, depending on the technique.

She does line work with ink in a squeeze bottle. The line keeps the dye from bleeding from one area to another. After painting, the silk is steamed to set the color. The dye becomes quite colorfast and is machine washable and durable, she said.



HOLY PIECE OF ART—Matching banners made by silk artist Helen Glidden graced the altar at St. Jude's Church, Council, this spring. They depict Easter symbols.

Mount Angel Abbey seeks matching funds for seminary renovation

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—The Clark Foundation made a \$500,000 challenge pledge to the Mount Angel Abbey *Let There Be Light* Capital Campaign.

Mount Angel Abbey must raise \$500,000 in matching support pledges in order to receive the Clark Foundation challenge pledge.

Mount Angel Abbey plans to raise \$4 million for the renovation of its college

seminary building, Aquinas Hall, which was built in 1930. Construction will begin in June and will be completed by August of 2002.

The Aquinas Hall project is the first of several renovation and expansion projects at Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary.

"We are planning to improve and expand our facilities for the dioceses

and religious orders we serve through our seminary and the thousands of guests who visit the Abbey Church, Retreat House, and library each year," said Abbot Joseph Wood.

Future plans include construction of a new academic center and auditorium, assisted living center for senior monks, bell tower, and wellness center; and,

renovation of the theology student residence and Abbey Church.

Mount Angel Seminary is the largest seminary on the West Coast with 170 seminarians. Founded in 1889, it serves 26 dioceses, including the Diocese of Boise, and eight religious orders in the United States, Canada and Pacific Island nations that have over 5,000,000 Catholics.

Bishops declare standing is posture for receiving Eucharist

By Jerry Filteau

Catholic News Service

ATLANTA, Ga.— In new liturgical norms adopted June 15 the U.S. bishops declared that standing is the posture for reception of Communion in the United States.

They prescribed a bow of the head as a sign of reverence before receiving Communion, with a second bow before receiving from the cup if Communion is given under both kinds.

They raised Catholic penance for the violence of abortion and prayer for the restoration of the full legal right to life on Jan. 22 to an annual liturgical observance. They said the Mass for Peace and Justice is to be celebrated that day, or on Jan. 23 whenever Jan. 22 falls on a Sunday.

They asked the Holy See for special permission, called an indult, to continue using the Apostles' Creed in place of the Nicene Creed at certain Masses.

The bishops took the actions by voting 205-14 to approve a series of revisions in U.S. liturgical norms during their spring meeting in Atlanta June 14-16. Any of the decisions involving changes from current practice require Vatican approval before they take effect.

As part of their work on a thorough revision of the U.S. version of the Roman Missal, the bishops in 1995 had approved a U.S. appendix to the second General Instruction of the Roman Missal, the Vatican norms then in effect for the eucharistic liturgy. The U.S. appendix—which identifies additional U.S. norms or differences between U.S. norms and the general norms—has been awaiting approval in Rome along with the rest of the revised U.S. Sacramentary, or book of prayers used at Mass.

Last year, however, the Vatican issued a new general instruction. To take changes in the general instruction into ac-

count, the bishops were asked to make some revisions in their 1995 appendix.

The new general instruction makes no provision for use of the Apostles' Creed at Mass.

The bishops approved a norm that says, "Subject to the judgment of the diocesan bishop the Apostles' Creed may replace the Nicene Creed at Masses with children and on Sundays of the Easter season as the church celebrates the mystery of the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments of initiation."

They added, however, that no other creed may be used and that children also need to become accustomed to the Nicene Creed.

A rule in the new general instruction says the celebrant is to stay in the sanctuary during the exchange of peace.

As an adaptation, the bishops approved a statement in the appendix saying, "For pastoral reasons, the priest celebrant may extend a sign of peace to some members of the liturgical assembly near the sanctuary, for example in the case of a funeral, wedding or when civic leaders are present."

The new general instruction says, "The faithful may communicate either standing or kneeling, as established by the conference of bishops. However, when they communicate standing, it is recommended that they make an appropriate gesture of reverence, to be laid down in the same norms, before receiving the sacrament."

In response to the instruction, the bishops established standing as the posture in the United States and a bow of the head as the gesture of reverence.

Another rule in the appendix says people may adopt the "orans" ("praying") posture of the priest during the Lord's Prayer. In an initial discussion of whether this means people cannot join hands with those near them at that time, Arch-

bishop Lipscomb initially said the wording of the norm would seem to discourage it, but no "draconian" measures need be taken to halt it. He later corrected himself and advised the bishops that the general law is silent on the topic, so holding hands is neither encouraged nor prohibited.

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Ind., linked the popularity of the practice to the civil rights movement. Bishop John H. Ricard of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., said it is especially common in African-American parishes.

The bishops also ruled that before the Communion, people are to kneel at the "Ecce Agnus Dei" ("Behold the Lamb of God") unless their diocesan bishop determines otherwise. People "may kneel or sit following the reception of holy Communion," they said.

On the vesture of lay ministers, the bishops said, "Altar servers, readers and other lay ministers may wear the alb or other suitable vesture or other appropriate and dignified clothing as determined by the diocesan bishop."

In a series of norms, they spelled out the kinds of options available for song at key points throughout Mass.

One rule of song says, "The texts of musical settings for the Gloria, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the acclamations and responses of the Mass and other rites must conform to the language of the official texts."

They adopted a rule that will permit but not require churches to cover crosses from the fourth Saturday of Lent until Good Friday and images from the fourth Saturday of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Those once-traditional Passiontide practices had been suppressed in 1969 but gradually came back into use in a number of parishes.

Bishops' meeting at a glance

By Catholic News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. — Here is a brief overview of what the U.S. bishops did at their spring meeting June 14-16 in Atlanta:

— Adopted a statement urging constructive dialogue and action on global warming.

— Urged an end to Israeli-Palestinian violence and renewed peace efforts in the region.

— Called for renewed U.S. leadership in refugee protection.

— Issued a statement on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

— Revised "This Holy and Living Sacrifice," guidelines for Communion under two kinds.

— Adopted several changes in U.S. norms for Mass, including a directive that standing is the posture for receiving Communion.

— Revised their ethical and religious health care directives to deal more effectively with issues of material cooperation in evil.

— Approved guidelines for bishops to use in granting theologians the academic "mandatum," or ecclesiastical mandate to teach.

— Listened to reports and analysis of the Middle East crisis by Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem and a panel of experts.

— Heard a call for "a deeper missionary consciousness in the whole church" from Cardinal Jozef Tomko, the Vatican's former chief evangelization official.

— Discussed concerns about new Vatican rules on liturgical translations and the respective roles of bishops' conferences, mixed commissions and the Vatican in such translations.

— Heard that the Vatican has approved the U.S. Lectionary for Mass for weekdays and urged that it be published quickly.

— Discussed this fall's world Synod of Bishops, on the topic of the role of bishops.

— Discussed the mission and structure of Catholic News Service and learned that a bishop-ombudsman has been named to handle any complaints they may have.

— Heard a report on next year's Continental Congress on Vocations by Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz of Anchorage, Alaska.

— Heard Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore report on a campaign to get AT&T out of the pornography business.

— Heard Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis report on issues of developing national catechetical series.

Bishops tackle liturgy, global warming, refugees

By Jerry Filteau

Catholic News Service

ATLANTA, Ga.— The U.S. Catholic bishops tackled issues ranging from global warming to the Middle East crisis, from liturgy to doctrine to moral teaching at their spring meeting June 14-16 in Atlanta.

About 230 bishops attended, including Idaho Bishop Michael P. Driscoll. Bishop Driscoll serves on the Migration/Refugee Services Committee that dealt with a statement calling for renewed U.S. leadership in refugee protection.

In a statement on global warming they called on Americans "to recognize the seriousness of the global warming threat and to develop policies that will diminish the possible consequences of global climate change."

They said it is time for "a civil dialogue and prudent and



REAL PRESENCE—A statement released by the U.S. bishops at their June meeting affirms that the Eucharist is Christ truly present—body, blood and divinity. (CNS photo)

constructive action to protect God's precious gift of the atmosphere."

They urged that energy con-

servation and anti-pollution policies be developed within a framework of global solidarity and concern for the common

good, with special attention to the needs of poorer people and nations.

In a resolution on "Renewing U.S. Leadership in Refugee Protection," the bishops warned that the nation's "historic generosity in welcoming refugees" has waned remarkably over the past decade.

The resolution marked the 50th anniversary of both the U.N. convention on refugees and the founding of the International Catholic Migration Commission by the Vatican.

It urged the United States to reaffirm its traditional commitment to aiding refugees abroad and welcoming them into the United States.

Addressing a gap in their "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services," the bishops made several revisions to clarify that Catholic hospitals involved in

partnerships or mergers with other health care institutions "are not permitted to engage in immediate material cooperation in actions that are intrinsically immoral, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and direct sterilization."

Responding to surveys that indicate many Catholics do not believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the bishops adopted a statement, "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers."

"In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus Christ," it says.

It affirms that in the Eucharist "the whole Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine."

A perspective on adoption

Adoption worker explains process, options, timelines

EDITOR'S NOTE: The articles on this page and the next, written by a local Catholic adopted teen and two sets of Catholic adoptive parents and an Idaho adoption worker, will give readers a brief overview of the adoption experience. Jean Longbottom, one of the adoptive parents, organized this feature for the *Idaho Catholic Register* because she and her husband, Steve, have had a positive adoption experience and they want to share it with others. Readers who have further questions can contact the Longbottoms at 384-5444 or by email: lbottom@quest.net

Adopted teen shares her take on adoption

By Jenny Ulmen
For the ICR

When I was asked to write about being adopted, not a lot came to my mind. You see those stories on television about adoptee's trying to find their birth parents and reuniting in some fairy-tale happy ending. Or, you hear about stories with people who have grown up not knowing that they were adopted at all. Then, they are morally outraged that they were not told earlier in their lives that they were adopted.

I, on the other hand, was left on the doorstep, and was adopted when I was 2. I have no recollection of being in South Korea, or in an orphanage. The earliest memory I have was when I was at my uncle's house and I wanted something to drink. I was still speaking Korean, so I did not know any English. So the only that word that I could say for my relatives to understand was "Coke!" That word goes down in the history books as my first English word. Besides that one memory, I can't remember anything else about being adopted when I was 2.

The main reason why I was adopted was because my mom and my dad really wanted a girl, but ended up with three boys instead. So they figured that they might as well adopt. I am the youngest of four kids and the only girl.

All except one of my cousins were boys. I wouldn't say that I grew up a tomboy, but I definitely wasn't delicate.

When people find out that

I'm adopted, they always ask me the same question. "Do you have any idea who your birthmother is?" It is not that I do not care about who brought me into this world, it is just that I am happy with who I am, and where I am in life. I would not say that I never think about my birth mother leaving me as an orphan, but I always reply with a definite, "No." I know my birth mother left me at the orphanage for a reason, but I'm lucky enough that she just didn't leave me anywhere or not even have me at all.

I must admit, the only let-down of being adopted is not knowing my biological history. I don't know where I get my looks from, or what my features will be like 20 years down the road. I don't know any of my medical history. That could be detrimental to me in the future. But not everything can be perfect, and you have to take a risk every once in a while. So it isn't really that bad. I always think of myself in a biological sense as the top of the family tree. My personal medical history will be something that my children and my grandchildren can refer back to.

I guess the funniest part about being adopted is when people ask if one of my brothers—who is the same age as me—and I are twins. We both just look at each other and laugh.

Ulman, a 2001 Bishop Kelly graduate and member of St. Mary's Parish, Boise, is the daughter of Jo McCosh and Phil Ulmen.

New Hope for Children Act makes adoption more financially feasible

The Hope for Children Act that President George Bush signed into law June 7 increases, extends and improves the adoption tax credit to better assist adopting families and help more waiting children find homes.

Idaho Senator Larry E. Craig introduced the bill in the Senate as an amendment to the Tax Relief Act. The amendment was accepted and became a provision of the final bill, which is now Public Law 107-16 and part of the federal tax code.

The new law lifts the cap on income eligibility for full adoption benefits to \$150,000 and for partial benefits to \$190,000.

The law increases the adoption tax credit and the exclusion for employer-provided adoption benefits from \$5,000 to \$10,000 starting Dec. 31, 2001. (Adoption benefit is a non-taxable benefit to employees and provides a tax credit to the employer also.)

It increases the adoption tax credit for families adopting special needs children from \$6,000 to \$10,000 starting Dec. 31. And, for tax years after Dec. 31, 2002, the special needs credit will be "de-linked" from regulations that exclude a wide range of legitimate adoption expenses.

By Heather Donahue
Lutheran Community Services Northwest

BOISE—Prior to my life as an adoption worker, I was a counselor on an impatient adolescent psychological unit. As you can imagine, working with adolescents was a gratifying, challenging and emotional experience. Yet, it hardly compares with adoptions.

The adoption process has both its rewards and heartbreaks for both the birthparents and adoptive parents. The process can seem scary and overwhelming at first but reaps riches and rewards beyond compare.

The first step when considering adoptions is choosing an agency. Call your local agencies and talk to the adoption workers. These are the people that will be there to support you through the ups and downs of the adoption process. You need to be able to communicate with them and trust their judgment. Make sure they are licensed—simply ask them! Check out their programs and the types of children that they place.

This brings me to the second big decision to make. What type of child do you want to adopt? Do you want an older child, a sibling set, a child of another



Heather Donahue

race, a newborn? Do you want a child from another country or would you like to find a child within the United States.

If you are considering an international adoption you have two options. You can find a local agency that has an international adoption program or you can hire a local agency to complete a home study and then work through one of the larger organizations based across the country. Most local agencies will have the names and numbers of reputable international agencies that they have worked with.

Once you have settled with an agency and decided on the type of child you want to adopt, you will next be faced with completing a home study. The home study is not a test and it is not meant to be a barrier in the adoption process. Your agency is there to support you and make sure that when a child is placed in your home it is a positive experience for both you and the child.

In some ways the home study is an exercise in paperwork, so be patient. You will tell your adoption worker about yourself, your life and invite him/her into your home. In exchange, your adoption worker will educate you on what to expect and what parenting skills will be needed when your child arrives. It can seem intimidating initially, but taken in steps, it will soon be over and you will be wishing for something to keep you busy during the next phase—the waiting.

The length of time between completing the home study and when a child is actually placed varies widely depending upon the type of child you are adopting. Talk with your adoption worker about what to expect in the beginning so you don't jump each time the phone rings.

Longbottoms believe adoption was part of God's plan for them

By Steve and Jean Longbottom
For the ICR

Like most adoption stories, our adoption experience was a unique and wonderful experience.

It began in 1994 when my husband Steve and I first started looking into adoption as a way to build our family. We researched both domestic and international adoptions and decided an open adoption was not the route we wanted to go. This limited our domestic choices, so we decided on an international adoption.

A co-worker had just returned from Thailand with their adopted daughter and recommended Thailand as a wonderful place from which to adopt. We did extensive research on agencies and decided to use Adoption Advocates Int. (AAI) out of Port Angeles, Wash.

Then we began the massive mounds of paperwork involved in the adoption process. After all our appropriate paperwork was submitted to Thailand, we waited. Two months later, in November 1994, we were referred, Pornsiri, a girl not quite 3 years old who had vision problems. This was a fast referral



Jean and Steve Longbottom with daughters Kaitlin and Ann
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise

and after much discussion about what special needs we felt we could deal with, we accepted the referral. Thailand then informed us she was blind in one eye and had poor vision in the other eye. Did we still want to adopt her?

YES, we still wanted her. Our wait was just beginning.

In May of 1995 we still had not received approval from Thailand to travel to pick up our daughter whom we were to (See 'Part of God's plan,' page 16)

Bonnets blessed with two miracles in a year

By Dick and Leiann Bonnet
For the ICR

Valentine's Day has a special meaning for us now. On St. Valentine's Day 2000 we adopted Ji Mei Bao (pronounced "gee may bow") from China.

"Ji Mei Bao," means beautiful and precious. The little that is known about her beginnings are recorded on her Certificate of Abandonment, which reads: "This is to certify that Ji Mei Bao, female, was found abandoned at the side of the enclosing wall of the gate of the Government of Nansheng, Town of Huazhou City, and was sent to our welfare institute by Nansheng Police Station of Huazhou City. Her natural parents and other relatives have not been found up to this day."

Our journey towards adoption began 13 months earlier when we started the paperwork. This process is known as "paperchasing." The myriad of forms included financial statements, biographies, references, background checks, and a social worker visit and report.

This ream of paperwork was sent to China in May 2000. Our next step was to wait (patiently!) for the "referral." This is where the Chinese Center of Adoption Affairs would select a child for us and send us pictures, her

height, weight and length, and a brief medical history. We received the referral of then seven-month-old Ji Mei Bao in November of 1999. There was also a form in the referral that asked us if we accept this child.

Naturally, we accepted.

We were then assigned a travel date. Our instructions were to be in Guangzhou, in southeastern China, by Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000. We traveled with six other couples to the White Swan Hotel in Guangzhou. On Feb. 13, after an eight-hour train ride the caretakers from the orphanage arrived at our hotel with seven adorable girls—all less than 1 year old. We were told to wait in our room until called. We began our wait at noon, and at 4:45 p.m. we were finally called to meet Ji Mei Bao.

Ji Mei Bao was even prettier in person than in her referral pictures. She didn't cry at all. But she didn't laugh either. She didn't even smile. But she was ferociously hungry. The child-parent bond began to solidify by the end of that week. We knew it was a good sign when we could make her giggle. Laughter means trust.

The next day, St. Valentine's Day, we spent at the Chinese Bureau of Civil Affairs finaliz-



Leiann and Dick Bonnet, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise, with daughters Claire, 9 months, and Rachel, 2 years

ing the adoption. Ji Mei Bao, orphan, was now Rachel Emma Bonnet, daughter of Dick and Leiann Bonnet. The next few days we spent traveling to various Chinese government offices to finalize the paperwork. We did a bit of sightseeing. All went smoothly. We returned to Boise Feb. 23.

In June 2000, we traveled back to Sacred Heart Church in Dubuque, Iowa, where Dick grew up, and had Rachel baptized. Rachel was baptized in the same church that Dick attended as a youth, and by the same priest for whom Dick served Mass 35 years ago!

Our next miracle was learn-

ing Leiann was pregnant. Daughter Claire was born in September 2000—just seven months after Rachel's arrival—and was baptized at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Boise.

Rachel is our beautiful and precious sweetheart, and, baby Claire has a truly worldly big sister to look up to.

Part of God's plan

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rename Kaitlin. Our agency recommended that we might want to put in for a child from China since the Thai program seemed to be going nowhere.

We started our paperwork for China, and by July of 1995 we were waiting for a referral. We had requested a baby from 0 to 6 months old. A month later I received a phone call from our caseworker Janelle at AAI. She said, "Jean, we have heard from China, and they have a match for you. However, the little girl they matched you with has just turned 2 years old. You can turn down this referral if you want a younger child." I

immediately responded "YES, we want her." Janelle then commented, "Jean, do you want to talk this over with Steve?" I said, "No, he won't care." I was right.

In September 1995 we traveled to China to pick up our daughter Guo Gao, whom we renamed Ann.

Words can't explain the emotions you go through when you meet your child—excitement, fear, exhaustion, and about any other emotions you can possibly have. Two weeks later we were back in Boise only to open our mail that stated "You will be traveling to Thailand to pick up your daughter."

Two weeks later in September of 1995, almost a year from our referral, we were in Thailand picking up Kaitlin. While Ann had cried for three days after we got her, Kaitlin took one look at us and started screaming. I leaned towards Steve and said "There must be something about us. Here we go again."

Within weeks we had gone from no children to two children. We truly believe God had this in his plans for us and we are eternally grateful to Him. We can't imagine life without our children, as we are all God's children, no matter where we come from.

Catholics urge Bush not to fund embryonic stem-cell research

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While President Bush considers whether or not to allow federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, he has heard from several Catholic leaders, including the pope, that it would be wrong to do so.

After a July 23 meeting with Bush at Castel Gandolfo, the summer papal residence in Italy, the pope issued public remarks saying that the United States had a "special responsibility" to the rest of the world and could point the way to a "truly humane future" by defending human life and dignity through legislation.

The pope told Bush that political decisions regarding human life "have the gravest consequences for the future of civilization."

The widespread legalization of abortion has led to "a tragic coarsening of consciences," opening the way to acceptance of euthanasia, infanticide and "proposals for the creation for research purposes of human embryos, destined to destruction in the process," he said.

Afterward some said the pope's words left an opening for the possibility of ethical use and destruction of embryos that had not been created solely for research, such as those left over from in vitro fertilization procedures.

Not so, said Joaquin Navarro-Valls, Vatican spokesman. A July 25 statement from the Vatican said the deliberate destruction of a human embryo — no matter how or why it was created — is morally unacceptable.

Navarro-Valls quoted Pope John Paul's 1995 encyclical "The Gospel of Life" condemning "procedures that exploit living human embryos and fetuses — sometimes specially 'produced' for this purpose by in vitro fertilization — either to be used as 'biological material' or as providers of organs or tissues for transplants in the treatment of certain diseases."

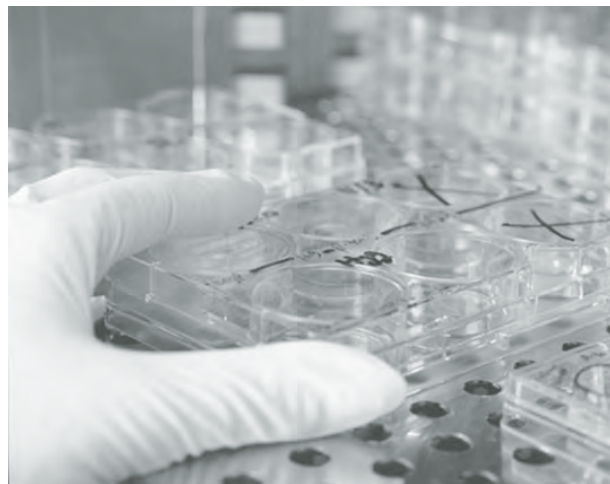
"The killing of innocent human creatures, even if

carried out to help others," it said, "constitutes an absolutely unacceptable act."

At a Rome press conference after the papal meeting, Bush said he would take the pope's "point of view into consideration."

He said the question of embryonic stem-cell research was particularly thorny, and involved "the need to balance value and respect for life with the promise of science and the hope of saving life."

Back in the United States, the Catholic Health Association urged Bush to continue his "courageous



EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS—A researcher handles culture trays containing human embryonic stem cells in a lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Pope John Paul II and U.S. Catholic bishops have spoken out in opposition to research utilizing cells developed from human embryos that are then destroyed. (CNS photo)

stance" against funding embryonic stem-cell research, and urged him to support the use of adult stem cells.

"Your public record has shown you to be a staunch champion for human life and a defender of the unborn," said Father Michael D. Place, CHA president and CEO, in a July 20 letter to Bush.

The priest cited Bush's previous statements opposing such funding, "while at the same time advocating innovative research on stem cells from adult tissue."

He also noted that supporters of embryonic stem-cell research "have created the incorrect impression that these cells are foremost and the most effective for treating disease."

"In fact, embryonic stem cells have provided no benefit to any human patient," he wrote. "Destroying human embryos with little concrete evidence of success raises profound ethical issues."

The priest pointed out that scientists have found that adult stem cells "not only show promising potential to treat disease, but are actually being used to assist in treating such ailments as cancer, leukemia, juvenile diabetes, and immune deficiency."

Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida said that the rights to life, liberty and happiness of today's Americans and future generations "should never be co-opted by government-funded scientists in the name of research."

"Indeed, society must be very careful when it puts its hand on the switch of life," he added in a statement. "By design or default, we could easily begin a dangerous journey down the 'slippery slope.' Embryonic stem-cell research points down that path."

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., stated his opposition to embryonic stem-cell research July 29, saying on NBC's "Meet the Press" that "taking and killing those embryos certainly doesn't go along with that sanctity of life issue that I think is important."



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El Evangelio

No está la vida en el poseer

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 12, 13-21



Sería interesante reflexionar acerca del tiempo que dedicamos a las cosas materiales; ya sea pensando, deseando, trabajando, comprando, preocupándonos o simplemente soñando en ellas. Superflucas o necesarias todas estas cosas, tendremos que dejarlas al momento de exhalar el último aliento.

Basado en su propia experiencia y en su percepción de la vida humana, el autor del Libro del Eclesiastés llega a la conclusión de que "todas las cosas son vanidad" Vanidad, en Hebreo, significa aliento o vapor. De esta manera describe el Eclesiastés todas las cosas que son transitorias, como riquezas, fama, poder, placeres, etc. al final dice el

autor sagrado, todas estas cosas se van a evaporar en la nada.

Una leyenda Budista nos dice que cuando Buda vivió aquí en la tierra como hombre, una tormenta le obligó a buscar refugio en la choza de un pobre pescador, quien sin saber la identidad del visitante le ofreció lo poco que tenía. Al día siguiente, Buda revela su identidad y en agradecimiento por la hospitalidad brindada, le dice al pescador: Pide todo lo que quieras y te será concedido. Sin pensarlo dos veces, el pobre hombre le pide oro.

Preocupado por su bienestar, Buda le advierte: "El oro conseguido sin esfuerzo es maldición y no bendición. Por lo tanto, te voy a decir cómo le hagas." "En la playa frente a tu casa, hay una piedrecilla que si la encuentras y la tocas con hierro, este se convierte en oro, así tendrás todo el oro que quieras."

Como llevaba un brazalete en su muñeca, el pescador no pierde tiempo y

se va a la playa. Metódicamente recorre de un lado a otro la playa, coge piedra por piedra, la toca al brazalete para hacer la "prueba," luego las tira al mar para no repetir el experimento. Al final del día, ya extenuado, el pescador nota que su pulsera está convertida en oro. ¿Pero, donde está la piedra? ¡Se perdió el milagro en tanta preocupación por hacerse rico!

Con una parábola el Jesús de San Lucas nos enseña una lección semejante. El hombre rico pensó que ya había encontrado la perfecta solución para vivir. Para él la perfecta riqueza consistía en grandes graneros; grandes graneros era lo mismo que bendiciones, seguridad y sobre todo razón para celebrar.

Encontró "la piedra mágica" con la cual tenía en sus manos el secreto de la riqueza. Parecía que lo tenía todo planeado—excepto la muerte. La muerte lo va a separar de su riqueza y sus graneros. Sin la base de su seguridad,

sin las riquezas que acumuló en toda su vida, ha de aprender la dolorosa lección de lo que significa la verdadera miseria: una vida sin la riqueza de conocer a Dios. El conocimiento de Dios le hubiera indicado a este hombre que la riqueza más que un privilegio personal es la oportunidad de compartir especialmente con los desafortunados.

Para nosotros que vivimos en el siglo XXI, la parábola de Jesús tiene los mismos desafíos de aquel entonces, y más para los que pertenecemos a la cultura del consumismo, y vivimos en un de los países más ricos del mundo, y que además valora a la gente de acuerdo a lo que cada quien tiene; Jesús nos invita a evaluar nuestras prioridades de acuerdo con la perspectiva del Reino de Dios para no quedarnos al final completamente vacíos.

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Católico defiende tu fe I

Una Nueva Apologética para Una Nueva Evangelización

Uno de los signos de los tiempos que esta manifestándose en todo el mundo es la apologética o Defensa de la Fe.

Por Martín Zavala A.P.

Libros, cassetes, revistas, sitios en internet, grupos, ministerios... que hablan de defender la fe o dar respuesta católica o mostrar evidencias bíblicas sobre nuestra fe. Todo esto se va haciendo más común cada día.



Es el inicio de una avalancha cuyo objetivo es el de renovar el surgimiento de una Nueva Apologética. Pero: ¿Qué es eso de la apologética? ¿Cómo se puede interrelacionar con el ecumenismo? ¿Cómo responder a los ataques de las sectas? ¿Es válido hablar de la Defensa de la fe hoy en día? Responder a esta y otras preguntas similares será el objetivo de este serie de artículos.

En realidad ni es algo nuevo, ni se trata de enseñar a pelear sino de fortalecer la identidad del Católico en un mundo donde muchos creen diferente y el pluralismo religioso es un hecho que no se puede negar.

Hoy en día uno de los principales retos para la Iglesia Católica es el aumento del proselitismo de las sectas fundamentalistas (Mormones, Testigos de Jehová, Pentecostales, luz del mundo, Adventistas, "Pare de Sufrir" y algunos grupos evangélicos). Estos son los que han tenido un crecimiento explosivo y tienen una actitud anticatólica y fundamentalista. Este hecho ha sido constatado y dado ha conocer por diferentes instancias de la jerarquía de la Iglesia, sobretodo en los últimos años.

"Los avances proselitistas de las sectas y de los nuevos grupos religiosos en América no pueden contemplarse con indiferencia." (Cfr. Iglesia en América

No. 284).

El católico común tiene amigos y familiares que no comparten su fe y se ve bombardeado literalmente por el proselitismo sectario con sus clásicos ataques, algunos de ellos sobre: Las imágenes, confesión con el sacerdote; el Bautismo de los niños; el anticristo, la virginidad de María; la intercesión de los santos; la Iglesia de Cristo; Biblia y Tradición etc.

Es por esto, que se hace necesario y urgente "Dar Razones de nuestra fe" a todos aquellos que no las están pidiendo. Por eso, unida a una pastoral genérica, hay que realizar al mismo tiempo una acción pastoral específica que profundice y de respuesta al fenómeno del sectarismo. Este es precisamente el objetivo de la Nueva Apologética: Fortalecer la identidad de nuestra Fe, siguiendo el consejo del Apóstol San Pedro que nos dice:

"Siempre estén dispuestos a dar razones (respuesta) de su esperanza" 1 Pe 3,15.

También el Nuevo Catecismo de la Iglesia en el número 1285:

"Por el sacramento de la confirmación los bautizados se unen mas íntimamente a la Iglesia y son enriquecidos con una fortaleza especial del Espíritu Santo. De esta forma se comprometen mucho mas, como auténticos testigos de Cristo, a extender y defender la Fe con sus palabras y sus obras."

De esta manera, en este contexto histórico actual, la Apologética surge como una línea de pastoral complementaria al ecumenismo. Las dos se integran perfectamente, cada una de ellas en su justa perspectiva. Ecumenismo con todo aquellos que están luchando por la búsqueda de esa unidad querida por Cristo y Apologética o defensa de la fe con todo aquel que nos pide respuesta o razón de nuestra esperanza.

Por la experiencia que hemos logrado de estar trabajando durante varios años en diferentes países promoviendo el desarrollo de una sana apologética hemos confirmado la eficacia de esta acción: cursos,

conferencias, ministerios, talleres y cátedra de Apologética en todos los niveles.

Apologistas siempre han existido a través de la historia, algunos de ellos son:

San Justino Mártir, Tertuliano y San Cipriano; San Juan Damasceno, Pedro el Venerable y el mismo San Agustín en varios de sus escritos; San Roberto Belarmino, San Francisco de Sales y qué decir de los escritos del Cardenal Newman. Cada uno de ellos lo que hicieron fue dar una respuesta acertada a los interlocutores de su tiempo.

Actualmente, se trata de renovar una Nueva Apologética de acuerdo a nuestro contexto histórico y a la visión del Concilio

Vaticano II y otros documentos post-conciliares.

Si deseas prepararte a defender la fe, bienvenido al Idaho Catholic Register en su sección de Apologética. Aquí nos encontrarás con una serie de artículos en los próximos números.

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Cardenal exhorta a Bush a que proceda en la amnistía para trabajadores inmigrantes

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—El cardenal Roger M. Mahony de Los Angeles ha exhortado al presidente de los Estados Unidos George W. Bush y al presidente de México Vicente Fox para que continúen logrando algún progreso en la atención hacia las necesidades de amnistía de trabajadores inmigrantes.

"Mientras los trabajadores inmigrantes continúen siendo una parte vital de nuestra economía, su estado de inmigración los deja vulnerables a muchos tipos diferentes de abusos en el lugar de trabajo," dijo el cardenal Mahony el 18 de julio.

Hizo sus comentarios en un discurso principal dirigido a los trabajadores y organizadores en Los Angeles en la convención del Sindicato Internacional de Empleados de Hoteles y Empleados de Restaurantes.

El cardenal le dijo al público asistente del sindicato que él había convocado a la acción sobre la amnistía en una carta a Bush.

En su plática, él exhortó a representantes oficiales públicos a que "proporcionaran nuevas oportunidades para trabajadores inmigrantes con el fin de que pudieran convertirse en residentes permanentes y ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos."

En la convención, el sindicato reconoció al cardenal por sus años de servicio a favor de los pobres y de los trabajadores inmigrantes.

La Iglesia Católica y el trabajo organizado participan de muchas áreas de confluencia, dijo el cardenal Mahony al público de la convención. Citando la historia de la Iglesia en apoyo de los trabajadores, él dijo que "La afirmación de la dignidad humana es el principio fundamental que inspira las enseñanzas sociales católicas."

"La forma en la que protegemos la dignidad humana en la sociedad es asegurando," continuó, "que cada persona tenga comida adecuada, ropa y vivienda; que cada persona tenga acceso a una educación decente, cuidado médico básico, y vivienda a la altura de sus posibilidades; que su trabajo le produzca un ingreso para vivir que le permita a la familia hacer frente a las necesidades básicas de la vida; y que los trabajadores puedan ejercer sus derechos de escoger un sindicato, libres de intimidación o presiones."

La realidad de la vida de los trabajadores en Los Angeles y en muchas otras partes del país está con frecuencia lejos de estos principios, dijo.

Grupos de oración: importantes en la evangelización

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Mientras algunas mujeres se deshacían de los platos de plástico, al mismo tiempo algunos hombres empujaban las mesas, en cuya superficie se veían cortezas de sandía, hacia la orilla de la plancha de mortero del patio.

Las sillas se colocaron rápidamente en círculo. Entonces, Carlos Monterosso se puso detrás de su órgano eléctrico portátil.

“Tomamos refrescos, brindamos y rezamos. Y hablamos de la palabra de Dios,” dijo el conserje de 33 años de edad, de origen guatemalteco.

En cinco minutos, el jardín posterior de Santos Moreno, en donde se había tenido la parrillada, se transformó en una reunión de oración para 19 personas.

“Venimos acá para estar más unidos a nuestra religión a través de la comunidad y para ayudarnos mutuamente,” dijo Moreno, salvadoreño que ha vivido en los Estados Unidos por 26 años. Él ha estado asistiendo a las reuniones de oración por un año.

Tales reuniones de oración en español muestran creciente

tendencia, mientras las parroquias católicas del país forman pequeñas comunidades de tipo familiar para conservar activos en la Iglesia a un número creciente de miembros hispanos.

La comunidad de Moreno se llama Renovación Cristiana y el grupo de Monterosso, Reflexión Bíblica Nazareth. Una tarde de domingo, a mediados de julio, los dos grupos se reunieron en el jardín trasero de Moreno para buscar apoyo mutuo por medio de canciones, lecturas bíblicas y reflexiones sobre la vida cristiana.

Las dos comunidades son parte de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón en Washington, localizada en el barrio Adams-Morgan, densamente poblado por hispanos. La parroquia tiene cerca de 50 grupos, que se llaman pequeñas comunidades de fe. Empezaron cerca de hace cuatro años.

“Estas (comunidades) ayudan a superar el anonimato de la vida de una parroquia grande,” dijo el padre Stephen Carter, pastor del Sagrado Corazón.

“Los hispanos se sienten como peces fuera del agua. Las



GRUPO DE ORACION SE REUNE EN EL JARDIN POSTERIOR DE UNA CASA EN WASHINGTON — Miembros de una pequeña comunidad de fe rezan en el jardín posterior de una casa en Washington el 15 de

julio. Unos 50 pequeños grupos están formados por parroquianos de la iglesia católica del Sagrado Corazón, localizada en el barrio Adams-Morgan, densamente poblado por hispanos. (Foto CNS por Nancy Wiechec)

actividades en pequeñas comunidades les dan un sentido de pertenencia e identidad. También les reafirma su fe como católicos,” dijo en una entrevista.

El padre Carter dijo que cerca de un 80 por ciento de las 1,800

familias de su parroquia son hispanas.

Las pequeñas comunidades de fe, y la evangelización puerta por puerta, se han convertido en una parte importante de un intento sistemático de proveer servicios más allá de métodos

convencionales a los hispanos, especialmente a los inmigrantes pobres que se sienten incómodos en parroquias tradicionales norteamericanas de anglohablantes, lugares que les podrían parecer fríos y poco acogedores para extranjeros.

Sequia en Centroamérica encarece alimentos

SAN SALVADOR (CNS) — Tres años después de las inundaciones que causaron muerte y destrucción en Centroamérica, la región encara amenazas de severa carestía de alimentos como resultado de la prolongada sequía que asola las cosechas de subsistencia en cuatro países.

“Nos acercamos a una estación de hambruna. La primera cosecha del año se echó a perder, y todo lo que les queda por hacer a los campesinos es rezar para que llueva en la segunda cosecha,” dijo Doug Ryan, representante del país de Honduras ante Servicios Católicos de Socorro, agencia internacional de los obispos norteamericanos para auxilio y desarrollo.

Representantes del Programa Mundial de Alimentos de

las Naciones Unidas dijeron que hasta un millón de personas en los cuatro países centroamericanos podrían estar en riesgo de sufrir graves carencias de alimentos debido a la pérdida de las cosechas.

En la agencia de las Naciones Unidas se lanzó un llamado internacional de ayuda el 15 de julio.

La estación de lluvias que dura seis meses generalmente empieza a finales de mayo, tiempo en el que decenas de miles de campesinos para subsistencia de la región plantan su cultivo anual de maíz y frijol. Los granos son cosechados generalmente en agosto, tiempo en el que algunos campesinos plantan un segundo cultivo, dependiendo de las condiciones del tiempo y de la posibilidad de obtener créditos de los bancos para la compra de semilla y

fertilizante.

En Honduras — el país peor afectado por la falta de lluvia — las autoridades declararon estado de emergencia en ocho provincias el 23 de julio y dieron los pasos necesarios para que provisiones alimenticias de emergencia sean enviadas a 20,000 campesinos y sus familias.

“Estamos tratando esto como verdadera situación de emergencia,” dijo Lucy Hayes, representante del programa de la agencia irlandesa católica de socorro, Trocaire.

En el país vecino de El Salvador a finales de julio, representantes oficiales del ministerio de agricultura empezaron a distribuir semillas a unos 20,000 campesinos, en su mayor parte de la región árida al este del

país.

Historia similar se sucede en la vecina Nicaragua, en donde por medio del Programa Mundial de Alimento se está distribuyendo ayuda de emergencia a unos 7,000 campesinos que han perdido sus cosechas debido a la

sequía.

Hayes dijo que la crisis en Nicaragua se ha aumentado por el derrumbe de algunas de las principales plantaciones cafetaleras debido a la baja mundial de los precios del producto y a fuertes deudas bancarias.

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CALLED TO SERVE—The Diocese of Boise's four newly-ordained deacons pose for a group photo with Bishop Michael Driscoll. They are from left, Deacon Orville Rathe,

Rupert; Deacon Bill Duggan, Pocatello; Bishop Driscoll; Deacon Ed Souza, American Falls, and Paul Henscheid, Rupert. (Photos this page by Mary Anne Murphy)



INVOKING THE SAINTS—Paul Henscheid, left, and Orville Rathe, prostrate themselves at the altar for the Litany of the Saints during their deacon ordination Mass June 23 at

St. Nicholas Church, Rupert. Lying prostrate during the Rite of Ordination is a sign of the candidates' willingness to serve and openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit.



CONSECRATION—Bishop Michael Driscoll prays the prayer of consecration over Deacon Bill Duggan during his ordination Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Pocatello June 24. He asked the Holy Spirit to bless him in his ministry of service in the Catholic Church



VESTING—Deacon Paul Henscheid, following his consecration as a deacon June 23 at St. Nicholas Church, Rupert, puts on his stole and dalmatic assisted by the new deacon's cousin, Father Nicholas Rausch, Lacy, Wash., and his wife, Deborah.



CONGRATULATIONS—Mary Guttieri, right, hugs her husband, Deacon Ed Souza after his vesting during his ordination Mass at Presentation of the Lord, American Falls, June 23.

Deacon

(Continued from page 1) on each of the new deacons:

Deacon Bill Duggan
Ordained: June 24, 2001
Parish: Saint Anthony's Parish, Pocatello. To serve Pocatello/Chubbuck Catholic community
Spouse: Maureen (Speech and language pathologist for Pocatello School District)
Children: Six and two grandchildren
Occupation: Works at the Idaho State University Computer Center, Pocatello
Ministry: Has a particular interest in prison ministry. Enjoys participating in small faith sharing communities. Has been active as an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team member and in the Landings Program, which is designed to bring fallen away Catholics back to the church.

What attracted you to the Diaconate?

"The opportunity to provide service to the community."

Deacon Paul Henscheid
Ordained: June 23, 2001
Parish: St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert
Spouse: Deborah
Children: Michael, 27, Donna, 25, Laura, 22, Alicia, 15 and Bernadette, 14 months; three

grandchildren, one son-in-law and a daughter-in-law
Occupation: U.S. Postal Service rural mail carrier
Ministry: Has taught RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for the past eight years; treasurer of the women's shelter the parish is getting started; member of the Knights of Columbus and has served in most KC offices.

What attracted you to the diaconate?

"I was drawn to the diaconate 20 years ago, but my family demanded most of my time. I attended MDP (Ministerial Development Program) and got involved in Cursillo and RCIA. I had given up the idea of ever being a deacon, but the Lord had other ideas. When the new program began, I felt the call again. And with much prayer and a lot of hesitation, I put my application in, thinking that I probably would never be accepted. But five years later, here I am. With the Lord leading me, I will accomplish great things for the glory of God."

Deacon Orville J. Rathe
Ordination: June 23, 2001
Parish: St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert
Spouse: Janet

Children: Travis and his wife; Leslie and Michelle and husband Scott; Tyrell; four grandchildren

Occupation: Has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 28 years and is now "able to retire when I'm ready." Delivered city routes and works as a window clerk and trains window clerks in the region.

Ministry: Hospital and home visits; president of the Shelter for Abused Women and Children in the Mini-Cassia area, chaplain at the Area Task Force Against Domestic Violence, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) team member, marriage classes and board member for the Andrew Moller Basketball Tournament.

What attracted you to the diaconate? After children were born, he was very active in St. Nicholas Parish as a lector, president of St. Nicholas School Board and other ministries. "As the years went by, I decided that I wanted to be baptized as a Catholic and join the faith of my family. I became a Catholic 18 years ago and have felt very close to my faith since... I couldn't serve by being a spectator. Father Robb Keller, our pastor at the time, challenged me during a Cursillo weekend

to be a 'Servant of Christ.' Over the next few years I prayed and discerned this calling. At prayer group, God asked me to make this journey, and at first I said 'no this isn't for me.' But with spiritual guidance from Father Robb, Father Andrew Baumgartner, OSB, and Father Meinrad Schallberger, OSB, and lots of prayer, I knew this was going to be 'yes' to serving the Lord and others."

Deacon Edward Souza
Ordained: June 23, 2001

Parish: Presentation of the Lord Parish, Aberdeen-American Falls

Spouse: Mary Guttieri (Met her when she was playing the piano at a liturgy at the Newman Center at the University of California, Davis. In fidelity to the roots of their relationship, Mary played the piano at Ed's ordination June 23.)

Children: Caroline, 14, and Patrick, 12. (Share in their parents' ministry as musicians, lectors and altar servers. Frequently accompany their father on pastoral visits to the nursing home and assisted living center.)

Occupation: University of Idaho professor of wheat breeding and genetics with a primary mission of developing improved

varieties of wheat for Idaho farmers. Stationed at Aberdeen Research and Extension Center, Aberdeen.

Ministry: Deacon Souza and Mary have found a special calling to funeral ministry. He has served the church as a lector, eucharistic minister, finance council member and cantor. He also visits the hospital, nursing home and assisted living center.

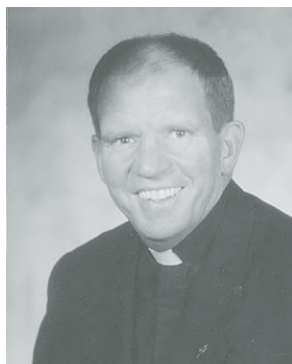
What attracted you to the diaconate?

"My calling comes out of living among people of faith who are examples of Christian charity. Calling of vocation comes like riding a bike. With the example of Jesus and the community of faith living in a world of wonder and nature, how could grace not draw me to serve the church and people around me?"

Mary: "I believe Ed is drawn to the diaconate because it is so consistent with who he is. In his professional life, Ed is deeply committed to the land grant university's three-fold mission of research, teaching and extension (outreach). This mission has a profound parallel to the three-fold ministry of the deacon to service of the liturgy, the Word and of charity."



John Carr



Fr. Paul W. Galette



Dr. Robert J. Kealy



Jacquie Jambor



Mark Friedman



Janet Vogt

Diocesan Fall Conference 2001

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on the status of religious education in the nation's Catholic elementary schools; Dr. Robert Kealy, New York, N.Y., executive director of the Department of Elementary Schools and the National Catholic Education Association and a speaker and author, and Jacquie Jambor, catechetical advisor and national consultant for Resources for Christian Living, Bear Lake, Minn., who has extensive background in catechetical ministry as a teacher, catechist, adult educator, and author.

Theme for this year's conference is "Living Love—Reaching Out—Bringing Hope."

The conference will open Friday night with a prayer service at St. John's Cathedral, a welcome from Bishop Michael P. Driscoll and the first general session with keynote speaker John L. Carr, director of the U.S. bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace. For over 25 years, Carr has been involved in Catholic social ministry, writing frequently on Catholic social teaching, speaking on the social mission and message of the Catholic Church and assisting the bishops in advocating on the moral dimensions of key domestic and international issues.

The conference on Saturday and Sunday will take place at Bishop Kelly High School.

In addition to the keynote presentations, prayer times, liturgy, fellowship with other Idaho Catholics, and a concert, Fall Conference participants will have nearly 80 workshops from which to choose. Workshops will address topics that range from youth ministry and adult education, to spirituality and family relationships to music and liturgical dance.

"Uniquely, this year for the first time, we will offer a series of workshops for the many people—employees and volunteers—who help operate our parishes and schools as secretaries, financial managers and general office people."

The workshops for parish music ministers this year will feature Mark Friedman, a campus minister and liturgy director at a private Catholic school in Cincinnati, Ohio, and music minister and liturgist at St. John Fisher Parish, Cincinnati, and Janet Vogt, a music minister and liturgist also at St. John Fisher Parish, Cincinnati, who has been a featured faculty member of the National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Guitar School and the Music Ministry Series in Birmingham, Ala. Friedman and Vogt will lead the Saturday night Fall Conference concert, which will feature music ministers from around the state.

Also on the agenda is a two-session workshop on liturgical dance. What participants learn in that

workshop will be integrated into the closing Fall Conference Mass on Sunday at Bishop Kelly High School.

Craven said the Diocese of Boise's Fall Conference is the second largest educational conference of its type in western United States, exceeded only by the Archdiocese of Seattle, Wash.

"This speaks to the vitality of the church in Idaho in not only sponsoring such a conference, but in drawing the number of people that it does to its programs every years," he said.

Registration fee for Fall Conference is \$55, which covers all conference activities, three continental breakfasts and two lunches. For registration materials or housing information contact the Diocesan Office of Education Ministries, 303 Federal Way, Boise, 83705; (208) 342-1311 or email: pthomas@rcdb.org

Craven will present the Excellence in Ministry awards on Saturday afternoon at the convention. These awards recognize outstanding ministers in parishes throughout the state.

An exhibit hall, featuring representatives from local, regional and national organizations, will be open for the benefit of conference participants on Saturday and Sunday at Bishop Kelly High School.

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Junior high youth meet Jesus in each other at camp

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor
PARADISE POINT, MC CALL— More than 80 participants in the Diocese of Boise Junior High Camp spent the week Aug. 6-10 making new friends and practicing treating them like Jesus would, praying and playing together, singing, dancing, canoeing and swimming in Payette Lake.

The camp, planned around the theme "The Good News," took place at Paradise Point near McCall, a camp owned by Idaho's Episcopal Church. Participants came from parishes around the state. Each day the camp team, with help from the campers, published a two-page newspaper with editorials based on the scripture of the day, jokes, a Bishop's corner, weather report, health watch, rule reminders, word scrambles, want ads, and news about the camp.

Bishop Michael Driscoll joined the campers at lunchtime on Thursday and spent an hour answering all kinds of questions they had prepared for him. Thursday was Hawaiian Day for the campers.

Participation at the junior high camp was "extraordinary," according to

Christopher Renshaw, Boise, camp director.

"Our team of high school and college students and adults were really reaching out in a special way to the campers and expressing the power of Christ's love to them," he said.

Renshaw said he sees great value in Catholic summer camps for junior high and high school students.

"They are a very powerful evangelization tool," he said. "Our diocese is fortunate to be able to run these camps. Catholic parents should take full advantage of them. I would really like to see our smaller Idaho parishes, especially those with no youth minister, send their youth to the diocesan camps."

He suggested that parents and parish staffs call the Catholic Education Office in Boise for information on next year's camps, (208) 342-1311.

Camper Alana Moreno, Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, said her favorite part of camp was the campfires. She said that through her participation at camp she learned a lot about herself and recognized a "lot of things I need to work on to be closer to God" including

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BISHOP ON THE LINE—Bishop Michael Driscoll sits in an easy chair fielding questions from campers at the Diocese of Boise Junior High Camp at Paradise Point, McCall,

Aug. 9. More than 80 youth, who spent the week playing and praying together, had their questions ready for the bishop. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

Bush stem-cell research decision called morally wrong

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The "trade-off" on embryonic stem-cell research announced Aug. 9 by President Bush is "morally unacceptable" and may be unworkable, according to the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston said he prayed Bush would "return to a principled stand against treating some human lives as nothing more than objects to be manipulated and destroyed for research purposes."

In a nationally televised address from his vacation home in Crawford, Texas, Bush said he would authorize federal funds for embryonic stem-cell research involving only the 60 or so existing stem-cell lines already developed by scientists, because in those cases "the life-and-death decision has already been made."

"This allows us to explore the promise and potential of stem-cell research without crossing a fundamental moral line by providing taxpayer funding that would sanction or encourage further destruction of human embryos that have at least the potential for life," the president added.

Bush also announced his strong opposition to human cloning, his support for "aggressive federal funding of research on umbilical cord, placenta, adult and animal stem cells" and his plans to establish a president's council on stem-cell research headed by Leon Kass, a biomedical ethicist from the University of Chicago.

Bishop Fiorenza said that with Bush's decision, "the federal government, for the first time in history, will support research that relies on the destruction of some defenseless human beings for possible benefit to others."

"However such a decision is hedged about with qualifications, it allows our nation's research enterprise to cultivate a disrespect for human life," he added.

The USCCB leader also said that because some researchers and "their allies in Congress" already have rejected limits such as those set by Bush, "the president's policy may therefore prove to be as unworkable as it is morally wrong, ultimately serving only those whose goal is unlimited embryo research."

Some Catholic commentators found reason to praise Bush for his new policy. The Massachusetts Catholic Confer-

ence public policy arm said in a statement that Bush had "demonstrated the utmost in courage by refusing to compel millions of taxpayers against their conscience to promote the killing of human life for utilitarian purposes."

"While the president's decision to permit research funding on ... cell lines established from the previous destruction of embryos is disturbing, this does not diminish the significance of the president's refusal to fund research involving the future destruction of embryos," the statement added.

Joseph M. Scheidler, a Catholic who is executive director of the Pro-Life Action League in Chicago, called Bush's decision "a much-needed half-step for society, which must begin its retreat from the slippery slope of disrespect for human life. We wish, on this issue of life and death, Bush had made a full step."

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson of the Knights of Columbus expressed his organization's "deepest disappointment" at the Bush decision.

"This decision to fund such research is all the more baffling in that ethical avenues to pursue this research — avenues that all can agree upon — are available with adult stem cells," Anderson said.

Noting that adult stem cells "are already being used successfully in human clinical trials," he added, "In marked contrast, embryonic stem cells have never helped a single human patient."

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said Bush "did the right thing by opposing any federally funded stem-cell research that would require the killing of new embryos" and by appointing Kass to head the president's council.

"But Bush erred when he said human embryos 'have at least the potential for life,'" Donohue added. "A human embryo is a human life..."

Laura Echevarria, director of media relations for the National Right to Life Committee, said her organization was "delighted with President Bush's decision that prevents the federal government from becoming a party to any further killing of human embryos for medical experimentation."

"While National Right to Life mourns the loss of life for those embryos from whom stem-cell lines have already been derived, nothing the National Right to Life Committee or President Bush can do can restore the lives of those embryos who have already died," she added.

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Judge upholds Arizona parental consent law

PHOENIX (CNS) — A federal judge has upheld an Arizona law requiring minors to obtain parental or judicial consent before having an abortion. In an Aug. 9 ruling, U.S. District Judge Raner Collins said the 1999 law is constitutional. The law requires written permission from a minor's parent or guardian, or a Superior Court judge, before she can obtain an abortion. Consent is not required in a medical emergency or if the pregnancy is the result of rape. "This is great news for protecting the health of minor girls who are best served by the wisdom and concern of a parent," said Cathi Herrod, an attorney with the Center for Arizona Policy, and the primary author of the legislation.

Average ordination age increases by eight, study says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The average ordination age of U.S. Catholic priests has increased since the 1930s and '40s by eight years, said the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate. The summer issue of The CARA Report, released in August, said 26 was the average ordination age before the 1950s. It rose to 27 in the '50s, 28 in the '60s, 29 in the '70s, 32 in the '80s, and 34 in the 1990s and 2000. The report was based on a nationwide telephone survey in March of 1,234 diocesan and religious priests. It said the vast majority of priests expressed strong happiness in their ministry and satisfaction with their life as a priest. When asked if they would choose the priesthood again if they had a chance to do it all over, nine out of 10 said they "strongly agree" that they would.

Pope calls for end to 'unheard-of violence' in the Middle East

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — In the wake of more Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli reprisals, Pope John Paul II condemned the "unheard-of brutality" of recent Middle East violence and called on leaders of both sides to act in the best interests of their people. Speaking at a Sunday blessing at his summer residence outside Rome Aug. 12, the pope said human life and dignity were being "trampled" in the Holy Land. "This outbreak of unheard-of brutality illustrates even more how illusory it is to try to resolve the problems of justice and coexistence among populations through recourse to violence," he said. The pope's words came three days after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 15 people and himself in a crowded pizzeria in Jerusalem. In retaliation, Israeli forces fired missiles into the city of Ramallah and took over several Palestinian offices in Jerusalem.

Mother Teresa's sainthood cause moves to Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The diocesan stage of Mother Teresa's investigation for beatification has finished and now moves to the Vatican, the Congregation for Sainthood Causes announced. The congregation said the Archdiocese of Calcutta, India, would formally close its two-year inquiry Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary. The inquiry's documentation, as well as results from six other dioceses in which Mother Teresa was active, were expected to "soon arrive in Rome," the congregation said in an Aug. 13 statement. The congregation said it would appoint a "relator," an official charged with preparing a position paper on Mother Teresa's holiness, as soon as the diocesan documentation receives formal Vatican recognition.

Courage supports 'chaste, Christian' living by gay Catholics

CHICAGO (CNS) — Father Mykhailo Kuzma says that despite a continuous drumbeat of negative news reports about homosexuals in the Catholic Church, a support group for them called Courage is one of the church's best-kept secrets. Father Kuzma is Chicago-area spiritual director of the Vatican-approved, international support group for homosexual men and women who accept church teaching on homosexuality. "(It's) for those who want to live chaste, Christian lives," said Father Kuzma, pastor of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. "We are here to help people deal with their situations and bring them closer to God. We are not here to judge," he told The Catholic New World, Chicago's archdiocesan newspaper.

Oregon anti-Catholic sign stays up, but contract won't be renewed

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — After receiving hundreds of angry phone calls, an Oregon billboard company will not renew a contract for a sign that calls the pope the Antichrist. The sign, on Interstate 5 near the small town of Gold Hill, will stay up until May 2002, when the contract expires, said Steve Croft, general manager of sales for Outdoor Media Dimensions based in Medford, in southern Oregon. But "now that the principals know what the message of the sign really is and how it has bothered people, they will not accept any more of these messages," Croft told the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Portland Archdiocese. Following an archdiocese-led public campaign, pressure mounted on Outdoor Media Dimensions via phone calls and newspaper articles.



RECOVERING—Children recovering from malnutrition rest in a ward at the Manono hospital in eastern Congo in July. An aid agency estimated that up to 2.5 million people have died, mostly from starvation and disease, during the three-year war in Congo. (CNS photo)

Vatican says Archbishop Milingo to reconcile; 'wife' threatens fast

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican said Zambian Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, who married in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon three months ago, has decided to reconcile with the Catholic Church.

"After the lamentable events of which he was a protagonist, he has decided to spend a period of reflection and prayer in view of his full reconciliation," Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, a Vatican spokesman, said Aug. 11.

Within hours of the announcement, officials of Rev. Moon's movement launched what they described on their Web site as a "life-and-death war with a formidable, powerful enemy," saying the archbishop was being held "captive" by the Vatican.

Maria Sung, the archbishop's 43-year-old Korean wife, threatened to fast to death unless Catholic Church officials permitted her to see him. She said she might be pregnant with the archbishop's child, and she made a media-swamped visit to St. Peter's Basilica Aug. 13 to pray for her husband's return.

Father Benedettini, who said he was relaying information from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, did not indicate how long the 71-year-old former Vatican official was expected to stay in seclusion.

"Maria Sung's feelings deserve respect, but so do the spiritual labors of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, who freely

chose a period of reflection and prayer," the spokesman said.

He said the archbishop, a former Vatican official, made the decision following his surprise meeting with Pope John Paul II Aug. 7, in which the pontiff "paternally called him back to his responsibilities toward God and toward the church."

At the time, the Vatican said the meeting effectively suspended the doctrinal congregation's July excommunication warning to the archbishop. He had been given until Aug. 20 to leave his wife, sever all ties with Rev. Moon's sect, and publicly declare his loyalty to the pope and acceptance of priestly celibacy.

The Vatican called the meeting, which was attended in part

by a top doctrinal official, the beginning of a "dialogue which one hopes will be able to have positive developments."

A tearful Sung, holding a press conference Aug. 11 at a luxury hotel in Rome, told reporters she feared Catholic Church officials were preventing her husband from seeing her.

She noted that Archbishop Milingo told reporters during his last public appearance in Rome Aug. 8 that he had to consult with his wife about the reconciliation process and planned to meet with her in coming days. In his final communication to her the same day, she said, he warned that he was "facing a difficult fight, and that he was not free to talk but would call back soon."

Brother of Unabomber named head of group opposing death penalty

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — The brother of the Unabomber has been appointed executive director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, a secular group headed by a Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany.

David Kaczynski was officially appointed executive director of the grass-roots advocacy and public education organization Aug. 1.

The Kaczynski family came to national attention in 1996 with the arrest of Theodore Kaczynski as the Unabomber, responsible for a series of mail bombings that killed three people and injured a dozen others over 17 years. It was a tip to the FBI from David Kaczynski that led to the arrest of his brother.

"David's ability to overcome personal tragedy and to join his private battle against the death penalty with our public mission is an inspiration to us all," said Bishop Hubbard, president of the organization's board.

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'He uses the hands of his servant' to help homeless

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following account was written and submitted by a Boise police officer who wishes to remain anonymous.

BOISE—Outside of the homeless shelter, Joey had passed out on the sidewalk.

Too many days of too much alcohol were taking their toll. He was filthy from the neglect that he had inflicted upon his own body. His skinny shapeless arms protruded from a dirty T-shirt and eventually connected with grubby hands and blackened fingers.

On one arm Joey had a sling and a cast. He had fallen and broken something somewhere along the way. His 35 or so years had been hard. He, in every way, resembled a man 20 or 25 years his senior.

Joey was dying. A hopeless alcoholic, he was showing signs of the physical maladies that would soon take his life.

At this very moment Joey was in trouble. In his stupor, he had exposed himself indecently to the manager of the shelter. He flailed his good arm in an attempt to sit up as he struggled to rid himself of the haze that engulfed him. He tried to defend himself as he spoke with pinkish, parched lips that were the centerpiece in a gritty salt and pepper beard. His voice rose almost to a wail then cracked as it trailed off and finally went silent.

Joey turned his eyes to the ground and then bowed his head deeply, a sign of submission and defeat. A crowd of

assorted homeless people had gathered around. Some were sober faced and others were grinning at his predicament, obviously happy that it was he who was the center of this unwanted attention and not themselves.

It seemed that the police were about to haul Joey away to jail at the direction of the angry manager. A man walked up to the edge of the crowd. Without saying a word, the circle parted to allow him passage to the curb. His gray beard and slouch hat were familiar to the regulars at the shelter. He was a frequent volunteer there. Every day this man was there to serve food at the soup kitchen. He handed out blankets and clothing, all the while showing compassion to each one. The man spoke quietly to the officers. He asked if he could take charge of the rumples man sitting on the curb. He would find a motel room for Joey to sleep off the alcohol. He would see to Joey's needs. When the officers agreed, the man hurried away to make arrangements.

The crowd had by now become disinterested and faded from sight. One of the officers stood nearby watching over Joey. A few moments passed and the man returned in his little pickup truck. He carefully picked up Joey with ungloved hands. He gingerly guided Joey's unsteady steps to the open passenger door of his truck. He disregarded Joey's urine soaked clothing as he gently eased Joey into the seat and then drove him away. On this day, this man Henry, treated Joey like his own brother.



Artwork by Barbara Hamilton, ICR artist

Surely Jesus Christ walks among the homeless, the derelicts, the addicted and the alcoholic. He looks after his children with gentle kindness and love. In this town—Boise, Idaho—he uses the hands and the heart of his servant, Henry Krewer.

Henry Krewer, a retired teacher, is

active in the Boise area trying to put Catholic social teachings into action. He was among the founding members of Catholic Worker, Boiseans for Peace and Justice and the St. Vincent dePaul Conference in his parish, Risen Christ Community. He is also active in the pro-life movement.

Two Idaho Catholic men honored in IHSAA Hall of Fame

Two Idaho Catholic men were among four inducted into the Idaho High School Activities Association 22nd Annual Hall of Fame Aug. 1.

Gene Novotny, superintendent in the Cascade School District and a member of the Cascade Catholic community, and Bob Sobotta, Diocese of Boise coordinator of Catholic Schools, and a member of St. Mark's Parish, Boise, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, were honored along with Leora Hansen, Blackfoot, and Marquis Ross, Nampa, for their many years of exemplary service to Idaho's youth.

The induction took place at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel, Boise.

Most of Novotny's 39-year career has been spent in Cascade where he has taught, coached, served as principal and, since 1972, has served as superintendent, elementary principal and girls basketball coach. Throughout his career, he has been actively involved in



Bob Sobotta

Idaho high school activities and has received both coach and service awards.

Novotny has represented District II on the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) Board of Directors from 1990 to 1997 and is a current member of the YEA (Youth for Endowment Activities) Board of Directors.

"Gene Novotny is well respected in Cascade and is a

leader in the community and the Catholic community," said his pastor, Father Donald Fraser, McCall. "He listens very well, and when he speaks, everyone pays attention."

Father Fraser admires the job Novotny does in the Cascade school system. "I think he is doing a real ministry," he said.

Much of Sobotta's 40-year career as a teacher, coach, official, administrator and community volunteer was spent in Lapwai. There, as superintendent, he oversaw construction of a state-of-the-art athletic complex. He worked several years in the State Department of Education in Boise, first as elementary education coordinator, then as deputy superintendent and as bureau chief of federal programs, before starting his job with the Diocese of Boise.

Through the years, Sobotta has received numerous honors and awards. He served on the IHSAA Board of Directors and was a charter member of the

YEA Board of Directors.

"Bob's election to the IHSAA Hall of Fame was well deserved and fitting recognition for the years of service he has provided to the youth of Idaho," said Jack Craven, Diocese of Boise education director. "His work in the Lapwai School District and his work at the Idaho Department of Education earned for him the reputation of a dedicated professional whose focus always was what was best for the youth of the state."

"Bob brings to his position as coordinator of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Boise

a wealth of experience and a commitment to his church that is exemplary in every respect. He has done a marvelous job out there," said Craven.

In a congratulatory letter to Sobotta, Bishop Michael Driscoll said Sobotta's induction into the IHSAA Hall of Fame "is a great award for all your past achievements in Idaho's education programs."

"This award gives me one more reason for being grateful that you now serve the Catholic people of Idaho as the Diocese of Boise coordinator of Catholic schools."

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BON VOYAGE

Branches along the path to help us find our way

I believe my mother had more significant influence on my life than any other person. I have often found myself wondering, what major life perspectives did she teach me that helped me to know God, who I am and what her legacy is? I answer this large and important question with one of my favorite stories about an ancient, Far East community that had a unique practice.

Elderly folks, when about to pass on, were picked up and taken to the top of a hill that was surrounded by a thick forest. The top was relatively flat and had less vegetation. There, the elderly folks pass on in peace and tranquility.

In the community, there lived a young man who was an only child. His father had died. One day, he noticed that his elderly mother was failing in her health, so he prepared to embark on the journey to the top of the hill. During the sad journey, he realized that it was his last time to be physically close to his mother. He wondered what he could give her as a reward for her contribution toward his well being. Hugging her this time seemed inadequate, and there was no more time for cards or occasional outings together.

As they traveled, he occasionally felt something pull him back and then release suddenly. After a long time, he looked behind and saw his mother pulling branches off trees and leaving them along the path they were traveling. He could not figure out whether it was a customary practice or something that was only significant for his mother.

He knew that he had to learn the meaning of this peculiar practice from his mother so that he could pass it on to his children. He asked her why she was leaving branches along the path. His mother, weak because of her failing health and fatigue from the journey, with a faint voice said, "Son when you leave me on top of the hill, I won't need directions any more. However, you will need to find your way home. I have left those branches to help you find the path."

Spiritual Lessons



By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

There are five branches I think my mother left that have become a dependable roadmap leading directly to spiritual, academic and social fulfillment.

1. Identify. She encouraged me to accept my uniqueness irrespective of narrow identities that are based on superficial social and biological groupings. It is important for children to know that they are created with the image of God. No other person can live, act or be them. Their uniqueness (talents, gifts and experiences) should enrich the world differently from anybody else, and other people's opinion about them shouldn't become their reality.

2. Relationships. My mother taught me that having bonds that endure trying times is important. She introduced me to God. She prayed before doing anything. A personal relationship with God provides the inward tranquility that overcomes life tribulations. She was the force behind our family sticking together, especially during stormy times. Close ties with family, church, associates and community ensure our uniqueness and an environment to fulfill our mission and is beneficial to all.

3. Bouncing Back. I am still yet to find any person with an ability to bounce back after devastating experiences like my mother. She taught me that past

failures or losses should be a point of reference but never a point of residency. Success largely depends on our ability to move from one drawback to another (be it death of loved ones, loss of a job, broken relationships or unfulfilled dreams) with enthusiasm, determination, new vision and restored hope. Each drawback has to be viewed as a valuable lesson that makes us better.

4. Be an agent of change. When things didn't work as planned, Mother was always flexible. John Newton was born into a slave trader's family. He became a captain of the trade. On the verge of death, he realized that what he was doing was inhumane and proposed to leave it. He did leave it and helped stop the insidious slave trade. John composed the song "Amazing Grace" that touches and uplifts souls worldwide. Mother knew that there are practices that are detrimental to oneself (substance abuse, lack of life goals, spiritual decay) or others (hatred, spousal or child abuse). Like John, my mother knew that one can evaluate his/her situation, leave it, practice and sing one's own "Amazing Grace."

5. Within the dash—in the headstone. My mother taught me that one could only make a difference in this world between his or her birth and death. Birth and death dates shown on headstones are connected with a dash. However, it is what one does in his/her lifetime, represented by the dash that is of importance. Think of familiar names, Harriet Tubman, Mother Teresa, or Martin Luther King, Jr. You may not know their birth and death dates, but you know or have an idea of what each did. Helping others make their dreams a reality is a beautiful coronation of the dash.

Kituku, a native of Kenya, is a Boise freelance writer, motivational speaker, storyteller and seminar leader.

Every Sunday is a celebration

When I was growing up, priests "said" Mass and people "heard" Mass.

That was our usual terminology even though Pope Pius XI, who was pope from 1922 until 1939, had made a plea that we should "pray the Mass." He was responsible for advocating hand missals so that people could follow a translation of what the priest was reading silently at the altar in Latin.

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical, *Mediator Dei*, taught that we all offer the Mass through the ordained priest in union with Christ, and he called for active participation by the faithful.

The Second Vatican Council brought the dreams of Pope Pius XII and other scholars to fruition in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. It established the principle that in the restoration of the liturgy "the aim above all else is the full, active participation of the people." Its teaching led to the canonization of the term, "to celebrate Mass."

Our English word "celebration" comes from a Latin word which means a "gathering of people." This denotation should remind us that the Mass is never a private devotion. It is the prayer of the entire baptized people in union with Christ through the hands of their bishops and priests.

The conation of the word "celebrate" suggests the

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

observance of a joyful event, which is characterized by music, food and fellowship. In this sense we celebrate birthdays and similar occasions. Liturgically we celebrate our birth as the Christian people through the death and resurrection of Christ. By dying he has destroyed our old life of sin, and by his resurrection he has given us a new life whereby God has become our Father, and we have become sisters and brothers of one another.

This new birth is so important that we celebrate it, not once a year, but every Sunday. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy declares that Sunday, the Lord's

Day, is the original feast day. Sunday without Mass should be unthinkable.

The Constitution put it this way: "On this day the faithful should come together so that, by hearing the word of God and taking part in the Eucharist, they may call to mind the passion, the resurrection, and the glorification of the Lord Jesus, and may thank God who 'has begotten us again, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto a living hope.'"

Our great day of celebration as Catholics is Sunday. For that reason, every Sunday Mass should receive sufficient attention in preparation and celebration. A so-called 'quiet Mass' is ordinarily not in keeping with the spirit of liturgical renewal. Every Sunday Mass should include, as much as possible, full participation through at least some use of music and liturgical ministers.

This is not a question of taste or preference, but of what is proper to the celebration of Mass on Sunday.

An important part of preparation for Sunday Mass is personal, private prayer. Only if we have gone to our room, closed the door, and prayed to our Father in secret, can we go to church, open our minds and hearts, and join all our sisters and brothers in the joyful celebration of the Mass.

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Question Corner

How many have the gift of faith?

By Father John Dietzen
Q. Why does God give the gift of faith only to a select group of people? If he knew they could not possibly attain salvation, why did he create them in the first place?

A. What makes you think that God does not give the gift of faith to everyone? We believe, of course, that faith, our ability to know and respond to God's love and providential care, is pure gift, an unmerited, unconditional offer to share his life.

Sometimes, however, as indicated in your question, we interpret that belief to mean that those who "have faith"

(usually certain formal religious beliefs and membership) are loved by God more than others. While we owe an eternal debt of gratitude to God for this gift, nothing in Catholic doctrine supports this interpretation.

In fact, our Catholic prayers and liturgies assume just the opposite. The second Eucharistic Prayer, for example, remembers our brothers and sisters in the faith who have died, but then asks God to bring "all the departed into the light" of his heavenly presence. In other words, we petition that the gift of faith will come to fruition in eternal life for all people who

have died.

Perhaps, with all the so-called "pagans" in the world who do not know or believe in God or Jesus Christ, it is to some degree understandable that we suppose the gift of faith is limited in scope. Our good sense, however, if not our faith, ought to convince us that the vision and knowledge we possess in such matters is very tiny.

Thus, the fourth Eucharistic Prayer asks God's mercy on Christians who have died, and then "on all the dead whose faith is known to you alone."

No one, I believe, has put

these thoughts more directly and plainly than Pope John Paul II. The world is obviously not Catholic from a denominational point of view, he writes. It is, nevertheless, "profoundly permeated by the Gospel. We can even say that the mystery of the church, the body of Christ, is in some way invisibly present in it" ("Crossing the Threshold of Hope," Page 112).

Based on this conviction and Catholic tradition, he declares that "Christ came into the world for all these people. He redeemed them all and has his own ways of reaching each of them" in this present age of

salvation history (Page 83).

Fortunately for all of us, the reach of God's majestic plan of salvation, including his invitation to faith, extends far beyond the range of our feeble, limited imaginations.

A free brochure answering questions Catholics ask about receiving the holy Eucharist is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 325, Peoria, IL 61651. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address, or e-mail: jjdietzen@aol.com.

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What about rescuing frozen embryos?

Recent concern about cloning and stem cell research has raised a further ethical dilemma: is it permissible to adopt an embryo that has been frozen (though what is called the process of *cryopreservation*)?

In most circumstances, a couple who attempt to have a child by some form of *in vitro* fertilization agree to have additional or "extra" fertilized ova frozen: (a) in case the inserted ova do not fully implant and grow to maturity (i.e., a live pregnancy) or (b) for use by the couple for a future pregnancy.

In many cases, these frozen embryos are never used because the first (or initial) attempts at pregnancy have succeeded and/or the couple do not wish to pursue this process again.

The frozen embryo is kept in a reservoir of liquid nitrogen (what one author calls a "concentration can." (Jerome Lejeune, Ignatius Press, 1992). The 1987 Vatican "Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origins and on the Dignity of Procreation" [*Donum Vitae*] specifically teaches that "The human person is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception." (no. 60) It is thus a moral absurdity to assign embryos to this frozen fate. They seem to have no means of survival.

Some varied ways have arisen to address this absurdity:

First: "Creating Families, Inc." (Denver) solicits donations as a business enterprise to distribute abandoned frozen embryos to couples who are anxious to have a child. Their website is <http://www.creatfam.com/embryodonor.html>. This option is morally unacceptable as the profit motive comes strongly into play as the "selling of children."

Second: Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York is even more brash: it will provide a frozen embryo for \$2,750 to anyone who desires to purchase it.

Third: a distinguished European Cardinal suggested that all frozen embryos should be buried in a prayerful ceremony of love and respect for their

Theology Today



By Father Gerald D. Coleman, SS

individual lives. This is a better option than allowing them to exist in their frozen state.

Fourth: Msgr. William B. Smith of Dunwoodie Seminary, New York, claims that there is "no possibility of their {i.e., frozen embryos} being offered safe means of survival which can be licitly pursued..." (*Homiletics and Pastoral Review*, 1995, pg. 74) Smith argues that a woman who adopts a frozen embryo and has the embryo implanted in her womb *de facto* shares in the evil of *in vitro* fertilization and herself "separates" the unitive and procreative dimensions of sexual intercourse.

I would disagree with the first, second and fourth options (perhaps the Cardinal's suggestion is the most humane one in light of the very large numbers of frozen embryos throughout the world), but strongly support the position advocated by William E. May in his book *Catholic Bioethics and the Gift of Life* (2000; pgs. 101-108).

It is moral and laudatory for a married couple to adopt a frozen embryo for these ethical and pastoral reasons:

* Those wanting to adopt the frozen embryo are in no way themselves separating the unitive and procreative dimensions of the conjugal act.

* Those wanting to adopt are not the ones who have

deprived the new human person of his or her proper origin or possibility of life.

* The adopting couple is deciding to have a child "put into the wife's body" (which is morally different from having a child "come to be" in a woman's body: e.g., through an *in vitro* technique).

* The adopting couple is rescuing a child who is *already conceived*: i.e., the woman's intention/choice is to transfer the embryo from its frozen state to her own womb and this is a morally acceptable act.

* The adopting mother is choosing to give the frozen embryo its first adoptive home.

* Prudence suggests that only married couples should adopt frozen embryos since they are most capable to undertake the responsibilities of parenthood.

* The adoptive parents are making two morally correct choices: (a) the choice to adopt; and (b) the choice to commit themselves to give their adopted child a home.

* Ideally, motherhood sustains three distinct aspects: (a) genetic; (b) gestational; and (c) social. There is no reason to think that the social dimension established between an adoptive child and the adoptive parents is immoral (as in any adoption, the genetic/gestational aspects are different from the social aspect). This same argument holds in the case of adopting a frozen embryo where the genetic component is separated from the gestational and social dimension.

* To adopt a frozen embryo for the purpose of carrying the child to term is not *surrogacy* as the "intention" of the adopting couple is the child's (a) adoption and (b) nurturing (giving the child a home). In classic moral theology, in other words, the "object" of the moral act is the transfer of the frozen embryo (gestational mothering) and the "end" is protecting the child's life (social mothering).

Father Coleman is rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif.

The Second Half

That is all that matters

By Jim and Ann Cavera

We are in the last desperate throes of a summer cold. It all began a couple of weeks ago with scratchy throats and fatigue. The timing couldn't have been worse. We were in the midst of family visits, long drives, having our kitchen torn up with remodeling and a heat wave. We bought boxes of tissues and an assortment of pills and liquids to help us through the rough times. The coughing became much worse at night when we tried to sleep. We used a cool mist vaporizer to add soothing moisture to the air, realizing all the while that the air conditioner worked overtime to take the moisture out of the air. It was a no-win situation.

Summer colds are the worst because they surprise us, out of season. We walk around feeling out of step with the rest of humanity. Healthy people have little sympathy for anyone who gets sick at the wrong time.

Recently I attended a workshop on Spirituality and Aging. At this workshop I was especially taken by the idea that we can speak of spirituality in terms of "giftedness." This approach asserts that all that we are, or that we have or know, experience or do can be seen as a spiritual gift. Everything that comes into our lives, including our own illnesses and suffering can be transformed into gifts.

The speaker made the point that gifts that are shared or given away are replaced. Her

viewpoint certainly seemed to apply to a summer cold. I tried to stay focused on the bigger picture. The disciples were called to go out and share their gifts of the Word, faith and healing. No matter what our circumstances, we, too, are called to share a wide variety of gifts such as time, humor, teaching and listening.

To illustrate her point, the speaker told a story of an elderly woman who became increasingly demented due to Alzheimer's disease. She had reached the stage where she needed constant care in a nursing facility. Her niece dropped by to visit several times each week. For a number of weeks, the woman asked her niece, "What is my name? I can't remember it." Each time she asked, the niece patiently repeated the elderly woman's name. One day the woman asked, "What is my name?" Before the niece could respond she said,

"Don't bother," and she pointed to the crucifix on the wall and said, "He knows what it is and that is all that matters."

Without realizing it, the elderly woman shared a deep spiritual gift with her niece and ultimately with everyone who heard her story. From summer colds to Alzheimer's disease, in the midst of our misery, no matter how slight or serious, Christ remembers who we are. He calls us by name. In the end, that is all that matters.

Deacon Jim and Ann Cavera, Diocese of Evansville, Ind., are experienced speakers and work-

shop presenters who have co-authored "The Second Half," a column for Catholics over age

50, for almost five years. Jim's background is in social work. Ann's is in education.

Persevere in running the race

READINGS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 1-4

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12: 49-53

One of the most effective ways to deal with a prophet is to call his mental health into question. Another is to label him a traitor. Jeremiah's adversaries chose to do the latter. *Jeremiah ought to be put to death*, they told the king, *he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin.*

The king gave them free rein to do whatever they wanted to Jeremiah. But later God gave him a change of heart. *Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.* God protects His prophets so that they might carry out their God-given task. This is something that we might do well to remember.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us *I have come to set the world on fire and how I wish it were already blazing!* He then goes on to tell us in veiled language that this will be made possible through His suffering, death and resurrection—the *baptism* with which He *must be baptized.*

This language is foreign to us. We might say that He wanted to fill the world and its people with God's presence and power so that the world might be transformed and the divine kingdom come in all its fullness.

But the Lord also makes it clear that this will not happen without what He calls *divi-*

Scripture Speaks Today

By Father William Gould

sion. People will oppose those who truly try to do what God wants. This opposition is not what the Lord wants, but what will actually take place. But the fact of *division*—which Jeremiah himself experienced—will not stop the work of God or that of His prophets.

The church has seen many prophets throughout its history. Anyone who takes the Lord seriously and tries to not only live but also teach His message is a prophet. There have been tens of thousands, perhaps millions, of prophets. You and I should be numbered among them.

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses—all those faithful prophet-witnesses who have gone before us and now gloriously reign in heaven—let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Aug. 20: BOISE, Diocesan Pastoral Center Inter-Parish Evangelization Meeting, 7 p.m.

Aug. 21: BOISE, St. Marks Catechesis: Therese of Lisieux, 7 p.m.

Aug. 24: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer and Praise, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

Aug. 24-27: BOISE AREA HEALING EVENT International Catholic Speaker, Thomas Rutkoski, author of "Apostles of the Last Days" and "Miracles and How to Work Them." He is now an instrument God uses to bring spiritual and physical healing to many. For information: Elli Gerichs, 208-466-8511

Aug. 24: Sacred Heart, 811 S. Latah, 6:30 p.m., Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass, Presentation and Healing Blessing (Thomas Rutkoski)

Aug. 25: St. Pauls, 15115 8th Street South, Nampa, 4:30 p.m. Rosary, 5 p.m. Mass, Presentation/ Healing Blessing (Thomas Rutkoski)

Aug. 26: St. Jerome's, 2162nd Avenue, Jerome, 3 p.m. Rosary, 3:30 p.m. Presentation and Healing Blessing (Thomas Rutkoski)

Aug. 27: Holy Apostles Parish, 6300 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, 6 p.m. Rosary, 6:30 p.m., Mass, 7 p.m. Presentation/Healing Blessing

Aug. 25: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary School Reunion of all school graduates, staff and families, after 5 p.m. Mass. Food, music, fun and renewal of friendships. For more information, call Mary Dolven, 208-523-0239

Aug. 31: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Dedication ceremony for the new Driscoll-Dooley All-Weather track at BK during half time of the BK v. Borah football game. Come to honor long-time BK supporters, Jimmy Driscoll and Dick Dooley. Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 13: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Returning Catholics, 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks

Sept. 14-16: BOISE/MERIDIAN, Diocesan Fall Conference, Holy Apostles, St. John's Cathedral and Bishop Kelly High School

Every Thursday: NAMPA, Mercy Medical Living Will/Advance Directives, 10-11 a.m., Conference Room East, no fee. For more information call 467-1171

Sept. 29: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Fall Festival/Cow Chip Bingo, 6300 N. Meridian Road,

12-6 p.m. Booths, children's games, music, food and beverage, cow chip bingo (with live cow), cash prize bingo, country store, auction raffles, sweet shops

Oct. 9: BOISE, St. Mark's Catechesis: Adoration, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11: BOISE, Idaho Historical Museum Ada County St. Vincent de Paul Society—Stone Soup Supper, 6 p.m., \$25 per person

Oct. 12-14: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Evangelization Retreat. Information: Joanne Wood, 634-5474

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

LEWISTON: St. James, 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOISE, Sacred Heart: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOISE, St. Mark's: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.—Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

Aug. 17: Boise, Catholic Charities of Idaho Office Blessing, 775 N. 8th, 9 a.m.

Aug. 19: Silver City, Our Lady of Tears Mass, 1 p.m.

Aug. 21: Boise, KBCI Community Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 a.m.

Aug. 25: Driggs, Good Shepherd Catholic Church Dedication Mass, 11 a.m.

Aug. 31: Boise, Bishop Kelly High School, Welcome and Blessing of Students for the new school year, 2 p.m.

Sept. 5: Newark, NJ, Catholic Charities USA Meeting

Sept. 7: Washington, D.C., Clinic/MRS Meeting



Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died the last part of August and beginning of September.

Aug. 18, 1970

Rev. Michael J. McGowan

Aug. 22, 1987

Rev. Edward T. Cope, S.S.

Aug. 25, 1917

Most Rev. Alphonse J. Glorieux, D.D.

Aug. 27, 1935

Rev. John T. Toomey

Aug. 27, 1960

Rev. Michael J. King

Aug. 31, 1992

Rev. Thomas A. Heeran

Sept. 3, 1925

Rev. Thomas Purcell

Sept. 7, 1991

Rev. Thomas Gaudian

Nazareth Schedule

Aug. 20-22

Department of Corrections

Aug. 21

Fort Boise Mid-High Staff Retreat

Aug. 23

St. Mary's School Staff Retreat

Aug. 24-25

Idaho Commission on the Arts

Aug. 25

Catholic Daughters Board Meeting

Sept. 7

State Board of Education

Sept. 7-9

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and Eda Elizalde, (208) 482-6995

Sept. 12

State of Idaho Transportation Department

Sept. 14

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

Sept. 14-16

Presbyterian Women's Retreat

Sept. 17-20

St. Alphonsus Education Ministries

Sept. 18-19

State of Idaho Transportation Department

Sept. 21-23

Deacon Formation 2000

Sept. 26

St. Alphonsus Home Health

Sept. 28-30

Marriage Encounter

Oct. 3

St. Mary's Women's Retreat

Oct. 7

Risen Christ Catholic Community

Oct. 10-14

Knitting Camp

Oct. 14

St. Vincent de Paul

Oct. 15-19

Parish Health Ministries

Oct. 19-20

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Oct. 22-25

Presbyteral Convocation

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

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SUMMER FUN—Clarissa Wesselman, left, Katie Davies, Natasha Wesselman, and Erin Davies show off their face paints and balloon hats during the recent St. Mark's Parish Picnic at Municipal Park,

Boise. The Wesselman girls volunteered at the face painting booth. Fathers Steve Rukavina and Len MacMillan kicked off the event by celebrating Mass at the park. (Photo by Cory and Sharie Wesselman)

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John L. Carr

Conference Keynote John L. Carr

For the last decade, John Carr has served as the director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference. In that role, he has assisted the bishops in sharing and applying Catholic social teaching, advocating on the moral dimensions of key domestic and international issues and building the Catholic community's capacity to act on the Catholic Church's social mission.

As director of the bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace, he oversees the conference's policy development, environment, arms control and peacemaking. For over 25 years, John has been involved in Catholic social ministry, writing frequently on Catholic social teaching and speaking regularly on the social mission and message of the Catholic Church.

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Pre-Conference Session

Friday, Sept. 14, Holy Apostles Church, Meridian

**THEME: Catholic Identity
and Catholic Values**

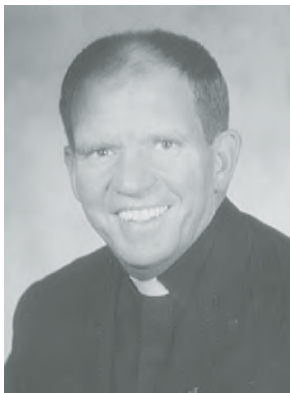
in the School and Parish Setting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE PRE-CONFERENCE? All Catholic school teachers and principals, directors of religious education, youth ministers, adult ministers, parish secretaries and other parish support personnel.

PRESENTERS AND WORKSHOP TITLES:

Father Paul Galetto: "The Catholic Identity of the Catholic Secondary School" and "A Process for Integrating Catholic Values in the Secondary School."

Father Galetto, an Augustinian priest who has been a teacher and a missionary in Nigeria and Peru, an associate pastor, university professor and religious prior, is president of St. Augustine Preparatory School, Richland, N.J. He has done extensive research and writing on the status of religious education in the nation. He is the author of "Building the Foundations of Faith," a



Father Paul W. Galetto, O.S.A.

research work on the status of religious education in the nation's Catholic elementary schools.

Jacque Jambor: "The Catholic Identity of Parish Catechesis," and "A Process for Integrating Catholic Values in Parish Elementary Education Programs."

Jambor, a catechetical advisor and national consultant for Resources for Christian Living, Bear Lake, Minn., has extensive background in catechetical ministry as a teacher, catechist, adult educator and author. She's a popular presenter for workshops, retreats, and conferences across the nation.

Dr. Robert Kealey: "A Process for Integrating Catholic Values in the Elementary School."

Dr. Kealey, New York, N.Y., who has been a teacher and principal as well as the superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx, N.Y., and a college professor, is executive director of the Department of Elementary Schools and National Education Associa-



Jacque Jambor

tion. He has authored or edited nine books and countless articles on Catholic elementary education.

Lee Nagel: "A Process for Integrating Catholic Values in Parish Youth and Adult Education Programs."

Nagel, who gives presentations and workshops at conventions across the nation and who has been a presenter at the Diocesan Fall Conferences and other events several times in Idaho, is director of Total Catholic Education for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis.

Father Joe daSilva: "The Catholic Identity of the School and Parish Office."

Father daSilva, a priest of the Diocese of Boise, is currently pastor of Risen Christ Community, Boise, Idaho's newest parish.

Cheryl McCrorie: "How Do We Greet Our Guests?" McCrorie is a long-time diocesan office and parish secretary. She is currently secretary at Risen Christ Community, Boise.



Dr. Robert Kealey

Greetings from the Bishop . . .

May I take this opportunity to invite each one of you to attend the Diocese of Boise's 2001 Fall Conference. It is the one opportunity each year when all the adult members of our diocese can come together for prayer and reflection as well as to learn more about ourselves as "a people of God."

The Fall Conference provides a wonderful time for each of us to celebrate the faith life of the church and expand our knowledge of the teachings of Christ. It is in this manner that we can grow in our faith and be better prepared to share it with others.

As your bishop, I take great pleasure in the opportunities that the conference gives me to come into contact with so many of you from all sections of our large diocese.

To those of you whose ongoing commitment to our church has led to active roles in its many ministries, I express my gratitude for the generous manner in which you give of your time and talents.



To all the adult Catholics of Idaho, I issue an invitation that you open your hearts to the Lord and consider attending this year's Fall Conference.

In Christ's peace,
Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll
 Bishop of the
Idaho Catholic Church

2001 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM Diocese of Boise, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705 Make checks payable to: Diocese of Boise, Fall Conference

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Indicate the workshops for which you are registering. Refer to the listing on pages 9-12 in this insert.

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 Saturday, Sept. 15: Session III _____, Session IV _____, Session V _____.
 Sunday, Sept. 16: Session VI _____.

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Conference Schedule

PRE-CONFERENCE— Friday, Sept. 14

Holy Apostles Church, Meridian

- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Morning Prayer
- 9:20 Welcome
- 9:30 General Session A—
Father Paul Galetto, O.S.A.
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Workshop Session I
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 General Session B—Dr. Robert Kealey
General Session C—Jacquie Jambor
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Workshop Session II
- 4:00 Closing and Dinner Break

OPENING CELEBRATION— Friday, Sept. 14

St. John's Cathedral

- 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer Celebration
General Session D—John L. Carr
Reception

CONFERENCE 2001— Saturday, Sept. 15

Bishop Kelly High School

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 Exhibits Open
- 8:30 Call to Prayer
- 9:00 General Session E—John L. Carr
- 9:00 Break
- 10:15 Workshop Session III
- 10:30 Lunch
- 11:45 Workshop Session IV
- 1:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 Workshop Session V
- 2:30 Break
- 3:45 Break
- 4:00 Presentation of Awards
- 5:00 Exhibits Close and Dinner Break
- 8:00 Concert

CONFERENCE 2001—Sunday, Sept. 16 Bishop Kelly High School

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Exhibits open
- 8:30 Call to Prayer
- 8:45 General Session F—Bishop Driscoll/
Panel
- 10:00 Workshop Session VI
- 11:30 Mass

Register On Line
 at CatholicIdaho.org then
 click on Fall Conference

Hotels/Motels

Lodging—The hotels listed below can provide reasonably-priced and conveniently located accommodations for those attending the Fall Conference. When making reservations, identify yourself as attending the Fall Conference. Early reservations are encouraged due to Boise State University activities:

Bestrest, 8002 Overland Road, 322-4404—
Single, \$49.95, Double, \$49.95;

Budget Inn, 2600 Fairview Ave., 344-8617—
Single, \$40.00, Double, \$47.00;

Comfort Inn, 2526 Airport Way, 366-0077—
Single, \$59.00, Double, Double, \$66;

Econo Lodge, 4060 Fairview Ave., 344-4030—
Single, \$45.00, Double, \$47.00;

Inn America, 2275 Airport Way, 389-9800—
Single, \$51.99, Double, \$58.99;

Motel 6, 2323 Airport Way, 344-3506—
Single, \$55.00, Double, \$67.00;

Shilo Riverside, 3030 Main Street, 344-3521—
\$51.00, Double, \$61.00;

Super 8 Lodge, 2773 Elder, 344-8871—
Single, \$59.95, Double, \$65.95;

University Inn, 2360 University, 345-7170—
\$52.50, Double, \$55.50.

Some of the presenters



Father Don Fraser



Father Jesús Camacho



Sam Byrd



Martin Zavala

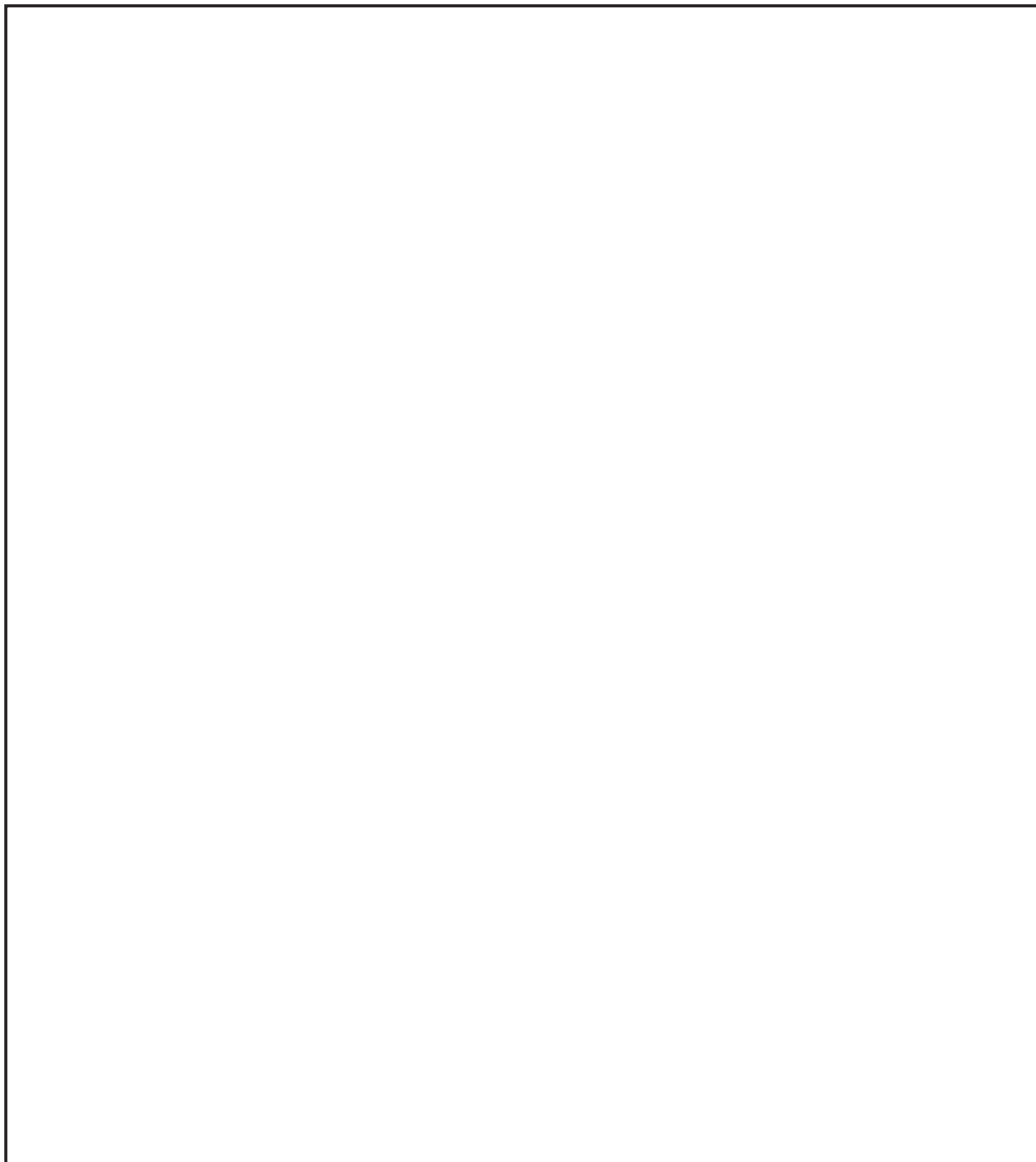


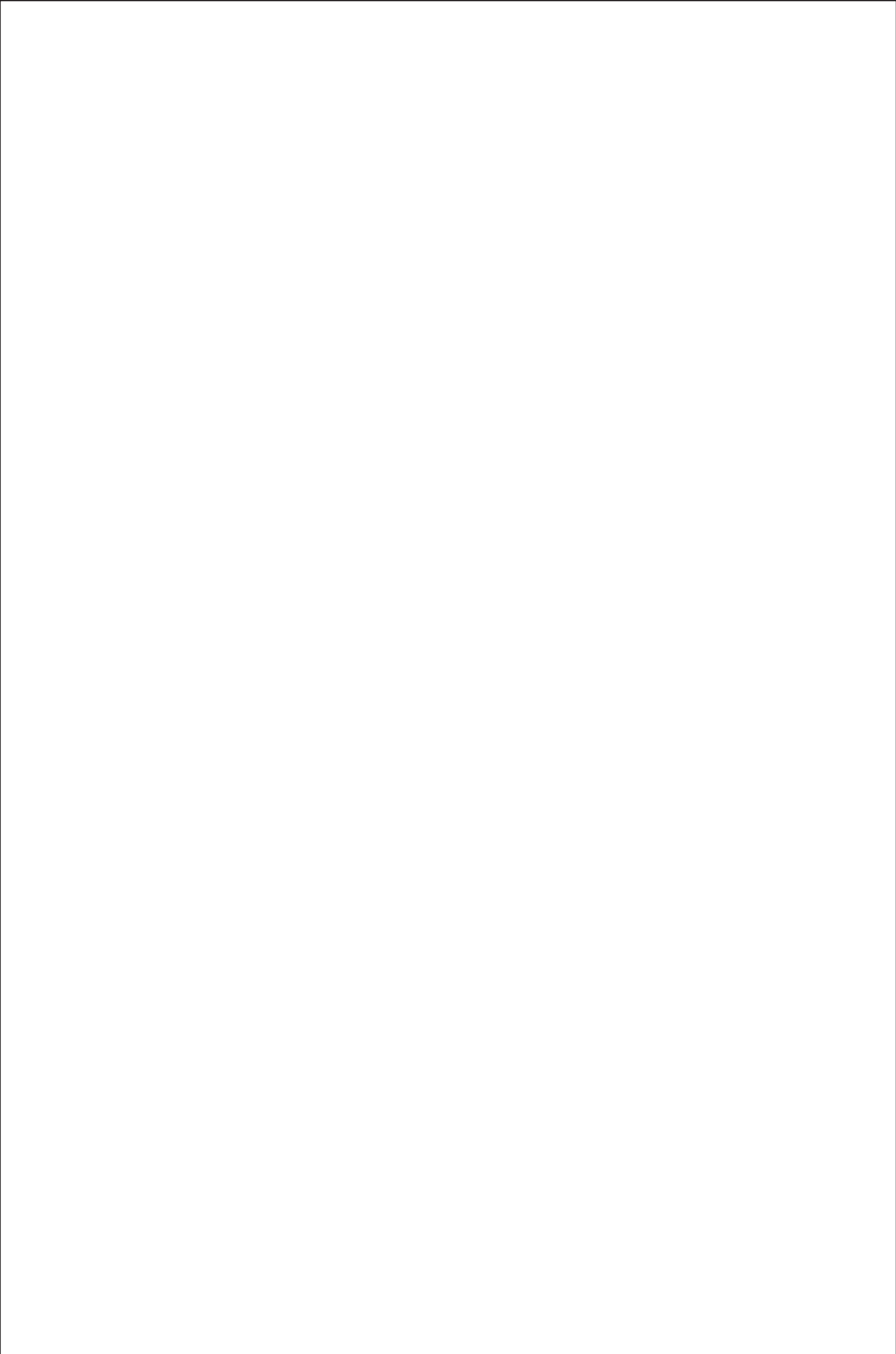
Mark Friedman



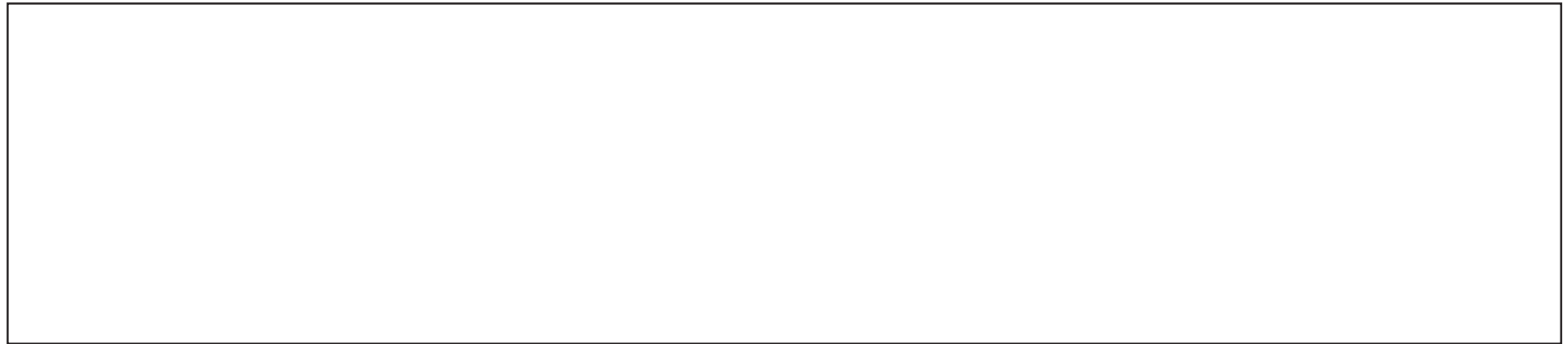
Janet Vogt

WORKSHOPS









Conference Concert



For an evening of musical enjoyment, plan to attend the "Conference Concert" which will take place from 8-10 p.m. in the Bishop Kelly High School gymnasium, Sept. 15.

Keynotes Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt will share their musical skills with the audience and present a program featuring a wide variety of contemporary liturgical music blended with renditions from area children's choir.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear two of the American Catholic Church's outstanding musicians in concert!

Exhibitors



Over two dozen exhibitors from Idaho, Oregon and Washington will display and merchandise a wide range of materials suitable for use in the catechetical ministries sponsored by parishes and schools.

Representatives from publishing companies, religious supply outlets, and a variety of church organizations will be on hand during the conference to be of assistance to you.

Take advantage of this opportunity to view the latest in catechetical materials and religious artifacts which will be on display in the Bishop Kelly High School cafeteria on Saturday and Sunday.

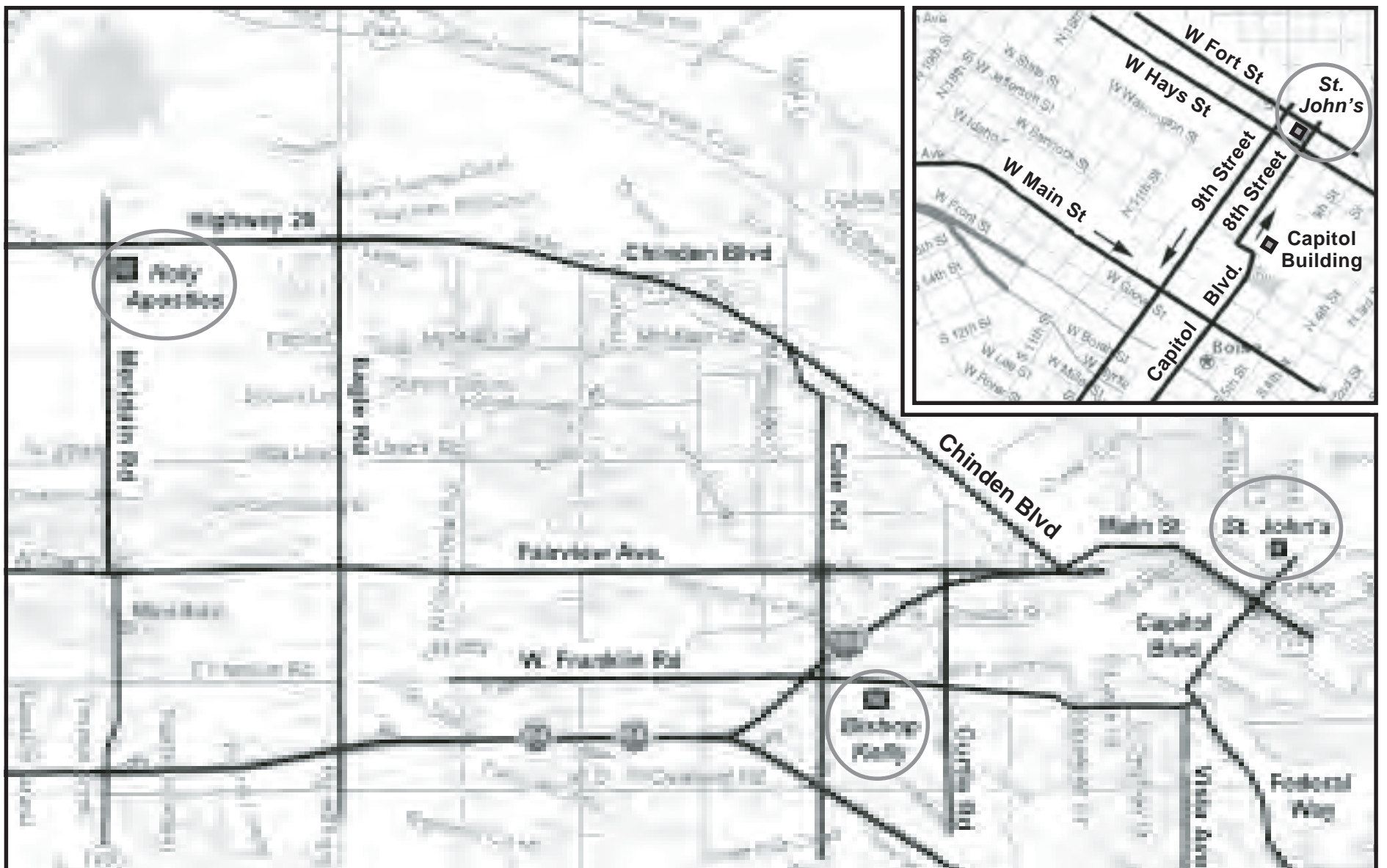
Diocese to present Ministry Awards Sept. 15 at conference

The Diocesan Office of Education will honor 14 individuals who are active in a variety of parish and Catholic school ministries during a Ministry Awards ceremony at 4 p.m. Sept. 15 during the Diocesan Fall Conference at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise.

Their pastors or members of their parishes nominated recipients of the awards. They are Gloria and Gerry Gibeault, Holy Rosary and Christ the King parishes, Idaho Falls; Reed and Colleen Crozier, St. Jerome's Church, Jerome; Karen Edmundson, St. Stanislaus School, Lewiston; Mary Crum, Bishop Kelly High School, Boise; Lucy Lish, St. Mark's Church, Boise, and Mary Lou Dion, St. Pius X Church, Coeur d'Alene.

Also receiving awards are Virginia Montalvan, Mary Immaculate Church, St. Anthony; Jose Luis Moncara, Corpus Christi Church, Payette; Mary Roybal, St. Patrick's Church, Rexburg; Maria Castillo, Mary Immaculate Church, St. Anthony; Denise Conley, St. Alphonsus Church, Wallace, and Jim Reed, St. Agnes Church, Weiser.

How to get to Fall Conference events





Idaho Catholic Youth 2001-2002

Martha Miller fills two offices at Girls Nation

BOISE—Bishop Kelly High School senior, Martha Miller, Boise, attended the Girls Nation program in Washington, D.C. July 21-28. She was selected as one of two “senators” from Idaho while attending the Girls State program in Idaho in June.

Girls State and Girls Nation are citizenship programs sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary that emphasize knowledge of government through participation in mock elections, bill writing and legislative deliberations.

Miller is the daughter of Boise attorney Nick Miller and former Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak. The family attends St. John’s Cathedral parish in



Martha Miller

Boise. She was involved in Life Teen her sophomore year and is an altar server in the parish.

Miller’s faith is important to her. She says it helps her to remember how she got where she is.

“Because of my faith, when we’re debating the role government plays in our life and other issues, I know what I believe and where I came from,” she said.

While at Girls State, Miller served as Federalist Party chair and Senate Majority Leader. At Girls Nation, she was elected Federalist Party vice-chair and appointed as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Miller is the incoming student body president at Bishop Kelly where she is also cheerleading captain and participates in speech and debate.

A Bishop Kelly student has been selected for Girls Nation or Boys Nation in each of the

last three years, beginning with Hartley Miller, Miller’s sister, in 1999, and Dan Davis in 2000.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Casey Lewis, left, and Tony Joy, Kellogg, recently received the Catholic Daughters Court St. Therese of the Mountains scholarships. The two above average students have been active in church, school and community activities. Both serve as eucharistic ministers on Sundays at St. Rita’s Parish, Kellogg. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

St. Charles Men’s Group awards scholarships to two parish youth

HAILEY—The Men’s Group of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Hailey, recently presented its second annual Memorial Scholarships to Louise Rose Nagashima and Cory Goicoechea.

The scholarships this year were given in honor of the late Deacon Bill Mallory who served St. Charles Parish from 1980 to 1998. Each student received \$1000 to assist them in accomplishing their educational goals.

Nagashima and Goicoechea were selected on the basis of their academic achievement, school, religious and community activities and need.

“Both of this year’s recipients presented impressive qualifications in their scholarship applications,” said John Davies, St. Charles Men’s Group Scholarship chairman.

Nagashima will attend Georgetown University in Washington D.C. this fall as a junior. She has completed two years at Colgate University in New York state. Her interest is in international economics and politics.

She is spending the summer as an intern for First Bank of Idaho. She has also been active in Idaho Business Week at Boise State University, a week-long program for high school students to learn about business.

Nagashima was a member of Colgate University’s Newman Community and volunteered at the Hope House Soup Kitchen. Before leaving for college, she regularly volunteered at the St. Charles Basque Dinner and participated in the Basque dancing.

Nagashima expressed her appreciation for the scholarship



Louise Rose Nagashima

and said she is “strengthened by the support of such a tremendous parish.”

An honor student like Nagashima, Goicoechea will start as a freshman this fall at University of Mary, Bismarck, N.D.

Goicoechea made a name form himself in Wood River High School’s wrestling, football and baseball programs. He was a two-time state champion in wrestling.

His community service included four years as a mentor in



Cory Goicoechea

the DARE program for younger students and coaching Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams as well as in the Freestyle Wrestling program.

Goicoechea also volunteered each year at the St. Charles Basque Dinner, helping with preparing and in the Basque dancing.

He said he found it “especially meaningful” to receive the Men’s Group scholarship in Deacon Mallory’s honor. Goicoechea and Mallory share the same birthday.

Pope urges young Catholics to ‘attach themselves firmly to Christ’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, in a message for World Youth Day in Toronto next year, urged young Catholics to steep themselves in church tradition while experiencing the joy of living the Christian faith.

He asked youths to “steer

clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in society” by attaching themselves firmly to Christ.

He plans to join hundreds of thousands of young people in Toronto next July 18-28 for the international youth celebration.

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BRIEFS

Children called to participate in Fall Conference 2001

BOISE—Children, ages 8 to 14, are invited to sing in a Liturgical Music Workshop at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, on Sept. 15 during the Diocesan Fall Conference.

Janet Vogt, Cincinnati, Ohio, who has much experience with children's choirs, will work with the children during the Saturday morning session, 10:30 to noon. The children will then participate in the Conference Concert at 8 p.m. Saturday and in the Sunday closing liturgy at 11:30 a.m. The children will need to arrive a half hour before the liturgy starts.

A rehearsal for local children in advance of the conference is under consideration. Out of town participants are especially welcome. There are no "try outs."

For information or a show of interest, contact Beverly Schumacher, 336-0156 or email her at: schumach1@mindspring.com.

Post Falls parish plans Annual Fall Festival

POST FALLS—St. George Parish, Post Falls, will host the Annual Fall Festival Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year the event will feature a 5k Fun Run, pancake breakfast, a huge rummage sale, food booths, and a raffle.

Entry fee for the fun run is \$12, which includes a t-shirt, or \$5 without a t-shirt. Late fee after Aug. 29 is \$6 with t-shirt.

The pancake breakfast will be served starting at 8 a.m.

Raffle prizes include a \$1,000 shopping spree at the store of your choice, \$500 shopping spree and a \$250 shopping spree. Fifth through ninth prizes will be \$100 cash, and 10th through 20th prizes are \$50.

Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$10 each.

For more information call St. George's Parish office, (208) 773-4715.

Bishop Driscoll to celebrate Mass in Silver City Aug. 19

SILVER CITY—Bishop Michael Driscoll will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Tears Church in the historic mining town, Silver City, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19.

Following Mass, participants are invited to a potluck picnic. Those planning to attend the picnic are asked to bring a dish to share, plus folding chairs, since seating is at a premium.

Bishop Driscoll will offer the Mass for the repose of the soul of Ed Jagels, who was proprietor of the Idaho Hotel and a longtime Our Lady of Tears supporter.

Bishop Kelly High School registers new students for fall

BOISE—Bishop Kelly High School, Idaho's only Catholic high school, is registering new students for fall semester. School will start Aug. 27.

Projected enrollment for this year is 700 students, according to Gail Cushman, Bishop Kelly's new principal.

"Bishop Kelly has a tradition for excellence, and the students earned over \$3,000,000 in scholarships last year," she said. "The ACT scores soared this year with the average composite of 23.8 compared to the average state composite of 21.5. And SAT averages are 80 points above the national average."

Parents interested in enrolling their children at Bishop Kelly should call 375-6010 and ask for one of the counselors.

Meridian Knights of Columbus plan Annual Yard Sale Aug. 25

MERIDIAN—Knights of Columbus Council 11548, Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, will hold their Annual Yard Sale Aug. 25 at 828 West Cherry Lane, Meridian, in the old gymnasium.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holy Father thanks diocese

The Holy Father, through a letter from his secretary of state, has thanked the Diocese of Boise for the donation of \$17,750 in support of the Holy See.

The funds were raised through the Diocesan Development Program.

The pope invited the church of Idaho to serve as "the home and the school of communion." He also invoked "the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit upon you all as you strive to keep your gaze fixed on Christ in the midst of the many challenges of today."

Holy Trinity Trappist Abbey announces "Live In Experience" retreats

HUNTSVILLE, Utah—Holy Trinity Trappist Abbey will host three "Live-in Experience" retreats.

They are scheduled for Aug. 22-24, Oct. 17-24 and Jan. 2-6.

Retreatants will work and pray with the monks and hear vocational conferences given by the monks themselves.

There is no fee. Space is limited. For more information or other dates at Saint Benedict's Trappist Monastery, Snow Mass, Colo., or the famous Gethsemani Trappist Monastery in Trappist, Ky., call toll free, 866-548-3463.

East Idaho LIMEX has openings

BLACKFOOT—The deadline to join the LIMEX group in the Eastern Deanery has been extended to Aug. 31.

Jennifer Wise and Scott Pearhill, co-facilitators for this group, report that they have enough students to begin as an "all-certificate" group, but would like to see if more graduate students are interested so that the group can offer masters degrees in addition to continuing education certificates.

LIMEX is the Loyola University, New Orleans, Institute for Ministry Extension Program. It offers a master's of pastoral studies and master's of religious studies. Over 60 people have applied to join the program this year.

Study groups are already set to begin in late August and early September in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, and in Boise at Bishop Kelly High School and Saint John's Cathedral. All four of these groups offer both masters degrees and certificates because they have a majority

of participants holding or seeking masters degrees. In order for the Eastern Deanery group, which will meet in Blackfoot, to offer master's degrees, a few more graduate students need to sign up. Students from other Christian denominations are welcome to apply, provided they are comfortable with learning in a Catholic theological environment.

Dan McGill, the liaison for the LIMEX program here in Idaho, reports that it would also be good to see more bilingual Hispanic students join the Blackfoot group as a number of Hispanics have already applied to join and the need for well-trained Hispanics is very great in this area.

To find out more about the Eastern Deanery LIMEX group, contact Scott Pearhill, 232-1196, or Jennifer Wise, 254-3133.

To learn about joining any of the other groups or for further information LIMEX, contact McGill at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Boise, 342-1311.

Diocese of Boise receives \$150,000 Catholic Extension grant

By Colette Cowman
ICR editor

Catholic Extension has approved a \$150,000 grant for the Diocese of Boise for the year 2001-2002 to assist with seminarian education, campus ministry, Native American missions, deacon formation and adult religious education.

The grant is the fifth of a Catholic Extension Five Year Plan.

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll thanked the Catholic Church Extension Society for its generosity in a letter to Richard A. Ritter, Extension vice president.

He asks that Idaho clergy and Catholic faithful continue to remember Catholic Church Extension Society in prayer and all those who benefit from the society's assistance.

"Without the grant assistance from Catholic Extension, it would have been very difficult, if not impossible for us to fund these programs, in particular the campus ministry and education programs," said Patrick Crisler, diocesan finance officer. "Most people probably do not know this, but DDP (Diocesan Development Program) is only about 50 per cent the annual source of funds utilized at the diocesan level. The rest comes from other sources, including Extension."

Catholic Church Extension Society was founded in 1905 by Father (later bishop) Francis Clement Kelley to support missionary work in America. Pope St. Pius X originally mandated it as a Papal Organization in

1907. Each succeeding pope has conferred this approval and spiritual blessing.

Catholic Extension receives no church, government or United Way funds. It attracts annual contributions from over 90,000 concerned priests, religious and laity. Grants are allocated to mission dioceses for various projects only after written approval of the local bishop, rigorous evaluation by a field representative and final review by the Extension Allocations Committee.

Many of the churches and schools and church building additions in Idaho were built with assistance from Catholic Church Extension Society over the years. Catholic Extension funded the startup of the religious education supplement "Faith Alive!" through Catholic News Service. That supplement now appears in the Idaho Catholic Register and many other diocesan newspapers throughout the nation. The ICR

and many other papers received grants for several years to help fund publication of "Faith Alive."

Recently Catholic Extension gave a \$50,000 grant to the Diocese of Boise for Good Shepherd Catholic community in Driggs to assist that community in completing its new church building. St. Agnes, Weiser, received a \$5,000 Extension grant for their renovation project. Seven parishes received a total of \$49,000 from Catholic Extension last year.

Last year 74 dioceses in 34 states and four U.S. territories qualified for Catholic Extension aid by demonstrating that they lacked sufficient funds to support their mission work. Each mission bishop prioritizes local needs and requests assistance falling within Extension guidelines for church construction, salary subsidies, religious education, seminarian formation and evangelization work.

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DEACON CAMPOUT—Diocese of Boise deacons, deacons elect and members of their families pose for a photo with Father Tim Ritchey, who celebrated Mass for them at their annual campout at Grandjean recently. Right, children and grandchildren of some of the deacons occupy themselves with crafts and a good game of cards during the campout. (Photos by Deacon Gerald Pera)



'FAITH, FAMILY, FRATERNITY'—Idaho State Deputy Dan Anthony poses for a photo with Supreme Knight Car. A. Anderson, left and Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily at the kick-off of the "Celebrate-Faith, Family, Fraternity" membership campaign which opened July 1. The photo was taken as the program was announced in New Haven, Conn., at the annual meeting of state deputies. The state council is planning several membership activities as part of the celebration, including promoting church drives, open houses and special family membership activities. Local councils are urged to hold their own celebrations.

Catholic evangelist Thomas Rutkoski to speak in four Idaho parishes Aug. 24-27

Catholic author, journalist and evangelist Thomas Rutkoski, Evan City, Penn., will speak at four Idaho parishes in late August.

The founder of Gospa Missions, a nonprofit Catholic foundation that dispenses the Blessed Mother's messages of Lourdes, Fatima, Gaudalupe and Akita, will speak:

—**Aug. 24** at Sacred Heart Parish, 811 South Latah, Boise. Rosary, 4:30 p.m. Mass, 5 p.m. Presentation and healing blessing, 6 p.m. Contact: Carol McGee 344-8311.

—**Aug. 25** at St. Paul's Parish, 1515 8th Street South, Nampa. Same schedule as above. Contact: Elli Gerichs, 466-8511.

—**Aug. 26** at St. Jerome Parish, 216 2nd Avenue, Jerome. Rosary, 3 p.m. Presentation



Thomas Rutkoski

and healing blessing, 3:30 p.m. Contact: Theresa May, 324-8794.

—**Aug. 27** at Holy Apostles Parish, 6300 North Meridian Road, Meridian. Rosary, 6 p.m.

Mass, 6:30 p.m. Presentation and healing blessing, 7 p.m.

No tickets are necessary. A free will offering will be asked.

Do you have a loved one sick or terminally ill? Does someone in your family need a healing touch? Are you seeking freedom from an addiction? Has a relative gone away from the church? Are you looking for fulfillment in your life?

"The gifts and knowledge you receive during Thomas Rutkoski's presentation might alter your entire life," said organizers. "If you miss this presentation, you may be walking away from a gift that God wants to give you. The Lord stepped into Thomas' life and removed his spiritual blindness. He is now an instrument God uses to bring spiritual and physical healing to many."

Celebrant Singers to perform in concert in Hailey Aug. 19

HAILEY—Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers, an internationally known Christian music ministry, will present a free community-wide concert at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Hailey, Sunday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m. St. Charles and Hailey Emmanuel Episcopal Church are sponsors of the concert.

A free will offering will be taken.

Ten singers and a 12-piece

orchestra will present contemporary music, praise, worship, personal testimony and ministry.

The group, which has released 13 recordings to date, has performed in St. Peter's Square before an Easter-week crowd of more than 120,000 and was honored with a private audience with Pope John Paul II. They are invited to perform at World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto.

Colemans mark 50th anniversary

BOISE—James O. and Donna A. Coleman celebrated 50 years of marriage with Mass, renewal of their wedding vows and a reception Aug. 4 at their parish church, St. Mark's Boise.

The Colemans were married Aug. 8, 1951, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Emmett.

Their children hosted the celebration and later family pictures were later taken at the Boise Train Depot.

Donna was a homemaker, raising three boys, while Jim worked 33 years with the Boise School District before his retirement in 1990. Most of those years he was principal at North Junior High School, Boise.

The Colemans remain active in their parish. Donna volunteers at St. Alphonsus Hospital. Jim teaches senior driver education for AARP and assists the Idaho retired teacher organization.



Donna and James Coleman

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Por Padre Enrique Terriquez

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La vida pública de Jesús fue muy breve: ¿De un año a dos y medio? Probablemente. Moisés condujo a su pueblo por cuarenta años; Buda enseñó cerca de cuarenta y cinco años. Mahoma cerca de veinticinco años. El ministerio de Jesús fue como un relámpago o un meteorito o estrella fugaz en la oscuridad de la noche. ¿Quién fue ese Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Cuál fue su mensaje central? ¿Qué hizo para conseguir su misión?



Luego de esta experiencia religiosa con Juan, Jesús se separa de él para convertirse en un predicador itinerante. Probablemente hablaba y escribía Arameo y Hebreo y posiblemente algo de Griego. Demostró ser un buen orador como lo demuestran sus parábolas y los debates públicos. Jesús demostró un valor y entereza para defender su visión a toda costa. Su poder curativo fue extraordinario. Algo había en él, que atrajo a tantos que lo siguieron hasta el punto de dejarlo todo. Fue condenado a muerte por la elite de los poderosos quienes lo crucificaron cerca del año 30 A.D.

El Evangelio de este fin de semana nos revela el secreto de la fuerza irresistible que poseía Cristo y que parecía hechizar a todo mundo. "Vine a traer fuego a la tierra, y ¡cuánto desearía que ya estuviera ardiendo!" Esta fue la visión de Cristo que era capaz de comunicar con tanta fuerza que nadie podía resistir. Por fuego, Cristo entendía la razón por la cual vivía, trabajaba, sufría y finalmente daría la vida. Un fuego que no solo lo consumía, sino que

necesariamente tenía que comunicarlo, o dejarlo salir. Jesús estaba encendido del fuego del Espíritu de Dios como nos lo dice el mismo San Lucas: "El Espíritu de Dios está sobre mí..." (Lc 4:16-21). Jesús es concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Curó a los enfermos por obra del Espíritu Santo. Expulsó a los demonios por obra del Espíritu Santo. Curó a los enfermos por obra del Espíritu Santo. Expulsó a los demonios por obra del Espíritu Santo, perdonó los pecados por obra del Espíritu Santo...

"¿Creen ustedes que yo vine para establecer la paz en la tierra? Les digo que no, sino la división..." El mensaje es muy revolucionario. Cristo nos está diciendo: "¿Creen que he venido a dejarlos en paz," no, de ninguna manera. Vine a inquietarlos. El mundo no será el mismo, una vez que arroje todo este fuego" La Buena Noticia, que conduce al verdadero amor y a la verdadera justicia y paz, es exigente. La paz de Cristo pasa por el conflicto, a causa de las actitudes más o menos justas de los hombres; a causa que el pecado está más o menos instalado en la sociedad. Para nosotros exige una definición. Porque la

división entre el Evangelio y el pecado atraviesa el corazón de cada hombre, de cada familia, de cada ideología y sociedad. Esta división, como el trigo y la cizaña de un mismo campo, aparece cada día, rebrota de diversas formas, y pone en cuestión nuestra opción cristiana. No podemos quedarnos en un falso "justo medio" tratando de quedar bien con todos. La vida misma nos lleva a definirnos y a asumir una actitud radical de compromiso por el Evangelio.

El Evangelio de Jesús es exigente porque es radical. Plantea la conversión a Dios, el cambio de vida y las actitudes éticas y religiosas desde la raíz, estableciendo el Evangelio como el único absoluto. Debemos ser la sal de la tierra; si no, servimos solo para ser echados fuera. (Mt. 5, 13) El mismo día de la resurrección, Cristo nos encendió en el mismo Espíritu que lo condujo a la lucha a muerte para darnos la vida eterna.

¡Ven Espíritu Santo y enciende en nosotros la fuego de tu amor!

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Católico defiende tu fe II

La Iglesia que fundó Jesús

Por Martín Zavala A.P.

Respuestas bíblicas:

Sr. Martín. Soy católico y me gustaría que explicarán: ¿Cuál es el fundamento de la Iglesia Católica y que dice la Biblia sobre tantas Iglesias o grupos religiosos? Por favor explique algo sobre todo esto. Gracias.



Estimado Juan: Gracias por escribir y te presento la respuesta a tus inquietudes:

IGLESIA, Iglesias, y sectas: ¿Qué dice la Biblia y la historia?

Introducción:

A nuestro alrededor podemos encontrar desde las Iglesias mas grandes y serias hasta pequeños grupos con características sectarias y fanáticas. Expertos afirman que existen más de 20,000 grupos religiosos. Incluso hay católicos que han abandonado la Iglesia y que se han ido a engrosar las filas de algunos de ellos. Para muchas personas el cambiar de Iglesia es como cambiar de camisa, les da lo mismo estar en una que en otra, pero hay otros que afirman que ellos están en la verdadera Iglesia y que los católicos estamos siendo engañados.

¿Que pensar como católicos de todo esto?

¿Que enseña la Biblia sobre la importancia de la Iglesia?

¿Cuál es la Iglesia que Cristo fundó?

Veamos las respuestas a estas y otras preguntas para profundizar sobre este tema:

Cristo Fundo una sola iglesia

Esto es algo que todo creyente

cristiano debe saber. En el Plan de Jesús no estaba el que hubiera muchas Iglesias u organizaciones religiosas cada cual con su propia fe y separadas entre si. No. Según la Biblia y en cualquier versión de todo el mundo dirá lo mismo, Jesús fundó solamente una Iglesia. Leámoslo:

"Tú eres Pedro, o sea piedra, y sobre esta Piedra edificaré mi Iglesia" Mt 16,18a.

Sin duda que es muy clara la Palabra de Dios sobre este aspecto. Jesús habla de "edificar" su Iglesia. Dijo "mi Iglesia" no la Iglesia. "Mi Iglesia" no las Iglesias, ni sus Iglesias ni nada por el estilo.

Si alguien quiere fundar otra Iglesia claro que lo puede hacer, pues tenemos la gran alegría y oportunidad de estar en un mundo donde en la mayoría de los países existe la libertad religiosa. Pero quien la funde y quienes lo sigan en esa "nueva" Iglesia tendrían que ser muy claros y honestos diciendo que están en la Iglesia fundada por Juan Pérez o en la Iglesia fundada por José Rodríguez o en la que fundó John Smith, mas no en aquella que fundó Jesucristo hace 2000 años.

Veamos algunos ejemplos sobre las fechas y fundadores de algunos grupos religiosos e Iglesias:

LUTERANOS 1521, Martin Lutero;
PRESBITERIANOS, 1560, John Knox;

ANGLICANOS, 1534, Enrique VIII
METODISTAS, 1791, John Wesley;
EJERCITO DE SALVACION, 1878, William Booth;

TESTIGOS DE JEHOVA, 1876, Charles Rusell;

MORMONES, 1830, Jose Smith;
Bautistas, John Smith;

ADVENTISTAS DEL 7º DIA, 1863, Hellen G. White;
LUZ DEL MUNDO, 1926, Joaquín Aaron;

PENTECOSTALES, 1901, Varios;

IGLESIA UNIVERSAL, 1970, Edir Macedo.

Como seguidor y discípulo de Jesucristo Yo quiero buscar y estar en la Iglesia que fundó Cristo, ¿No sé en cual quiera estar usted?, pero de mi parte prefiero buscar y estar en la Iglesia que él dejó desde hace casi dos mil años y que posee la plenitud de los medios de salvación.

Si la Iglesia no fuera importante o si Jesús no hubiera fundado una Iglesia entonces:

a) Para que escogió Apóstoles a los que les dio un acompañamiento especial. Mc 3,13-15;

b) Para que los mandó a predicar la Buena Nueva. Mt 28,18-20;

c) Para que les dio poderes especiales. Jn 20,21-23; Mc 16,15. Lc 22,19;

d) Para que habló de la importancia de la Unidad. Jn 17,21; Jn 10,14 ;

e) Para que elige a Pedro como pastor visible del rebaño (Iglesia) Jn 21,15; Mt 16,18; Jn 1,42; Lc 22,31.

Todos estos son sin duda una muestra de la importancia de Jesús al fundar su Iglesia, o como lo dirá Karl Rahner,

todos estos son "actos fundadores de la Iglesia" de parte de Jesús.

Tan importante es el estar en comunión o relación con la Iglesia de Cristo que el mismo Señor Jesucristo afirma:

"El que los escucha a ustedes a mí me rechaza, y el que los rechaza a ustedes a mí me rechaza y el que me rechaza a mí, rechaza al que me envió" Lc 10,16.

Así que según la Palabra de Dios Jesús fundó solamente UNA IGLESIA. De tal manera que quien desee vivir en la plenitud del mensaje y fidelidad a Cristo esta llamado a buscar y pertenecer a esa Iglesia que Cristo fundó: La Católica.

Por lo pronto yo quiero estar en la Iglesia que Cristo fundó. ¿Y usted...?

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La 'concesión' de Bush considerada moralmente equivocada

WASHINGTON (CNS) — La "concesión" de Bush con respecto a la investigación de células radicales de embriones anunciada el 9 de agosto por el señor presidente Bush es "moralmente inaceptable" y puede no ser efectiva, de acuerdo con el director de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EEUU.

El señor obispo Joseph A. Fiorenza de Galveston-Houston dijo que rezaba para que Bush "retomara una posición basada en principios en contra del trato de algunas vidas humanas como si no

fueran más que objetos destinados a ser manipulados y destruidos con finalidades de investigación."

En un discurso televisado desde Crawford, Texas, Bush dijo que autorizaría el uso de fondos federales para investigaciones de células radicales de embriones tomando en cuenta solamente las 60 ristras existentes que ya han sido desarrolladas por los científicos, porque en esos casos "la decisión de vida o muerte ya se ha

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Devociones marianas unidas a identidades nacionales

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cuando Alberto García Aspe metió el gol de la victoria que le permitió a México alinear para el juego final el campeonato de fútbol latinoamericano en Colombia, se tapó la cara con la parte delantera de su playera de juego y corrió alrededor del campo celebrando la victoria.

Debajo de la playera verde traía una camiseta impresa con la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

El incidente a finales de julio destacó cómo esta imagen de María late bajo la identidad mexicana. La situación es similar en otros países latinoamericanos ampliamente católicos en donde María, bajo diferentes advocaciones, es tanto un símbolo de la propia nacionalidad como también la madre espiritual de los creyentes.

La tradición se ha transplantado a los Estados Unidos debido a que los hispanos inmigrantes la ven (a la Virgen María) como un lazo indispensable con su país y su cultura. Muchas diócesis y parroquias que cuentan con una población hispana significativa promueven la devoción a

María bajo sus diferentes advocaciones para fomentar las diferencias entre los hispanos en medio de su unidad general en la fe.

“La devoción a las imágenes marianas es más fuerte cuando la gente está fuera de su país. Cristaliza su identidad,” dijo Rogelio Zelada, director asociado de la Oficina de Culto y Vida Espiritual de la arquidiócesis de Miami.

“La sienten como parte del símbolo de una nación, como una bandera,” dijo Zelada, autor de artículos y libros sobre devociones marianas.

Los inmigrantes vuelven a descubrir sus raíces a través de su María nacionalizada, añadió.

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos han aprobado la inclusión de muchas de estas festividades marianas dentro del calendario litúrgico de los EEUU, junto con las oraciones de la Misa apropiadas en lengua española, y esperan confirmación del Vaticano, dijo el padre James P. Moroney, director ejecutivo del Secretariado para Liturgia de los obispos.

Zelada dijo que un aspecto

importante de las devociones latinoamericanas es que cada una está ligada a una imagen o estatua específica de María que ha sido enraizada en la

historia de la nación.

Las devociones también están arraigadas profundamente en la religiosidad popular con las apariciones o descu-

brimientos de imágenes escondidas en los que generalmente se encuentran involucradas personas pobres y humildes, añadió.

Días festivos de celebraciones latinoamericanas marianas propuestos

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Debido al creciente número de la población hispana en los Estados Unidos, los obispos de este país han aprobado la inclusión de 15 festividades marianas provenientes de 15 países latinoamericanos y Puerto Rico en el Sacramentario en lengua española de los EEUU.

Se espera confirmación del Vaticano para esos días festivos.

Los días festivos se originan en lugares en donde María, bajo diferentes advocaciones, es la patrona nacional. Aquí se incluye una lista de las fechas propuestas dentro del calendario litúrgico de los Estados Unidos:

— Enero 21, Nuestra Señora de Altagracia, de la República Dominicana.

— Feb. 2, Nuestra Señora de Copacabana, de Bolivia.

— Feb. 3, Nuestra Señora de Suyapa, de Honduras.

— Mayo 8, Nuestra Señora de Luján, de Argentina.

— Julio 9, Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá, Colombia.

— Julio 16, Nuestra Señora del Carmelo de Maipú, Chile.

— Ag. 2, Nuestra Señora de los Angeles, de Costa Rica.

— Sept. 8, Nuestra Señora de la Caridad de El Cobre, Cuba.

— Sept. 11, Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, Venezuela.

— Primer sábado de noviembre, Nuestra Señora del Este 33, Uruguay.

— Nov. 19, Nuestra Señora de la Divina Providencia, de Puerto Rico.

— Nov. 21, Nuestra Señora

de El Quinche, Ecuador.

— Dic. 8, Nuestra Señora de la Inmaculada Concepción, Nicaragua y Panamá.

— Dic. 8, Nuestra Señora de Caacupe, Paraguay.

— Dic. 12, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, México.

Otros tres países latinoamericanos de habla española en donde María no es la patrona, pero que tienen devociones marianas importantes, son:

— Nuestra Señora de la Paz, de El Salvador.

— Nuestra Señora de El Rosario, Guatemala.

— Nuestra Señora de la Merced, de Perú.

En Brasil, país de habla portuguesa, la principal devoción mariana es para Nuestra Señora de la Aparecida.

La células radicales

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tomado.”

“Esto abre el camino a la exploración del potencial factible en la investigación de células radicales sin cruzar una línea fundamental de moral liberando fondos de impuestos que sancionarían o estimularían más destrucción de embriones humanos que por lo menos tienen potencial de vida,” añadió el director.

Bush también anunció fuerte oposición de la replicación humana, y su apoyo a “el uso vigoroso de fondos federales en las investigaciones con cordones

umbilicales, placentas y células radicales adultas y de animales.” Asimismo, hizo conocer sus planes de establecer un consejo presidencial de investigación de células radicales encabezado por Leon Kass, eticista biomédico de la universidad de Chicago.

El señor obispo Fiorenza dijo que con la decisión de Bush “el gobierno federal, por primera vez en su historia, apoyaría una investigación científica que se atiene a la destrucción de seres humanos indefensos para posible beneficio de otros.”

“Sin embargo, tal decisión encierra limitaciones,

pues les permite a las empresas de investigación de la nación cultivar un desprecio por la vida humana,” añadió.

El director de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EEUU también dijo que debido a que algunos investigadores y “aliados en el Congreso” ya han rechazado las limitaciones propuestas por Bush, quizá “el plan político a seguir del presidente Bush sea tanto impracticable como moralmente equivocado, beneficiando al final a aquellos cuya meta es la investigación ilimitada con embriones.”

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HAND GAME—Chani Taggart, Meridian, and Kelli Olsen, Boise, play a hand game called “Miss Suzy” while waiting in line for lunch one afternoon during the Aug. 6-10 Diocesan Junior High Camp at Paradise Point, McCall. (ICR photos this page by Colette Cowman)



PREPARING FOR LUNCH—Junior High Camp Director Christopher Renshaw listens to this table’s drum rhythm. Campers from each table played a rhythm for Renshaw to win permission to get in line for lunch.

Camp

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how to relate to friends through loving actions.

Heather Vann, St. Joseph’s Parish, Sandpoint, also enjoyed the campfire “and all the friendly, singing people.” She especially enjoyed having people playing instruments.

At camp Heather learned, “the kinder I am to people, their smile is my reward. It makes me feel good.” Another thing she learned was how important it is to be reverent.

Cody Knight, Jarbidge, Nev., who attends Mass at St. Edward’s Parish, Twin Falls, especially enjoyed learning the skill of flipping canoes and having to turn them right side up when they are full of water.

Cody liked the spiritual part of camp. He said he learned a lot more about how to live like Jesus and be nice to others.

Andrew Stellman, Clarkston, Wash., who attends St. Stanislaus Parish, Lewiston, has decided he might want to go to church more often now since he went to camp. He said his experiences at camp refreshed his knowledge that God is in everyone.

“My brother and I fight a lot,” he said. “I think I might want to get rid of that.”

Andrew’s favorite things to do at camp were swimming, canoeing and island hopping.

Bishop Driscoll and the campers showed mutual admiration during their question and answer session. Bishop Driscoll, dressed in a Hawaiian shirt and lei and sitting in an easy chair at one end of the room, shared easily with the youth.

Some of the questions the campers asked him included: Have you ever met the pope? What is your favorite place to travel? What did you want to be when you were a kid? What inspired you to become a priest? What is the most rewarding part of being a bishop? Do you know anyone you have inspired to become a priest? What has been your most difficult mission? Were you ever tempted to leave the priesthood? Do you believe women should become priests? What is your experience with the dying? What do you feel like when you are consecrating the Eucharist? What opposition have you faced from anti-Christian groups? Who is your favorite saint?

For the saint question, Bishop Driscoll told a story of when he was in college seminary and he was scheduled to take a final exam in physics, plus he had a paper due that day. He was very nervous because he was not prepared for either. That Friday morning he got up and went to Mass. There he decided to ask St. Jude, who is known at the patron of hopeless cases, to help him get through that day.

At the end of Mass, the seminary rector stood and announced that a new pope—Pope John XXIII—had just been elected, and he was giving the seminarians a day off in celebration. That gave Bishop Driscoll the weekend to complete his paper and study for his physics exam, which he took the next Monday morning. He got an “A.”

He said to this day, St. Jude is still one of his favorite saints.



FEARLESS LEADERS—Diocesan Junior High Camp directors and counselors pose for a photo with Bishop Michael Driscoll who was visiting the camp at Paradise Point, McCall, Aug. 9.



PING PONG ANYONE?—Some of the girls at the Diocesan Junior High Camp take time out from their ping pong game to pose for a group photo. Ping pong, ropes, swimming, canoeing, and other games and activities were available for recreation time.

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Nation moves from terror to prayer

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Americans moved quickly from shock and terror to prayer after suicidal terrorists used hijacked passenger planes to demolish the twin towers of the World Trade Center and a large section of the Pentagon.

Across the nation churches held special services for the victims, some starting barely three hours after the first attack Sept. 11.

On Sept. 16 worshippers packed St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for special Masses. Throughout the country churches, including all Idaho churches, reported overflow crowds at Sunday liturgies.

Pope condemns violence

Pope John Paul II, who rarely speaks more than once or twice about any tragedy, spoke out immediately and repeatedly against the "inhuman terrorist attacks" and offered his prayers for the victims. Even as he condemned the violence, he urged Americans not to resort to revenge.

He departed from long-standing custom at his Wednesday general audience, speaking about the previous day's tragedy at length in English and turning the audience into a prayer service for the victims.

He spoke about it again Sept. 13 as he received the credentials of the new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, Jim Nicholson, and in messages read at Masses in New York and Washington Sept. 16.

"To all I solemnly repeat the Gospel injunction not to be conquered by evil, but to conquer evil with good," said part of the papal message read at the Sept. 16 Mass for Healing and Peace at the National Shrine.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington was chief celebrant of that Mass. Joining him were Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Military Arch-



ACT OF SYMPATHY FOR U.S.— Muslim women in Amman sign a book of sympathy outside the heavily fortified U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan, Sept. 16. Thousands of Jordanians flocked to the embassy to pay their respects to the victims of the

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States. People in countries around the world have shown support and sympathy for the American people in many ways in the past few days. (CNS photo from Reuters)

diocese and Bishop Paul S. Loverde of Arlington, Va., where nearly 200 people died in the Pentagon crash.

In New York, where the combined toll of dead and missing climbed to more than 5,000, thousands unable to get into St. Patrick's lined Fifth Avenue and adjacent streets as Cardinal Edward M. Egan celebrated a Mass of Supplication.

When he expressed thanks to all the

rescue workers at the end of his homily, the congregation rose to give them a prolonged standing ovation.

Historians quickly began comparing the Sept. 11 attacks on the nation's financial and military nerve centers with the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into World War II 60 years ago. American casualties at Pearl Harbor num-

bered 2,300 dead and 1,100 wounded.

Services nationwide

Within the first hours Catholic bishops around the country began announcing special noon or evening services in their cathedrals. Many asked pastors to keep churches open so people could stop in for a moment of prayer or (See 'Terror to prayer,' page 3)

Idaho Catholic schools look forward to growth

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Nearly 3000 students returned to classrooms in Idaho's 13 elementary Catholic schools across the state this fall—slightly more than last year.

"We're looking forward to a great year of growth and renewed Christian commitment," said Bob Sobotta, Diocese of Boise coordinator of education. "All of our Catholic schools are well staffed and up to date technologically."

Sobotta said it is important to remind students, staff and parents that "what sets us apart from our public schools in that our mission is one of faith formation."

"Our teachers strive to teach as Jesus did," he said. "We know we excel in many academic pursuits, but

what sets us apart and makes our schools special is our ability to team with parents and the church to raise the awareness of our students to those Christian values the Catholic Church finds so paramount in our formation."

Following is some back to school information on each school.

St. Mark's, Boise

Enrollment at St. Mark's this year stands at 289 students compared to 260 students last school year. For the first time, St. Mark's is offering a morning and afternoon kindergarten.

New staff members include Amber Hanson, sixth grade teacher, Cynthia Julia, eighth grade teacher,

and Steven Heeg, algebra teacher. Heeg is teaching part time at Lowell Scott Middle School, Boise, and one period at St. Mark's.

Dan Maloney, St. Mark's principal, said the school is starting a new band program for students, grades five through eight, under direction of Rob Walker. Walker is also teaching band at two other Catholic schools in the area.

"We are incorporating some changes to our reading program at the kindergarten through third grade level where a new reading series has been adopted," said Maloney. "We are also piloting a new health curriculum for kindergarten through sixth grade."

The new curriculum was obtained through a grant (See 'Back to school,' page 10)

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Pope says he hopes trip to Asia strengthens religious ties

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said he hoped his visit to Kazakstan and Armenia in late September would strengthen ecumenical dialogue and interreligious ties. The pope, welcoming new ambassadors from both countries, confirmed that he would make his trip as planned Sept. 22-27. Vatican sources said no serious consideration was given to suspending the trip after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. Accepting the credentials of the Armenian ambassador, Edward Nalbandian, Sept. 15, the pope said he looked forward with joy to his first visit to Armenia, a country celebrating 1,700 years of Christianity. In a ceremony Sept. 17 with the new ambassador from Kazakstan, Nurlan Danenov, the pope emphasized the rich ethnic, religious and cultural diversity of the vast Asian country and said this diversity represented “a challenge and an opportunity.”

Guatemalans fight malnutrition, famine after summer drought

GUATEMALA CITY (CNS) — Antonia Ramirez crosses thin, lesion-covered arms over her pregnant belly. Suffering from malnutrition, she has spent 20 days in a church-run clinic, fed by doctors in hopes of saving herself and the baby inside her bony body. “We lost our entire corn crop when the rains didn’t come, and we’ve just been eating bits of tortilla,” said the Chorti Indian in the Jocotan clinic, 140 miles from Guatemala City in northeastern Chiquimula province. As she spoke, swollen-bellied, thin-limbed toddlers cried beside her on the floor. In what officials call the worst disaster since Hurricane Mitch in 1998, a summer drought destroyed crops across Central America and left thousands of farmers awash in debt and famine.

Christian-Muslim violence claims at least 70 lives in Nigeria

JOS, Nigeria (CNS) — At least 70 people were killed and a handful of churches and mosques were destroyed during a weekend of Christian-Muslim violence in Jos, a city in central Nigeria. The city lies on the fault line between the predominantly Muslim North and the predominantly Christian South, a division exacerbated by the imposition of Islamic law, or Shariah, in 12 northern states since January 2000. Plateau, the state in which Jos is located, has not adopted the Shariah, but debate about the legal system has heightened tensions between religious groups.

Pope says upcoming synod has ‘great importance’ for entire church

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II said an upcoming international meeting of bishops at the Vatican had “great importance for the whole church,” and would focus on church experience since the Second Vatican Council. The “principal reference point” of the Sept. 30-Oct. 27 gathering, which will examine the role of bishops in the church, will be the council and especially its document on bishops, the pope told pilgrims Sept. 9 during a noon blessing at his summer residence outside Rome. “The council teaching will be read anew in light of recent decades and above all with a view to the new evangelization, as even the theme itself suggests,” he said. The theme of the bishops’ meeting, or synod, is: “The Bishop: Servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Hope of the World.”

Tapestries and telescopes:

Taking stock of the Vatican’s assets

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The world’s smallest state is embarking on what could be the world’s biggest inventory of artistic and historic objects. In September, the Vatican announced it would undertake a two-year project to identify and catalog all of its holdings, ranging from ancient papal carriages to contemporary mosaics. It’s the first such inventory in modern times, and every Vatican office is being asked to take stock of its assets and their state of repair or disrepair. The inventory will cover every corner of the 109-acre Vatican City State, plus papal villas and other properties outside the Vatican walls. While some Vatican institutions — like the Vatican Museums or Library — maintain up-to-date lists of property, other offices have acquired things over the years, including gifts and purchases that have never been cataloged.

K of C gives \$1 million for families of dead rescue workers

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — The Knights of Columbus Sept. 13 announced a \$1 million “heroes fund” for families of firefighters, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel killed in the line of duty at the World Trade Center and Pentagon disasters. “Families of those brave men and women will each receive \$3,000 from the Knights of Columbus in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “This gift is being offered along with our prayers,” he added. “It is our hope that this money will help those families with immediate needs at this time.” Anderson also said the Knights’ Educational Trust Fund would make full scholarships at any Catholic college or university available to all the “children of Knights who were in the military (or were) full-time law enforcement officers or full-time firemen killed or permanently disabled in New York or Washington as a result of this criminal action.”

Priest tells keys to work of Catholic Charities

By Robert Dylak

NEWARK, N.J. (CNS) — Appreciation for the sacredness of the human person and for the responsibility of stewardship are the keys to understanding and accomplishing the work of Catholic Charities USA, Jesuit Father J. Bryan Hehir said Sept. 9 in Newark.

The priest spoke to hundreds of Catholic Charities workers in his first address as the organization’s president. Bishop Michael Driscoll, Marie Hoff, Catholic Charities of Idaho executive director and some of her staff were in attendance.

“We are committed to serve all, to be inclusive and at the same time to maintain our Catholic identity,” Father Hehir told the Charities workers.

He pledged to serve to the best of his ability and praised the work of his predecessor, Jesuit Father Fred Kammer, head of the organization since 1992.

Catholic Charities held its annual national convention Sept. 6-10 in Newark. It was hosted by the Newark Archdiocese and its Catholic Community Services.

Drawing on Old and New Testament calls for justice and special concern for the poor, Father Hehir said church tradition weaves this “sacred memory” into a sense of hope that moves Christians to “service of our own society and all humanity.”

Participants applauded when Father Hehir told them that “it is not secularization of the church to take money from state

agencies” to assist those in need. He said Catholic Charities will continue to “collaborate with and critique” the state on behalf of the poor and those on the margins of society.

“We must stand as a sign of the dignity of every human person,” he said. “People watch us to see if we are a good sign or not.”

Father Hehir said that Jesus “brought those at the edge of life into the center” and it is the work of Catholic Charities not simply to reposition the poor but to help create a new vision of society that includes them.

Building up the kingdom of God will not be complete until Christ comes again, he said, “but we are committed to bring about as much of it as possible until the Lord comes to complete it.”

Cleveland man helps community with used golf ball collection

By Wally Mieskoski

CLEVELAND (CNS) — If there is a patron saint in Cleveland for lost golf balls, it would have to be Larry Wahl.

Since he began his golf ball collection 20 years ago, he has put more than 24,000 of them with various logos on display in his home. And that’s not to mention the thousands he’s given away.

Wahl, a parishioner at St. Dominic Parish, puts many of the golf balls he finds to good use—donating them to schools and programs for young golfers, especially in inner-city areas.

In the past seven years, he has given more than 2,000 plain golf balls to two Catholic high schools in the Cleveland area.

Wahl would like others to join his crusade and also step up the collection. He thinks golfers should consider donating not only used balls, but clubs and other equipment to local schools that may need it to start a golf program or sustain it.

“We could create a lot of good with donated golf balls



GOLF BALL MINISTRY—Larry Wahl collects and cleans lost golf balls and donates them to area schools. (CNS photo by Pat Hendrick)

and other golf equipment to schools, particularly Catholic schools, in poorer neighborhoods,” he told the Catholic Universe Bulletin, diocesan newspaper of Cleveland.

“There are a lot of kids in these kinds of neighborhoods and their knowledge of golf has increased thanks to Tiger Woods,” he added.

To help his collection, the country club where he is a member is going to give him the

clubs that people left behind at the end of the season.

He said golfers have been very helpful with his collection, and many have donated golf balls already.

Wahl is as meticulous with his record-keeping and his displays as he was while president of Buckeye Biscuit, from which he retired in 1994. His charts indicate the number of golf balls he has found, cleaned, donated and otherwise organized.

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Terror to prayer

(Continued from page 1) meditation.

Many churches sponsored blood drives. Cardinal McCarrick set an example personally by going to Washington Hospital Center to donate blood.

In the massive confusion of the first hours, the first lists of identified dead came from the passenger and crew lists of the four hijacked airplanes. In all, 266 passengers and crew members were killed, including those who died in a crash in western Pennsylvania after passengers revolted against the hijackers.

Among the earliest known dead were Hollywood producer David Angell and his wife, Lynn, aboard American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston to Los Angeles.

Even before he learned his brother and sister-in-law were on the first plane to crash into the trade center, Bishop Kenneth A. Angell of Burlington, Vt., had condemned the attack, saying, "The calculated, cold-blooded, cowardly taking of precious human lives in the name of religion or nationalism is beyond blasphemy."

Priests die

Among plane passengers killed in the second tower crash, United Flight 175 from Boston to Los Angeles, was Father

Francis E. Grogan, a World War II veteran and a Holy Cross priest since 1955.

More than 300 firefighters were killed in rescue efforts in New York. Among the casualties was Franciscan Father Mychal F. Judge, a Fire Department chaplain. He was killed by falling debris as he administered last rites to a woman who had just fallen from one of the towers and to the fireman killed by her falling body.

In Washington, as security officials evacuated the White House, Capitol, State Department and other federal buildings, five cardinals and 31 bishops attending the Administrative Committee meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops suspended business to join Cardinal McCarrick in a midday Mass at the National Shrine.

In a statement mourning the victims of the tragedy, the gathering of bishops also prayed for "those whose hatred has become so great that they are willing to engage in crimes against our common humanity."

The bishops also appealed to Americans "to turn away from the bitter fruits of the kind of hatred which is the source of this tragedy."

"Especially," they added, "let us not engage in ethnic, religious or national stereotyping for what may be the acts of a few irrational terrorists."

Graphic evidence

As the investigation into the hijackers' backgrounds uncovered growing evidence of links to the exiled Saudi Arabian terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, who operates out of Afghanistan, thousands of Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders made similar pleas to avoid violence against Muslims or Middle Easterners.

In a joint statement Sept. 14, top U.S. Catholic and Muslim leaders engaged in interreligious dialogue warned against "sinking to the mentality and immorality of the perpetrators of Tuesday's crimes."

The pope returned to the theme Sept. 16 at a Mass in Frosinone, 40 miles southeast of Rome. He offered special prayers for all Americans and asked "all not to give in to the temptation of hate and violence, but to commit themselves to the service of justice and peace."

Despite such pleas, several U.S. mosques and Islamic centers were attacked and a number of Americans of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent faced violence or threats of violence. Within the first four days after the attacks the Council on American-Islamic

Relations reported more than 200 such incidents.

Aid agencies

Among charitable aid agencies that quickly geared up for the long recovery and assistance to thousands of families affected by the disaster was Catholic Charities USA, the agency com-

missioned by the U.S. bishops to represent the Catholic community in such situations.

The agency invited people to contribute by phone at (800) 919-9338, on the Internet at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org, or by mail to Catholic Charities USA, P.O. Box 25168, Alexandria, VA 22313-9788.



TREE COVERED WITH MISSING PERSON FLIERS— Louis Drogin of New York reads fliers with information on people missing in the destruction of the World Trade Center towers. (CNS photo from Reuters)

Idaho's Catholic bishop asks people to trust God, pray

"This is a period of great mourning in our country, and no matter what, we need to continue to pray and trust God," Bishop Michael P. Driscoll said in a statement released Sept. 12 after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.



Bishop Michael Driscoll

Bishop Driscoll was attending the Catholic Charities USA national convention in Newark, N.J. Sept. 6-10. His return plane left Washington D.C. early Sept. 11. A short time into the flight, he and the other passengers were told they would make an unscheduled landing in Kansas City, Kansas, due to a national emergency. When the plane was on the ground in Kansas, Bishop Driscoll made a call to his secretary, Barbara Bird, in Boise to let her know what was happening. She gave him the news about the terrorist attacks.

Bishop Driscoll was able to stay with friends near Kansas City and finally made arrangements Sept. 12 to start a drive back to Boise. He arrived late Sept. 13.

In his statement, Bishop Driscoll said he is "deeply saddened" by the terrorist attacks. He cannot quit thinking about those people who boarded the hijacked planes and the people who left their homes for work at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Tuesday morning

whose friends and families will never see them again.

"We must continue to pray for the victims and their families, especially the children," said Bishop Driscoll. "Let us also remember in our prayers the many people who are working so hard and risking their own

lives in the rescue efforts." The Bishop urged Idahoans to trust God and gather their families together to reflect on this tragedy and show appreciation for each other and the love they share.

Bishop Driscoll requested that all weekend Masses Sept. 15-16 in Catholic parishes throughout Idaho be offered for the victims of the terrorist act and their families and those working on the rescue.

He has also authorized a special collection to be taken up in all Idaho Catholic churches. The money will go to Catholic Charities to assist with the rescue efforts in New York and Washington D.C. and to help families affected by the tragedy.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation can make their check payable to the Catholic Charities of Idaho earmarked for "New York-Washington D.C. Disaster Relief" and send it to 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.

Catholic Charities is commissioned by the U.S. Catholic bishops to represent the Catho-

lic community in times of domestic disaster. The monies will be forwarded together to Catholic Charities USA.

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Official

Effective Sept. 11, 2001:

Rev. Marcellus Fernandez is incardinated into the Diocese of Boise.

Effective September 4, 2001:

The following are appointed as deans for a term of five years, to expire on Sept. 30, 2006:

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Very Rev. William Crowley, V.F., dean of the Eastern Deanery.

Very Rev. Roger LaChance, V.F., dean of the Northern Deanery.

Very Rev. Joseph daSilva, V.U. dean of the West Central Deanery.

The following are appointed as members of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors for a term of five years to expire Sept. 30, 2006:

Very Rev. Andrew Schumacher, V.G., Age Group Representative.

Rev. Enrique Terriquez, Age Group Rep-

resentative.

Rev. Gerald Funke, Age Group Representative.

Very Rev. William Gould, V.G., Personal Representative.

Rev. John Koelsch is added to the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors as a Personal Representative of the Bishop.

Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll Bishop, Diocese of Boise, Idaho

Note: All deans are V.F.—Vicar Forane (rural or outlying areas) except the local one which is V.U.—Vicar Urbanis (the city where the Bishop resides). The bishop appoints six deans (after they are elected by their deanery) and three age group representatives, based on the ages of the priests electing them. The bishop may appoint two personal representatives. A Vicar General (in this case, Father Dennis Wassmuth) is an ex-officio member of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors.

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Loving our Muslim neighbors

Osama bin Laden said, "Hostility toward America is a religious duty, and we hope to be rewarded for it by God... I am confident that Muslims will be able to end the legend of the so-called superpower that is America" in the Time Magazine issue of January 11, 1999 Vol. 153 NO.1


This sick man's perspectives that have led to killing thousands of innocent people are mistakenly being used as perspectives held by all Muslims or anyone from the Middle East region beside Israel. Albeit many of them learned of Osama bin Laden, his philosophies and atrocities, like all of us, from the media.

As I read and hear how people with Islamic background are being treated in their communities, I can just imagine the fear of the roaming uncertainty in a parent's mind when he or she sends their son or daughter to school. Because of their physical looks and/or religious clothes, many Islamic people are opting to isolate themselves to save their lives.

But I think this is time for God loving people to be "walking sermons" as we recall the words attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi when he said, "Preach the Gospel. Use words if necessary."

A story is told of how media, businessmen and public leaders in Chicago gathered at a railroad station to meet the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner. When the train finally stopped, a tall man stepped out, community leaders approached him and humbly appreciated the honor of having him as their guest as cameras

Spiritual Lessons



By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

flashed continuously.

This giant of a man returned their appreciation with a 'thank you' but asked to be excused for a few seconds. He maneuvered his way through the crowd until he reached an elderly black woman who was struggling with two huge bags. As if it was his sole duty, he picked the suitcases and asked the woman to follow him to the bus. He loaded the bags and escorted her to a seat. When she was safely seated, he wished her God's traveling mercies and returned to his hosts and apologized for keeping them waiting.

This act of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the world famous missionary doctor who spent his life helping the poor in my native continent, Africa, prompted one of the hosts to tell a reporter next to him, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

Dr. Schweitzer's action, way before civil rights marches and counteractions, teaches us we can help carry the "bags" of those among us who are despised. And while helping carry their "bags," we should lead them to comfort.

One lesson we have to learn in order to love those whom we feel justified to hate is that we can be angry about a situation. However, we must never let our anger turn into bitterness. Bitterness leads to blame and reduces chances of logical reasoning. It can also be viewed as a disease that destroys the carrier and may do nothing to the intended target.

It is indeed a difficult time for all of us. Let's not add more grief to those of us whose only "crime" is Osama bin Laden's claim to be a member of their religion. Or they happen to have originated from the same geographical area where he comes from. In these very difficult times let's be governed by the words of Seneca that, "The greatest man is he who chooses right with the most invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptation from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and most fearless under menaces and frowns; whose reliance on truth, on virtue and on God is most unflinching."

This is time to never let adversities, by the enemy of God, freedom and human goodness, put us down expect - on our knees.

Kituku is a Boise author, motivational speaker and storyteller.

A saint for our times

St. Vincent de Paul died on Sept. 27, 1660, a long time ago, and yet he is a saint for our times. Some people say that if you want something done right, do it yourself. St. Vincent believed that if you want to do something right in the church, get others involved. His plan was: organize, motivate, activate.


In his early life as a priest, Vincent was far from a model of holiness, but once God's grace moved him to develop a great love for the poor, nothing could deter him.

When he was made pastor in the little town of Chatillon, he saw a great need among most of his people. He organized a group of lay women whom he called the "Confraternity of Charity." They were to be the servants of the poor. It was his first effort at organizing people for the apostolate, and he continued it at every opportunity.

As the numbers of the Confraternities increased he saw the need of someone to visit the members to direct them in their work. He gratefully accepted the services of a widow, Louis de Marillac, with whom he would later establish the Daughters of Charity.

When he moved to Paris he realized that women who passed their days in leisure could become apostles of compassion. He motivated them to be concerned for the poor and to be generous in their regard. He organized them as the Ladies of Charity. One day Vincent met a young girl who had come from the

Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

country to Paris. Her name was Marguerite Naseau. She became the first Daughter of Charity, the first of many who would respond to the call to love God's poor. The Daughters today number over 25,000 throughout the world.

Vincent was not only an organizer but a great preacher who, contrary to the pomposity in the pulpits of the day, spoke to the people in a simple, familiar style as had Jesus himself. In Parish he organized the priests and motivated them to preach in the same style. His spirit of collaboration made him realize that priestly mission to the poor was not something for him to do by himself, and so he gathered a small group of zealous priests whom he called officially the "Congre-

gation of the Mission," but he preferred his affectionate title of the "Little Company." His priests were to serve the poor and to form other priests for pastoral ministry.

Vincent is a saint for the era of the Second Vatican Council. Before Vatican II ministry was a vocation for priests and religious almost exclusively, but the council recognized that we form the church and that we are all called to ministry.

We sometimes say that necessity is the mother of invention. When our developing economy needed many inexpensive automobiles, Henry Ford invented the assembly line to serve that purpose (although with detriment to human dignity). In the church, necessity has been the mother, not of invention, but of discovery. The need for lay people to fill up what was lacking in ministry because of the shortage of priests and religious has led us to discover the importance of lay ministers in the church (as well as their dignity).

Even if some day we suddenly find ourselves with very many vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we must never return to an earlier era in which the laity were almost entirely passive. The church is the Body of Christ and all the members are called to fulfill their role. Vincent shows us the way: to organize, to motivate, to activate.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Does God determine when we die?

By Father John Dietzen
Q. Do Catholics and other Christians maintain that God determines or merely knows when an individual will die? At funeral Masses the priest has said the person's death at this time was God's will. It seems then that God does determine the time of death.

On abortion, however, the church seems to say the opposite. The idea that these children can in fact be saved suggests God does not decide when life will end. If he did, then would not the aborted baby have died anyway, though perhaps in another manner? (New Jersey)

A. God's will can work in different ways. He could decide everything on the spur of the moment, choosing whatever seems likely to make someone happy. That might make all cre-

ation rather haphazard and unpredictable, but I suppose it is possible.

In the real world that exists, however, God's will is most manifest in the way he created this universe, how he makes it "work." Every movement of every galaxy and every subatomic particle, and everything in between, takes place within the framework of God's creative order and harmony.

The inventor of the gasoline engine created nothing new. He merely discovered (uncovered) something that was there all the time, but we didn't know it. If you combine carbon atoms with atoms of other elements, put the result under pressure and ignite it, the mixture will explode and expand to move an engine's piston.

All creation is like that. Cancer cells and the AIDS virus are disastrous for us, but when they

destroy parts of our bodies they are only acting according to their nature. Like gasoline molecules, they are doing what their created makeup says they should do.

Cancer research, in fact, is based on the expectation and confidence that specific molecules and cells will act in a certain way. Scientists look to find the secret of exactly what that way is and then introduce other substances whose makeup is such that they attack and, it is hoped, destroy the cancer.

We're not used to thinking about the earth this way. But God's will, for humans and for everything else, is established by his creation of the universe as he did. It may sound unfeeling to put it this way, but when a moving train hits a human being, God does not step in at that moment to decide it's time to die. Whatever tragedy hap-

pens is just reality. It's what naturally happens when two such bodies collide.

As I said, God could, if he wished, involve himself directly in every event that takes place in creation and maneuver cancer cells, for instance, so they don't destroy one's ovaries or liver.

He doesn't do that, however, at least not routinely. It would destroy all predictability in nature, all possibility of knowledge and intelligent use of the things around us on earth.

Here especially, it seems to me, we need a lot of humility. We acknowledge that, while great personal tragedies and calamities cause us terrible pain, we come to accept and believe that God's ways of placing equilibrium and harmony in our world are for our greatest good and happiness while we are here and after we leave.

You ask about abortion. What I have said points to the real evil that lies beneath all killing. Whether unborn infants, the old and sick or the convicted criminal, to deliberately, unnaturally and violently end a human life is a dreadful violation of God's providential will for each of us.

That will is not capricious or fickle. It permeates, and is disclosed by, the creation he has given us to live in.

Voluntary evil human actions, when human beings do inhuman, wicked harm to each other, are another question. As with the rest of creation, when we act against what human nature was created to be, bad things happen, not because God decrees a punishment, but simply because sin, evil, is destructive.

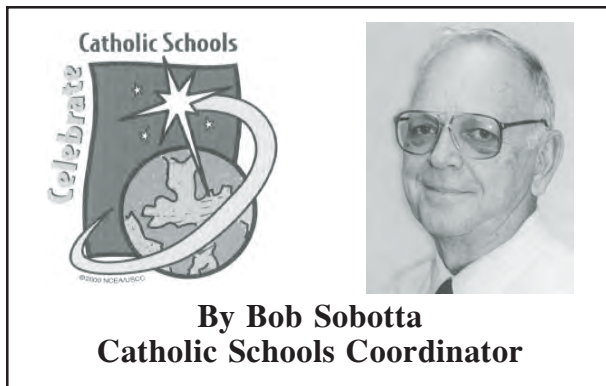
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Back to school—Angels needed

Angels play an important part in many of our lives. It is with great conviction that I feel certain they have helped me get through some very difficult times in my life. Some of these times were during my many years in school, both as a student also while a teacher/coach. It would be interesting for me to know how many times I recited the Guardian Angel prayer before and during my many challenges doing battle on the ball field, during athletic contests, and—certainly not any less—before and during the classroom trials of taking tests or making classroom presentations.

Somehow, knowing that ones guardian angel is present has always helped take the edge off the anxiety one might have otherwise. *No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up...* Psalm 91:10-12.

John Fleming, a college teammate, and I used to discuss such important things during our college playing basketball days at Lewis Clark State. John was an Irish Catholic young man (from Massachusetts) who later coached at Bishop Kelly. Reflecting back to those college days, I remember how John and I would look for the nearest Catholic Church when we were on road trips so that we could make it to Mass and/or reconciliation during these weekends. We often had lengthy discussions about Catholicism, education and our futures. I can't know if we gave our angels the credit due in our many trials during those college years.



By Bob Sobotta
Catholic Schools Coordinator

How often do our students now call on the angels to intercede for them during the many difficulties that seem to be before them on a daily basis? I hope that this is a regular practice. It seems to be a natural way to pray and supernatural way to get good results. (This, of course, does not mean it is the only source of prayer strength available.) I believe that we, too, as adults should pray that the angels are present to help protect our young ones.

In a slightly different vein, and coming from a different perspective of "angels" playing important roles in our Catholic schools, there are the people who ensure that "angel funds" are available so that our Roman Catholic Diocese schools can support and enable schools to exist at the standards they do.

These special funds seem appropriately named as

sometimes, according to the Bible, angels carry out missions at God's command, and in order to complete these missions, they can at times assume bodily form. These "angel funds" often support worthwhile projects that keep our schools open and available to our young students. They, also, provide scholarships to students who would not be otherwise able to attend our Catholic schools. These are students from well-meaning families that simply cannot afford the tuition that is necessary to keep private schools operating.

It is unfortunate that not all parents are able to send their children to Catholic schools considering the degree to which they excel over most public schools. We need "angels" to help make Catholic education available to more of our students. There is not a month that goes by when I do not hear of someone wishing to attend a Catholic school but cannot because of funding.

Many of us can imitate in a positive way the angels "that assume bodily form." We can do this by paying all, or in part, one student's tuition to a Catholic school of our choice. Providing for the tuition in monthly payment or in a lump sum can do it. A \$200 or \$300 dollar monthly payment may enable one student to receive a truly quality education. This student might some day reciprocate with a similar kind of "angel" act.

This does not mean other contributions to angel funds are not just as helpful. We have our choice, but we must know that it is "back to school" time, and *angels are needed.*

Part One of a Series

How to pray for peace as an adult

By Daniel J. McGill



With the tragedy of the terrorist attacks, people everywhere are being summoned to prayer.

But how do we pray? Many adults feel their lessons on prayer from childhood are no longer adequate. So how do we pray as adults?

Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. Part of his reply was the 'Our Father' (Luke 11:1-4), but it included much more—his other teachings and the example of his own prayers.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church answers the question, "What is prayer?" with a quotation from Saint Therese of Lisieux, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition

and of love, embracing both trial and joy." (CC 2558) This helps explain what Jesus meant when he taught us to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." We need to turn our hearts towards God in love and trust as to a loving father.

Many instinctively know to simply ask God for what they need. Others might doubt, and wonder if it is this easy. For these, the leap of faith is necessary, taking the risk that God will hear them when they call.

Certainly we need to remember to ask God every day in this crisis to bless and protect us, guide our leaders, and convert the hearts of our enemies as we seek to restore justice to the world. But we need to remember the one condition asked in the 'Our Father': that we forgive as we seek forgiveness.

Of course, is not easy to give when the wounds are deep. Grave sin needs to be taken very seriously, and our prayers

for peace must recognize this. It is not enough to forgive, when we are also called to confront wrongdoing and restore justice. But the spirit of humility that comes from forgiveness must inspire our prayers and actions.

"Humility is the foundation of prayer," the Catechism teaches. "Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought,' are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer." (CC 2559) So prayer is a gift that comes as we humble ourselves before God, acknowledging our own sins as we pray to be delivered from the sins of others.

The Church teaches us to pray at mass every week, at regular times during the day, such as at morning, at night, and before every meal. Many books of written prayers are available, but we are encouraged to speak words from our hearts as well, and perhaps most impor-

tant to wait in silence. We need to listen in prayer, not just speak, patiently waiting for our busy thoughts to quiet before God.

Outward forms of prayer serve to create habits. But merely repeating words or praying publicly to impress others has little value. Jesus himself prayed both in public and private. He taught that wherever we pray, we should go into the secret place of our own heart, and turn our attention to God, our Father (see Matthew 6:5-6). Whenever we pray out loud or listen to prayer, as at Mass, our hearts and minds need to follow our lips, our inner attention turned towards God. Today, looking ahead, we face many trials. We cannot predict our path, but anticipate hardship. We need to persist in prayer. May Christ lead us.

McGill is the Diocese of Boise coordinator of adult education.

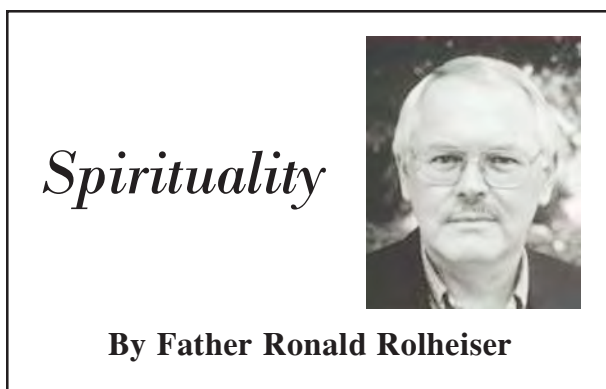
And the whole world changed

Iris Murdoch once said that the whole world can change in fifteen seconds. She was talking about falling-in-love. Hatred, it seems, can do the same thing: On Tuesday morning, September 11, the world changed.

Two huge passenger planes, hijacked by terrorists, crashed into and collapsed the twin-towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, killing thousands of people, as television cameras recorded the event live, showing horrific, graphic scenes over and over again.

Shortly afterwards, a third hijacked plane slammed into the Pentagon, even as a fourth crashed in an open field. Inside of what is supposed to be the most secure place on earth, thousands of innocent people were killed within the space of an hour. Stunned, muted, we nonetheless tried to speak to the situation. Many of the voices we heard were hard, angry, calling for retaliation and vengeance. Most voices though were gentle, looking only for a safe, intimate place to cry, for someone to hang onto. One Internet media site simply had a blank screen, a silent gesture that spoke eloquently.

What, after all, can be said? The opening lines from the Book of Lamentations offer this haunting description: How deserted she sits, the city once thronged with people! Once the greatest of nations, she is now like a widow. Later on, this same book tells us that there are times when all you can do is to put your face to the dust and wait. Rainer Marie Rilke would agree. Here's his advice on suffering: O you lovers that are so gentle, step occasionally into the breath of the sufferers not meant for you. ... Do not be afraid to suffer, give the heaviness back to the weight of the earth; mountains are heavy, seas are



By Father Ronald Rolheiser

heavy. The earth knows our pain. Sometimes silence is best. Yet a few things need to be said, even in the raw immediacy of this thing.

What? First of all, that each life lost was unique, sacred, precious, irreplaceable. None of these persons should have his or her name lost in the anonymity of dying with so many others. Their lives and deaths must be honored, individually.

Second, clear voices must call us, especially our governments, towards restraint. Many see this as an attack on civilization itself. They're right. Accordingly our task is to respond in a civilized way, reiterating always our belief that violence is wrong. Violence begets violence.

Terrorism will not be stopped by bitter vengeance. Catharsis won't bring about closure. We shouldn't be naive about that. Nor, indeed, should we be naive in

reverse. These terrorist acts, with their utter disregard for life, offer us a very clear picture of the world these people would create were they ever given scope and license to do so. They must be brought to justice. They're a threat to the whole world. In bringing them to justice, however, we must never stoop to their means and, like them, be driven by a hatred which blinds one to justice and the sacredness of life.

No emergency ever allows one to bracket the fundamentals of charity, respect, and justice. Indeed, horrific tragedies of this sort, call us to just the opposite, namely, to fiercely re-root ourselves in all that is good and Godly—to drive with more courtesy, to take more time for what is important, and to tell those close to us that we love them.

Yes, too, it calls us to seek justice and it asks for real courage and self-sacrifice in that quest. We are no longer in ordinary time. Most of all though, this calls us to prayer. What we learned again on Sept. 11, 2001, is that, all on our own, we are neither invulnerable nor immortal. We can only continue to live, and to live in joy and peace, by placing our faith in something beyond ourselves. And we are called to hope. We are a resilient people, with faith in the resurrection.

Everything that is crucified eventually rises. There will be a morning after. The sun will shine again. We need to live our lives in the face of that, even in times of great tragedy.

Father Rolheiser, general councilor for Canada for his order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Every Thursday: NAMPA, Mercy Medical Living Will/Advance Directives, 10-11 a.m., Conference Room East, no fee. For more information call 467-1171

Sept. 29: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles Fall Festival/Cow Chip Bingo, 6300 N. Meridian Road, 12-6 p.m. Booths, children's games, music, food and beverage, cow chip bingo (with live cow), cash prize bingo, country store, auction raffles, sweet shops

Oct. 5: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Alumknights Golf Scramble, Boise Ranch Golf Course, 10:30 a.m. fun and fund raising for the Alumknights Scholarships. Sign up: David Bruce at 383-7321 or email: david.bruce@usbank.com, or on our message board at www.alumknights.org. Proceeds will be dedicated to the Alumknights Rick Boyington (67) scholarship. Annual Alumknights reception at Bar Gernika, 202 S. Capitol Blvd., immediately following, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All alumni invited

Oct. 5: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Homecoming Football Game, BK v. Vallivue at Nick Yursa Field, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5-7: COTTONWOOD, St. Gerturde's Engaged Encounter, participants need to attend E.E. Weekend, 3 to 6 months prior to wedding date. Spaces limited. For information: Jeff and Teresa Uptmore, 230 Larkspur Lane, Lewiston, ID 83501, 208-746-4310

Oct. 6: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Memorial Mass, 9:00 a.m., chapel. Mass is in honor of deceased members of the BK Family

Oct. 7: CALDWELL, Our Lady of the Valley 16th Annual International Dinner and Auction 1-3 p.m., live auction, 2 p.m. Adults \$7, family, \$25, children 5-12, \$3, under 5, free. Proceeds go to help those in our community in need

Oct. 9: BOISE, St. Mark's

Catechesis: Adoration, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11: BOISE, Idaho Historical Museum Ada County St. Vincent de Paul Society—Stone Soup Supper, 6 p.m., \$25 per person

Oct. 12-14: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Evangelization Retreat. For information: Joanne Wood, at the parish office, 634-5474

Oct. 19-21: JEROME, Monastery of the Ascension Beginning Experience Weekend—formerly married, now single because of divorce, separation or death of a spouse. Information: Cathy, 426-8545; Teresa, 939-8294

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart

Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

Nov. 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Bishop Kelly Foundation Winners Choice Dinner & Auction. Contact Julie Lliteras, Foundation Office: 323-4789

Nov. 17: BOISE, St. Mary's School

Dinner, Dance, Auction, Centre on the Grove, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$30 per person, or \$250 for a table for ten. For information and tickets call, Kathy Burlile, 939-2210.

Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

LEWISTON: St. James, 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

COUNCIL: St. Jude Church: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

WEISER: Adoration, Thurs., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

BOISE, St. John's Cathedral, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, St. Mary's: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BOISE, Sacred Heart: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOISE, St. Mark's: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.—Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

BUHL, Immaculate Conception: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

BURLEY, Little Flower Church First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

EMMETT, Sacred Heart: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church Fourth Fri-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

HAGERMAN, St. Catherines: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

LAPWAI: Sacred Heart: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

NAMPA: St. Paul's: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

Sept. 22: Fairfield, Immaculate Conception Chapel Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 22: Sun Valley, Our Lady of Snows, Pastoral Visit, Confessions, 5 p.m., Mass, 5:30 p.m., followed by reception

Sept. 23: Sun Valley, Our Lady of Snows, Mass, 10:30 a.m. followed by parish picnic

Sept. 24: Twin Falls, St. Edward's, Open Forum Meeting, 7 p.m.

Sept. 25: Boise, St. John's Cathedral, West Central Deanery Meeting, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sept. 28: Nampa, Mercy Medical Center North, Blessing of the Center, 11 a.m.

Sept. 29: St. Maries, St. Mary Immaculate, Pastoral Visit, 6 p.m.

Sept. 30: Harrison, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pastoral Visit, 8:30 a.m.

Sept. 30: St. Maries, St. Mary Immaculate, Mass, 11 a.m.

Oct. 5: Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Catholic Charities Board Meeting, 12 noon



Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the last of September and the first part of October.

Sept. 22, 1973	Rev. Colman H. King
Sept. 28, 1972	Rev. Francis O'Driscoll
Sept. 30, 1996	Most Rev. Sylvester W. Treinen
Oct. 6, 2000	Rev. Canisius Hayes, S.T.
Oct. 9, 1958	Rev. Patrick J. Dooley
Oct. 9, 1990	Rev. Keith M. Kuiper
Oct. 11, 1993	Deacon James Rabdau
Oct. 12, 1945	Rev. John E. Foly
Oct. 13, 1939	Rev. Cyril Vander Donckt
Oct. 18, 1953	Rev. Francis L. Lobell

Nazareth Schedule

Sept. 21-23	Deacon Formation 2000
Sept. 26	St. Alphonsus Home Health
Sept. 27	Christian Faith Center
Oct. 1-4	Department of Health and Welfare
Oct. 3	St. Mary's Women's Retreat
Oct. 7	Risen Christ Catholic Community
Oct. 12	CCW—West Central Deanery
Oct. 10-14	Knitting Camp
Oct. 14	St. Vincent de Paul
Oct. 15-19	Parish Health Ministries
Oct. 19-20	Diocesan Pastoral Council
Oct. 22-25	Presbyteral Convocation
Oct. 26-27	Linder Road Church of Christ Women's Retreat
Oct. 30	Idaho Primary Care
Oct. 30-31	Department of Health and Welfare
Nov. 2-4	Holy Apostles Confirmation Retreat
Nov. 5-6	Presbyteral Council
Nov. 17	St. Mark's
Nov. 22-25	THANKSGIVING—Closed
Dec. 4-6	St. Alphonsus Education Ministries
Dec. 14	St. Alphonsus Mission Services

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Mass Schedule changes and corrections

St. Joseph's, Pocatello, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, Boise, Sun. 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The Winter Mass Schedule was published in the Sept. 7 ICR

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Silak to speak at Oct. 11 Stone Soup Supper

BOISE—The St. Vincent de Paul Society, Southwest District, will hold its sixth annual Stone Soup Supper Oct. 11 at the Idaho Historical Museum.

The event, catered by Chef Lou's Westside Catering, will start with a social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Television personality Melinda O'Malley will emcee.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Tom Aden, Boise, 345-4664. They will also be sold after Masses in the next few weeks at Sacred Heart Church and St. John's Cathedral.

Bishop Michael Driscoll, Diocese of Boise, will be the guest of honor for the Stone Soup Supper. Former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Cathy R.



Cathy Silak

Silak will speak on the topic of service. Silak, a member of St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, who is currently practicing law with Hawley Troxell Ennis & Hawley in Boise, works in the areas of employment law, mediation and arbitration.

She is a member of the Idaho State Bar, a founding member of the Idaho Coalition for Adult Literacy, on the Boise Family YMCA Board of Directors, a director for the Idaho Youth Ranch Foundation, an advisory board member for The Learning Lab, and was the recipient of the "Service to Youth Award from the Boise Family YMCA in 1998.

The Shakespeare players from the Idaho Shakespeare Festival will perform a skit reflecting the story of the Stone Soup, from which the name for the Stone Soup Supper originated. The story is about a simple pot of soup that becomes a great meal for all to enjoy when each individual makes a contribution to the soup.

Aden, who is co-chairing the Stone Soup Supper

with Anna Mae Florence, Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Boise, said proceeds from the supper will be used to help those in need with food, clothing and shelter.

"The vast majority of those in need are employed," he said. "However, they are often in low paying jobs without benefits. In those circumstances all it takes is a few sick days without pay for a bad situation to develop. With the help of St. Vincent de Paul, those less fortunate are given an opportunity to house and feed their families."

Frederic Ozanam, a French student in Paris in 1833, started St. Vincent de Paul, a lay Catholic organization. Fifteen years later, it was brought to St. Louis, Mo. The organization has grown to over 900,000 members world-wide in 130 countries.

There are currently five parish groups called conferences in the Boise area.

"We hope to have more churches join to unite our efforts in the service of the poor," Aden said.



INTERNATIONAL DINNER—Our Lady of the Valley parishioners John Favillo, left, Deania Favillo, Marie March and Gus Bonaminio prepare for the Oct. 7 International Dinner and Auction at Our Lady of the Valley, 6th and Everett, Caldwell. The event will run from 1 to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to help those in need.

Participants can choose one or all of the authentic dishes made by people have preserved their recipes for years. Favorites include Polish, French, Irish, Italian, Basque, Mexican, Hawaiian, Oriental, English and American.

The live auction will start at 2 p.m.

All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go to help the needy in the community. Each year this event finances over 200 food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Cost for the dinner is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children under 5. Family tickets may be purchased for \$25. Beverages will also be available.

Bill Wassmuth benefit set Oct. 11

A Bill Wassmuth benefit is planned for Oct. 11 at the Rose Room, 714 West Idaho Street, Boise, to help Wassmuth and his wife, Mary, with mounting medical expenses that are the result of his treatment for ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

The event is called "Celebrate Life and Human Rights in Idaho." A minimum admission gift per person is \$25. Those who want to contribute but cannot attend the event can make a check out to the Bill Wassmuth Fund and mail it to Les Bock, 802 South Capitol Boulevard, Suite 102, Boise, ID 83702. For more information call 345-0304. All donations will go directly to the

fund. Costs of the benefit celebration have already been covered by individual and business donations.

Wassmuth, who is known throughout the country for his work in human rights, was diagnosed with ALS about a year ago.

While still a priest serving in Coeur d'Alene, Wassmuth had his home bombed because he was working in the community to fight hate and discrimination.

He eventually left the priesthood and went on to form and lead the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, now called the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish to host International Dinner and Auction

CALDWELL—Our Lady of the Valley Church, Caldwell, will host its 16th Annual International Dinner and Auction Oct. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Caldwell church gymnasium, 6th and Everett.

Participants can choose one or all of the authentic dishes made by people have preserved their recipes for years. Favorites include Polish, French, Irish, Italian, Basque, Mexican, Hawaiian, Oriental, English and American.

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NFP classes planned for October in Nezperce

NEZPERCE—Natural Family Planning classes will be offered at Holy Trinity Parish in Nezperce beginning in October.

No exact date has been set. Couples engaged or married, interested in a healthy alternative to family planning may contact Michelle Koepl, certified instructor at 208-937-2325.

The cost for the classes is \$65. It includes three classes, one a month for three consecutive months. Printed materials are included in a packet of information.

Koepl said the classes are informative, accurate information.

The program is made available as a satellite of Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

Holy Apostles Parish sells Entertainment Books to benefit Building Fund

MERIDIAN—Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, is once again selling Entertainment Books to benefit the church building fund.

Kathy Coops, who is organizing the sale, said Entertainment has added many new businesses offering two for one coupons this year including restaurants, dry cleaners, and theatres, and the price is reduced to \$20 each.

"That's a savings of one-third over previous years," she said.

Out of town editions are also available.

For information or to obtain a book contact Coops, 562-1468 or Holy Apostles, 888-1182.

Bishop Kelly students raise attack relief funds for American Red Cross

BOISE—Students at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, are participating in a "Fill the Jar" campaign to raise funds for the American Red Cross to help with expenses related to the Sept. 11 attack on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Bishop Kelly's Life Club sponsors the collection. They are collecting the money in a large water fountain jar.

Tom Beckman, Bishop Kelly theology department, said the students have already raised more than \$500 and plan to continue for a few weeks more.

Huntsville, Utah, monastery offers live-in experience Oct. 24-28.

HUNTSVILLE, Utah—The Holy Trinity Trappist-Cistercian Monastery in Huntsville, Utah, will host a Live-In Experience Vocational Retreat Oct. 24-28.

Participants will have the opportunity to work and pray with the monks and listen to vocational talks given by the monks themselves.

Space is limited. To make a reservation call toll free, 866-548-3463.

Bonnie Gallant named 'Idaho's Outstanding Special Education Administrator'

BOISE—Bonnie Gallant, who attends St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, was recently named Idaho's Outstanding Special Education Administrator.

The Idaho Association of Special Education Administrators sponsors this annual award to recognize leadership in the area of service to special needs students.

Gallant has been the Meridian School District's Director of Special Services in 1995. As this year's recipient, she will join her administrative colleagues from the other IASA Divisions in the 2002 Panel of Outstanding Educators presenting before a joint meeting of the Senate and House Education Committees.

As part of her nomination, Meridian School District Superintendent Christine Donnell wrote in part, "Advocating for and insuring the rights and needs of the disadvantaged are met is one of Bonnie's strengths... She is articulate and knowledgeable in hearings, mediations and parent/teacher meetings resulting in placements and programs for our special needs students that are always appropriate and effective."

A special education teacher said, "Ultimately, Bonnie cares about kids. She believes that all students can learn and have the right to a public education..."

St. Stanislaus, Lewiston, to host Sept. 30 Turkey Dinner, Bazaar

LEWISTON—St. Stanislaus Parish, Lewiston, will host a Turkey Dinner and Bazaar Sept. 30.

The event will take place in St. Stanislaus Parish gym, 5th Avenue and 7th Streets, Lewiston.

Organizers bill the dinner as the "best anywhere," and are promising two serving lines this year.

The menu will include baked turkey, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, roll, salad, dessert and beverage.

Dinner tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 10 years and younger and \$25 for immediate family.

The bazaar will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the gym.

It will feature homemade food booths, game booths, crafts and raffles.

Nampa St. Vincent Thrift Store to celebrate second anniversary

NAMPA—The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Nampa is celebrating its second anniversary the week of Sept. 22 through Sept. 29 with discounts and special bargain sales.

St. Vincent de Paul of Nampa began April 1999, under the guidance of Father Gerald Funke. The thrift store, located at 1203 7th St. North (previously Our Lady of Guadalupe Church), opened in September after 4 months of preparation.

The hours are Tuesdays 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Saturdays 9:30

a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Harry and Loraine Knigge, who are in charge of the store say, "We now have 39 volunteers who spend countless hours sorting, pricing, and manning the store, never saying no to our cause."

During the anniversary sale, every customer will receive a discount at the time of purchase. Purchases under \$5 will receive an automatic 10 percent discount. Customers purchasing over \$5 in merchandise can draw a "mystery discount" of 20, 30, 40, or 50 percent

with two 100 percent discount tickets also included.

The store has a selection of fall and winter clothing in addition to lots of summer items already on sale.

Shoppers will find numerous religious articles, books, furniture, luggage, miscellaneous household items, and free suckers for the children.

Both Saturdays will feature bag sales on selected items, selling all you can stuff in a bag for \$1, buy 2 and get the third one free.



FATIMA ROSARY—These people were among those who have gathered on the thirteenth day of five consecutive months to participate in the Fatima Rosary Procession for World Peace and Benediction at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian Road and Chinden, Meridian. The rosary is orga-

nized by the Legion of Mary in imitation of what the Blessed Mother asked the children at Fatima. The next Fatima Rosary Procession for World Peace is scheduled for Oct. 13 at noon. All are invited to attend.

Project Linus events to benefit many

COEUR D'ALENE—Project Linus of North Idaho will host several events on Make A difference Day, Oct. 27, at St. Thomas Center, 10th and Indiana Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

A raffle for a Halloween quilt will take place that day to benefit the family of Chad Berger, 4, with medical expenses. Chad has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

The quilt was made by Joanne Raymond with materials donated by Mousequilters of Hayden Lake.

Chad has had 80 percent of his tumor removed, but since it is on the brain stem, his motor skills and coordination abilities are affected. Currently he has double vision.

Paul Berger, an Idaho State trooper, has taken a leave of absence without pay. He and his wife, Jill, also have a 3 year old and an 11 month old.

Along with the effort to help the Bergers, St. Thomas youth, with Carol White as their director, will hand out 12 inch fabric squares that were donated by the Idaho Council of Catholic Women, Northern Deanery, to support and honor loved ones who have or have had breast cancer.

The squares can be sewn, appliquéd, drawn, or silk screened. The squares will then be collected and sent into the PM Pink Ribbon Quilt Collection by Dec. 15 so that quilts can be made

and distributed to those struggling with breast cancer.

Those who like to tie quilt tops, can assist with quilts and blankets that are regularly distributed to the children of the community.

Currently, the North Idaho Chapter of Project Linus hands

out over 150 donations a month and hope to do more with more volunteer help. The gifts are intended to serve as "security and a hug...for today, tonight and tomorrow," said Barbara McLean, project coordinator. For more information contact McLean at (208) 664-3414.

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Buhl Knights honor Mary Patucek, Castleford

BUHL—Castleford's Patucek family was honored by the Buhl Knights of Columbus "Family-of-the-Month" for Immaculate Conception Parish, Buhl.

Mary Patucek graduated from Glens Ferry High School in 1942 and went on to Mary Christ Catholic College where she graduated magna cum laude. She returned to Idaho and taught home economics in Jerome High School. She met Joe Patucek, and they were married in Glens Ferry in 1947. They moved to Castleford 54 years ago.

Joe was born and raised in the Castleford area. He was a convert

to the Catholic Church and became a life-long member of the Knights of Columbus. He hired a landscaper for the new Immaculate Conception church building complex and bought all the grass seed and some of the shrubbery. After the Catholic School was built, Joe took his turn driving the school bus for its students. He retired from farming at age 82 and died Dec. 18, 1995.

Mary has substituted for teachers all over the Magic Valley including Castleford, Wendell, Buhl, O'Leary Junior High in Twin Falls, and at Twin Falls High School. In her spare time,

she judged the art at the Twin Falls County Fair.

By attending classes from the University of Idaho, Moscow, and Idaho State University, Pocatello, she kept her teaching certificate current and taught the 5th and 6th grades in the Buhl Catholic school the year it closed in 1970. Of the 20 students in these grades, 18 became honor students in the public schools.

Mary said she loved teaching, but her husband Joe also liked to have her be a "stay at home mom." One Mother's Day, Joe had a hay baler delivered for her, which she subsequently wore out.

For years, she ran a John Deere combine on farms in the Castleford and Bell Rapids area.

Mary put together the first Catholic Ladies League scrapbook that took top honors at the deanery in Boise. She also organized the first league yearly committee handbook and finally retired from the December cleaning/coffee committee after serving on it for 50 years. She has been league president twice—each for a two-year term. And, for several years she was a chairwoman of the county fair dining hall. During her second two-year term as president of the

Ladies League, the new Immaculate Conception Parish building complex was completed. Then she became the chairwoman of the annual Harvest Dinners at the new site.

Mary is currently Ladies League Southern Deanery treasurer. She just retired in May from 15 years on the Castleford School Board and also received a 10-year Certificate of Appreciation for her leadership in the local 4-H program.

Joe and Mary raised four children: Lorinda, Daniel, Edward and Ann, who have blessed them with seven grandchildren.

Excerpts from Idaho State Grand Knight Dan Anthony's statement on attack

"As all of you, my heart is broken over the events of Sept. 11.

It still seems so incomprehensible that such an event can, and did take place. I ask myself how can any man come to the point where he can say, "throw that life away."

And yet through this devastation, many Americans appear to be returning to God. So many of our public officials, who, at times, are proponents of the separation of church and state, are asking for us to pray for all the victims of this horrific act. We have seen hundreds, if not thousands, of patriots risking their lives to save others. It is these patriots that

make our country strong, proud and free.

As a member of the Fourth Degree of our order, I would like to remind all of you of the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The motto of the Fourth Degree is Patriotism—a patriotism enlightened and informed by religion.

...May God be with the leaders of this great land, guide them during this dangerous and difficult effort on which we have set out. We also ask that God bless and keep all Americans during, what may be, months of sacrifice and self-discipline."

KC Council 2888 family of the month named in Sandpoint

SANDPOINT—Grand Knight Edward E. Bauer announced Sept. 9, that the Father Kelly Knights of Columbus Council has selected Mathias and Sharon Huppert, Sandpoint, as the August "Family of the Month."

Huppert has been a Knight for nearly 20 years and has served the Washington State Council as the state membership director and was the Grand Knight for Ellensburg, Wash. Council. He has been a member of Council 2888, Sandpoint, for several years also.

Huppert has served four years as the chair of the primary fund-raising effort of his council, the operation of the KC food booth at the Oldham County Fair. He and Sharon both spent many hours over the past few months as they organized and supervised the

operation of the booth which prepared complete meals as well as short orders and dessert for hundreds of persons attending the fair.

The Hupperts were supported in their efforts by many of their seven children and 10 grandchildren during fair time. The success of the food booth again is a tribute to the Huppert's tireless efforts. Dozens of parish members also volunteer their time to work in the dining room and kitchen during fair weekend.

The funds earned by Council 2888 during fair week is returned to the parish in the form of college scholarships to members of the senior class, financial support to the parish Boy Scout troop and parish ICY group as well as many other special parish activities that require financial assistance.

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from the St. Alphonsus Foundation. After piloting a web based school information service called EDLINE last spring, the school will continue that service this year, Maloney said. Any parent logging on to EDLINE can access secure information about their child's attendance, grading and homework in addition to the school calendar for the month.

Community service and evangelization will again be a focus for St. Mark's religious program this year at all levels.

Maloney said development of student liturgies and an emphasis on seeing Christ in our neighbor in all aspects of the school and community experience will also be a focus.

St. Edward's, Twin Falls

Enrollment at St. Edward's is up by 20 students year to 170.

New staff includes Principal Luke Schroeder and Susan Pak in the music department.

The school is planning a benefit golf scramble on Sept. 29 followed by a Pork Barbeque Dinner. All are welcome. Call the school, 734-3872, for more information.

Saint Anthony School, Pocatello

Enrollment at Saint Anthony Catholic Community School is at 191 students, preschool through sixth grade.

New staff members are Mary Spiker, half time kindergarten teacher, and Meg Downey, half time fourth grade teacher.

Principal Stephen Anderson said the school is implementing a service hour program this year. Students are required to do community service projects over the course of the school year.

"These service projects will be age appropriate and geared to promote our Catholic school in our community," Anderson said.

He said an example of a project occurred during the "Back to School" meeting when several sixth grade students provided child care for families attending the meeting.

"This allowed the parents to better focus their attention on the purpose of the meeting rather than keeping tabs on their children," said Anderson. "This was very well received by all who were in attendance."

St. Nicholas, Rupert

Enrollment reported at St. Nicholas Elementary School this year is 113 students.

Seminarian Dat Vu is the only new staff member. Vu, who is serving a pastoral year in Rupert, will teach religion to fifth and sixth graders.

Principal Suzette Miller said she and her staff are "obviously thrilled" to begin the year working on a \$106,000 grant funded by the Wiegand Foundation which involves creating a state of the art media center with greater access to books, computers, software programs and other resources.

"One of our school improvement goals is to provide hands on materials as well as interactive technology to enhance student learning," she said.

Miller said the staff also plans to continue to develop the Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reader programs as enrichment to the core curriculum.

This year, St. Nicholas students will prepare weekly student liturgies and the celebration of all the liturgical seasons. Students will again perform the "Passion of Our Lord" during the Lenten season.

Community service is an important component of St. Nicholas' school program. Students and staff participate in the Meals on Wheels Program and the Adopt a Highway Program. They also

New St. Edward's principal wants to know every student

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register
editor

TWIN FALLS—Every day when the new principal at St. Edward's Catholic School, Twin Falls, walks through the school's doors he says he knows he is "in the right place."

"I just have that feeling that I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be," said Luke Schroeder.

The Twin Falls native said his new job is quite a change from his work in the public school system where he was a high school teacher and coach for five years and the last three years served as vice principal at Kimberly High School.

He said the change has some definite benefits for him and his family. "I've never had such an intimate relationship with God as since I have come to this job," he said, "and it has given me more time with my family." He, and his wife, Kelli, and their three children, ages 5, 2 and 1, are members of St. Edward's Parish, Twin Falls.

Schroeder is a graduate of College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Boise State University, Boise, and holds a masters in education administration from the University of Idaho, Moscow.

As the new principal at St. Edward's, his goal is to "treat every kid as if he or she were my

"I just have that feeling that I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be."

own."

"We want our students to have the best academic education possible as well as the best spiritual education," he said.

Schroeder said he is striving to spend time in every classroom every day to make himself visible to the students and get to know them.

"I'm trying to get to know every kid on a first name basis," he said.

He values the sense of community or the "large family" that exists at St. Edward's School.

"I would like to carry that on," Schroeder said.

Two goals the new principal would like to pursue in the future are to increase the enrollment at St. Edward's School and to look into starting a Catholic middle school in the area.

perform at the hospital over St. Patrick's Day and put together a Christmas program for the community each year.

"We also participated in the Relay for Life this summer, which was a very spiritual experience for us all," Miller said.

St. Mary's, Moscow

Moscow's Catholic school reports an increased student enrollment of one this year. The school has 103 students.

Sue Ellwanger is the new kindergarten teacher at St. Rose's Preschool and Tammy Hullin is the reading specialist.

Sts. Peter and Paul, Grangeville

Sts. Peter and Paul School, Grangeville, is starting the school year with 62 students.

Teresa Groom returns as the morning teacher of the 16 first and second grade students. Patricia Schmidt has 20 students in her third and fourth grade classroom. The fifth and sixth grades have 14 students instructed by John Johnston. Shelly Demsey is teaching 12 seventh and eighth grade students.

Julie Sonnen, Greencreek, is a new staff member teaching the afternoon first and second grade class.

Principal Milton Baerlocher said Sts. Peter and Paul School now has a uniform dress policy in place for students in grades one through four. The policy is optional but encouraged for grades five through eight.

He said Sts. Peter and Paul students and staff began their school year Aug. 27 with attendance at daily Mass.

St. Mary's, Boise

St. Mary's enrollment is up four students this year to 226.

Mary's started an Activity Program this year "to provide students will an opportunity to grow socially, emotionally, and academically in a non-traditional setting."

She said the program provides many levels of interest, excitement and growth for those who choose to participate.

"We hope to teach our students, help them grow and help them develop their God given talents," she said. Classes are offered each quarter with something for each age level.

Activities students can participate in at St. Mary's include Chess Club, Drama Class, Games for Fun, Arts and Crafts, Rocket Club, Roller Skating, Baking Class, Sewing Class. Parents, teachers, parishioners and friends of St. Mary's School are teaching these classes or serving as monitors.

The Student Activities Program will also coordinate the Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Academic Decathlon, Battle of the Books, Science Olympiad, Math Olympiad and Student Council.

St. Mary's students may also enroll in the Student Enrichment Program, which offers the school's families a dependable, convenient and Christian daycare program on the campus.

"Students enjoy a fun, safe and positive atmosphere to study, interact with friends and enrich their learning and social skills," Beckman said. "This program operates year-round, including school holidays, Christmas and spring break."

Thanks to funds given to St. Mary's School in memory of Michael Day, a former parent, the school was able to remodel the space occupied by the kindergarten and Student Enrichment Program. Donated architect, construction and electrical work kept the cost of the project to a minimum, Beckman said.

"The space will be more useable and efficient," she said. "We are very excited about this project and the benefits to our students."

Holy Family, Coeur d'Alene

Enrollment at Idaho's newest Catholic school in Coeur d'Alene rose from

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New faculty and staff members include Tina Young, grade two teacher, Cori Dalton, physical education, and Margret Christopherson, full-time teacher's aid.

Principal Marcia Beckman said St.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—Deacon Rick Bonney, a member of the pastoral team at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, talks with a group of his potential students. Deacon Bonney

is teaching zero hour Algebra I at St. Joseph's School. The class was added this year for eighth graders. (Photo by Sherry Stanley)

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174 to 183 students this year.

Holy Family School is now a kindergarten through eight grade school with the addition of the eighth grade this year.

New teachers at the school are Pennie Moulin, seventh and eighth grade, language and history; Linda Scharnhorst, who has taken a sixth grade job share position; Monica Anderson, third grade, and Melissa Myers, kindergarten and technology teacher.

This year, Holy Family's middle school students have block scheduling in which they have different teachers for math and science and language arts and history.

Middle school electives now offered include speech and debate, French, journalism, band, drama, yearbook, life skills, leadership and computers.

Other new programs the school is offering are a school wide Accelerated Reading program, Accelerated Math in grades three through eight and an inter grade buddy program in religion.

Sacred Heart, Boise

Enrollment at Sacred Heart School stands at 261 this year, about the same as last year.

The new principal, Joe Baumann, is the only new staff person at Sacred Heart School this year.

Baumann said one of the new traditions at Sacred Heart this year is the "Virtue of the Month."

"This summer, the staff made banners of virtues to hang in the front hall. Each month we will highlight a virtue and ask the students and staff to be especially mindful of this virtue," Baumann said. "When a staff member notices a 'random act of kindness' for the virtue of the month, they inform the front office, and the student or staff member is recognized at the end of the traditional Monday prayer service and given a small gift such as a school pin or a pencil."

September's virtue is "Love."

Parents are invited to join the school at the Monday morning prayer services. The service includes an opening song, prayer, epistle and gospel and closing prayer.

All Sacred Heart students are attending Mass on Fridays. Each class takes turn hosting the Mass. The staff did the first Mass of the year.

Baumann said Sacred Heart's staff will attend a retreat at Monastery of St. Gertrude's in February as an opportunity to get away and focus on the renewal of their commitment to ministry at the school.

A Jog R Walk is coming up for Sacred Heart students Sept. 26-27. This is the main student fundraiser of the year. They are busy getting pledges and will walk a track on the Sacred Heart Parish grounds.

Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls

Enrollment at Holy Rosary is up from 180 to 203 this year.

There are several new faces around the school this fall. They are Allison Clary, second grade teacher, Shelley Thiel, third grade teacher, Liza Pena, cafeteria, Paula Anderson, library and front office, Mary Lund, school secretary, Luisa Becker, extended day program, Michelle Brock, extended day program, and Kathleen Douglass, school psychologist.

The first school fund raising event of the year, the Run for the Rosary, is scheduled for Oct. 13 at Community Park in Idaho Falls. Students are collecting pledges. Registration is planned for 8 a.m. with the running starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 11 a.m.

Families planning to participate in the Run for the Rosary are asked to dress for the weather and bring a dish to share at the potluck following the run.

St. Paul's, Nampa

St. Paul's School has enrolled 227 students for the 2001-2002 school year.

New staff people are Kristi Bruegeman, who will team teach fourth grade with her sister, Kerri Beckman; Mary Kay Pavlick, fifth grade teacher; Katrina McKinney, sixth through eighth grade science and seventh and eighth grade math; Rob Walker, fifth through eighth grade band teacher; Mary Beth Prince, fifth through eighth grade enrichment; Hortencia Lemus, fifth through eighth grade Spanish teacher, and Justin Brady, an Idaho seminarian doing a pastoral year at St. Paul Parish. He will assist with religion classes.

"This year, St. Paul has begun teaching Spanish to all grades," said Principal Mary Ann Vande Brake. "We have staff in place to teaching including Sisters from Mexico who are Missionaries of the Rosary of Fatima. Sister Evangelina Samaniego and Sister Agueda Gutierrez will volunteer at the school to assist with religion and Spanish programs."

Vande Brake said St. Paul's middle school students have new uniforms.

"To insure their identity as middle schoolers, they are wearing Kahki color pants and shorts while St. Paul's lower grades are wearing navy."

To encourage leadership and provide understanding and integration of faith, St. Paul's is developing pods. Pods are groups of 10-11 students from grades first through eighth grade who are given projects and activities to do, usually in connection with the liturgy. Seventh and eighth graders are pod facilitators.

"This year we also have activities to encourage service work among our students and families," Vande Brake said.

She said three school-wide retreats are scheduled for the school year. The first retreat is Oct. 3. All grades will be involved with grade level, pod and school wide programs. The focus of the first retreat is St. Francis of Assisi, the Guardian Angels and Therese of the



HAPPY STUDENT—Kindergartener Adriana Arnone arrives prepared for her first day of school at St. Stanislaus Tri-parish Catholic School, Lewiston. (Photo by Cindy Ulmen)

Child Jesus.

St. Joseph's, Boise

St. Joseph's School enrollment has climbed from 278 last year to 298 this year.

The two new staff members at the school are Principal Sherry Stanley (see related story, this page) and Beth Gray, secretary.

Stanley said a zero hour Algebra I class was added this year for eighth graders. Deacon Rick Bonney, a member of the pastoral team at St. John's Cathedral, will teach the class.

The first big fundraiser of the year, the Annual Italian Dinner, will take place Oct. 14 in St. Joseph's School gymnasium. All are welcome to participate.

St. Stanislaus, Lewiston

Enrollment at St. Stanislaus this year is 151 compared to 143 students last year.

New staff includes Niki Wolf, lead teacher and Sandy Gossage, co-teacher for first grade; Tina Wessels, third grade;

Lawrence Sandahl, PE and technology, Cindy Heard, library and resource teacher; Tonia Schumacher, sixth grade, Judy Parry, art teacher, and Alane Chenault, assistant cook.

The Guardian Angels, St. Stanislaus' parent organization, just completed a very successful yard sale. Proceeds will support student activities and events. The group also hosted the first annual back to school barbecue.

St. Stanislaus is sponsoring a Car/Truck/Van/SUV/ or Boat Raffle. Tickets are \$25 and available at the school. Only 4,800 tickets will be sold. Winning tickets can be redeemed at several local car dealerships. For information or tickets call 743-4411.

Sixth graders from St. Stanislaus and St. Mary's School, Moscow, have been asked to participate in a pilot project for a week-long science camp at the University of Idaho's field campus in McCall Oct. 8-11. The students will study freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems while working alongside U of I faculty and graduate students.

Every child is important to St. Joe's principal

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—Sherry L. Stanley, the new St. Joseph's School principal, says she is "committed to ensuring an excellent education for all children" attending the school.

She has invited parents, students and staff to dialogue and share their ideas and personal energy to help St. Joseph's plan for the future. She has also created an administrative team to work with her and to help improve communication at all levels.

"I want us to do the best job we can for every child," she said. "Every child is very important to me. I believe everyone has a right to an education. We should all be lifelong learners."

Stanley has taken the "lifelong learner" idea to heart. She comes from a varied educational and work background. She holds a Masters of Education degree from Westminster College, Salt Lake City, and a Bachelor of Science degree from University of the State of New York, Albany. She has taught in public schools in California and at Blessed Sacrament Middle School, Sandy, Utah, where she also served as department chair. She has worked in the College/Career Center at a high school, been a special education tutor, librarian, development director, and curriculum and grant writer.

Her home life has helped to prepare her for her new



position as well. She is the "mother of one and grandmother of four," and she and her husband also raised a niece and a nephew and took children in who lost a parent.

She hopes to put that broad education and experience to work at St. Joseph's in the coming year. With the help of others, she hopes to formulate a strategic plan to help the school deal with the need for more space and address technology and finance issues and community relations.

"We have a lot of work to do, and we will all need to pull together," Stanley said.

Her first task at St. Joseph's is to

get to know the students.

"I'm spending most of my time in the classrooms and on the playground right now, and I eat lunch with the students," said Stanley. "I want to get to know them and see what they are feeling and thinking about themselves and school."

Some of her hopes for the future include starting a St. Joseph's Student Council, getting students involved in the National Junior Honor Society, increasing the service learning programs and making them age appropriate, encouraging greater Catholic identity, and making the St. Joseph's School community even more aware of the importance of inclusion.

Bishop Kelly High enrollment up, off to good start

**By Gail Cushman, principal
Bishop Kelly High School, Boise**

Bishop Kelly is off to a roaring start this year with about 700 students enrolled in classes, an increase of almost 100 students.

Student Body officers this year are: President Martha Miller; Vice-President Brian Moreaux; Recording Secretary Jorja Ackers and Corresponding Secretary Ashley Pickren. Science teacher Layne Quinley-Brown advises them.

The first day of school was just for freshmen, with 210 freshmen enrolled. This is the largest freshman class in the history of the school.

The freshmen were given information about high school requirements. The administration talked with them about policies and practices, and the student

council talked with them about success and the importance of participating in activities. In addition to academics and competing in nearly every sport known to mankind, BK students are involved in community service, religious education and parish activities and compete in all sorts of academics, from music to debate to Science Olympiad.

Congratulations to Kathleen Hunthausen, Bishop Kelly's school nurse, who recently received the Idaho Hospital Association's Meritorious Service Award at a ceremony at St. Alphonsus Hospital. She was nominated for this award for her commitment to excellence during her service to Bishop Kelly students and staff.

Student Lauren Blaesing was recently selected as president of the regional Key Club—Idaho and Utah.

The BK Back to School Barbeque was very well attended this year. Many parents and past students joined the Bishop Kelly Booster Club for an evening of burgers and entertainment. Among students who entertained the crowd were Jake Ineck, Stephan Giles, Brian Moreaux, John MacKinnon and the Bishop Kelly cheerleaders.

Bishop Kelly had a "clean sweep" athletically the first week of September winning all seven games played in volleyball, football and soccer.

The Bishop Kelly High School community is looking forward to the Foundation Winners Choice Dinner and Auction scheduled for Nov. 3 at Boise Centre on the Grove. Tickets are \$275 a couple. Contact Julie Lliteras, 323-4789, for more information on tickets and donations.

Catechetical evening set Sept. 27 at St. Pius X, Coeur d'Alene

COEUR D'ALENE—A catechetical evening of music, movement, prayer and song featuring Sam Kaufmann is planned Sept. 27 at St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene.

The workshop, which will also take place Sept. 25 at St. Paul's School, Nampa, is sponsored by the Diocese of Boise.

Kaufmann, Foster City, Calif., is well known in Idaho from her presentations at the Diocesan Fall Conference.

"Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious and she is totally delightful," said Sister Clarissa Goeckner, OSB, Diocese of Boise coordinator of children's and family catechesis. "This is a wonderful opportunity for



Samantha Kaufmann

catechists.

Kaufmann's workshop will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.

For more information or to sign up call Lorraine Stravens, (208) 765-5108.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING—Father Joe Schmidt, pastor of St. Mary's Church, blesses St. Mary's School third graders on the first day of school this fall.

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Coming of Age

We give evil power through our choices

By Christopher Carstens
Catholic News Service

We live with our comfortable illusions, imagining that most people will play fair if you just give them a chance. Perhaps we trust there are some things nobody ever would do.

In a few heartbreaking seconds, along with the World Trade Center towers, those illusions crashed to the ground.

If people could be so filled with hate that they rammed an airplane into the side of building filled with innocent men and women, what limits can there be? If they flew to their own fiery death fulfilling this dread mission, what possible fear might have deterred them?

The record of history is clear. The human capacity for evil appears to be boundless.

On a tragically common basis, men and women involved in ancient hatreds and modern political struggles launch rockets into hospitals, break the bones of old women and hack innocent children to pieces.

The problem of evil is an old one. The church long has long taught that evil is not the same as error. Evil isn't a matter of goodness making mistakes. A fundamental Christian belief is that evil has a force of its own, and it looks for chances to make trouble.

The power of evil hates the good, hates God, and seeks to destroy peace and harmony.

Evil does not discriminate among kinds of men and women but will infect anyone it can with resentment, hatred and lust for power. The crack dealer who sells drugs to the young mother — knowing full well that children will not be fed because the grocery money goes to drugs — has been infected with evil. So is the well-off pharmacist who dilutes life-giv-

ing medicine, increasing his profits by sending patients to an early death.

We give evil power through our own choices. When we choose what we know is wrong because it gets us what we want, we add to the power of evil. There's an old-fashioned word for that: "sin."

Here is the really hard part to understand. God left us able to decide for ourselves. The freedom that Christ gives us is simply this: We can choose good and we can choose evil.

Without God in our lives, the power of evil is too much for any of us, and we fall into its lure every time. God's intervention in human history gave us back our ability to choose.

How powerful is evil? Look at the rubble in New York City. That pile of death and ashes was produced by the anger and hatred of a few people.

And what can anyone do? You cannot rebuild the buildings or breathe life back into the dead. You cannot heal the hate-filled minds that caused this terror and destruction. You can only look to your own life and choose good.

Draw close to your brothers and sisters in prayer for the dead and for the living. Commit yourself to be a peacemaker, building bridges instead of bombs. Work for justice for all people, and do not let your heart be hardened. Remember that the path of evil begins with anger and grows into hatred, but it always ends with death and ashes.

Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith (1 Pt 5:8-9a).

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SORTING CORN—Marilyn Stave, Our Lady of the Valley, Caldwell, left, Sydney Chivers, Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, and Kyle Byerly and Mark Cowman, Our Lady of the Valley, Caldwell. (Photo by Jim Robinson)

Youth from three parishes participate in August Work Camp, find it rewarding

Youth from Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Parish, Caldwell, St. Mary's, Boise, and Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR), Boise, worked together in the "The Gospel in Action" Work Camp in August.

"It was really a sight to behold," said Jim Robinson, OLR

youth minister. The camp was sponsored by OLR.

Projects this year were mostly yard work, painting, and some landscaping for senior citizens.

At the Boise Women's and Children's Alliance the youth

washed windows and did yard work.

At the Idaho Food Bank they labeled and boxed canned corn.

The youth who participated said they had a lot of fun and found the week "very rewarding."

OLR teens to join Food Bank Super Sort

BOISE—Our Lady of the Rosary high school teens, Boise, are participating in the Super Sort Marathon with the Idaho Food Bank that starts the evening of Oct. 12.

The food bank, which supplies food for many needy people in the Treasure Valley, does not have a large enough staff to complete all the sorting. The Food Bank is sponsoring the all night marathon to get help from teens in

the area.

Our Lady of the Rosary teens were asked to work the 2:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift, according to Jim Robinson, youth minister.

Drivers from the parish will pick the teens up at their homes between 2 and 2:15 a.m. and take them to the Food Bank for a short briefing.

Then the teens will spend the next three hours sorting food and putting it on the

shelves. At the end of the shift, they will be treated to breakfast and a ride home.

"Through the night, there will be surprise visitors to keep the teens company. There will also be teens there from other area youth groups, so they will all make new friends," said Robinson.

A live broadcast is planned by at least one local teen radio station.

East Deanery youth attend Mountain States Catholic Youth Camp 2001

By Alejandra Maldonado

PALISADES—Dressed in camouflage shirts, they looked like some kind of renegade army in the mountains, ready for boot camp. The small army of 60 youth and adults from the Eastern Deanery arrived at the YMCA camp in Palisades Aug. 9. These were soldiers, but not just any soldiers; these were soldiers of Christ. This was

God's real army!

It was the annual Mountain States Catholic Youth Camp, M.S.C.Y.C. XVI.

Youth from Pocatello, Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Grace, Rigby, Firth, and Soda Springs attended this year's camp. The theme for the camp was "Jesus -H2O-Heaven to Offer." Workshops were held throughout the weekend where the

troops learned and talked about the Holy Trinity, Miracles, Thirsting for God, and how God keeps us afloat. There were also fun activities to participate in; such as a ropes course, archery, water balloon fights, creek hiking, and just hanging out with friends.

On Saturday evening, Father Mike St. Marie from Holy Ro-

sary joined the youth and celebrated Mass. Following the Mass everyone participated in a Living Rosary under the stars.

Next the youth put on their cabin skits at the campfire, outgoing seniors said their farewells, and everyone got their groove on at the all-night-party. There was dancing, games, and prizes were awarded through-

out the night and early morning. On Sunday morning, the soldiers packed up their belongings and said their final goodbyes.

Eastern deanery youth would like to thank Father Mike for coming up to do the Mass, the adults and chaperones, and everyone who helped make this year's camp a great one.



NEW OFFICERS—The Knights of Columbus, Idaho State Council installed the new state officers for the fraternal year 2001/02 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Boise. Pictured left to right is James Herman, state warden, Richard Durante, state treasurer,

Dan Anthony, state deputy, Rudolph Wilson, immediate past state deputy, Al Millhouse, state secretary and Charles Davlin, state advocate. Not pictured is Father Joseph Muha, state chaplain.

Coeur d'Alene Knights build ramp to assist senior member

COEUR D'ALENE—Twelve members of the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council spent two days recently building a ramp for Clifford Newby, who is confined to a wheel chair.

Newby is awaiting surgery on his knee from the Veterans' Hospital in Spokane later this year. The Newby house has three steps leading up to the

main and side entrances, which made it most difficult to navigate in a wheel chair, thus confining Newby to the indoors.

Newby, who will be 78 in December, has been a member of the local Knights of Columbus Council for over 32 years.

The ramp was constructed under the leadership of Past Grand Knight Len McLean, who assembled workers and

purchased the lumber and supplies needed for the job.

Head carpenters were Bill Mundy and Richard Ordway. Crewmembers volunteered their time and supplied their own tools. It required more than 50 man-hours to complete the job.

This is the second ramp built this year by the Knights of Columbus for members who are confined to wheelchairs.



HELPING A BROTHER KNIGHT—Knights Tom Goonan, foreground, and Milt Schauble place the first floor piece of a ramp

in place at the home of member Cliff Newby while other St. Thomas Knights watch.

North Idaho Catholic Men's Retreat set for Nov. 9-11 at Lutherhaven

COEUR D'ALENE—The fourth annual Retreat for Catholic Men in North Idaho is scheduled this year for the weekend of Nov. 9-11 at Lutherhaven Retreat Center on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Father Carmelo S. Horlader, a member of the Catholic Mission Society, will lead the retreat. Theme of the retreat this year is "Covenant and the Catholic Man."

Over four years ago, the men of the "Fourth Day" of the Cursillo Movement at St. Pius X Parish conceived and developed a retreat for North Idaho Catholic men. As a result of its success, the retreat has continued annually and

has grown each year in number and spiritual benefits to those attending. Last year, nearly 60 men from North Idaho and Eastern Washington attended the weekend retreat.

Father Carmelo was born and ordained in the Philippines and joined the Mission Society of the Philippines in 1984. He was assigned to the missions in Taiwan for several years. In May 2000, he arrived in Spokane where he has been attending Gonzaga University and helping at the Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. He is currently doing supervised ministry in the retreat facilities.

For more information about the retreat or to register contact Len McLean, 664-3414.



COW CHIP BINGO—Shown here is the "celebrity" cow that was featured in last year's Holy Apostles Church Cow Chip Bingo competition. The event will highlight the parish's Sept. 29 Fall Festival.

Manure means 'moola' at Holy Apostles Sept. 29 Fall Festival

By Kathy Wooten
For the ICR

MERIDIAN—Holy Apostles Church, Meridian Road and Chinden, will hold its Third Annual Fall Festival and Cow Chip Bingo Sept. 29 from noon to 6 p.m.

Events are planned to suit the entire family. The festival will feature games, music, astro jumps, a children's carnival, a cakewalk, regular Bingo, an auction, and country store.

Homemade food will be available throughout the day.

The main feature is the Cow Chip Bingo. For the novices, Cow Chip Bingo is played by letting a local celebrity cow loose in the church field to graze. Participants can then watch the cow do "what comes naturally" after grazing.

The person on whose plot of land the cow "drops" its package can win \$500, \$1000 or the grand prize of \$2,500.

Plots of land can be purchased via deeds. Deeds cost \$5 each and can be purchased in advance from Co-chair Mike Brkljacich, (208) 888-2489, or at the festival.

St. Thomas KC council installs new officers

COEUR D'ALENE—Mike Anderson was installed as the new grand knight for the 2001-2002 term at the recent annual meeting and installation dinner of the St. Thomas Council, Knights of Columbus.

Over 50 members and guests attended the event held at the Coeur D'Grain Bakery.

Other awards were also pre-

sented. Family of the Year award went to Dr. George Loftus for the Council's Right to Life program, and Tom Goonan was honored as Knight of the Year.

Other officers installed included: Dick Nimtz as deputy grand knight and Gary Fessler as financial secretary.



NEW GRAND KNIGHT—Len McLean, left, passes the gavel to newly elected Grand Knight Mike Anderson. Anderson will head the St. Thomas Council of the Knights of Columbus, Coeur d'Alene for the year 2001-2002.



La Comunidad



El Evangelio

Sentido de la riqueza

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez
Lc. 16, 1-13



En la parábola del Evangelio que nos ocupa hoy, Jesús se refiere al uso del dinero. La parábola misma, del administrador astuto, es difícil de entender, pues parecería que Jesús alaba su astucia y su ambiguo proceder. Pero lo que en realidad Jesús alaba es que el administrador utilizará el dinero, injusto, para prepararse un buen futuro.

Conviene recordar el sentido que de la justicia tenía el Antiguo Testamento, para entender el llamado de los Profetas como Amós a quien leemos hoy, y sobre todo para entender mejor el sentido de esta parábola. El concepto de justicia en el mundo bíblico se entendía a manera de relaciones equitativas con Dios, consigo mismo, con el prójimo, sea como individuo o parte de la sociedad, y con la creación entera. Justo era por lo tanto todo aquel que respetaba las relaciones con los demás; en la familia,

en el clan, en la tierra, en la naturaleza, y en el mundo. La vida en el Antiguo Testamento se entendía en términos de apertura a los demás. Morir para un Israelita no sólo era la cesación de la vida, sino el fin de una relación con Yavé, con los demás y con la tierra.

Otra cosa que debemos recordar del mundo de la biblia es que la justicia era considerada como un regalo de Dios, algo que como humanos no se podía conocer. Sólo Dios es justo, y sólo en la medida que estemos dispuestos a Dios, podemos ser justos (Jer. 22:16). Por esta razón, Jesús es la de darnos a conocer al Dios Justo que se preocupa de todos nosotros, y quiere establecer una Alianza Nueva con toda la humanidad. El Reino de Dios es la maravillosa relación que existe entre el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo y que por nosotros y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo en Cristo Jesús para que todos tengamos parte de la gloria de Dios.

Jesús entendió su misión en términos de justicia. Lo que podemos notar en toda la vida de Cristo es que no toleró injusticia alguna: era extremadamente

sensible a toda clase de discriminación, así fuera religiosa, moral, social, cultural, racial, nacionalista. Dado que entendió su misión como la de llamarnos a todos a formar parte de una sola familia bajo un mismo Padre, no se quedó callado ante toda oposición que encontró.

Cuando Cristo define en Mateo 19:28 la misión que encomienda a sus apóstoles de "juzgar" a las doce tribus de Israel, lo está diciendo en el sentido profético de la venida de Yavé al fin de los tiempos "a juzgar a las naciones." El sentido de este "juzgar" significa que Dios establecerá la justicia en medio de su pueblo escogido y a través de ellos a todas las naciones. Dios traerá una nueva relación de justicia y paz a los pueblos.

El mensaje del Evangelio parece así claro. El dinero es históricamente ambiguo. El dinero se convierte en signo de injusticia, de explotación, y no de los bienes de la tierra y del trabajo de los hombres. ¿Qué hacer entonces con el dinero? Tratar de ponerlo al servicio de nuestra salvación. Transformar lo que habitualmente es "fuente de iniquidad," en instrumento para "que

nos reciban en las moradas eternas." Esa es la astucia que Jesús alabó.

Nuestra única posesión es el trabajo y misión a la que la vida nos llama, nuestras responsabilidades (ante todo familiares), y la causa del Evangelio y del pobre. El dinero es un instrumento al servicio de estas responsabilidades cristianas. El mensaje de San Lucas a través del Evangelio nos habla de que los bienes son para compartirse. Todo discípulo de Cristo debe ser confiable en lo que respecta a "lo que pertenece a los demás" Lc. 16:12; es decir a Dios.

Es bastante obvio que Cristo nos quiere unir a su tarea de implantar la justicia de Dios aquí en la tierra. Vino a conducirnos a todos a una relación, vivamos en la misma relación de vida con todos. Jesús vivió entregado hasta la muerte en este anhelo de que todos seamos uno en una comunidad perfecta como la que existe en Dios mismo.

Podemos preguntarnos este Domingo si acaso le ponemos todo "el coraje" a los intereses del Reino de Dios.

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

Católico defiende tu fe IV

Dios creó al hombre a su imagen y semejanza

Por Martín Zavala A.P.
Respuestas bíblicas:



Sr. Zavala. Tengo amigos que constantemente me dicen: "¿Por qué ustedes adoran a los santos?" "Ustedes son idólatras, porque adoran las imágenes;" ¡La Biblia prohíbe tener imágenes! ¿Podría usted decirme que dice la Biblia sobre este aspecto?

Estimada lectora: Gracias por escribirnos y he aquí la respuesta a sus preguntas:

1. Imágenes e ídolos

Cuando en la Biblia se lee el libro del éxodo u otros donde aparentemente se prohíbe tener imágenes no se está refiriendo a cualquier tipo de imágenes, sino a los ídolos.

Aquí está el error principal de las sectas. Hay personas que creen que una imagen es lo mismo que un ídolo y eso no es así. Existe una grande diferencia entre una imagen y un ídolo. Una imagen es cualquier tipo de figura o representación de alguien a algo mientras que el ídolo es todo aquello que se pone en lugar de Dios, como en el caso del becerro de oro.

Pues bien, cuando aparentemente se prohíben las imágenes, la Biblia se está refiriendo a los ídolos y no a cualquier tipo de imagen, como las que tenemos nosotros ahora. De hecho, en la Biblia se habla claramente de no tener "otros dioses."

No habrá para ti otros dioses delante de mí (Ex 20,3).

Como verá la prohibición es sobre el tener ídolos o falsos dioses, y eso es algo que el católico no tiene, sino simplemente imágenes.

2. Dios mandó hacer imágenes

Cuando alguien dice que Dios prohíbe tenerlas eso no es cierto. Al contrario, en todas las Biblias del mundo vamos a encontrar pasajes bíblicos donde Dios mismo mandó hacer imágenes. Veamos algunos ejemplos.

Asimismo, harás dos querubines de oro macizo, labrados a marillo, y los pondrás en las extremidades del Lugar del Perdón, uno a cada lado (Ex 25,18).

Moisés habló por el pueblo y Yavé le respondió: "Haz una serpiente de bronce, ponla en un palo y todo el que mire, sanará" (Núm 21,8).

Aquí vemos claramente que DIOS mandó hacer imágenes de ángeles(querubines) y también una imagen de la serpiente de bronce. Hace tiempo una persona me decía que eso no estaba en la Biblia y cuando lo leímos en su propia Biblia se quedó sorprendido y dijo: ¡Creo que Dios se está contradiciendo!... En realidad era él quien se estaba contradiciendo.

3. Adorar y venerar

Además, para nosotros católicos, adorar es reconocer a una persona o un objeto como ser supremo, creador y dueño de todo; venerar, en cambio, es lo mismo que respetar. *Así que nosotros católicos adoramos solamente a Dios, un solo Dios (Mt 4,10); a María y a los santos los veneramos.*

Por lo que se refiere a la manera práctica de realizar la "adoración" o la "veneración," todo depende de la cultura de cada pueblo y la manera de entender de cada persona. Para nosotros por ejemplo, besar, ofrecer flores, llevar en procesión... no es lo mismo que adorar. ¿Nunca usted besó a una persona o le llevó flores? ¿Acaso no besamos alguna vez la foto de la novia?

¿Para qué sirven las imágenes?

Sencillamente, las imágenes y las estatuas de los santos son como las fotografías o los retratos de un ser

querido. Sirven para acordarnos de Jesús, la Virgen y los santos. Al mismo tiempo, les pedimos a Jesús, la Virgen y a los santos (no a sus imágenes o estatuas), que nos ayuden a vivir el Evangelio y alcanzar la salvación.

Alguno tal vez le dirá que de todas maneras hay que quemar todas las imágenes, pero la verdad es que ni el mismo cree esta afirmación por que de ser así que es lo que traen todos los Billetes (dólares) impreso en ambas caras ¿acaso no son fotografías o imágenes? Entonces si alguien cree que todas las imágenes son ídolos dígame que quemé también esos ídolos de 20 ó 50 dolares...

Por último, si rendimos homenaje a ciertos objetos que nos recuerdan a la Patria (la bandera), a un héroe (monumento a Martin Luter King) y a un ser querido (retrato o carta de la mamá difunta), ¿por qué no podemos

hacerlo con todo lo que nos recuerda a Dios, a la Virgen, a los ángeles y a los santos? Viendo estos objetos, nos acordamos de las personas que representan y tratamos de conformar nuestra conducta a sus enseñanzas y ejemplos para ser verdaderos cristianos.

Además, es muy importante subrayar que cualquier acto de homenaje que se rinda a estos objetos, va a las personas representadas o simbolizadas en ellos (la cruz simboliza a Cristo que murió en ella).

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El Papa expresa su horror ante 'los inhumanos ataques terroristas'

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italia (CNS) — El papa Juan Pablo II dijo que estaba horrorizado ante "los inhumanos ataques terroristas" perpetrados en tierras de Estados Unidos y ofreció sus oraciones por las víctimas y todos los norteamericanos en "este oscuro y trágico momento."

El Papa, que siguió las noticias de los ataques del 11 de septiembre desde su residencia a las afueras de Roma, envió un rápido telegrama poco usual al presidente Bush, varias horas después de que empezaron los ataques.

"Consternado por los horrores sin nombre de los inhumanos ataques terroristas de hoy en contra de gente inocente en diferentes partes de los

Estados Unidos, me apresuro a expresarle a usted y a sus conciudadanos mi más profundo pesar y mis oraciones más cercanas por toda la nación en este oscuro y trágico momento," decía el telegrama papal.

"Encomendando las víctimas a la eterna misericordia de Dios omnipotente, imploro su poder sobre todos aquellos que están involucrados en las labores de rescate y en el cuidado de los sobrevivientes. Le pido a Dios que les dé el sostén a usted y a toda la gente norteamericana en esta hora de sufrimiento y prueba," dijo.

Católicos rezan y las agencias auxilian a las víctimas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Los obispos y sacerdotes católicos dirigieron las oraciones; y hospitales a cargo de la Iglesia, como también agencias, se movilizaron para auxiliar a las víctimas, a resultas del peor ataque terrorista en la historia de los Estados Unidos.

Prácticamente todas y cada una de las iglesias católicas de los Estados Unidos fijaron un servicio especial el 11 ó 12 de septiembre; o también, mantuvieron los templos abiertos para acoger a los que iban a rezar, después del piratero aéreo de cuatro aeronaves; de las cuales dos fueron estrelladas en el Centro Mundial de Comercio ("World Trade Center," en inglés) de Nueva York, una en el Pentágono en las afueras de Washington y la última en la tierra en Pennsylvania.

En el hospital de San Vicente en la Villa Greenwich de Nueva York fueron atendidas más de 300 personas heridas durante el desplome de las torres gemelas del Centro Mundial de Comercio el primer día de la tragedia y también enviaron capellanes por todo el hospital para fortalecer a todos los pacientes.

Caridades Católicas USA abrió una línea telefónica de tarifa gratuita con el número (800) 919-9338 para recibir donaciones para las víctimas del desastre. Esta es la agencia comisionada por los obispos norteamericanos para representar a la comunidad católica en tiempos de desastre doméstico.

Las cifras estimadas del número de muertos y heridos varió ampliamente el 12 de septiembre. En las cuatro aeronaves pirateadas viajaba un total de 266 personas y todas perecieron. En el Pentágono las cifras estimadas de muertos iban de 100 a 800. En Nueva York, el 12 de septiembre, el alcalde Rudolph Giuliani dijo haberse informado de la muerte de 41 personas y de 1,700



CAPELLAN HERIDO FATALMENTE — Bomberos de Nueva York y cuadrillas de rescate sacan de los escombros del Centro Mundial de Comercio a capellán de bomberos fatalmente herido, el padre franciscano Mychal Judge. El

padre Judge estaba administrando los últimos auxilios a las víctimas cuando quedó atrapado al derrumbarse el edificio. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

heridos; pero al final se podrían contar por miles.

Las dos aeronaves que fueron estrelladas contra el Centro Mundial de Comercio — de United Airlines Vuelo 175 y American Airlines Vuelo 11 — despegaron del Aeropuerto Internacional Logan de Boston y se dirigían con rumbo a Los Angeles antes de ser pirateadas.

El Vuelo 93 de United Airlines, que despegó del Aeropuerto Internacional Newark en Nueva Jersey, con rumbo a San Francisco, se estrelló en Stony Creek Township, Pa., cerca de 80 millas al sureste de Pittsburgh.

La cuarta aeronave, American Airlines Vuelo 77, despegó del Aeropuerto Internacional de Dulles con rumbo a Los Angeles, pero se estrelló en el Pentágono de Arlington, Va., en las afueras de Washington. Algunos sospechan que el

blanco intentado no era el Pentágono sino la Casa Blanca.

El cardenal Edward M. Egan de Nueva York habló a nombre de muchos cuando dijo en la catedral de San Patricio el 11 de septiembre, "Para todos nosotros éste ha sido un día terrible, pero no tememos."

"Como ciudadano norteamericano, quiero que se haga justicia en un juzgado legal," dijo. Pero él dijo también que los norteamericanos no deberían de dar paso al odio y no deberían pensar en términos de venganza u "ojo por ojo."

El cardenal Egan repetidamente alabó el trabajo de la policía, de los bomberos y de los trabajadores médicos quienes respondieron a la crisis en números masivos, demostrando "total generosidad" e "inmensa valentía."

Un capellán católico al servicio del departamento de

bomberos, el padre franciscano Mychal F. Judge, perdió la vida en el Centro Mundial de Comercio.

Otro obispo experimentó el desastre nacional como tragedia personal. El señor David Angell y su señora esposa Lynn, hermano y cuñada respectivamente del obispo de Burlington Kenneth A. Angell, eran unos de los pasajeros del Vuelo 11 de American Airlines. David Angell era productor ejecutivo de la serie de televisión de la NBC "Frasier."

El padre de la Santa Cruz Francis E. Grogan, de 76 años, iba en el Vuelo 175 de United. Se le había asignado el puesto de capellán de la casa de retiro de Valatie, N.Y., para los hermanos de la Santa Cruz.

En el Vaticano, el papa Juan Pablo II dedicó completamente su audiencia general del miércoles a tratar sobre los

ataques en Estados Unidos, designando el 11 de septiembre como "un día oscuro en la historia de la humanidad" y pidiéndoles a los peregrinos que se unieran en oración con él. Los católicos rezan y las agencias auxilian a resultas de los ataques terroristas.

"Hay profundidades en el corazón humano de donde algunas veces salen maquinaciones de ferocidad nunca vista, capaces de destruir en un momento la vida normal diaria de la gente," le dijo el Papa a los 25,000 peregrinos que se colgaban de sus palabras en medio de la Plaza de San Pedro que permanecía en espectral silencio.

"Y aunque las fuerzas de las tinieblas parecen prevalecer," dijo, "aquellos que creemos en Dios sabemos que la maldad y la muerte no tienen la "ultima palabra."

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'Truly one nation, under God,' Bishop says

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—Churches in the U.S. and around the world have been filled with people praying since the devastating attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, Bishop Michael Driscoll noted during a Sept. 14 evening prayer service at St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

That is because "we know that it is in Christ that we are able to maintain hope," he told about 1,000 people who joined in the candlelight service based on the theme, "Persevering in Hope—Praying for Peace." During the service people prayed for the victims of the terrorist act, for their families, for all who are involved in the rescue efforts and clean up and especially for President Bush and other government that they will lead the country with wisdom and bring about justice.

"We are truly one nation, under God, at this moment in this nation," the bishop said. "We all join with our brothers and sisters, whether they are Jewish, Christian, Muslim or another faith because we know that God is the stronghold so that we do

*"Where there is light,
there is no darkness.
With Christ, we can
overcome the powers
of darkness."*

not enter into despair."

So many times in the last week, said Bishop Driscoll, Christians have been challenged to be people of faith, people of hope, people of love, forgiving, merciful and reaching out to help others. We are seeing all kinds of heroic acts. People all over the nation are contributing. This gives us hope just like in the early church."

The bishop said he had received a call from a

friend, a nun in Ireland, who told him that the churches in her country were packed in solidarity with the U.S. She said the Irish people are shaken because they always look to the U.S. as the place where things like terrorism and acts of war do not happen.

"Until Sept. 11," Bishop Driscoll said.

"We must persevere in hope," he said. "We need to realize that with Christ, we can do anything. He has conquered sin and promised us the glory of salvation. Where there is light, there is no darkness. With Christ, we can overcome the powers of darkness."

The bishop said that as the American people go forward in the days, weeks, months and years ahead, "we must continue to keep firm in our hearts that we will remain free" and that through faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can do anything."

Bishop Driscoll reminded the congregation that the cross conquers Satan. He urged everyone to "always be men and women of faith, hope and love."

Idaho Catholics are not unscathed by attack

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Register editor

Some Idaho Catholics were among thousands of people across the nation whose loved ones were lost or personally affected by the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Those the ICR had heard about at press time include:

—Lt. Cmdr. Ron Vauk, who grew up in St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, one of two Idaho natives lost at the Pentagon. The other was Sugar City native Brady Howell, 26, whose body had been identified at press time.

Vauk, 37, son of Hubert and Dorothy Vauk, was serving a week's duty at the Pentagon when the hijacked airplane crashed into it. He is listed as missing. The St. Paul's community has been praying for and reaching out to the Vauk family. Vauk has relatives in several other Idaho parishes too.

—The brother of Father Oscar Jaramillo, Homedale, is also missing. Victor Hugo Jaramillo, who has lived in New York for about 15 years, worked in a restaurant in the World Trade Center. His wife called Father Jaramillo on Sept. 11 to give him the news. The Jaramillos are from Colombia.

Father Jaramillo, a member of Our Lady

of the Valley pastoral team, which serves Catholics in Caldwell, Homedale, Parma and Marsing, has not been able to obtain much information regarding his brother. His Catholic community has been reaching out to him with prayer and support.

—Bishop Kelly High School teacher, Bobbie Shea, has a brother listed as missing. He worked on the 107th floor of Tower I of the World Trade Center. Shea has two children who attend Bishop Kelly High.

Mary Crum, who is involved in Bishop Kelly's campus ministry program, said the students have been very respectful of the Shea family and are praying for them and giving them emotional support.

—A cousin of Father Joseph Muha, Pocatello, was in the plane that crashed into the Pentagon. Father Muha and John Yamnicky grew up together in Pittsburgh, Penn. Yamnicky was four years older than Father Muha. When Father entered the seminary, Yamnicky entered the U.S. Naval academy. He made the Navy his career. A memorial Mass was scheduled for him Sept. 18 in his home parish in Waldorf, Md.

—Steve Guadagno, a eucharistic minister at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, has asked for prayers for several close relatives who are involved in the rescue effort in New York as part the city's fire and police departments.

Sept. 14-16 Diocesan Fall Conference was cancelled

BOISE—The Catholic Diocese of Boise Fall Education Conference, that was scheduled to take place in Boise Sept. 14-16, was cancelled in the aftermath of the national tragedies which took place in New York City and Washington D.C. Sept. 11.

About 800 people from throughout Idaho were expected to attend the conference which was based on the theme "Living Love...Reaching Out...Bringing Hope." The keynote speaker and almost a dozen other people who were scheduled to deliver about 50 of the 80 scheduled workshops were to fly in for the conference from various points across the nation.

"The needs we have as a Catholic community to unite with our families and parish communities in prayer for the victims and their loved ones, along with the difficulties asso-

ciated in guaranteeing the presence in Boise of many of our speakers, make it prudent to make the decision to cancel," said Jack Craven, Diocesan Education Ministries director, Sept. 12.

The decision to cancel was made in consultation with Bishop Michael Driscoll and members of the Diocesan Education Ministries staff. The Diocesan Communications Department immediately sent out a new release about the cancellation and Education Ministries staff contacted all the parishes and stations in the state.

"We appreciate the efforts of the many people throughout the state who have worked so diligently and cooperatively with the Diocesan Education Ministries staff to prepare for the conference," Craven said. He said his department is working out a procedure to refund registration fees.



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Pope asks daily rosary for humanity's protection

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY— Pope John Paul II asked people around the world to pray the rosary daily to help protect humanity from the "evil scourge" of terrorism.

In the wake of deadly attacks in the United States, the pope said the church wants to make a prophetic call for world peace—a peace that involves justice but that is motivated by moderation and love.

The pope made the remarks at a noon blessing at the Vatican Sept. 30 after celebrating Mass with more than 240 bishops at the start of a monthlong Synod of Bishops.

"I ask everyone—individuals, families, communities—to recite the rosary, if possible every day, for the cause of peace, so that the world will be preserved from the evil scourge of terrorism," he said.

Repeating a phrase he has used in recent weeks, the pope said the suicide hijackings Sept. 11 marked a "dark day in the history of humanity."



ROSARY—Pope John Paul II asks everyone to recite a daily rosary to preserve the world from the scourge of terrorism. (CNS photo)

"In response, the church intends to be faithful to its prophetic charism and remind everyone of their duty to build a

future of peace for the human family. Certainly peace is not unconnected to justice, but it must always be nourished by mercy and love," he said.

The pope emphasized that Jews, Christians and Muslims all worship the same God and thus have a common vocation of peace and unity.

"May God grant that the church's faithful be in the front lines in searching for justice, in banishing violence and in working for peace," he said.

He ended his remarks with a prayer to Mary, asking that "hatred and death never have the last word."

The pope's comments were followed carefully by those trying to gauge the Vatican's position on potential U.S. military strikes against terrorists and countries that have protected terrorists.

During his papal visit to Kazakstan and Armenia, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope was not a "pacifist at any cost" and would understand if the United States decided to go after terrorists in "self-defense," even if this were an "aggressive" action that leaves someone dead.

The papal spokesman noted that the church's teaching on just war requires consideration of proportionality and the potential loss of innocent lives. But he said that, while the church places a very high value on peace, "the common good... is sometimes above it."

While some of his aides have called for bringing the terrorists to justice and discussed the possibility of military strikes, the pope has kept his remarks more general. But he made it clear that he has been thinking about the problem a lot.

Before returning to the Vatican from his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, 13 miles south of Rome, the pope mentioned his concern in a farewell meeting with officials of the hillside town.

"We cannot fail to remember the victims of the grave terrorist attack that has recently shaken America and the world. I do not cease praying and invoking the mercy of the Lord for the dead, support and comfort for the survivors and the precious gift of peace for the whole world," he said.

Idaho Catholics do their part to fight terrorism

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

Life in Idaho has changed right along with that in the rest of the country and the world since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. But one thing that has not changed is people's generosity.

So far, parishes and individuals have sent over \$120,000 to the Diocese of Boise to pass on to Catholic Charities USA Disaster Fund for relief efforts for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C.

Pat Crisler, diocesan finance officer, said not all parishes have reported in yet and many individuals and organizations have sent their donations for terrorist relief directly to Catholic Charities in New York. Bishop Michael Driscoll on Sept. 13 directed parishes throughout the state to take up a special collection to assist with recovery efforts for the people in New York and Washington D.C.

Bishop Driscoll said the diocese still has a large deposit of donations to make and will continue to collect donations in the months to come. He urged people to send donations earmarked for Catholic Charities, New York-Washington D.C. Disaster Relief to 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705. The diocese will collect it and forward it to Catholic Charities.

Just one example of the extraordinary generosity shown by people was the parish collection taken Sept. 15-16 at Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian. The collection totaled nearly \$20,000.

Bishop Driscoll said his heart has also been warmed by the generosity of

children in the Catholic schools and Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops. Many have found unique ways to take up collections or do their part to assist in supporting and comforting people who have been affected by the terrorist attack.

In other Idaho news related to the Sept. 11 attack, Nampa native Ron Vauk was buried with full military honors Sept. 29 at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. Vauk's parents are members of St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, and many of his relatives belong to other Idaho parishes.

Vauk was one of 189 people who died when hijackers slammed a commercial jetliner into the Pentagon. As a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves, Vauk was serving as the watch commander at the Naval Command Center, just starting his second day of annual active duty.

The 37-year-old father of one was employed in submarine technology at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md., at the time of his death. The day before his funeral, the Navy awarded Vauk the Purple Heart. The medal was presented to Vauk's pregnant wife, Jennifer in a ceremony at the Johns Hopkins laboratory. His three-year-old son received a polished wooden box to hold his father's medals.

A memorial Mass for Ron Vauk is planned at 10 a.m. Oct. 6 at St. Paul's Church, 1515 8th Street South, Nampa.

A Ron Vauk Benefit Fund to help cover immediate expenses for his young family and to serve as an educational fund for his children, was set up at

Wells Fargo Bank. Donations are being accepted at any Wells Fargo branch.

Father Oscar Jaramillo, Homedale, a member of the pastoral team for Our Lady of the Valley Parish, whose brother, Victor Hugo Jaramillo, worked in a restaurant in the World

Trade Center in New York, left earlier this week for New York. Victor is listed as missing and presumed dead. Father Jaramillo told Chancery personnel that authorities may take a sample of his DNA to help identify his

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New Meridian Catholic school hopes to open in August 2002

By Colette Cowman
Idaho Catholic Register editor

MERIDIAN—Christ is and will be the center of everything St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School does, said Paul Sharratt, who is chairing the steering committee for the "school in the making."

Members of the committee, which includes representatives from both Holy Apostles Parish and Risen Christ Community, Boise, are working to put everything in place so the school can open in August 2002.

The committee met with diocesan officials Sept. 11 to present their business plan to them.

"As a result of that meeting, we have been given the green light to proceed," Sharratt said. "We are now shifting gears and moving into a fundraising and start up role."

The idea to establish a Catholic school in the former Holy Apostles,

Meridian, church building on Cherry Lane, first came from Bishop Michael Driscoll.

He felt the Catholic population in the area was enough to support another elementary school. He wrote a letter to Father Tim Ritchey, pastor, Holy Apostles, and Father Joe daSilva, pastor, Risen Christ asking them if they felt there was a need and an interest.

"Both parishes responded positively," Sharratt said. "A survey to determine interest and support was commissioned through the Education Ministries Office. The responses showed that there was enough interest to support a school, so a feasibility committee was formed to start looking at possibilities."

"We truly feel there is a need for an additional Catholic school in the Treasure Valley," said Sharratt. "See 'New school,' page 11)

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In Kazakstan, pope condemns terrorism, begs God to prevent war

ASTANA, Kazakstan (CNS) — From the steppes of Central Asia, a region where the United States and Islamic militants appeared headed for confrontation, Pope John Paul II begged God to prevent war and condemned acts of terrorism carried out in the name of religion. Visiting the former Soviet republic of Kazakstan Sept. 22-25, the pope reached out to the Muslim majority and asked them to join Christians in building a "civilization of love" that rejects violence and hatred. With apprehension growing over possible armed conflict in the wake of terrorist attacks in the United States, the pope told his audience in Kazakstan: "I beg God to keep the world in peace."

Military archbishop terms response to terrorism 'obligation'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. response to terrorism "need not arise from a backlash of anger" or retribution but out of "a reasonable obligation of immediate and long-range self-defense," said Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services. He made the comments in a Sept. 19 pastoral letter to chaplains who serve the 1.4 million Catholics in the military worldwide. He asked chaplains to share his letter with their faithful at Mass Sept. 23 and with members of their command. "We are entering a new battle and it is probable that new moral dilemmas will arise for which there is not a pat solution," Archbishop O'Brien wrote in the letter, released to Catholic News Service Sept. 20. "Combining the time-honored principles of just war with reason and a sensitive conscience will help us through."

Mexican cardinal says popular piety important to Catholics' faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Through religious festivals, recitation of the rosary and even making the sign of the cross in front of a church, Catholics witness to their faith in their daily lives, a Mexican cardinal said. Some religious devotions and celebrations may need to be purified of elements that appear superstitious, but popular piety is an important expression of the faith of the people, said Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City. The cardinal spoke Sept. 26 at the opening of the annual meeting of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. The key item on the meeting's agenda was discussion of the third draft of a proposed "Directory on Popular Piety in Harmony with Liturgical Life."

Pro-lifers pleased with Alaska assisted suicide ruling

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (CNS) — Pro-life leaders are grateful that Alaska is the latest state to decide that assisted suicide is not a constitutional right. The state Supreme Court ruled Sept. 21 that "the Alaska Constitution's guarantees of privacy and liberty do not afford terminally ill patients the right to a physician's assistance in committing suicide." Everyone in Alaska should rejoice at the decision, said Robert Flint, executive director of the Alaska Catholic Conference, public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops. "The judges have realized that society's obligation to foster protection and compassion for the sick is not prohibited by our constitution," he said.

Cancer-stricken boy's story becomes TV movie subject

HOLLYWOOD (CNS) — Craig Shergold of England is alive and well and soon will be the subject of a made-for-TV movie about his miraculous recovery from cancer. Shergold's story is told in "The Miracle of the Cards," which will air 9-11 p.m. EST Nov. 10 and again on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, on the Pax network. Fourteen years ago, Shergold, then 8 years old, was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer. His mother made a public plea for get-well cards to be sent to Craig so that he could make the Guinness Book of World Records as an incentive to keep him going in his struggle against the cancer. The rest, as they say, is history. Shergold got a spot in the book for being the recipient of the most cards — 350 million and counting. The movie's premise is that one of those cards resulted in a miracle.

Bishop Whelan, retired head of Fairbanks Diocese, dead at 89

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS) — Bishop Robert L. Whelan, who headed the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska, from 1968 until his retirement in 1985, died Sept. 15 at the North Central Convalescent Center in Spokane. He was 89. He suffered from Alzheimer's disease but no exact cause of death was given. Following a Sept. 18 memorial Mass at the Jesuit House in Spokane, his body was to be transferred to Fairbanks for his funeral Mass and burial. "Bishop Whelan was a great missionary bishop and served the diocese which advertises itself as one of the most difficult in the world because of the Arctic conditions with great dedication," said Msgr. John Steiner, vicar general of the Spokane Diocese.



AFGHAN CRISIS—Severely malnourished 2-year-old Gul Baz leans on his father's shoulder at a hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan, Sept. 27. The Baz family are among thousands of Afghan refugees who have

crossed into Pakistan in the past two weeks. Some had been living on meager food supplies at camps in Afghanistan just outside the Pakistani border. (CNS photo)

Rapid response sought to avert Afghan refugee crisis

By Stephen Steele
Catholic News Service
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan— With 1.5 million Afghan refugees expected to flee to neighboring countries, humanitarian relief agencies called for a rapid response from the international community to avert the "great humanitarian crisis of the 21st century."

Neighboring countries have sealed their borders, forcing a U.N. airlift of emergency supplies into northern Afghanistan Sept. 30 and leaving aid workers wondering how the refugees were surviving without adequate food, water or shelter.

"Only God and the suffering know what's really going on," said Will Lynch, South Asia deputy regional director for Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and aid agencies were bracing for a crush of 1.5 million refugees should the United States strike against Afghanistan, where Saudi terrorist Osama bin Laden, believed to be the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States, was residing.

A U.N. official said the most urgent need was "to help the people trapped in Afghanistan." Kenzo Oshima, U.N.

undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, told reporters at an Islamabad press conference Oct. 1 that millions of Afghans were in need of "food, shelter and other life-saving materials."

Oshima, who met separately with Pakistani President Pervez Musharaff and Afghan officials in Islamabad, said the United Nations is negotiating with Afghanistan's ruling Taliban officials for the return of relief workers in Afghanistan.

The United Nations will not return full time unless the safety of its workers can be assured, he said.

Oshima said he pressed upon Musharaff the need for Pakistan to reopen its borders and allow the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to register the Afghan refugees.

"Pakistan's policy, and one with which we agree, is that much more needs to be done in order for those displaced to remain in their country of origin," Oshima said.

U.N. and Pakistani officials met with aid agency representatives in the Pakistani cities of Peshawar and Quetta Oct. 1 to discuss a plan for the expected rush of refugees.

CRS, which already provides sanitation services in older, es-

tablished camps in Pakistan, has offered to provide camp management, food and nonfood distribution and water and sanitation services to the projected 100 new refugee camps.

"We're very much a full-service organization once the working environment and financial resources are in place," Lynch told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview from Quetta.

Lynch said of greatest concern was the condition of the displaced in Afghanistan, where starvation, disease and malnutrition are reported to be high.

"When a calamity happens off camera, the scale of human suffering, the proportions become incredible," he said.

Some 10,000 to 20,000 Afghan refugees crossed the border into Pakistan following the Sept. 11 attacks, said the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Pakistan later closed its border. The new arrivals are not being recognized by Pakistan as refugees, making them ineligible for UNHCR assistance.

Aid workers told CNS that the new arrivals have disappeared into existing camps or are residing with family or clan members in northwest Pakistan.

"Those that have slipped through are left to fend for themselves," Lynch said.

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Stephen Minister reaps rewards of caring

By Jody Hall
For the ICR

TWIN FALLS—what is a Stephen Minister I asked myself.

A brochure inviting anyone interested in becoming a minister to a meeting the next week was in the St. Edward's the Confessor Sunday bulletin in Twin Falls. I thought about it, and my curiosity got the best of me. I went (late as usual) to the meeting. What I discovered was: Stephen Ministries is a ministry that was founded by a protestant minister in 1975. The purpose of this ministry is to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a life crisis—any life crisis.

I was hooked. There had been times in my life that I could have used that kind of support, and it wasn't there.

Our class was eight people—one man and seven women. We started in September 2000 and met every week for two hours until June 3, 2001, when we finally were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. During this time, our group became a family. We consoled each other when a sadness affected one of us and



COMMISSIONING—Father Ernest Anderson commissions the first group of Stephen Ministers at St. Edward the Confessor Community Chapel, Twin Falls. (Photo by Jody Hall)

laughed when we goofed up in our role playing studies.

Yes, it was a commitment to the weekly classes, and schedules had to be adjusted, but as I

look back, it was a spiritual healing for me. I found that others had had life experiences similar to mine, and that God did not forget me as I had once thought.

Now we meet twice a month to discuss with our supervisors any problems or questions we might have about our care receivers. The care receivers are

referred to our supervisors through a family member or friend or someone who is aware of the prospective care receiver's situation. The supervisors review the person's needs and decide which Stephen Minister to assign to the person. We have only one care receiver at a time, and we stay with that person until they no longer need us.

When we meet with our supervisor, no names are mentioned and no conversations that have taken place with the care receivers are revealed. The reason for the meetings is to make sure the ministers are fulfilling the purpose of the ministry.

We are not house cleaners or dish washers. We are there to help the person through a difficult time. If we find that more help mentally, spiritually or physically is needed than we as care givers are able to give, our supervisor will call in someone with more experience.

The main care a Stephen Minister gives is just to listen and let the care receiver know that someone is there who cares about their situation.

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brother.

The Idaho Catholic Register has learned that the new chaplain at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Msgr. John Cusack, who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, was deployed along with others from the base. However, officials at the base would not release further information for security reasons.

So far, Father John Worster, pastor at Good Shepherd Catholic Community, Soda Springs, who is a chaplain and a major in the Idaho Army National Guard, has not been deployed and does not expect to be deployed.

"It doesn't look like it will happen because the nation is not planning a land war in Af-

ghanistan, and the brigade I belong to is a very tank heavy, armored brigade that requires a lot of time and hard work to move," he said.

Parishes around the state are still reporting increased numbers of people attending Masses and other liturgies, though the numbers are not quite as significant as the first weeks right after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Although Ed Arehart, owner of Our Lady's Bookstore and Religious Gifts in Pocatello said he has not noticed any increase in sales of religious items since the terrorist attack, JoAnn Hiner at Reilly's Church Supply in Downtown Boise said they have had a big upsurge of people coming in to purchase

Bibles, prayer books, music and other religious items.

"It is not just Catholics," she

said. "We're seeing people of all faiths. They seem to want to come in just to make the con-

nection and look for something that brings comfort."

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Presbyteral Council officers elected

At the first fall meeting of the Diocese of Boise Presbyteral Council Father Roger LaChance, Coeur d'Alene, was reelected chairman.

Father Bill Crowley, V.F., Idaho Falls, dean of the Eastern Deanery, was elected vice chairman, and Father Jerry Funke, Nampa, was elected secretary.

Sharon Rhodes from the Chancery will continue as recording secretary.

The Priest Personnel Commission elected Father Ron Wekerle, Jerome, as chairman at its Sept. 18-19 meeting in Boise.

Father Andy Schumacher, Cottonwood, was elected secretary.

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Effective September 4, 2001:

The following are appointed as deans and members of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors for a term of five years, to expire on Sept. 30, 2006:

Very Rev. Oscar Jaramillo, V.F., dean of the Western Deanery.

Very Rev. William Crowley, V.F., dean of the Eastern Deanery.

Very Rev. Roger LaChance, V.F., dean of the Northern Deanery.

Very Rev. Joseph daSilva, V.U. dean of the West Central Deanery.

Very Rev. Henry Carmona, V.F., dean of the Southern Deanery.

Very Rev. Les Kish, V.F., of the North Central Deanery.

The following are appointed as members of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors for a term of five years to expire Sept. 30, 2006:

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Very Rev. William Gould, V.G., Personal Representative.

Rev. John Koelsch is added to the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors as a Personal Representative of the Bishop.

Very Rev. Dennis Wassmuth, V.G., Ex-officio member

Effective October 1, 2001:

Very Rev. Joseph daSilva, V.U., is appointed a member of the Priest Personnel Commission to serve until June 30, 2003, filling the vacancy left by the appointment of Father William Gould as Vicar General of the Diocese of Boise. Other members of the Personnel Commission appointed for a new term:

Very Rev. Henry Carmona, V.F.;
Rev. Richard Haldane, Rev. Joseph Muha;
Very Rev. Andrew Schumacher, V.G.;
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Ponder And Act 'Ground Hero' Phoenix

By Father Marcellus Fernandez

In 1960 my parents had fulfilled every condition exacted by the Cuban government for Cuban citizens seeking to come to the U.S.A. as refugees. But it was not until February 1969 that they were allowed to fly from Havana to Madrid, Spain. At the time, I was in New York City, working with the International Rescue Committee and the then United States Catholic Welfare to obtain visas for my parents to come to our U.S.A.

A New York City friend of mine, a priest, explained to his mother my parents' situation. She, a lively lady born in County Leitrim, Ireland, proposed to him to travel to Madrid to track down my parents. After a few days in Madrid, they found my parents. For five days, the priest and his mother cheered up my parents, even if my parents did not speak English and the priest and his mother did not know Spanish. In fact, the linguistic handicap made their encounters more fun.

The day before they were due to fly back to the States, my friend's mother became so sick that she was hospitalized. My mother, my father, and the priest took turns to stay with her 24 hours a day, for some days. My parents, finally, came to the U.S.A. in August 1969. They remained friends of the priest and his mother.

A couple of days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack against the U.S.A., during some news reporting, I was reading the running commentaries at the bottom of the TV screen. Thus it was that I learned that Mychal, my priest friend, who had visited my parents in Madrid in 1969, was one of the casualties.

Father Mychal F. Judge was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 11, 1933. He was ordained a priest on February 25, 1961. In 1992 he became the chaplain of the New York City Firefighters. Father died in service as a priest. On the day of the terrorist attack he was near the north World Trade Center Tower, administering the last rites to a firefighter. The tower began to collapse.

Falling steel, bodies and concrete, smashing down on a wide area, killed Father Mychal.

His heroism received wide national and international media attention. National TV news showed fire fighters, and other rescuers, carrying Fr.

Mychal's body away from the rubble, where he had met Sister Death, to bring it to St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street. Some national magazines included two pages of picture freezing an instance of that powerful and serene scene. In the latter, Father Mychal's face depicts tranquil rest. In life he touched many during his more than 40 years priestly ministry. In death he served as a model for his fellow priests, and he defined and portrayed the priesthood to our nation—and beyond.

The sight of the imploding World Trade Center Towers—magnificent icons of human ingenuity turning into smoldering ruins entombing so many—might become a monstrous symbol justifying the way some perceive reality. I prefer to evoke the mythical phoenix bird of antiquity: Every 500 years it gathered aromatic pieces of wood, built a nest with it, set it on fire, died in the ensuing conflagration, but then rose again from the ashes to live for 500 more years.

So popular an image in the ancient world that in the first century St. Clement of Rome used the phoenix as an image of the resurrected Christ.

Saint Teresa of Avila said that God writes straight sentences with crooked lines, a way to affirm that God can bring good out of the evil mortals create.

Father Mychal Judge's heroic death, and the genuine love for him that his fellow firefighters displayed so spontaneously, captivated the heart of the public at large. Father's death erased the presumably blurred image of the Roman Catholic priesthood. The real image of the priest has already reemerged in the minds and hearts of those who saw rescuers carrying his body away from Ground Hero.

Cardinal Egan's homily, during the Mass of Supplication in New York City, said that he prefers to speak of "Ground Hero" rather than Ground Zero, the former mighty World Center Towers.

The million who heard about the circumstances of Father Mychal's death are retelling the story of that feisty, genuine, Irish American priest from Brooklyn, born so poor that as a boy he shined shoes at Penn Station, to help his widowed mother. Mychal is a Phoenix.

Father Fernandez is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Emmett.

Just A Thought...

Reminder about parish sacramental programs

Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

I rejoiced when I read about the increase to almost all of our Catholic elementary schools as well as Bishop Kelly High School in the last issue of the ICR. The number 3,000, however, quickly reminded me that



we have many, many more elementary and high school students attending public schools, being home-schooled and in private schools. Some are private schools operated by Catholic parents under the jurisdiction of the Legionaries of Christ.

As we begin the new school year, I wish to remind our Catholic parents that for students preparing to

receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time, their children must be enrolled in either the parish elementary school program or a parish-based religious education program.

All students who will

prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter season, 2002, must enroll in their parish confirmation program.

Parents should consult their parish pastor, pastoral life coordinator, school principal or parish religious education office for details about the particular program in their individual parish

Liturgy

Bible, church, Eucharist are one

By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

Getting to know a person can be fascinating. Hours of conversation not only relate facts about that person's history but also reveal attitudes, traits and personality. Sharing becomes mutual. A bond is formed. Between a man and a woman this relationship culminates in the covenant of marriage.

This human experience contains elements that reflect divine revelation. God's revelation comes to us through the constant teaching of the church as recorded in sacred scripture, as proclaimed and developed in tradition, and as celebrated in liturgy. The word "revelation" means to draw back the veil. When God draws back the veil, which hides him from our sight, it is somewhat like the process of developing a human relationship.

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that "in his goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of his will by which through Christ, the word made flesh, we have access to the Father in the Holy Spirit and come to share in

the divine nature" (Constitution on Divine Revelation, 2)

This statement emphasizes that revelation is more than information about God. It is not like reading a history book or watching a story on TV. Revelation is an invitation. It requests us to enter into a relationship with God.

God's sharing of himself must beget a response from us. This response is expressed in the first instance through prayer, which is a lifting of the mind and heart. Our relationship is meant to culminate in a dedication that is not unlike a marriage. God entered into a covenant with the people of Abraham. With us he has established a new and everlasting covenant through his Son. God gives himself as a gift to us. We strive to give ourselves as a gift to God.

A careful study indicates that the Bible uses the analogy of ultimate human intimacy, which we call marriage, to illustrate God's relationship, not with any individual, but with his entire people. "It has pleased God to save us and make holy, not merely as individuals without any mutual bonds, but by forming us into a single people" (Constitution on the Church, 9)

Bible study without the church is incomplete, not only because the Bible is the church's book, but because all revelation is an invitation from God to enter into covenant with him, to become part of his holy people, the church.

Until the invention of printing made Bibles numerous and available for individual reading, people heard the scriptures proclaimed in liturgical assemblies. The Mass is still the perfect context for the Bible. At Mass we hear the Word of God together as God's people. We respond to him in prayer, not only of petition as in the prayer of the faithful and other prayers, but of self-dedication in the Eucharistic prayer. Within the eucharistic prayer we offer to the Father Christ's body given up for us and his blood poured out for us, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. We ask God the Father to accept us together with his Son. The Bible, the church and the Eucharist are one.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Question Corner

Did God the Father also suffer on the cross?

By Father John Dietzen

Q. Did God the Father and the Holy Spirit suffer the crucifixion with God the Son? This odd question arose in our discussion group. Most of us agreed the answer is no, but we had no good reason. (New York)

A. You might be surprised to know that your question came up very seriously in the early decades of Christianity.

One group of clergy and theologians advanced the idea that Father and Son were actually two names for the same divine person. They were called "modalists" because they believed God reveals himself in three "modes": Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Modalists were identified by several names, one of which was "patripassianists" — from "pater" (father) and "passio" (suffering) — because they believed the Father suffered on the cross along with the Son.

The church's theology of the Holy Trinity was not yet fully developed.

Questions about the divine sonship of Jesus and his relation to the Father were heavily debated, however, and Christian teaching about the three persons in God was gradually being formulated.

Other theologians, including Tertullian and Hippolytus, rejected the new teachings as contrary to the affirmations about Jesus in the Gospel of John. The church's later formalization of Trinitarian dogmas, of course, confirmed those intuitions.

Modalism was condemned by at least two popes, Callistus in the year 220 and Dionysius in 260.

As the saying goes, this is probably more than you wanted to know, but it should answer your question.

Q. I recently took my family to a cathedral miles from our home to celebrate a special day. During Mass our asthmatic son was driven out of the church by the incense.

We realize the symbolism of incense, but that is not much help for people with serious reactions to these chemicals. Doesn't the church realize

there are many men and women and children for whom incense is not only annoying but downright hazardous? (California)

A. I know from my mail on the subject that your son is one of many Catholics who experience serious physical reactions to incense. But I don't know what can be done about it, except for pastors to be aware of the problem.

In a previous column I reported that, surprisingly to me at least, manufacturers have tried without success to produce a nonallergenic incense with a satisfactory aroma. The ones I spoke with suggest only that priests use less incense during the liturgy.

An Ohio pharmacist informs me of a product called "Maxi-Masks," blue masks designed specifically to filter out allergens of this kind. They may be bothersome, but they are inexpensive and might solve the problem for many people.

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Part Two of a Series

How to pray the Mass for peace

By Dan McGill
Diocesan coordinator
of adult education



Dan McGill

With the recent terrorist attacks, church attendance all over this country increased. Negatively, some speculated that people returned to church "just in case something should happen." But more positively we can take hope that people knew to gather for prayer in a crisis: Thank goodness we still know we need God and each other.

This "need" is why the Mass is essential at all times, especially for adults. It serves to unite us more closely with God and neighbor, and in so doing we build the groundwork of peace. But how should we pray the Mass? How can adults gain the most from it?

Priests and liturgists try to plan meaningful liturgies. But all their efforts are unimportant if we don't do our part by consciously opening our hearts to God and neighbor when we attend.

For example, entering church, we cross ourselves with holy water to remind us of our baptism into Christ. But do we make a point of opening our hearts to the members of the Body of Christ with whom we gather? We can genuflect towards the tabernacle out

of habit, or we can do so with great reverence for Christ's presence in the sanctuary. He is the one to whom we want to draw near.

As Mass begins, those in attendance acknowledge their failures and ask God for pardon. This is a good time to be aware of the people in the sanctuary with you.

How do you think of them? Are your thoughts kind, or judgmental and indifferent? Are there others we are estranged from?

If our inner eyes look to Christ, aware of the words we speak, asking forgiveness and prayers from those around us, our whole relationship with our neighbors starts to change. This is a good time to humbly commit ourselves to do our part in working for peace.

At the Scripture readings, we should not let our thoughts drift aimlessly. We need to listen as Christ speaks through Scripture to our hearts through the Holy Spirit. What words or phrases catch your attention? What things in your life do they call to mind? It helps to arrive early for Mass and meditate on the readings to open the ears of our heart.

At the homily, we might be tempted

to evaluate the preaching. We do much better to listen for the Spirit's message to us in the homilist's words and allow God to lift our own hearts.

When the offertory comes, we have the opportunity to unite the fruit of our labor to the work of God in this world as he meets the practical needs of the church and community. The value of the poor widow's two copper coins in Luke 21:1-4, lay in her willingness to give so much of herself to this effort. How well do you unite yourself to the work of God through your generosity?

If you have small children who distract you during Mass, be patient with them as Christ is with you. Gently remove them if they are disruptive and let them see by your example that the Mass transforms you into a kinder, more caring person.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, we are given the opportunity to recall the sacrifice of Jesus and enter into it to be transformed. This takes some discipline. Paying attention during this prayer is crucial. Let the words become your own! Speak them to God!

When the priest says, "We come to you, Father, with praise and thanksgiving..." do just that, come to God with praise and thanksgiving! When he says, "In union with the whole Church..." unite yourself with all the people around you and all who have

died, in openness to the whole human family.

When the Body and Blood are elevated, be aware of God's presence and humble yourself in adoration. Recognize God's own humility in becoming your food and drink, and pray that you might give your own life for the welfare of others.

After you say, "Lord, I am not worthy..." bring your struggles with you as you receive communion, looking for Christ's healing touch through faith. And when you return, stay in his presence. Remain in him! Let him remain in you!

We might think at this point the important parts of the Mass are over, but they are not. Listen to the announcements to unite yourself with your faith community. Greeting others, including strangers after Mass puts into practice the charity for which we prayed. Allowing others to leave the parking lot first is a meaningful act of kindness.

The Mass helps bring peace to the world through adults who consciously entered into its mysteries of love and forgiveness, and now go out to their families and jobs and communities to strive to live the Good News.

Never more than in our age has there been a need for adults to pray the Mass. May Christ draw us to it frequently!

The Second Half

The power of praise in times of pain

By Jim and Ann Cavera

The story of Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego is set in Babylon about 165 years before the birth of Christ. Daniel who had risen to a position of power, had passed along the management of Babylon to his three friends.

Things went well for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego until King Nebuchadnezzar erected a golden statue.

The King also made a new law requiring everyone to bow to the statue whenever they heard the sound of music. Anyone who would not bow faced death in a furnace. The three young city managers ignored Nebuchadnezzar's decree because they served a higher king. They found themselves quickly tied up and headed for the flames.

A strange thing happened when they were pitched into the fire. Instead of being consumed, witnesses saw them walking about, unharmed, in the company of an angel. Instead of screams of agony; they were seen praising God and blessing His name.

This is peculiar behavior for people in the middle of a fiery furnace. It is interesting to note that while the boys are in the fire, scripture refers to them by their original Jewish names of Ananiah, Azariah and Mishael. Fire has a way of stripping away anything false about us.

Think about the Israelites who left Egypt. The desert proved to be a furnace that

refined them into God's people.

The furnace of war turned the shepherd boy, David, into Israel's mightiest king. Christ spent time alone in the heat of the desert before he began the road that would end with a cross.

How many times has life pitched you into a fiery furnace?

Divorce, serious illness, the death of a parent or child or the loss of a job strips away everything false and reduces us to who we really are. How do we react when the flames come close enough to burn? Our first instinct is shock. Then, we either go numb or cry for help. The most difficult attitude to seize in the middle of flames in one of praise and thanksgiving.

The book of Daniel was written to comfort and encourage the Israelites in the furnace of captivity. Too often we overlook the power of thanksgiving and praise in times of great pain. We react by begging for God's favor, hoping for answers and waiting for deliverance. Prayer rooted in fear focuses too much on the fire.

Only in thanksgiving and praise are we able to let go of all things and trust God to do his work, uninterrupted. In the third chapter of Daniel, we begin to understand that in the worst of times praise and thanks are a logical, powerful response to the fire. Though the flames are all around us, we are not consumed. Even in the hottest furnace, God still has angels waiting to walk among us.

Deacon Jim and Ann Cavera, Diocese of Evansville, Ind., are experienced speakers and work-

shop presenters who have co-authored "The Second Half," a column for Catholics over age

50, for almost five years. Jim's background is in social work. Ann's is in education.

Increase our faith

READINGS

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3 and 2:2-4

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:5-10
Increase our faith.

The apostles' request was not theirs alone. It is ours, too.

Jesus could have responded to them with a simple "yes" or "no." Instead he answered in a way that we find as difficult to understand as they probably did. *If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.*

"Yeah," we mutter to ourselves, perhaps with just a smidgen of disbelief. After all, most of us know someone who has great faith—but how many huge trees have we seen uprooted and replanted? Or mountains moved (as the Lord mentions in another gospel)?

So, what does Jesus mean when he speaks in this way?

Speaking in a manner common to religious teachers in that day, He is simply telling us that those who have faith will be able to witness—and sometimes even work—miracles.

This happened to me a few weeks ago. If my doctor had not called from out of town at the same time one of our parishioners who is an R.N. was taking my blood pressure, I would never have gone to our local hospital's emergency room. That simple miracle—and it

Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

was a miracle—saved my life!

Have you ever experienced anything similar?

In today's first reading, the prophet Habakkuk complains to God: *I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you...but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin, why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord.*

His words sound familiar. I've talked to God in the same way. You may have done so, too.

What we don't see in this passage is that God worked a miracle for the prophet and his people when they repented and began to practice faith. *The rash one has no integrity, but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.*

Faith makes miracles possible. So, Lord, increase our faith.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

Every Thursday: NAMPA, Mercy Medical Living Will/Advance Directives, 10-11 a.m., Conference Room East, no fee. For more information call 467-1171

Oct. 5: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Alumknights Golf Scramble, Boise Ranch Golf Course, 10:30 a.m. fun and fund raising for the Alumknights Scholarships. Sign up: David Bruce at 383-7321 or email: david.bruce@usbank.com, or on our message board at www.alumknights.org. Proceeds will be dedicated to the Alumknights Rick Boyington (67) scholarship. Annual Alumknights reception at Bar Gernika, 202 S. Capitol Blvd., immediately following, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. All alumni invited

Oct. 5: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Homecoming Football Game, BK v. Vallivue at Nick Yursa Field, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 5-7: COTTONWOOD, St. Gerturde's Engaged Encounter, participants need to attend E.E. Weekend, 3 to 6 months prior to wedding date. Spaces limited. For information: Jeff and Teresa Uptmor, 230 Larkspur Lane, Lewiston, ID 83501, 208-746-4310

Oct. 6: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Memorial Mass, 9:00 a.m., chapel. Mass is in honor of deceased members of the BK Family

Oct. 7: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake First Sunday of the month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4-5 p.m.

Oct. 7: BOISE AREA Covenant Keepers Fall family picnic, Municipal Park, 5-9 p.m. All are invited. Picnic is informal and drinks furnished

Oct. 7: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, juice and coffee, \$3 per person

Oct. 7: CALDWELL, Our Lady of the Valley 16th Annual International Dinner and Auction 1-3 p.m., live auction, 2 p.m. Adults \$7, family, \$25, children 5-12, \$3, under 5, free. Proceeds go to help those in our community in need

Oct. 9: BOISE, St. Mark's Catechesis: Adoration, 7 p.m.

Oct. 11: BOISE, Idaho Historical Museum Ada County St. Vincent de Paul Society—Stone Soup Supper, 6 p.m., \$25 per person

Oct. 12-14: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Evangelization Retreat. For information: Joanne Wood, at the parish office, 634-5474

Oct. 14: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Church 5 p.m., Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant

Oct. 19: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Father Donald Fraser presenting a lecture "The Crescent and the Cross: Islam and Christianity: Religions of Tolerance," 7 p.m. One hour class with question/answer session. Open to public

Oct. 19-21: JEROME, Monastery of the Ascension Beginning Experience Weekend—formerly married, now single because of divorce, separation or death of a spouse. Information: Cathy, 426-8545; Teresa, 939-8294

Oct. 20: BOISE, Risen Christ Harvest Dinner, Silent Auction and Dance to be held at Bishop Kelly High School. Tickets \$16 per person. Reserve tables of 10 for \$150. For information: Carol Mokwa at 884-8188

Oct. 21: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary Reception and celebration to honor Pierce Murphy and Chuck Skoro, 9 a.m. Mass and light lunch refreshments and music. For more information call parish office, 343-9041

Oct. 21: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake Parish Gathering, 4 p.m. in the church hall. Retreat reunion open to all parishioners. Sing, pray, learn and eat. Come join us!

Oct. 27: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral Monthly Rosary for Peace and Justice at Home and Abroad, sponsored by St. John's Social Justice group, in front of the cathedral 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 28: GENESEE, St. Mary's Harvest Festival and Dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Arts and crafts raffle, fun activities and rummage sale. Sausage or turkey dinners with homemade pie. Call Mary for tickets, information: 285-1345

Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol McGee, 344-8311

Nov. 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School Annual Bishop Kelly Foundation Winners Choice Dinner & Auction. Contact Julie Lliteras, Foundation Office: 323-4789

Nov. 10: BOISE, Area-wide churches, BKHS Angel Party, 7 p.m. to benefit Birthright

Nov. 17: BOISE, St. Mary's School Dinner, Dance, Auction, Centre on the Grove, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$30 per person, or \$250 for a table for ten. For information and tickets call, Kathy Burlile, 939-2210.

Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring.

Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



- Oct. 5:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, (D.P.C.) Catholic Charities Board Meeting, 12 noon
- Oct. 6:** Twin Falls, St. Edward's, Diaconate Ordination, James Herrett and Joseph Hurley, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 7:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Diaconate Ordination, Thomas Dominick, Clifton Harris, Francis Hess, Jr., Rapelya Howell, Pierce Murphy, Chuck Skoro, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 8:** Boise, Cabinet Meeting, D.P.C., 9 a.m.
- Oct. 9:** Payette, Meeting with Fruitland, New Plymouth, Payette Councils, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11:** Boise, Interfaith Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 11:** Boise, Idaho Historical Museum, St. Vincent de Paul Stone Soup Supper, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 13:** Grangeville, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Diaconate Ordination, Don Sokolowski, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 13:** Grangeville, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Pastoral Visit, Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 14:** Grangeville, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Pastoral Visit, Mass 8 and 10 a.m.
- Oct. 17-18:** St. Benedict, Ore., Mount Angel Regents Meeting
- Oct. 19:** Boise, D.P.C., Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.
- Oct. 19:** Boise, D.P.C., Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 19:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Diocesan Pastoral Council, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 20:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Diocesan Pastoral Council
- Oct. 20:** Boise, Centre On the Grove, St. Mark's School Dinner and Auction, 7 p.m.

Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the first weeks of October.

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| Oct. 6, 2000 | Rev. Canisius Hayes, S.T. |
| Oct. 9, 1958 | Rev. Patrick J. Dooley |
| Oct. 9, 1990 | Rev. Keith M. Kuiper |
| Oct. 11, 1993 | Deacon James Rabdau |
| Oct. 12, 1945 | Rev. John E. Foly |
| Oct. 13, 1939 | Rev. Cyril Vander Donckt |
| Oct. 18, 1953 | Rev. Francis L. Lobell |
| Oct. 20, 1995 | Deacon Frank Milbert |

Nazareth Schedule

- Oct. 7** Risen Christ Catholic Community
- Oct. 12** CCW—West Central Deanery
- Oct. 10-14** Knitting Camp
- Oct. 14** St. Vincent de Paul
- Oct. 15-19** Parish Health Ministries
- Oct. 19-20** Diocesan Pastoral Council

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

Join International Rosary Oct. 7

Oct 7 is the date for the 51st International Rosary. Idaho Catholics are invited to join people throughout the world at the same time in praying that "we may come to appreciate the salvation given to us by God our Father in Jesus through the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of Mary, the Mother of God."

People in the Mountain Standard Time zone should begin recitation of the rosary at 1 p.m. Those in Pacific Standard Time will start at 12 noon in order to pray in unity with others around the world. People can pray the International Rosary as a family or individually or parishes and groups are encouraged to gather people together at a church to pray.

People in the Treasure Valley are invited to go to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise, to pray the rosary at 1 p.m. on Oct. 7.

Rosaries Across America, a prayer event for parishes to pray the rosary for an end to abortion, is scheduled for Oct. 13 this year.

Parishes, colleges, and monasteries that plan to participate in Rosaries Across America are asked to announce the time and location and pray the rosary with the intention of an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies.

To request Rosaries Across America information write to P.O. Box 41831, Memphis, Tenn., 38174.

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# Cardinal Keeler issues Respect Life statement

WASHINGTON—In a statement marking the opening of the Catholic Church's annual Respect Life Program Oct. 7, Cardinal William Keeler said that, while it may seem to some that human life has become cheap, the response to the terrorist attacks showed humanity at its best.

Cardinal Keeler is chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

"Here was the Christian message about human life in action," the cardinal said. "As Pope John Paul II reminded us in the encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, it is by emptying ourselves in service to the lives of others that we become most truly alive, most truly human. The 'gospel of life' is nothing but the Gospel itself—and that

Gospel is the truth about our highest human destiny."

The Catholic Church in the U.S. designates time each October to launch anew the Respect Life Program that highlights and reflects gratitude for God's first gift—the gift of human life. The program focuses attention on such issues as abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, embryonic stem cell research and human cloning.

"The Respect Life Program aims to bring to the attention of Catholics information about these and other issues with the context of the dignity and sanctity of human life," the cardinal said. "...More than ever before, promoting the culture of life and love is essential to our civilization."



**HERMANAS UNIDAS**—Members of Boise, before heading out to participate in **Hermanas Unidas de Santa Maria** pose in the **Women's Fitness Celebration** with more than 20,000 other women Sept. 22 in Boise.

## Boise Hispanic women's group takes honors at Fitness Celebration

The Hermanas Unidas de Santa Maria (Sisters United Through St. Mary's), Boise, won the award for the largest

team in the Religion Category at the Sept. 22 2001 Women's Fitness Celebration in Boise.

The walk, which started in front of the Capitol Building and ended at the west end of Ann Morrison Park, drew more than 20,000 women who could choose to run or walk.

Hermanas Unidas team captain Maria Oralia Lorenzana said team members are already planning to participate in the 5k walk again next year and "keep winning the biggest team award in the Religion Category."

Hermanas Unidas was made up of singles, mothers and daughters, sisters and one family of three generations.

"There were 40 participants from St. Mary's Parish, Boise, ranging in age from 5 to 65 years old," Lorenzana said. "Many new friendships were made."

Other members of the team were Vanessa Aleman, Irma Arroyo, Marisela Baca, Mari Baker, Marcela Castro, Marcielita Castro, Rosalinda Castro, Graciela Del Real, Graciela Del Real, Lisa Del Real, Angelica Espino, Jazmin Garibay, Silvia Garibay, Esperanza Garcia, Martha E. Espinosa, Martha M. Espinosa, Andrea Espinosa, Martha Gonzales, Lucia Gonzales, Sonia Gonzales, Rosa Hernandez, Martha Luna, Elizabeth Luna, Jackie Luna, Veronika Lorenzana, Oralia Lorenzana, Gloria Munoz, Genoveva Munoz-Terrez, Lorena Navarette, Tania Navarette, Korina Osornio, Roni Pratt, Cece Pratt, Georgina Sanchez, Liliana Santiago, Blanca Villagomez, Teresa Hernandez, Melissa Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez-Lopez.

## Fourth Degree Knights to hold Oct. 26 Vocations Appreciation Dinner

The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Vocations Appreciation Dinner Oct. 26 at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church.

Bishop Michael Driscoll will be the honored guest. The Knights plan to present all profits from the dinner to Bishop

Driscoll for use in educating young men for the priesthood.

Idaho State Deputy Dan Anthony will speak at the event. Priests and Sisters throughout the Boise area will be the Knights' guests.

The social hour will start at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Dinner is \$17.50 a person. Seating is limited, and all tickets must be purchased by Oct. 19.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Bruce Wilson, 7003 San Fernando Drive, Boise, ID 83704; 658-2303 or Robert Wamelen, 2207 Stephen Avenue, Apt. 101, Boise, ID 83706; 429-9825.



**REACH FOR THE STARS**—Intergalactic space captains, St. Mark's Principal Dan Maloney and Father Len MacMillan, plan to see everyone at St. Mark's School 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction. This year's theme is 2001 Space Odyssey, "Reach for the Stars." It will "blast off" at 5 p.m. Oct. 20 at Boise Centre on the Grove. For tickets or information contact Lori Long, 888-7340. (Photo by Clif Hampel)

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**BRIEFS**

**Nampa parish to host Latino musician in concert and a preacher Oct. 6 and 7**

NAMPA—St. Paul's Latino community invites members of the Latino community throughout Idaho to head a "Gran Concierto de Alabanza Y Predicación" with Basilio Salinas, a Catholic musician and singer from Avondale, Ariz.

Luis Altamirano, a Catholic preacher with the Shalom Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Tucson, Ariz., will present the gospel message. Concerts and presentations are planned for Saturday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 4:30 p.m., both at St. Paul's Church and in Spanish. Entrance to the concert is free. A free-will offering will be taken up.

**Treasure Valley Catholic parishes, groups invited to participate in Rake Up Boise**

BOISE—Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (NHS) is looking for volunteers to rake up leaves and winterize lawns of senior citizens and people with disabilities during Rake Up Boise 2001 on Nov. 10. NHS is once again selling Rake Up Boise sweatshirts as a way to celebrate the 16th annual event.

Proceeds help fund Rake Up Boise from year to year so NHS and sponsors Browning-Ferris Industries, City of Boise, Hillside Nursery, Idaho Power, KBCI Channel 2, KBOI News-Talk 670 Radio, St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and Wells Fargo Bank can continue to assist seniors and disabled.

To volunteer, call 343-4065. Residents who wish to have their lawns raked may also call for an application. Deadline is Oct. 5.

**Covenant Keepers plan Oct. 7 Fall Family Picnic in Boise**

BOISE—Covenant Keepers, a Catholic men's organization, is inviting everyone to participate in the Covenant Keepers Fall Family Picnic Oct. 7 at Municipal Park, Boise.

The potluck picnic will run from 5 to 9 p.m. Drinks will be furnished. For more information contact Pete Schell, 278-5871.

**Donna Cory Gibson to perform in concert Oct. 7 in Grangeville**

GRANGEVILLE—Donna Corey Gibson will perform in concert Oct. 7 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Grangeville, at 3 p.m. The concert is open to all. People from parishes on the Camas Prairie have a special invitation.

Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken up. Gibson shares her love for the Bible, the Catholic Church and its teachings, the importance of prayer and God's love for everyone. Her music includes word for word prayers from the bible, well-known prayers of the church, the rosary, union with the Lord and how to pray.

She will also be singing during the Masses that weekend at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Her CDs and tapes will be available for sale during the concert.

**Emmett youth group raises funds for disaster relief**

EMMETT—Sacred Heart Church youth, Emmett, who are involved with The Tijuana Way social outreach program, held a disaster relief fund drive the weekend after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York and Washington D.C.

They raised \$239 to send to Catholic Charities along with the parish's special collection.

**Idaho Basque community plans 'Omenaldia' Oct. 27 at Sacred Heart, Boise**

BOISE—The Idaho Basque community will celebrate a special Memorial Mass, "Omenaldia" Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Boise. The Mass is for family and friends of the Basque community who have lost loved ones during the past year.

To have someone remember during the service, call Coro Goitiandia, 375-2671. A potluck dinner will follow the Mass in the church hall. Participants are asked to bring a hot or cold dish.

**Liturgical Catechesis Convention set for Oct. 19-21 in Kansas City, Mo.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A Liturgical Catechesis Convention, sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City Office of Worship and ML Events, is scheduled for Oct. 19-21 in Kansas City. The theme is, "The Art of Making Justice." The goal, according to organizers, is to help Catholics understand the things they do in liturgy in the context of faith.

"In times of crisis, it is our nature to turn to communal prayer," they said. "It is instinctual and almost automatic. But it is not always well understood. We can't always say why we do what we do. We can't always articulate the meaning behind the action. The General Director for Catechesis urges us to do a better job of understanding..."

The convention is planned to give people a hands on, interactive experience that involves them in creating ritual and then reflecting on the faith questions celebrated in that ritual. Contact Sue Espinosa, event coordinator, (925) 449-1261 or sespinosa@msn.com, for more information.

**KCs present chalice to honor deceased**

COEUR D'ALENE—A new chalice inscribed with the names of three recently deceased members of the Knights of Columbus was recently presented to Father George Rassley, chaplain, by the St. Thomas Council, Coeur d'Alene. Mike Anderson, grand knight, made the presentation after a Mass at the Heritage Place Chapel.

Those honored were Past State Deputy George McDowell, Lee Russell and Don Malloy. The widows of the three honorees, Bonnie

McDowell, Mary Russell and Mary Malloy, all of Coeur d'Alene, were all present for the occasion.

Father Rassley, a Redemptorist, has been a chaplain for the local council for the past eight years. He is a native of Coeur d'Alene and is retired there.

The St. Thomas Council traditionally honors its deceased members by inscribing their names on a chalice and presenting to a church or priest members feel deserve it.



Photo by Joy Porter

**Carrie Skreenock**

**Skreenock named Catholic Mother of the Year**

RATHDRUM—The St. Stanislaus Chapel Altar Society, Rathdrum, recently chose their Catholic Mother of the Year—Carrie Skreenock, Rathdrum.

She was honored at a breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. A special education and library teachers' aide for Lakeland Joint School District 272, Skreenock is the mother of three sons, Michael, Patrick and Thomas.

She met and married her husband, Steven, in her native Minot, N.D., where he was stationed with the U.S. Air Force. Their travels took them to Germany, New York, South Dakota and California before retiring to Rathdrum.



**HONORED KNIGHTS—Father George Rassley, CSsR, seated, shows off the new chalice that was presented to him by Grand Knight Mike Anderson, left. The chalice is engraved with the names of St. Thomas Council members who died in the last year. They widows, Bonnie McDowell, Mary Russell and Mary Malloy were present for the presentation of the chalice to Father Rassley, chaplain, at Heritage Place in Coeur d'Alene.**

**Mildred E. Rabdau, 90, dies in Moscow**

MOSCOW—Mildred E. "Millie" Rabdau, wife of the late Deacon James Rabdau, Moscow, died Sept. 25 at Aspen Park Healthcare, Moscow. She was 90.

Besides raising their four children, Mrs. Rabdau worked as a bookkeeper and secretary in many places the family lived. When they moved to Moscow after Deacon Rabdau retired, she was

instrumental in the formation of the Moscow Food Bank, where she was an active volunteer for many years.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Jim and Marge Rabdau, Boise; Marianne and Cornelis Bakker, Spokane, Yvonne and Ignatius Alexander, Stormville, N.Y. and Nancy Welch, Keihi, Hawaii, 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**Bishop Kelly High School to honor deceased Oct. 6 at school chapel**

BOISE—All are invited to attend a Memorial Mass at Bishop Kelly High School

chapel Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. to honor all members of the Bishop Kelly family who have died.



Photo by Joy Porter

**Sue Ballinger**

**Woman of the Year named**

SPIRIT LAKE—The St. Joseph's Chapel Altar Society, Spirit Lake, recently named Sue Ballinger as Catholic Woman of the Year. Ballinger is a Third Order Franciscan and a nurse who home schools her six children, including adopted twin boys.

She and her husband, Bill, live just south of Spirit Lake. Both are very active in parish affairs.

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## I.F. Knights help repaint home for unwed mothers

ROBERTS—A group of Knights of Columbus, Council 1663, Idaho Falls, chaired by Tom Terrillion, joined other volunteers Sept. 22 at Roberts to repaint the Shepherd's Inn.

The Shepherd's Inn is a non-profit, residential home for young women dealing with cri-

sis pregnancy. Council 1663 also helps support the facility financially.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, KC Council 11841 and Council 1663 held their annual softball game. Council 1663 was the victor. A picnic was cooked and served to spectators and players throughout the game.



**SHEPHERD'S INN**—A group of Knights of Columbus Council 1663 works with other volunteers to repaint the Shepherd's Inn in Roberts. The inn is a nonprofit, residential home for women dealing with crisis pregnancy. (Photo by Howard Clark)

## New school

(Continued from page 1) eral of the parents working on the steering committee currently have their children enrolled in other Catholic schools in the valley but would like to have them closer to home and cut out some of the driving. Some are driving to Nampa and others to schools in Boise. Population in West Boise and Meridian is increasing at a fairly dramatic rate, and people are asking for Catholic education.

In February, the pastors of the two parishes, Office of Education Ministries officials and the diocesan finance officers held a town hall meeting to talk about the school. At that meeting people were given the opportunity to sign up to work on the Steering Committee or specific subcommittees.

The subcommittees that formed include: Finance, Com-

munity Relations, Curriculum, Building, Policy and Fundraising.

"These committees have been working very hard to collect and compile data to provide to the diocese and parishes," Sharratt said. "We wanted to pretty much leave no stone unturned so we could begin moving forward."

Pre-registration and fund-raising are at the top of the agenda now.

The steering committee plans to open a pre-registration period some time this month. Sharratt said the school will start with pre-kindergarten through fourth grade and then add at least one grade per year up to eight grade.

"We're looking at about 26 to 28 students per classroom," he said. Principal, teacher and staff hiring will start next spring.

The school, which will follow the model set by Holy Family



**INSTALLATION**—Idaho Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Dan Anthony installs Father Joseph Muha, Pocatello, as the Idaho Knights' chaplain during the Pocatello Knights of Columbus annual steak fry in Chubbuck recently.

## Pocatello KCs install officers, celebrate

CHUBBUCK—Pocatello Knights of Columbus celebrated the end of summer with Council 8930's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak Fry at St. Paul's outdoor shelter in Chubbuck Aug. 24.

Council 8930 and 892 took the opportunity to install officers, including Grand Knight Jim Robinson and Grand Knight

Roger Coonrod respectively. District Deputy Tom Reagan conducted the installation.

State Deputy Dan Anthony also installed Father Joseph Muha as Idaho Knights of Columbus chaplain.

State Secretary Al Millhouse and State Treasurer Richard Durante attended the steak fry with

families.

The annual steak fry started in backyards with a few officers attending to plan the council's work for the coming year. They have grown to become "the event of the year," with everyone interested in the Knights of Columbus invited.

This year, over 140 steaks were cooked.

Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, will be a "forward funded school," said Sharratt. "That means all of a year's operating budget is in the bank before the school year starts each year."

Money will also be needed to remodel the facility on West Cherry Lane and for start up costs, which will include purchasing student textbooks and library books and equipment, desks, and other classroom equipment.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School supporters plan to raise \$1 million to cover all those expenses by August 2002.

Sharratt said supporters have already had a golf tournament and a Pampered Chef party.

A Dinner Auction, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season," is set for Dec. 1 at the Idaho Center, Nampa. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling the school office, 888-1560. Persons who have items to donate for either the silent or live auction can also call that number.

Some of the auction items already on the docket include dinner for 10 at Epi's Restaurant, Meridian, both a summer and winter package at a cabin in

McCall, a handmade communion dress, a handmade christening gown, a Harry Potter basket and a princess basket.

Sharratt said the steering committee is talking about a major spring fundraiser, both a spring and fall golf tournament and script. They are also looking into seeking grants and an organized fundraising campaign.

To make a donation for the school, call 888-1560 and someone from the steering committee will pick up your check or send it to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Fund, P.O. Box 1363, Meridian, ID 83680.

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# Ecumenical CROP Walk Oct. 21 for hunger

All are invited to participate in the Ada County Crop Walk Oct. 21 at 2 p.m. in Julia Davis Park, Boise, to raise money to feed hungry people throughout the world and in Idaho.

CROP (Christian Relief Overseas Program) Walk is an ecumenical, inter-faith walk sponsored by the Church World Service and supported by the Idaho Food Bank. The Ada County Crop Walk is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest walk in the Pacific Northwest, according to Dan Gado, Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, who is one of the organizers. The walk last year raised \$27,000. The goal this year is \$30,000.

"Twenty five percent of the monies raised by the Ada County Crop Walk returns to the Idaho Food Bank, which in turn benefits our local parish food pantries," he said. "The remaining 75 percent goes to international hunger fighting agencies."

Gado said sponsors can designate their donation to an approved agency such as Catholic

Relief Services. A portion of the money raised is used to educate the poor in agricultural practice, nutrition and medicinal values of food.

"Crop empowers people to help themselves," said Gado.

Crop Walk needs walkers of all ages. There are one, three and six mile walks along the Greenbelt planned, complete with aid stations. Walkers collect pledges from sponsors and turn in their envelopes at the walk.

Information packets are available in Ada County church vestibules or call Carol and Dan Gado, 853-0817.

Those who cannot walk can still be sponsors for a walker. Donations are also welcome. Send contributions to CWS-CROP in care of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.

"This is a great opportunity for the Catholic community to join with our fellow brothers and sisters and help feed the hungry," said Gado.

# St. Charles, Hailey, hosts Basque Dinner Oct. 13

HAILEY—St. Charles Borromeo's Annual Basque Dinner will take place Oct. 13 at Roberta Mc Kercher Park in Hailey from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The dinner is held in conjunction with Ketchum/Hailey's Trailing of the Sheep Festival, Oct. 12-14.

The dinner features traditional Basque cuisine of roasted Lamb, Spanish rice, beans, and bread, for \$10. For lighter appetites, á la carte fare as well as chorizo and lamb sandwiches can be purchased. Wine, pop, and homemade desserts are also available.

As in past years, prizes will be raffled during the dinner. This year's prizes include a one-day Payette River white-water rafting trip for four, his/hers Raleigh Comfort bicycles, a case of fine wines, a frozen lamb, and gift certificates to the Wine Company and Chandler's and Felix's restaurants. Raffle tickets cost \$3 and can be purchased from any St. Charles parishioner or at the Basque dinner.

One of the parish's most important fund-raisers, the Basque

dinner and raffle will support the parish's general needs throughout the year.

The Trailing of the Sheep Festival honors the history and heritage of sheep ranching in the Wood River Valley. Because many of the Basque immigrants to Idaho worked in the sheep industry, St. Charles decided in 1998 to coordinate its annual Basque dinner with the festival.

The dinner is held during the Sheep Folklife Fair and includes sheep wagon displays, traditional Basque games, children's activities and booths selling woolen products and other crafts.

The festival culminates on Sunday, Oct. 14, with the Trailing of the Sheep Parade on Main Street in Ketchum at 12 noon.

For more information about the Trailing of the Sheep Festival, contact the sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, 726-3423 or 800-634-3347.

For information about St. Charles Basque dinner, call St. Charles Borromeo parish office, 788-3024.



**DISCERNMENT**—Diocese of Boise vocation directors, Father Jairo Restrepo, left, and Father Ron Wekerle, right, pose for a photo with Idaho seminarians and others interested in the priesthood at Monastery of St. Gertrude's, Cottonwood, during a discernment retreat in August.

# Idaho seminarians host retreat for potential priesthood candidates

By Brad Neely  
For the ICR

COTTONWOOD—The seminarians of the Diocese of Boise met in August at Monastery of St. Gertrude's, Cottonwood, to host a weekend of discernment for possible seminarian candidates.

Retreat participants included

those studying at seminaries, those on pastoral years in the diocese, those beginning the process of formal discernment at the Bishop Treinen House of Formation at St. John's Cathedral and men who have expressed an interest in priesthood currently in the initial stages of discernment.

The retreat, directed by diocesan vocation directors, Fathers Jairo Restrepo and Ron Wekerle, centered on prayer, presentations, individual consultations and socialization.

On Sunday, St. Mary's Parish, Cottonwood, hosted participants for Mass and a parish picnic.



**SERVING UP ITALIAN**—Workers at last year's St. Joe's Italian Dinner serve spaghetti, lasagna, bread and salad. This year the school fund-raiser is planned for Oct. 14 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's School gymnasium, 825 West Fort Street, Boise. The event is open to all. A

carnival for the children will take place in St. John's Cathedral basement next door. Dinners are \$5 for spaghetti, \$9 for lasagna, or \$11 for a combination. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve or to assemble lasagna on Friday, Oct. 12, can contact Mary or Bob Bailey, 853-9276.

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# La Comunidad



## El Evangelio

# Auméntanos la fe

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez  
Lc. 17, 5-10.



En este fin de semana tenemos que hacer un exámen de conciencia sobre nuestra fe. No sobre la fe de los demás, sino sobre "mi" fe. Si mi fe está en crecimiento, si influye en mi vida concreta, si es un factor de compromiso, de aceptación del Evangelio.

Conviene pues, reflexionar en primer lugar sobre el significado de esta fe en cuestión. "Creer" en el lenguaje Hebreo se expresa con la palabra AMEN, que literalmente significa, SABER QUE ESTOY SEGURO. El Reino que Dios nos ofrece en su Hijo es definitivamente la seguridad que El nos da. Con la insistencia de Cristo de tener fe en el Reino de Dios, nos está ofreciendo una roca en la cual descansa nuestra seguridad y confianza contra toda ansiedad o miedo. San Pablo nos manifiesta esta seguridad en Dios cuando en su carta a los Romanos dice: "si Dios está con nosotros, ¿Quién estará contra nosotros?" "¿Quién nos separará del

amor de Cristo? ¿Las pruebas o la angustia, la persecución o el hambre, la falta de ropa, los peligros o la espada?" Rom. 8, 31-35.

Para estar seguros de que nuestra fe es la que Dios quiere, debemos ver la realidad con los ojos de Dios, que en Cristo su Hijo nos dá. Cristo nos demostró con su vida cómo ve Dios al ser humano, al mundo, a las plantas, a los animales y en general a toda la creación. Jesús nos reveló a Dios como un padre que cuida de cada uno de nosotros con interés y cariño (Lc. 15). Que ama a los niños pequeños y se identifica con ellos (Mc. 10), que cuida de los pájaros del cielo y aún de la hierba del campo (Mt. 6). Si poseemos esta fe estaremos seguros de que aún cuando tengamos experiencias negativas, sabremos que "el mundo no se acaba" porque no estamos abandonados a nuestro propio destino. Esta fe es la que sostuvo a tantos santos como a Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, quien escribe en sus "Ultimas Palabras," "si no hubiera tenido fe, me hubiera suicidado." Para estar seguros de que tenemos fe, debemos aprender no a ver sino a confiar, porque creer es abandonarse totalmente a otro, para ser llevado de la mano de tal

persona por caminos y direcciones desconocidas. Todo esto significa dejarse conducir, dejar toda la iniciativa en manos de aquel en quien confiamos. Esta clase de fe pidió Cristo a Pedro en el lago, cuando obedeciendo a la petición de éste de caminar sobre las aguas, Cristo le dice "ven."

La fe que Jesús nos exige no es sólo el conjunto de ideas religiosas que hemos aceptado. Estas ideas deben apoderarse de nosotros, deben impregnarnos, hacerse parte de nuestro ser, como una segunda naturaleza o como el aire que respiramos. Si la fe nos impregna, nos hará verlo todo de una manera transfigurada, en su verdad total. En la humillación. "El que se humilla será enaltecido, y el que se enaltece será humillado." ...En la pobreza, y aflicción, "bienaventurados los pobres, bienaventurados los que lloran" ...Ante la muerte, "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida." Ante las riquezas, "ay de los ricos... cuán difícil es para un rico salvarse" ...Ante los pobres y necesitados, "tuve hambre y me disteis de comer... cada vez que lo hiciteis con mis hermanos más pequeños, conmigo lo habeis hecho."

Al decir al Señor "auméntanos la

fe," los Apóstoles mostraban que se habían hecho el mismo cuestionamiento sobre la madurez de su fe. Sí, tenían fe, pero ésta era insuficiente. Jesús señala la insuficiencia de su fe, y de nuestra fe personal, con una comparación: "Si tuvierais fe como un grano de mostaza" Quiere decir que tenemos poca fe, y como los Apóstoles, debemos rogar para que el Señor nos la aumente. En la última petición del Padre Nuestro decimos: "Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación que la apostasía o la de "tirar la toalla" ante las pruebas. Por esto en la hora de la prueba como la de Cristo, se impone: "Padre a tus manos encomiendo mi Espíritu."

No olvidemos que esta fe que tenemos que madurar es un don de Dios. Es gratuita. No olvidemos que somos peregrinos y que en este mundo no se da la realización plena de todo lo que Dios nos ofrece. Nuestra vida de fe debe orientarse hacia ese día del Señor en el que un Nuevo Cielo y una Nueva Tierra nos esperan. Por eso nuestras oraciones llevan siempre ese grito: ¡Ven señor Jesús!

El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.

## Católico defiende tu fe V

# La fe sin obra es muerta

Por Martín Zavala A.P.  
Respuestas bíblicas:



Sr. Zavala: No estoy de acuerdo con lo que usted dice y le envíé un fax sobre el tema de la salvación que se obtiene solamente por la fe.

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### ¿Salvación solamente por la fe?

1. Quienes murieron sin la oportunidad de escuchar el Evangelio serán juzgados por su conciencia.

La Fe en Cristo es necesaria solamente para las personas que tuvieron la oportunidad de conocerlo plenamente, pero no para los que nunca tuvieron esa oportunidad. En esos casos el Apóstol San Pablo nos dice: *Cuando los paganos, que no tienen ley, cumplen naturalmente con lo que manda la Ley, se están dando a sí mismos una ley; y muestran que las exigencias de la ley están grabadas en sus corazones. Lo demuestra también la conciencia que habla en ellos, cuando se condenan o aprueban entre sí. Así sucederá el día en que Dios, según mi Evangelio, juzgará por Cristo Jesús las acciones secretas de los hombres.* Rom 2,14-16. De esta manera, la salvación esta disponible a todos los hombres de todos los tiempos, aunque no hayan escuchado plenamente el Evangelio, siempre y cuando hayan tratado de vivir de acuerdo a su conciencia.

2. Quienes conocen a Cristo necesitan Fe y obediencia.

Otro aspecto importante acerca de la salvación es que de acuerdo a la Palabra de Dios, si tuvimos la oportunidad de escuchar el Evangelio, entonces es necesario la Fe y la obediencia (obras). En ninguna parte de la escritura dice que basta la fe o que solamente con creer ya tenemos la salvación. Todos los pasajes bíblicos donde dice que la salvación es por gracia o que por la fe tenemos la salvación no dicen que solamente con eso basta.

De hecho nuestro Señor Jesucristo dijo contundentemente: *No todo el que me dice Señor, Señor entrará en el Reino de los cielos, sino el que hace la voluntad de mi Padre del Cielo* Mt 7, 21-23. Así que se puede tener fe, hacer milagros, profetizar y decir Señor a Cristo y sin embargo al final no se tendrá la salvación. Por eso es necesario Creer y obedecer, tener fe y mostrarla con obras. Así esta escrito en todas las Biblias del mundo.

### El Apóstol Santiago lo dirá:

*¿Tú crees que existe un solo Dios? Haces bien; pero también los demonios creen y se estremecen. ¿Por qué no te enteras de una vez, pobre hombre, de que la fe sin obras es estéril?* Stgo 2,19-22.

Y sobretodo Nuestro Señor Jesucristo cuando explica sobre el juicio final muy claramente señala la importancia y necesidad de la obediencia y las obras pues dirá a todas las naciones: *Vengan a mí benditos de mi Padre, heredad el Reino preparado para ustedes desde la fundación del mundo. Porque tuve hambre y me diste de comer; tuve sed y me diste de beber; fui forastero y me recogiste; estuve desnudo y me vestiste;*

*en la carcel y fuiste a visitarme...* Mt 25,31-46

La única vez que la palabra *solamente* acompaña la palabra *fe* en el texto griego original es en Santiago 2,24, que precisamente afirma que somos justificados *NO SOLAMENTE POR LA FE*. Incluso en versiones de la Biblia que no son católicas dice lo mismo.

Esto significa de veras creer en Cristo. Decir *yo creo en Cristo, ya soy salvo* y no obedecerlo o solamente obedecerlo en las partes que nos gustan no es un camino seguro que nos lleve a la salvación.

3. Es necesaria la Perseverancia hasta el fin.

Un último aspecto a mencionar es que para tener la salvación tampoco basta un acto de fe inicial y ya, levantar la mano para decir que aceptamos a Cristo como Señor y Salvador o llenar una hojita donde diga que ya lo aceptamos y tenemos fe. No. La fe y obediencia

hay que mostrarla hasta el final. Por eso Jesús dijo en el Evangelio de San Mateo capítulo 24 verso 13: *El que se mantenga firme hasta el fin, ese se salvará.* En este caminar con Jesús no hay membresía, sino un caminar diario, cada mes y cada año, en fe y obediencia hasta el fin de nuestros días. *Esfuércense con santo temor en lograr su salvación.* Fil 2,12. Esta es la gran bendición que tenemos como hijos de Dios.

Gracias Leonardo por el Fax que enviaste, pues nos da la oportunidad de hablar sobre este tema de importancia acerca de la salvación.

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NAMPA—Gran concierto de Alabanza y Predicacion: La Parroquia de San Pablo en Nampa invita a todos al Gran Concierto de Alabanza y Predicación con el Señor Basilio Salinas, cantante católico de Avondale, Arizona, y el Señor Luis Altamirano, predicador católico del Ministerio Shalom de Evangelización de Tucson, Arizona.

Habrán dos conciertos—el sábado, 6 de octubre, a las 7:30 p.m. y el domingo, 7 de octubre, a las 4:30 p.m., los dos en la Iglesia de San Pablo, 1515 8<sup>th</sup> St. S., in Nampa. Inviten sus familiares, vecinos y amigos a participar en estos conciertos de alabanza y predicación. La entrada es gratis; habrá colecta, ¡No se pierda estas oportunidades inoivables! Para más información llame a la Parroquia de San Pablo, 466-7031.



# El Papa visita iglesias de Kazakstán y Armenia

YEREVAN, Armenia (CNS) —De viaje por territorios de Asia central y occidental, el papa Juan Pablo II procuró avivar la llama de la evangelización católica en Kazakstán y solidificar una amistad ecuménica en Armenia.

A los dos países llevó consuelo espiritual para las muchas personas que han sufrido tribulaciones en el pasado y el presente—persecuciones de la historia, los desmanes del comunismo y la lucha actual para la sobrevivencia económica.

Durante su gira del 22 al 27 de septiembre, los acontecimientos mundiales que estaban sucediendo motivaron al Papa para condenar el terrorismo, insistir en moderación al dar una respuesta militar contra los terroristas y aclarar enfáticamente que la Iglesia no está en discordia alguna con el “auténtico Islam.”

El Papa llegó a Kazakstán, de mayoría musulmana, bajo fuerte seguridad el 22 de sep-

tiembre, al tiempo que los Estados Unidos iniciaba su concentración de despliegue militar que envió una ola de temor a través de todo el mundo islámico, especialmente los países aledaños a Afganistán.

En Astana, la capital de Kazak, el Papa celebró una Misa al aire libre a la que asistieron muchos musulmanes, y al finalizar añadió una súplica para la paz mundial en tiempos de crisis.

El Papa después se reunió con dirigentes religiosos y culturales, incluyendo el gran muftí de Kazakstán, Absattar Debisaliyev, y les dijo que los cristianos tienen gran respeto por “el auténtico Islam: el Islam que reza y que se preocupa por los necesitados.”

En Armenia, del 25 al 27 de septiembre, se le dio al Papa un recibimiento ecuménico sin precedentes como huésped de la Iglesia Apostólica Armenia, iglesia ortodoxa independiente que se separó de Roma en el siglo quinto. El jefe de la iglesia,

Catholicos Karekin II, recibió al Papa en el aeropuerto y lo llevó a su propia casa como huésped distinguido — algo inusitado en los viajes papales.

El Papa celebró Misa en el altar mayor de la Iglesia Apostólica Armenia, gesto que fue también sin precedentes. Ambas iglesias hicieron votos

para una completa unidad; siendo su principal divergencia actual la primacía del Papa — tema que el Papa invitó a discutir.



EL PAPA SE CUBRE LA CARA DURANTE UNA MISA EN ASTANA — El papa Juan Pablo II se cubre la cara durante la celebración de una Misa en Astana, capital de Kazakstán el 23 de septiembre. Pidiéndole a

Dios que conserve a la humanidad en paz, el Papa presentó una dramática súplica para que el mundo no caiga en la guerra después de los ataques contra los Estados Unidos. (Foto CNS de Reuters)

## Los neoyorkinos rezan y reafirman su devoción por la ciudad y la nación

NEW YORK (CNS) — Miles de neoyorkinos fueron al estadio de los Yankees el 23 de septiembre para rezar y reafirmar su devoción por la ciudad y la nación después de las devastaciones producidas por el ataque al Centro Mundial de Comercio.

En el evento organizado por la comunidad religiosa a petición del alcalde Rudolph W. Giuliani, “Una Oración por América,” que se convirtió en una celebración de tres horas, se afirmó la sujeción a Dios, el pluralismo religioso y el patriotismo bien fincado.

“Se equivocaron de ciudad; se equivocaron de país” fue el mensaje que el almirante Robert Natter envía los terroristas en el despliegue de los colores.

Presentados por Oprah Winfrey como maestra de ceremonias, los que ofrecieron oraciones, lecturas de la Escritura y mensajes fueron principal-

mente judíos, musulmanes y cristianos—católicos, protestantes y ortodoxos—incluso sikhitas e hindús.

La Iglesia Católica fue representada por el cardenal Edward M. Egan de Nueva York, quien empezó el servicio con una invocación; Griselda Cuevas de la iglesia de la Encarnación en Manhattan, que leyó un pasaje del Nuevo Testamento en español; y el obispo Thomas V. Daily de Brooklyn, que ofreció una reflexión.

“En la noche de muerte, hemos visto la esperanza,” dijo el obispo Daily.

La esperanza “nos impulsa a sobrevivir” y “nos impulsa a afirmar la vida en medio de la muerte,” dijo.

Dijo que los cristianos fundamentan la esperanza en la resurrección de Jesús, y que “El nos saca de nosotros mismos, inclinándonos a favor del prójimo.”

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## Viraje en temas de inmigración después de los ataques terroristas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A principios de septiembre, crecía el apoyo por proyectos de ley que les permitiría a algunos inmigrantes ilegales convertirse en ciudadanos legalizados y de paliar algunos efectos de leyes que hacían más factible la deportación de inmigrantes o su estancia indefinida en las cárceles.

Pero a finales de septiembre, después de los asaltos terroristas del 11 de septiembre, la agenda de inmigración en Washington era enteramente diferente. Dominaban las propuestas para restricciones más severas de inmigración, y se dijo poco acerca de los posibles efectos de acciones militares para con los refugiados.

Susan F. Martin, directora del Instituto para el Estudio de Migración Internacional de la Universidad de Georgetown, dijo que si se le hubiera pedido abordar el tema de la política de inmigración algunas semanas antes, poco después de la visita a los Estados Unidos por parte del presidente mexicano Vicente Fox, ella habría presentado un informe optimista.

Martin hizo sus comentarios el 24 de septiembre en un foro de la Universidad de Johns Hopkins ante miembros de la Escuela de Estudios Internacionales Avanzados en Washington.

“Parecía existir otra realidad nueva,

particularmente en relación a México,” dijo. Parecía que la política de inmigración estaría más sujeta a demandas de trabajo de lo que era el caso.

Pero ahora, el curso ha cambiado, dijo. “Ahora se ha vuelto a pensar sobre migración primariamente en términos de aplicación de la ley.”

Martin, que trabajó en su capacidad de directora ejecutiva de la Comisión sobre Reforma de Inmigración de Estados Unidos, dijo que la política de inmigración de los EEUU ha sido por mucho tiempo externa, enfocada a las fronteras.

“Una vez que la gente llega a los Estados Unidos, tendemos a presentar un sistema demasiado abierto,” explicó.

En Europa, por el contrario, los controles de inmigración han sido primariamente internos, de acuerdo con los cuales tanto ciudadanos como visitantes deben estar preparados a presentar su documentación a mano cuando se les requiera para que comprueben el derecho que tienen de estar en el país.

Martin dijo que se cree que con la revelación de que los sospechosos aeropiratas que se estrellaron el 11 de septiembre eran todos ciudadanos extranjeros, el equilibrio de los controles internos y externos de los EEUU registrará un viraje.

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# Cathedral parishioner's aunt beatified

By Mary Ellen Nourse  
For the ICR

MONTREAL, Canada—On Sept. 8, over 12,000 people were at the Molson Centre in Montreal for a once-in-a-lifetime event. On that morning, the unofficial hockey seat of Canada and home of the Montreal Canadians was transformed into what one spectator described as a "myriad of mitres" and a "resplendent worship event."

On the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Anne, pilgrims from Canada and the United States assembled for the beatification ceremony of the foundress of the Order, Mother Marie Anne Blondin. Mother Marie Anne is the great-great-great-great aunt of Michael Sharpes, a St. John's Cathedral parishioner, Boise. Sharpes and his son, Joe, a student at St. Joseph's School, attended the beatification as well as about 30 other relatives.

Mother Marie Anne was born Esther Blondin in 1809 in Terrebonne, a small village northeast of Montreal. A child of devout Catholic farmers, Esther developed a strong love for the Lord at an early age. She was especially devoted to the Eucharist and to the Blessed Mother.

Illiterate into her 20s, Esther requested entrance into the Sisters of Notre Dame. During her brief time in the convent, Esther (now known as Sister Christine) learned to read and write.

However, the young Sister had to leave before she was able to make her vows. According to Sharpes, his saintly ancestor practiced extreme self-denial and mortifications. Her spiritual director noted that Sister Christine suffered from various sicknesses and appeared pale and emaciated.

The disappointed Miss Blondin left the convent and devoted herself to her duties as teacher and administrator of the Catholic girls' academy at Vandreuil.

It is said that when God closes a door, He opens a window. A wide window was opened in 1850, when Esther Blondin received permission from Bishop Bourget of Montreal to establish a congregation of women religious dedicated to educating both boys and girls in the same school.

While this idea doesn't seem unique today, it was considered *avant garde* back in the 1800s. With six companions Miss Blondin founded the Daughters of our Lady of Good Help and of St. Anne, which later became the Sisters of St. Anne.

Four years later, the foundress was removed from administrative duties due to a conflict with her new chaplain, who wanted to manage the community. For most of the next 35 years, Mother Marie Anne performed menial duties as a laundress. According to her biographers, Mother performed her duties cheerfully and in a spirit of Christian humility. She died on Jan. 2, 1890. By then, her congregation numbered over 500 professed religious and 43 convents, including nine in the United States.

Not until the 1920s and 30s did interest in Mother's saintly life evolve. Mother Marie Anne was declared "venerable" in 1991.

On April 29, 2001, the pope declared Mother Marie Anne "Blessed." "Blessed" is the official church title conferred on a person at the pronouncement of his or her judgment of beatification. "Beatification" is the final



**ALMOST A SAINT**—Joe Sharpes, Boise, left, and his cousins Daniel and Stephanie Peramus, Richmond, Va., pose for a picture in front of a painting of Mother Marie Anne Blondin at the mother house of the Sisters of St. Ann in Montreal, Canada, after her beatification. (Photo by Mike Sharpes)

phase in the cause of a person who is being considered for canonization. Beatification permits veneration of the person in those places where the beatified lived or in the houses of the religious

community she founded.

During their weeklong stay in Montreal, the Sharpes met several Sisters of St. Anne.

In their conversations with the Sisters in September and through

her biography, the Sharpes discovered Mother Marie Anne's deep devotion to the Eucharist. In fact, her final commendation to her Sisters was that "the Holy Eucharist and perfect abandonment to God's Will be your Heaven on earth."

Sharpes said the miracle attributed to the intercession of Mother Marie Anne which led to her beatification include healing of a woman who had been ravaged by cancer and had only a couple of months left to live. Mother Marie Anne's biography also suggests some other miracles attributed to her intercessions including cessation of a fire at the motherhouse in Lachine in 1950, a man cured of meningitis, and the recession of flood waters in Nulato, Alaska, in 1965.

To complete her canonization there must be one more miracle presented. Sharpes said at the motherhouse in Lachine, they have a four-inch stack of documents on Mother Marie Anne they are preparing to take before the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Participating in the beatification of his aunt and reading all her biographical material has made Sharpes feel much closer to her.

"I'm overwhelmed to have a person in my family that is that close to sainthood," he said. "I have been astounded that the level of her humility."

He said he and his family have been praying for the advancement of Mother Marie Anne's cause. They are also praying for her intercession for a Boise couple to be able to conceive a child. The couple has been told by doctors that it is practically impossible for them to conceive.

## Housing still needed in Boise for family with sick child

By Jill Jarman  
For the ICR

TWIN FALLS—In hard times, it is necessary to hold fast to hope. Unfortunately, this hope is hard coming for one Twin Falls family that still needs to find housing in the Boise area.

The Martinez family, featured in the Aug. 3, issue of *Idaho Catholic Register*, struggles with their youngest daughter's illness. This turmoil began when Christina was only 6-months-old, and contracted Rotavirus. The stomach virus is not uncommon, and usually not too severe, but this situation was unusual.

She developed a severe case of the virus that ate away at her intestines and bowels. It was so serious that doctors had to perform an operation to remove the child's intestines.

Now, at 21-months-old, the

youngest of six children suffers from short bowel syndrome. She is fed a nutritional supplement through a tube, is on a wide assortment of medications. Christina suffers through chronic stomach problems, and other complications such as renal failure, said Jennifer Roy, St. Luke's Pediatric Hospital social worker, Boise.

Because Christina is so young, and her needs are so specialized, St. Luke's Hospital is the only facility that can meet her needs. This means, when Christina's illness calls for medical attention, she and her mother must travel from Twin Falls to Boise by Greyhound bus. Christina's most recent visit was a 21-day hospital stay. This stay required an extended absence from the rest of the family, an added difficulty in an already stressful

situation.

To enable the family to deal with the stress of a young child's illness, the Martinez family is working to relocate to Boise.

The family can pay rent, but the family is having a hard time finding housing suitable for their large family of eight.

In response to the August article, several people called Roy, who is helping the family in their quest to relocate.

One person called with housing in Caldwell, but by the time Melissa Martinez, Christina's mother, returned from St. Luke's, the home had already been rented. Another called once, but has been unreachable since. And so, the family's search continues. All the family has left is hope. That hope is strengthened by the goodness of others, such as the woman who sent a kind letter and a contribution to help pay for the children's school supplies.

"It's hard to have hope," said Martinez, Christina's mother. "But we always manage. And, there are a lot of people hurting a lot worse. I know that we'll get (to Boise). I just don't know when."

Meanwhile, the Martinez family continues to live their lives, punctuated by regular bus trips to Boise. As time passes, and the family remains in Twin Falls, the trips come less often; not because

Christina is less in need—but because the family is struggling to finance these frequent trips.

Anyone who has ideas or resources to help the Martinez

family find housing in Boise, can contact Jennifer Roy, MSW, at 381-2218. Roy is in her office at St. Luke's Hospital Tuesdays through Thursdays.

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# New York now through the eyes of young Idaho native

*(Editor's Note: Following is an excerpt from an Sept. 17 email to Colette Cowman, ICR editor, from Lisa Lechner Mercer. Lisa, daughter of Michael and JoAnne Lechner, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise, is currently studying in New York City. Lisa's words give a feel for what it was like to be in New York during the terrorist attack.)*

"It is so hard to wrap one's mind around what has happened here.

I'm okay. It's been hard. I'm moving out of New York.

I just don't know when yet... Here is my training. It won't be done until 2003. I may not outlast it. I am lucky to have options. I am lucky to have life. I am lucky to have somewhere else to be.

I think I must be in shock. Nothing seems too real here right now. I don't know when I will stop looking down Sixth Avenue trying to raise the dead by a sheer act of will. I watched the towers burning in the middle of the street like everyone else and just missed seeing them fall because I was inside listening to the news.

I'm fine. It will be interesting over the next few days as the shock wears off across the city, nation, etc. Everyone will be touched in some personal way,

no doubt by the death of someone... Outside there is a mix of war zone and street fair.

Each morning I wake up and I'm still here, a geographical choice that seems unwise at best. If you live at the center of a bulls eye, eventually someone's dead aim will take you by surprise... Terrorism works. Faith is irrational by definition and I am willing to die for my own, but not someone else's.

I spoke with mom and dad today for an hour and it grounded me... I thank God I have structure in my life from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. someplace to go to be with other people trying to process what this means to the city, to the country, to a deep part of ourselves we don't want to acknowledge that is deeply afraid.

Everyone here is emotionally exhausted and the shrines of hope for lost love ones have now become memorials to the dead, the missing, the unknown. All is not somber and sadness, but all has changed, and resolution will prove both painstaking and mysterious. Somewhere, outside this confusion, I pray that the normalcy that everyone hopes for never returns. There is nothing normal here. Not anymore.

Peace and love to you, Lisa."



**HELPING THE VICTIMS**—Makenzie Kreautler and Tara Stubbers, 9, members of St. Anthony Parish, Greencreek, decided they wanted to help the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorism attack in New York and Washington D.C. They set up a lemonade stand at the Cottonwood Cash n' Carry grocery store Sept. 14. They earned \$103 and sent the money in a certified check to the Red Cross.

## Wallace youth change goal after attack

By Diane Beuerman  
For the ICR

WALLACE—It was a sunny Sunday on Sept. 9 at St. Alphonsus in Wallace with balloons streaming from and crepe paper coating the maple trees that surround the church.

Mike Kologi stood at the grill cooking while the teen organizers, Ashley Davis and Susan Kologi, along with other youth, welcomed the parishioners to the picnic on the church lawn.

The young people had two goals while planning and organizing the celebration. One goal was to raise money for their joint retreats with St. Ritas', Kellogg, St. Michael's, Mullan, and St. Mary's, St. Maries. The other goal was to have fun together as a church family.

Both goals were met. They raised \$180 towards their retreats and had a good time. The young people felt proud and successful.

Then Sept. 11 changed one of their goals. After talking it over among themselves, they decided to send their profits to a New York City diocese to help those affected by the Trade Tower tragedy.

When announcing this at Mass on Sept. 16 an anonymous donor added \$77 to their gift.

The youth said, "We'll just have another fund raiser for our retreat money."

## St. Mark's students make flags

BOISE—St. Mark's School students, Boise, have sold over 1,000 flag pins they made to raise money for Catholic Charities to benefit victims of the terrorist attack.

It became a school-wide community service project.

People were stopping students on the street to find out how to get a pin, and people from Mountain Home Air Force Base called the school to order pins.



**DOING THEIR PART**—Holy Family Catholic School students add to their donations for the American Red Cross. Students from left to right are: Jayme Kaschmitter, Tim Schreiber, Tori Thomas, Kendall King, Jennifer Kiesewetter, and Kayla King.

## Holy Family 'Angels' collect donations to help

COEUR D'ALENE—Upon learning of the tragic events in our nation, students at Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, prayed about what they, as a school community, could do to help families who may have lost loved ones.

It didn't take long for the kindergarten through eighth grade students to come up with an action plan. As the day unfolded Sept. 11, each class stopped on the hour for a moment of prayer. The next morning, seventh and eighth grade classes challenged themselves and the rest of the school to earn money either through their own fundraising efforts or to perform chores at home to earn money to donate to the American Red Cross.

Students joined forces im-

mediately. On Saturday, several children sold lemonade at the Super One Foods in Post Falls and earned over \$1,000. Another student sold red, white and blue ribbons and earned over \$500 for the fund.

The fifth grade class is sponsoring an aluminum can drive.

"The children are rising to the occasion. We are so proud of each and every one of them," said Karen Durgin, principal. "Their ideas of how they can help our neighbors in New York continue to amaze me." Two sixth graders performed a rendition of "America the Beautiful" on their trumpets at the school's morning prayer gathering Sept. 18. "They are demonstrating sincere compassion during this sorrowful time for our nation," said Durgin.



**PAPER CHAIN OF PRAYERS**—Students of Holy Rosary School, Idaho Falls, hold the chain of prayers they plan to send to children affected by the attack on the Pentagon. (Photo by Sherri Barnes)

## Holy Rosary student to send paper prayer chain to students affected by attack on Pentagon

By Sherri Barnes  
For the ICR

IDAHO FALLS—The sixth grade class of Holy Rosary School, Idaho Falls, Sept. 13 led the student body, teachers, and parents in a prayer service for the victims and families of he Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

During the service, students connected a paper chain of prayers offered up by each of the school's 200 students.

Therese Lloyd, the sixth grade teachers said, "The children needed this."

The prayer chain, along with American flags colored by Holy Rosary students, will be sent to children at an elementary school in northern Virginia who were significantly affected by the attack on the Pentagon. In one third grade class there, 18 of the 26 students had at least one parent who died as a result of the plane crash at the Pentagon, according to news reports.

Ironically, the sixth grade had planned an Appreciation Day for local firemen and policemen in October.



## Bishop ordains nine more deacons for Idaho

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Bishop Michael Driscoll ordained 9 more men as deacons for the Diocese of Boise in three joyful ceremonies, Oct. 6 in Twin Falls, Oct. 7 in Boise and Oct. 13 in Grangeville, bringing the total number of deacons ordained since June to 17.

The latest new deacons are James W. Herrett and John Joseph Hurley who were ordained at St. Edward the Con-

fessor Church, Twin Falls; Deacons Thomas Brian Dominick, Clifton J. Harris, Francis J. Hess, Jr., R. Rapelyea Howell, Pierce Murphy and Chuck Skoro, who were ordained at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, and Deacon Donald M. Sokolowski, who was ordained at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Grangeville.

At each ordination Mass, the deacons promised loyalty and obedience to the bishop and to proclaim their faith in word and action. They also resolved to

maintain and deepen their prayer life and celebrate faithfully the liturgy of the hours for the church and the whole world.

In the prayer of consecration, Bishop Driscoll asked in part: "Lord, look with favor on these servants of yours, who we now dedicate to the office of deacon, to minister at your holy altar... Send forth upon them the Holy Spirit, that they may be strengthened by the gift of your sevenfold grace to carry out faith-

fully the work of the ministry. May they excel in every virtue: in love that is sincere, in concern for the sick and the poor, in unassuming authority, in self-discipline and in holiness of life.

"May their conduct exemplify your commandments and lead your people to imitate their purity of life. May they remain strong and steadfast in Christ, giving to the world the witness of a pure conscience. May they, in this life, imitate your Son, who came, not to be served but to serve, and one day reign with him in heaven."

In his homily during the ordination Masses, Bishop Driscoll asked the congregations to consider carefully the ministry of the deacons.

"They will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit," he said. "They will help the bishop and his body of priests as ministers of the word, of the altar and of charity. They will make themselves servants to all. As ministers of the altar, they will proclaim the Gospel, prepare the sacrifice, and give the Lord's body and blood to the community of believers."

Bishop Driscoll said it will be the deacons' duty to bring God's word to believers and unbelievers alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptize, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial.

"Once they are consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and are bound more closely to the altar, they will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or the pastor," he said. "From the way they go (See 'Deacon ordination,' page 14)



SIGN OF OBEDIENCE—Six deacon candidates lie prostrate in front of the altar at St. John's Cathedral during their ordination Mass Oct. 7 as a sign of their obedience and willingness to serve. (Photo by Clif Hampel)

## Project Rachel to start in Boise Diocese Dec. 1

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

Starting Dec. 1, women who have had abortions and men, grandparents, and even siblings in Idaho who have suffered the effects from an abortion can go through Project Rachel for help with the healing process.

Catholic Charities of Idaho is implementing and sponsoring Project Rachel for the Diocese of Boise. The project is a ministry of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing.

"Project Rachel will be a great benefit to women in Idaho who have experienced abortion and are feeling the very painful grief and guilt of their actions," said Bishop Michael Driscoll. "It will provide a means to bring healing and, for many, to be welcomed back to full community with the church."

Deacon Ralph Flager, Eagle, diocesan Respect Life director, has been working for years to bring Project Rachel to Idaho because he believes in it.

Grief in a woman after having had an abortion, and sometimes others who are associated with the situation, has been compared to post traumatic stress syndrome, Flager said. The grief may not emerge until five or 10 years later when these people experience the loss of another loved one or the birth of another child.

"The grief can manifest itself in many forms

including depression, alcoholism, drug addiction, inability to bond with a baby, preoccupation with getting pregnant again, relational changes with a partner, feelings of loneliness and alienation, nightmares or flash backs," Flager said. "Project Rachel is designed to provide confidential and skilled help to individuals, addressing their spiritual and emotional needs and giving them a chance to come to terms with the abortion."

The name "Project Rachel" was inspired by Jeremiah 31:15-17: "Rachel mourns for her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: Cease your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. There is hope for your future."

Project Rachel offers:

\*A confidential 800 telephone number to call for information, immediate support and referrals.

\*Spiritual counseling and ministry, including Sacrament of Reconciliation if desired.

\*Professional emotional and mental health counseling.

Kathleen Curtis of Catholic Charities, who will coordinate Project Rachel in Idaho, is seeking clergy, professional counselors, social workers and health professionals of all faith backgrounds to work with

Project Rachel.

Two training sessions to teach these professionals about post-abortion stress and healing are planned. For those in Southern Idaho, a training session will take place Nov. 15 at Holy Apostles Church, 6300 North Meridian Road, Meridian, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For those in the northern part of the state, a session will take place Nov. 16 in Moscow at St. Mary's Church, 618 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vicki Thorn, director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing who founded Project Rachel in 1984 in the Diocese of Milwaukee, will do the training. The fee is \$20 per person, which includes a luncheon and training materials.

Topics during the training session will include manifestations of abortion's aftermath in women, the impact of abortion on others, and healing and reconciliation after abortion.

To register contact Curtis no later than Nov. 5 by calling (208) 345-6031, e-mailing to [kmc Curtis@ccidaho.org](mailto:kmc Curtis@ccidaho.org) or sending the registration fee, along with your name, address, phone number and the name of your organization to: Catholic Charities of Idaho, 775 North 8<sup>th</sup>, Boise, ID 83702.

Curtis said the training sessions are also open to anyone who wants to learn more about Project Rachel.

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BRIEFS

**Terrorism shows life's frailty, need to protect it, nuncio says**

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — The Vatican nuncio to the United Nations said Oct. 9 that the "horrors that the world witnessed" in September would continue to affect people profoundly and make them "realize the frailty of life." Archbishop Renato R. Martino said, "Those events have also forced us to once again address one of the fundamental elements of the work of the United Nations: the recognition of human dignity, the right to life and the promotion and protection of human rights." The archbishop made his remarks in a statement delivered to a committee of the U.N. General Assembly reviewing questions of social development.

**U.S. bishops' president tells Bush military action was necessary**

ROME (CNS) — In a letter to President George W. Bush, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said U.S. military action in Afghanistan was regrettable but necessary and called for continued efforts to spare civilian lives. The USCCB president, Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, said that after the deadly terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, it was clear that "our nation and the world must respond." Bishop Fiorenza said in the Oct. 9 letter, "I commend the steps you have taken to formulate a response using diplomatic, economic and humanitarian, as well as military means." A copy of the letter was made available Oct. 10 in Rome, where Bishop Fiorenza was attending a synod of bishops.

**World Mission Sunday aids church in developing world**

NEW YORK (CNS)—These are times of great growth and great need in the churches in the developing world, Father John E. Kozar, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, said in a statement released for World Mission Sunday Oct. 21. "On the one hand we are witnessing a time of great growth for the church in the missions," said the priest, who heads the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle and Pontifical Missionary Union. "Yet more and more often," he added, "we see great suffering among the poor, and we find missionaries serving in those areas, often at great risk to their own lives, so that the poor may come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ."

**From finances to dialogue, bishops discuss job-related issues**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — From worrying about finances to promoting dialogue, topics raised at the Synod of Bishops underlined the dozens of tasks facing a bishop, but one cardinal said concern for the priests in the diocese must come first. U.S. Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, governor of Vatican City State and former archbishop of Detroit, said Oct. 8 he was speaking from "a completely practical point of view" when urging the bishops to give priority to their priests. "For the vast majority of our people, the church is experienced only in their parish — not on the diocesan level and not on the universal level," he said. In most situations, a bishop reaches the Catholics in his diocese only through his priests, so the bishop must be in close contact with them, the cardinal said.

**Polish church leaders criticize veto of Sunday shopping ban**

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Polish church leaders criticized President Aleksander Kwasniewski for vetoing legislation that would have prohibited shopping on Sundays. "This veto contradicts the Ten Commandments and our nation's centuries-old tradition," said Jesuit Father Adam Szulc, spokesman for the Polish bishops' conference. "It will not help Catholics, especially those employed in supermarkets, to observe Sunday's sacred character. Instead, it will force them to work." The Jesuit priest reacted to the president's Oct. 11 veto of a Labor Code amendment, which would have restricted Sunday shopping to small essential-service outlets only.

**Bishop tells judges, lawyers to use their positions for service**

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (CNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Fort Wayne-South Bend told lawyers, judges and law professors and students at a Red Mass that their positions are ones of privilege and should be used for service. In a tradition dating from the 13th century, members of the legal profession gather at the beginning of the judicial term for a Mass celebrated by priests in red vestments to ask the Holy Spirit to guide members of the bench and bar. "The whole purpose of today's Scripture reading is to offer each one of us some timely warnings," Bishop Jenky said in his homily at the Sept. 30 Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the University of Notre Dame's campus.

**Pope renews his appeal to pray the rosary for peace**

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As a U.S. bombing campaign on Afghanistan entered its second week, Pope John Paul II renewed his appeal to people around the world to pray the rosary for peace "in this hour of grave worries."

During a noon blessing Oct. 14, he asked the church to raise "an insistent invocation of peace through the praying of the rosary — both in individual and community form — keeping the gaze fixed on Christ, our peace."

Noting that October is traditionally dedicated to the rosary, the pope said "this beautiful prayer" continues to speak to modern spiritual needs.

"Contemporary spirituality feels the lively need to go, so to speak, to the essential. For this reason a promising rediscovery of the rosary is under way. It is a prayer that helps (one) stand in the company of Christ, to know him better, assimilate his teachings, live his mystery," he said.

He said the rosary used to be a common devotion in families and noted that it was a daily practice for Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi, who were to become the first married couple beatified by the pope. The beatification ceremony was scheduled for Oct. 21.

Earlier in the month the pope asked people to pray the rosary daily to help protect humanity from the "evil scourge" of terrorism. On Oct. 11, commemorating a month after terror attacks in the United States, the pope led a Synod of Bishops in the recitation of the rosary.

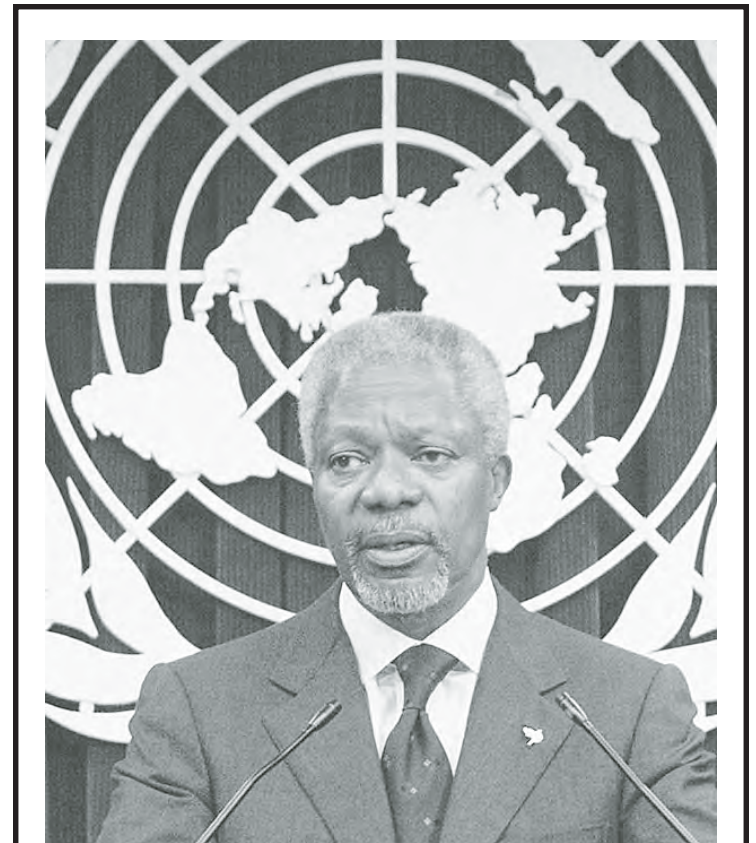
Defying Italian media warnings that the Vatican was a potential terrorist target, more than 20,000 pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the pope's blessing.

Italian and Vatican police forces have increased the number of agents at papal events in recent weeks. But measures at security checkpoints have remained the same, with police armed with metal-detecting

wands cursorily checking backpacks and handbags.

The Vatican press office denied Italian newspaper reports that undercover police were wearing priests' garb to blend

in with crowds around the Vatican. A Vatican spokesman told Catholic News Service that church and Italian law prohibited nonpriests from wearing clerical clothing.



**PEACE PRIZE WINNER**—United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan speaks during a press conference at the UN Oct. 12 after the announcement that he and the United Nations had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. (CNS photo from Reuters)

**Pope says Nobel Peace Prize crowns Annan's dedicated work**


VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II congratulated Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan, U.N. secretary-general, telling him the award "crowns a lifetime dedication to serving peace and justice and the well-being of the world's peoples."

The pope said, "I warmly congratulate you on this well-deserved recognition of your efforts to build up the U.N. system."

The pope's comments were made in a telegram after Annan and the United Nations were named the winners of the 100th annual peace prize Oct. 12 in Oslo, Norway. The winners were picked from a field of 136 nominees, including Pope John Paul.

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# Fourteen receive diocesan Ministry Awards

The Diocesan Office of Education recently honored 14 Idaho Catholics with Ministry Awards for the outstanding job they have done in their ministries.

Jack Craven, Education Ministries director, would have presented these awards at the Diocesan Fall Education Conference that was planned for Sept. 14-16 in Boise. However, the conference was cancelled after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C.

The awards were sent to the recipients' parishes or schools so they could be presented locally. All those nominated were endorsed by their pastors.

Following are the names of the Ministry Award recipients and a synopsis of why they were nominated:

**Maria Castillo**

**Ashton, Mary Immaculate Parish, St. Anthony:** Castillo is director of religious education for the Hispanic members of her parish. She is a eucharistic minister and the leader of a small Christian community. She has been instrumental in having a religious education program established for the Hispanic people of the Ashton-St. Anthony Catholic community.

Father Gabriel Vargas, Castillo's pastor, said: "Maria gives much time beyond the regular schedule to teach children and adults about the sacraments and to conducting an RCIA program." He also noted that she is responsible for leading many people into the Catholic Church.

**Denise Conley**

**St. Alphonsus Parish, Wallace:** Conley has spent the past 15 years actively involved in Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) programs. She is the primary reason for the program's success in the Wallace and Kellogg areas, according to Becky Stein who nominated her. Conley completed the Ministerial Development Program, helped introduce the RCIA in 1986 and has been involved in developing the program into a five-person team.

"If Denise hadn't worked so hard to keep the RCIA going in Wallace many years ago, neither parish (Wallace or Kellogg) would have a team today," Stein said.

**Reed and Colleen Crozier**

**St. Jerome's Parish, Jerome:** The Crozier husband and wife team has been actively

involved in the development and success of youth ministry at St. Jerome's Parish for the past seven years, according to their pastor, Father Ron Wekerle.

They have promoted retreats, Search and Life Teen programs and taught confirmation classes. The Crozier's have traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, many times to work in the Catholic orphanage sponsored by St. Jerome's Parish.

"They have the unique ability to relate Catholic topics to young people through music, skits and serious conversations. They developed a music program for Life Teen masses that allows young people to express their spirituality through music," say those who nominated them, Father Wekerle, Wayne and Jeanne Bluemer and Molly Bullock.

**Mary Crum**

**Bishop Kelly High School, Boise:** Crum is campus minister at Bishop Kelly High School and previously served as a campus minister at Boise State University for St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Boise.

In her role at Bishop Kelly, Crum arranges all school-wide liturgies, plans student retreats, teaches freshman theology, coordinates charity drives and is an academic/career and personal counselor. Bishop Kelly graduates often identify her as the staff member having the most significant spiritual impact on their lives, according to Dr. Dave Lachiondo, past principal at Bishop Kelly, who nominated her. He characterizes Crum as an "outstanding role model and teacher, a person who represents the ideal blend of spirituality and fun."

**Mary Lou Dion**

**St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene:** Dion, an active member at St. Pius X, displays her love for God and children through her music. Dion plays piano and organ regularly for special religious education Masses and programs including sacramental celebrations.

She volunteers weekly to help with music at Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, and is the musician for Vacation Bible School.

Lorraine Stevens, who nominated Dion said, "She has tremendous energy for a lady in her 70's and has a desire to make liturgy and religious edu-



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cation prayerful, loving and a growing experience."

**Karen Edmundson**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lewiston:** Edmundson is a second grade teacher at St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish School. She has taught Catholic school in the Diocese of Boise for over 15 years.

Edmundson has been involved in the sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist since 1985. She guides second grade students in preparing a "Way of the Cross" for parishioners and has headed school-wide efforts to raise money for supplies for students in Belize.

Edmundson completed the Diocesan Ministerial Development Program, and is a member of her Parish Council. Edmundson has attended Fall Conference ever year since 1985 and during the summer of 1992, she served as a lay missionary in a Catholic mission in inner-city Chicago.

Edmundson's nominator and school principal, Marcia Ney, said, "Karen Edmundson epitomizes excellence in the education profession."

**Gerald and Gloria Gibeault**

**Holy Rosary and Christ the King Parishes, Idaho Falls:** The Gibeaults were nominated by Sue Clark for their long history of service to the Catholic Church in Idaho.

The couple has been involved in numerous parish ministries, accepted leadership positions directing pre-baptism classes and working with premarital teams.

Active in youth ministry for almost 22 years, the Gibeault's have taught junior high age students, headed the confirmation program for high school stu-

dents, and participated in deanery activities, camps and state conventions.

The Gibeaults have given generously of their time and have made possible the participation of the youth from Holy Rosary and Christ the King parishes in a wide range of programs such as days of prayer, deanery conventions, athletic tournaments, liturgies, camps, and car washes, said Clark.

**Lucy Lish**

**St. Mark's Parish, Boise:** According to her nominator Wendy Sleisher, Lish is an "83 year-old dynamo." Lish comes to St. Mark's regularly to spend three-four hours helping get things organized for Elementary Religious Education. Whatever needs to be done—cleaning, stapling, labeling, organizing—Lish is there and always with the same comment, "Thank you for letting me be of service."

Lish also helps with the preparations for the First Communion Mass and is a kind and patient coach with the children.

Lish does not limit her volunteer work to St. Mark's. Sacred Heart Parish and the Diocesan Pastoral Center are also recipients of her dedication.

**Jose Luis Moncada**

**Corpus Christi Parish, Payette:** Moncada is an excellent example of faith among the young Hispanic members of Corpus Christi Parish, according to Father Nondier Zuleta, his pastor and nominator for a Ministry Award.

Moncada is committed to the Catholic Church and the activities within Corpus Christi.

He is an inspiration to all members of the parish, making use of his leadership qualities to build bridges, uniting Anglo and Hispanic members as one group, said Father Zuleta.

Over the years, Moncada has refused to allow the Hispanic Youth Program to present instruction that might water down the faith.

Father Nondier said, "Luis is a good example of love and commitment to God. He inspires youth to serve God."

**Virginia Montaluvan**

**Mary Immaculate Parish, St. Anthony:** Montaluvan exemplifies the kind of people

who keep the Catholic faith alive in remote areas of our diocese.

Although Montaluvan lives in Terreton (outside St. Anthony), she travels the distance to Dubois to teach religious education every Wednesday.

According to Father Gabriel Vargas, pastor of Mary Immaculate Parish, "She shows up for classes even when the roads are covered with snow or the weather is foggy. It does not matter to her how many miles she puts on her car, or how much she spends for gas – she will be on hand to teach religious education classes every Wednesday. Virginia is the only person providing religious education to the Catholic Community in Dubois."

**Jim Reed**

**St. Agnes Parish, Weiser:** Reed is superintendent of the Weiser Public School District. Reed has great love and respect for the Church and for the Catholic youth living in the Weiser area.

Reed has been involved in St. Agnes' Youth Program for the past four years. By his faith and example, he is evangelizing and bringing people to the church, according to Father Nondier Zuleta, the pastor of St. Agnes and the person who nominated Reed.

Father Nondier says Reed has developed a popular and strong program for confirmation preparation and gives willingly of his time to youth ministry. Reed provides a good example and a positive role model for the Catholic Church.

**Mary Roybal**

**St. Patrick's Parish, Rexburg:** Roybal is a dedicated Catholic whose commitment to the church is visible in the manner by which she organizes the religious education programs for St. Patrick's Parish, Rexburg, according to Father Gabriel Vargas, pastor.

Sundays, along with her husband and children, Roybal drives from Idaho Falls to Rexburg where she conducts St. Patrick's catechetical programs. Roybal helps organize the Sunday liturgy and provides music for the Mass.

Roybal volunteers much time in working to strengthen the Catholic Community in Rexburg. Father Vargas calls her "one of the most dependable and faithful persons" that he has ever known.

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Reflecting on how the Sept. 11 terrorist attack against the United States changed our lives, I believe that now, more than ever, we must do all we can to uphold moral values, strengthen our families, and promote a just and peaceful society.

We must fight evil by surrounding ourselves with goodness.

My fellow bishops and I, in our 1998 statement "Renewing the Mind of the Media: A Statement on Overcoming the Exploitation of Sex and Violence in Communications," reminded people of the great potential the media has to bring truth and beauty into our lives and that we must encourage the media in this goal and discourage harmful uses.

The bishops also said that the media are not beyond the reach of our influence. As we make daily use of print, television, radio, film, video, telephone, cable services, advertising and the Internet, we need to pray for all who work in the media and encourage them to give glory to God and eliminate everything that diminishes our appreciation of God's image in creation.

Our diocesan newspaper, the *Idaho Catholic Register*, is a wonderful example of print media that promotes good values, supports us in our faith, inspires us to follow the gospel message and make good life decisions.

That is why I ask that every Catholic family in the state make sure that the *Idaho Catholic Register* is in your home. Please read it, and make use of the information in the ICR as a catalyst for family discussions. Let the

## Just A Thought...



By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll

stories, columns, and photos inspire you, and use the paper to keep up on what is happening in our church in Idaho and around the nation and world.

The *Idaho Catholic Register* press drive starts Nov. 4 in all Idaho parishes. I have asked our editor, Colette Cowman, and her staff to include in the ICR press drive this year the U. S. bishops "Renewing the Mind of the Media Campaign." That way, as you put your ICR subscription envelope in the collection basket at Mass, you can also consider signing the Renewing the Mind of the Media Pledge.

Your pastor will make that pledge available to you either in your Sunday bulletin or in the back of the church, or you can log on to [www.renewingmedia.org](http://www.renewingmedia.org).

The pledge is simply a promise to work together to

encourage all those responsible for the media we use each day to carry out their service responsibly and to eliminate anything that diminishes creation or devalues the dignity of the human person.

Our diocesan newspaper, the *Idaho Catholic Register*, is a great tool to help us fight what is immoral, negative or demeaning in the media. The ICR frequently runs film and video ratings provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Film and Broadcasting Office, which are based on moral quality. This is helpful to families in choosing wholesome entertainment.

Readers will also find frequent articles and opinion pieces regarding such things as how to help children be selective in their use of the media, how to protect our homes from pornography on the Internet, how to make our voices heard with the media and government, and how to fight the effects of media influence on our families.

The ICR is also a positive example of media that helps connect us in a bond of solidarity with brothers and sisters throughout our state and across the globe helping us build a better world.

Please let Idaho Catholic Register Sunday, Nov. 4, be your reminder to join the "Renew the Mind of the Media Campaign," and help promote responsible, moral and ethical media in our nation.

Sign the Renewing the Mind of the Media Pledge and subscribe or renew your subscription to the *Idaho Catholic Register*.

## The nobles of the kingdom

A lot of attention is given to Halloween in our society, and it is a big day for the kids. It originated as the eve of All Saints Day (All Hallows Eve), which for Catholics is a holy day of obligation. This year All Saints Day falls on a Thursday and all Catholics are to participate in Mass that day.

When Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925, he placed it on the last Sunday of October so that it would be proximate to the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. He wanted to emphasize that people are the essential component of God's kingdom of holiness. (The feast of Christ the King has now been transferred to the last Sunday before Advent.)

In the New Testament era, all living Christians were afforded the title of saint. They were a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). When persecutions raged against the church, it became obvious that some Christians were heroic by persevering in their faith despite threats, torture, and even death itself. The name of "saint" began to be reserved for martyrs.

When persecutions ended, the church broadened its vision of how people live the Christian life. It saw that dedicated Christians exemplify not only Christ's death but all aspects of his life: his preaching, his intense prayer, his healing ministry to the sick, his love and concern for all classes of people, especially children

## Liturgy



By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

and the poor.

For centuries the people of the church gave the recognition of sainthood by acclamation. After the death of someone who seemed to have lived a life of intense union with Christ, the voice of the people declared that person to be a saint. Eventually an elaborate process, known as canonization, developed for determining who deserved official recognition as a person of extraordinary holiness. Now the church is very careful that the person proposed for sainthood is truly worthy.

One unhappy effect of the canonization process is

that it tends to scare us away from any serious thought of becoming a saint. We are not worthy of such aspirations. Sainthood is simply too much to hope for. You can even hear some people say, "I will be happy just to make it into purgatory."

The Solemnity of All Saints helps to adjust our thinking. Although the great saints are part of the celebration, Mary and Joseph, the apostles and martyrs, and all the "name" saints such as Francis of Assisi and Theresa of Lisieux, this is really a special day for the "little" saints, ordinary people like us who were never formally canonized by the church but who tried to live according to God's will. These are the people whom Jesus declares are mother, and brother, and sister to him.

These men and women show us that saints are not self-made people. Sanctity is not something we achieve by our own ability. It is a gift, which we accept from God. He is the one who makes people holy.

When we come to Mass we have before us the chief means for growth in holiness, the sacrament of the holy Eucharist. In giving us his body and blood, Christ wants to draw us into communion with him. Living in accord with our oneness with Christ leads us into God's kingdom of holiness.

Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

## Question Corner

# Can non-Catholic parent receive communion?

**By Father John Dietzen**  
**Q. I am Methodist and happily married to my Catholic husband. Our three children are raised in the Catholic faith. Because of work obligations, my husband was unable to attend the first Communion of our youngest daughter.**

**I asked the pastor if I could receive Communion with her. He refused because I am not of the same faith.**

**When we were married I was given Communion, no questions asked. Please explain why some priests allow non-Catholics to participate in Communion and others do not.**

A. According to present Catholic ecumenical regulations, there is an explanation for why you might receive conflicting answers to your question.

Four basic conditions are required for administering the Eucharist to a baptized person of another faith. (1) The individual

must be unable to approach a minister of his or her own church to receive the sacrament. (2) The person must ask for the sacrament on his or her own initiative. (3) The person must manifest Catholic faith in this sacrament; and (4) must be properly disposed spiritually.

In danger of death, Catholic ministers may administer the sacrament whenever these conditions are present. In other situations (yours for example), the conditions are more complicated.

Diocesan bishops and national conferences of bishops are encouraged to establish general norms for applying the conditions mentioned to specific circumstances of "grave and pressing need," and for verifying the conditions mentioned.

Up to now, however, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has not established such supplementary norms. To my knowledge, only relatively few dioceses

have done so. Most have not.

Most Catholics, including many priests it seems, are not aware that in these circumstances Catholic ministers (normally pastors) may themselves judge individual cases, observing the norms mentioned above.

Catholic ministers of the Eucharist are to "judge individual cases and administer these sacraments (Eucharist, penance and

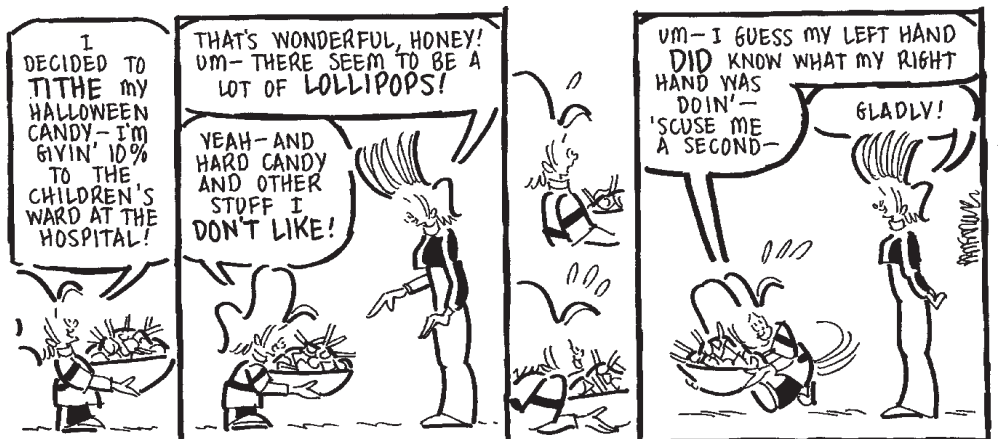
anointing of the sick) only in accord with established (national or diocesan) norms, where they exist."

When these norms do not exist, they will judge each case and administer the sacraments only in accord with the above four conditions for eucharistic sharing. (All these regulations are found in the 1993 Vatican Directory for the Application of Prin-

ciples and Norms on Ecumenism, Nos. 130-131.)

Confusing as it may appear, if you read the above carefully you can understand that different judgments are possible in different places, though all judgments should be made within the framework of these ecumenical guidelines.

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Part Three of a Series

# Pray that you may love

By Dan McGill

When terrorists struck Sept. 11, life in the U.S. changed immediately. Airplanes landed, borders closed, and the military went on high alert. But other, remarkable changes also took place. Strangers in New York City hugged and supported one another. Many acted with spontaneous kindness, such as the shoe store clerk handing out free tennis shoes to women in heels walking off Manhattan Island. Congress set aside polarized political interests to serve higher human needs.



Dan McGill

Why though, were we less kind in our ordinary lives before this violence? Is there a connection between how we neglect to care for others during times of prosperity that makes atrocities necessary to call us back to love? Can we seek transformation without tragedy?

Personal prayer is how we transform our lives to become instruments of God's peace. The roots of war are never far. They live in our anger, fear and unhealthy desires. Prayer is how we battle these forces inside us to free our hearts so that we may truly love others.

In the parable of the sower in Mark 4:1-20, Jesus

describes the way many of us take to the practice of prayer as adults. Some, like the seed thrown on a path and snatched by birds, never think to follow the advice of others to pray. Some like seed sown in rocky ground pray with great energy after a conversion experience or tragedy like this one. But failing to grow roots deeper than their emotional inspiration, they abandon prayer when it no longer feels rewarding. Still others are like the seed choked by thorns. We are like this when we busy our lives with so many other commitments and possessions that our spiritual life becomes choked and constricted.

So how do we become like the good seed, sown in fertile soil, set free to love others more deeply? First we need to establish a habit: praying in the morning or evening—both if possible—for a reasonable time. Fifteen to 20 minutes for beginners is often recommended.

We do well to always pray before eating, even if it is a simple bow of our head to acknowledge God's presence with us. If we are too busy to pray, we need to slow down and do less. With time, the hunger for prayer will make this sacrifice easier.

Daily Mass attendance or other parish prayer experiences can greatly enrich our prayer life. We might ask our parish or a Catholic bookstore to recommend books with daily meditations. Often ones based on the writings of the saints or scripture are the best.

Some choose to pray the rosary, but we should only do so with the intention of opening our hearts to God. We do not "earn" God's grace through repeating

prayers. Rather, the repetition of prayers in a slow prayerful manner, while meditating on the mysteries of the rosary and how they apply to our own life, can provide peace and transformation.

We might benefit from buying prayer books or attending courses on prayer and retreats. But we should take care to select healthy ones approved or offered by the church until we have the spiritual maturity to discern the value of other offerings.

Prayer should not be obsessive, driven by guilt, or leave us less attentive to others. Sometimes the best prayers are when we inconspicuously put others first as an act of reverence to God.

When we encounter difficulties in prayer it is a good time to seek help from someone with greater experience—a priest or other leader in the church committed to prayer. But always, always, always, personal prayer is for the long-term, a commitment to seek God throughout the whole length of our life until we meet him face to face.

Discouragement is the great enemy of prayer. We need to beware of losing faith, of doubting that God loves us. We can always pray. God will always listen, especially when we feel least worthy—"a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51:17) Indeed, it is when we persist in prayer, while God seems most distant, that we grow the most.

Finally, the test of a life of prayer is our own transformation. We pray in order that we may love. May Christ also lead us!

## The Second Half

# Reconnecting with those we love

By Jim Cavera

As the car raced through the countryside, my journey took me due north to Michigan. The evening was cool and clear. Shadows of trees and farm houses dotted the western horizon at sunset. What appeared from a distance to be puffs of smoke really came from the dust of dried corn stalks as combines cut swatches through the fields. By nightfall, the moving lights of farm equipment dotted the vast expanses of land on both sides of the road.

My journey, solitary and unexpected, came in response to a phone call announcing pending surgery for my father. The hours on the road gave me a chance to recall images of my childhood; walking by my father's side and trying to keep up with his long steps. I lingered on these images, not wanting to think of my father as a frail, elderly man going through major surgery. There were so many "what ifs" that crept into my consciousness.

One step at a time, I told myself. Don't jump to conclusions because you don't know God's plan. The next morning I arrived at the hospital during his surgery. I wasn't able to see him until he was in the recovery room. There I found him behind a flimsy curtain and helpless on a stretcher in the middle of monitors, tubes and high tech equipment.

Finding him stripped of his usual appearance, I hesitated. I wanted to say, "Dad, it that you?" I didn't have to say anything. He knew me immediately. In a soft voice he scolded me for coming such a distance to be with him. His words were familiar and reassuring.

They were the words of a man who has lived alone for the last 25 years. Even though he prides himself in his independence, I knew he was glad to see me.

Since a second surgery was scheduled a few days later, I moved back into my old bedroom in the family home. The old house creaked and groaned

through the night. In spite of many signs of wear and tear, the beauty of the light filtering through the shade trees and shining through the kitchen windows transported me back to my childhood. It is no wonder Dad has told us that he wants to spend the rest of his life in this house. A few days later, with lots of prayer and good care, Dad came through the second surgery. By the end of the week he achieved his main goal. Dad came home.

It seems that in the second half of life we have become responders to phone calls from distant cities. Sometimes the call comes from a frail relative. Other times we hear the voice of a child needing help or counsel, or perhaps conversation. Reconnecting to those we love whether through an unexpected journey or a planned visit helps us to revisit our role as a child, a sibling, or a parent. I can only imagine how much the Lord

wants us to reconnect to Him. The ever-patient Father calls to us each day through those we encounter. He is eager for us to return home.

Deacon Jim and Ann Cavera, Diocese of Evansville, Ind., are experienced speakers and workshop presenters who have co-authored "The Second Half," a column for Catholics over age 50, for almost five years. Jim's background is in social work. Ann's is in education.

## How important is prayer?

READINGS  
Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13  
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8

Someone who recently called me—she said that religion was fine "for weak people who need that sort of thing"—would have laughed if I had asked her this question. Many, including some Catholics, would either do the same thing or dismiss prayer as unimportant for real life. "It's what you do that gets results. Prayer just makes you feel like God's been part of it" is the way one Catholic put it to me a few years ago.

That isn't necessarily so, as people who take prayer seriously know. Today's first reading bears witness to this.

As long as Moses remained in prayer, the Amalekites go the worst of the fight. When he stopped praying *Amalek had the better of the fight*. Finally, because of Aaron and Hur's help, Israel's enemy was defeated. Prayer won the battle. Prayer makes miracles possible.

Many of us tend to get disheartened and are tempted to give up when an answer to our prayer is slow in coming. This is the point of Jesus' parable in today's gospel. Even though the widow seemed to be in an impossible situation, her perseverance finally won out and she was able to get justice.

The world in its limitless "wisdom" tells us

Scripture  
Speaks  
Today



By Father William Gould

that God does not exist and that prayer is therefore worthless. Of course, those who say this have no way to prove their opinion. Believers know that there is a God from the simple fact that they have experienced Him in their lives—and because they have received answers to prayer.

St. Paul's advice to Timothy is certainly good advice: *Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

True wisdom affirms the importance of prayer.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

## Readers Write

### Win war on evil

Editor, the ICR:

A great deal has happened to us over the last few weeks. The whole world is anxious because of the terrorist attack on our country. America has a challenge to represent good and loving people who hold freedom dear. We are setting an example for all to love and imitate.

Personally, my life had its own crisis and now I seem to be experiencing a flowering of grace.

The working of grace has touched me through the people I love and those who love me. There is a response to God's invitation to love and pray.

Right in the middle of our war with terror, I see and feel many little visions of joy and peace. Words won't fit these movements of grace.

I guess you might question how all this fits into a war like ours.

Well, I think it just means that life should go on. Let's not let Satan rest himself in our hearts and win the little wars that are part of our larger war with evil. As Catholic Christians we have our sacraments that nourish our souls. We can smile back and say, "I love you."

God bless our world and may we always have peace and quiet joy. May we always hope.

Virginia Smith  
Boise



## CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

**Oct. 19: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake** Father Donald Fraser presenting a lecture "The Crescent and the Cross: Islam and Christianity: Religions of Tolerance," 7 p.m. One hour class with question/answer session. Open to public

**Oct. 19-21: JEROME, Monastery of the Ascension** Beginning Experience Weekend—formerly married, now single because of divorce, separation or death of a spouse. Information: Cathy, 426-8545; Teresa, 939-8294

**Oct. 20: BOISE, Risen Christ** Harvest Dinner, Silent Auction and Dance to be held at Bishop Kelly High School. Tickets \$16 per person. Reserve tables of 10 for \$150. For information: Carol Mokwa at 884-8188

**Oct. 20-21: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary** High Country Antique Show and Sale, in the parish hall, 9th and Lee, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun. Exhibitors from intermountain area featuring high quality antiques. Admission \$2, proceeds to community charity

**Oct. 21: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary** Reception and celebration to honor Pierce Murphy and Chuck Skoro, 9 a.m. Mass and light lunch refreshments and music. For more information call parish office, 343-9041

**Oct. 21: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake** Parish Gathering, 4 p.m. in the church hall. Retreat reunion open to all parishioners. Sing, pray, learn and eat. Come join us!

**Oct. 27: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral** Monthly Rosary for Peace and Justice at Home and Abroad sponsored by St. John's Social Justice group, in front of the cathedral 9:30 a.m.

**Oct. 28: GENESEE, St. Mary's** Harvest Festival and Dinner, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Arts and crafts raffle, fun activities and rummage sale. Sausage or turkey dinners with homemade pie. Call Mary for tickets, information: 285-1345

**Nov. 2-4: BOISE, Sacred Heart** Evangelization Retreat Weekend. Contact: Carol

McGee, 344-8311

**Nov. 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** Annual Bishop Kelly Foundation Winners Choice Dinner & Auction. Contact Julie Lliteras, Foundation Office: 323-4789

**Nov. 3: NEW PLYMOUTH, St. Aloysius** Corpus Christi Church, St. Aloysius Chapel Holiday Bazaar. Breakfast, lunch provided at minimal cost, includes breakfast rolls and soups or chili and hotdogs or chili dogs. Craft table and raffle tickets available. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 221 West Elm Street, New Plymouth

**Nov. 3: TWIN FALLS, St. Edwards** Harvest Festival and old fashioned turkey dinner, country store, carnival, raffle. Doors open at noon, starts at 3 p.m. Dinner, 4 p.m. Cost, \$25 for families with 5 children under 18, \$8 for single ticket. Information, call 208-733-3907

**Nov. 3: RUPERT, St. Nicholas** Annual Bazaar and Harvest Dinner. Bazaar begins 2 p.m., dinner served from 5-8 p.m. For information call parish office 436-3781

**Nov. 3: NAMPA, St. Paul's** Basque Dinner—social, 6 p.m., Dinner, 6:30 p.m., music by Gaupasa Basque Band. \$15 per person, reservations required. Call 466-7031

**Nov. 4: RATHDRUM, St. Stanislaus** Fall Festival and raffle, parish hall, McCartney Street. 10 a.m., coffee shop, kid's games, Bingo until 3:30 p.m. Dinner tickets, available at the door: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 age 5-12 and family \$20 for 5


**Nov. 10: BOISE, Area-wide churches, BKHS** Angel Party, 7 p.m. to benefit Birthright

**Nov. 17: BOISE, St. Mary's School** Dinner, Dance, Auction, Centre on the Grove, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$30 per person, or \$250 for a table for ten. For information and tickets call, Kathy Burlile, 939-2210.

**Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**EMMETT, Sacred Heart:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-

### Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



**Oct. 19:** Boise, D.P.C., Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

**Oct. 19:** Boise, D.P.C., Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 19:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Diocesan Pastoral Council, 5 p.m.

**Oct. 20:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Diocesan Pastoral Council

**Oct. 20:** Boise, Centre On the Grove, St. Mark's School Dinner and Auction, 7 p.m.

**Oct. 21:** Boise, Our Lady of the Rosary, Mass and Reception, 9 a.m.

**Oct. 22:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Board, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Oct. 22-25:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Clergy Convocation

**Oct. 24:** Boise, Blessing of Treinen House of Discernment and Formation, 5 p.m., Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Jubilarian Mass, 5:30 p.m.

**Oct. 26:** Boise, Our Lady of the Rosary, Knights of Columbus Vocation Dinner, 6 p.m.

**Oct. 27:** Hailey, St. Charles Parish, Pastoral Visit, Confessions, 7 p.m., Mass (Spanish), 7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 28:** Hailey, St. Charles Parish, Pastoral Visit, Mass (English), 8:30 a.m.

**Oct. 28-29:** Spokane, Wash., NABRS Meeting

**Oct. 30:** Spokane, Region XII Bishops and Catholic Health Care Meeting

**Nov. 3:** Boise, Boise Centre on the Grove, Bishop Kelly High School Foundation Dinner, 7 p.m.

### Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the last weeks of October and first of November.

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| <b>Oct. 20, 1995</b> | <b>Deacon Frank Milbert</b>    |
| <b>Oct. 29, 1930</b> | <b>Rev. James F. Kelly</b>     |
| <b>Nov. 2, 1935</b>  | <b>Rev. Nicholas P. Hahn</b>   |
| <b>Nov. 4, 1982</b>  | <b>Rev. William F. McQuaid</b> |

### Nazareth Schedule

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Oct. 15-19</b> | <b>Parish Health Ministries</b>                     |
| <b>Oct. 19-20</b> | <b>Diocesan Pastoral Council</b>                    |
| <b>Oct. 22-25</b> | <b>Presbyteral Convocation</b>                      |
| <b>Oct. 26-27</b> | <b>Linder Road Church of Christ Women's Retreat</b> |
| <b>Oct. 30-31</b> | <b>Department of Health and Welfare</b>             |
| <b>Nov. 2-4</b>   | <b>Holy Apostles Confirmation Retreat</b>           |
| <b>Nov. 5-6</b>   | <b>Presbyteral Council</b>                          |
| <b>Nov. 9-10</b>  | <b>Overland Church of the Nazarene</b>              |
| <b>Nov. 13-14</b> | <b>Department of Health and Welfare</b>             |
| <b>Nov. 17</b>    | <b>St. Mark's</b>                                   |
| <b>Nov. 20</b>    | <b>Our Lady of the Rosary RCIA</b>                  |
| <b>Nov. 22-25</b> | <b>THANKSGIVING—Closed</b>                          |

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

## CCHD grant applications due

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development recently announced the award of a \$25,000 grant to Life Alternatives for Mutual Progress (LAMP).

LAMP works in the mental health area to empower its members to help themselves by working with employers to hire those with problems and make it easier for them to return to fulltime employment.

Each year at this time, CCHD solicits proposals from groups who wish to apply for grants. Pre-Applications for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development's 2000 Community Organizing Grants are again available. Proposals are due by Nov. 1.

Projects must:

- Benefit a poverty group.
- At least 50 percent of those benefiting from the project must be from the low-income community.
- Members of this group must have a dominant voice in the project, and must ultimately take over and run the program.

—The projects must work toward institutional changes and be designed to help those in the poverty group help themselves.

—Project organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501 (c., 3) of the IRS code.

For information and applications, contact Deacon Gerald Pera, chancellor, Diocese of Boise, 208-342-1311.

Applications for programs in the areas of economic development and business development are also being sought by the Campaign for Human Development.

These projects use similar criteria as above, but are to help groups set up a non-profit business or group to help the lower income persons help themselves and become a viable business over a period of three years. The deadline for these applications is also Nov. 1.

These projects may be in the areas of housing development, legal aid, communications, and community organizing projects or others of similar nature.



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# Curbing bullying can prevent violence, says expert

## Teachers, parents urged to intervene

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

BOISE—If schools, with the help of parents, can curb bullying, it will go a long way to prevent violence among students and help all of them become happier adults.

"Please take bullying seriously," said Cheryl Watkins, Phoenix, Ariz., executive director of Student Assistance Training International. That was the message she delivered to the principals and staffs of the five elementary Treasure Valley Catholic schools Oct. 5. Representatives of St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, St. Josephs, and St. Mark's, Boise, and St. Paul's, Nampa, met for a workshop on bullying at Sacred Heart Church, Boise. Watkins was already in Idaho to do some in-service training for Idaho public school teachers through the Idaho Department of Education.

"I think schools have the greatest opportunity to intervene early in the lives of children and stop years and years of suffering from victimization," Watkins said. "Studies show that the number one protective factor in bullying is adult intervention."

Bullies too need help, she said, because studies show that without intervention, they turn into antisocial adults and are far more likely than non-aggressive kids to commit crimes, batter their spouses, abuse their children and produce another generation of bullies.

Watkins started Student Assistance Training International 21 years ago "to try to keep kids alive."

"I was a teacher in the classroom in Arizona, and too many of my students were dying from violence, substance abuse, suicide," she said. "No one knew what to do." She started researching and then training people to take action.

The program eventually became a state and national model, and now Watkins travels throughout the U.S. and internationally empowering principals, teachers, schools staffs and parents to take action to help students deal with their problems and live healthier, happier lives.

When it comes to bullying, people in the United States often do not take it seriously, Watkins said. They think it is just a passing stage.

"Awareness of the seriousness of bullying has increased dramatically since the Columbine (Colorado) shootings," she said. "One recent study shows that out of 37 school shooters, two thirds were tormented by bullying from other students."

The U.S. Department of Justice and the National Association of School Psychologists estimated in 1993 that 160,000 children miss school each day because of fear.

"Our country is one of the most violent among the developed nations," Watkins said. "We are just beginning to ad-



**DISCUSSING AN ACTION PLAN**—St. Mary's School Principal Marcia Beckman, Boise, talks with her teaching staff about ways the school staff can teach children to respect and care for their fellow students

and what to do about bullying. St. Mary's was one of five Treasure Valley Catholic schools that participated in an Oct. 5 workshop on bullying at Sacred Heart Faith Hall. (ICR photo)

dress the causes of violence. Many other countries are way ahead of us."

She said sports and media have encouraged a "culture of disrespect" in the U.S. Young people think it is "cool to be a bully, to be tough, to be aggressive."

"They think that is the way to maintain their popularity," she said.

"Bullying," said Watkins, "is when one or more individuals inflicts physical, verbal or emotional abuse on another." Bullies act mean, rude, attack people, say sarcastic or nasty things to people, push, pick on or attack people, reject them or refuse to talk to them. Bullies might call others names, make them feel uncomfortable, inferior or helpless, make racist or sexist comments, make obscene gestures, kick, hit, trip, intimidate, insult, or humiliate people, betray confidences, tease or threaten.

"Bullying is an repetitive, negative action targeted at a specific victim," Watkins said. "There is an imbalance of power, either because of age, strength, size or gender, and the victim has trouble defending him or herself. The damage to the victimized child's self concept is long lasting. It tears them apart and it often leads them to either withdraw or become aggressive."

Watkins said adults "must take bullying seriously and come forward to stop it."

"It is never OK to hurt another human being," she said. "We have to teach kids how to be kind and respectful to each other, and we have to teach them how to

*"The damage to the victimized child's self concept is long lasting. It tears them apart, and it often leads them to either withdraw or become aggressive."*

protect themselves and each other. We have to empower students and show them that they can be part of the solution through their own behavior and by reporting to proper authorities incidents or bullying."

Watkins provided the educators at the workshop with a manual on "Bullies and Victims" and challenged them to make an action plan for their school to prevent peer abuse.

A few of the ideas that came from the Treasure Valley Catholic school staffs were:

—Teach children the school's code of conduct: Come prepared to learn. Love your neighbor as yourself. Be respectful

and courteous at all times.

—Teach students how to apologize, express sorrow and ask forgiveness.

—Get parents involved in helping to prevent bullying by educating them, giving them ideas about what to share with their children, and asking for their ideas.

—Make sure teachers and staff are more visible around the school facilities, especially in the hallways, cafeteria and bathrooms where bullying often takes place.

—Continue with or implement programs that teach students respect for others and good social skills.

### Boise Master Chorale performance to benefit Sacred Heart School band

BOISE—The Boise Master Chorale will present "Magnificat" Oct. 27 at St. John's Cathedral, 804 North 9th.

The chorale's season premiere performance will benefit the Sacred Heart School Band Program.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased by phone, 344-7901, or at the door.

The chorale will take the audience on a journey from the 1700s to the present with a sacred Magnificat text that has been carried through the centuries. The performance will include three works by composers Giovanni Batista Pergolesi, Herbert Howells and John Rutter with members of Boise Philharmonic. Solos will feature members of the Boise Master Chorale.

Dr. James Jirak, associate professor of Choral Music Education at Boise State University will lead the chorale for the performance.

For more information contact the Boise Master Chorale office, 344-7901.

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BRIEFS

**Sandpoint Knights honor Family of the Month**

SANDPOINT—The Father Kelly Knights of Columbus Council 2888, Sandpoint, selected the Mark Perlinger family as Family of the Month for September.

Perlinger, his wife, Pat, and their five children are all active members of St. Joseph Parish, Sandpoint.

Mark is a Third Degree Knight and has been a member since 1994. In addition to participating in activities of the council, including the First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, Perlinger is an usher. Pat works as a volunteer at the rectory and with the parish youth group. The Perlinger children have or are serving as altar servers and candle bearers.

The Perlingers recently assisted a local family in need by providing them with food and other assistance.

"The parish, as well as the council, truly benefit from the collective efforts of the Perlinger family, and this recognition is truly deserved as they serve as an example for other parish members," said Grand Knight Gerald Benedict.

**Ferdinand parish to host dinner, raffle**

FERDINAND—Assumption Parish, Ferdinand, will host its annual Parish Dinner and Raffle at the Ferdinand Parish Hall on Sunday Nov. 4.

Serving time is from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu will include roast beef, ham, "real" mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee and milk.

Tickets are \$5 a plate for adults, \$3 for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and children under 5 can eat for free.

Raffle tickets for cash prizes ranging from \$20 to \$100 can be purchased at the door anytime prior to the 4 p.m. drawing for \$1 each. Other raffiel prizes are an afghan and two for one steak dinners at the Halfway Club. People do not have to be present to win.

During the day, people can play Bingo for 10 cents a card. Bingo winners may choose from either donated prizes or cash.

**Twin Falls parish plan's Harvest Festival**

TWIN FALLS—St. Edward the Confessor's Harvest Festival Nov. 3 will feature an old-fashioned turkey dinner, country store, carnival and raffle.

Doors will open at noon. The carnival starts at 3 p.m. with dinner served from 4 to 8 p.m.

Cost for the dinner is \$25 for families up to five children under 18 and \$8 for single tickets.

Raffle ticket holders will vie for \$1,500 worth of cash prizes and many other items. Tickets are \$10 for six or \$2 a ticket.

For more information, call Jody Hall, 734-6464 or St. Edward's rectory, 733-3907.

**Meridian Knights sponsor blood drive, honor families of the month**

MERIDIAN—Holy Spirit Council 11548 will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian.

There are only 22 available slots for those interested in donating blood. Contact Grand Knight Ron Katko at 377-4553 for more information.

The council recently honored the families of Doug Black, Brian Simer and Bill Morris as Families of the Month for July, August and September respectively.

All three families have been active at Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, and are dedicated to the Knights of Columbus.

"Their support these past few months has been invaluable and we congratulate them on their awards, said Katko.

**Religious Education Leadership Retreat Planned for Nov. 8-11 in Jerome**

JEROME—The Diocese of Boise will sponsor a Religious Education Leadership Retreat at Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, Nov. 8-11 for all Catholic school principals, parish coordinators of religious education, youth ministers and other parish adult education and formation leaders.

"Making All Things New—Especially Ourselves!" is the theme set for the retreat.

Participants will hear presentations, have opportunities to participate in prayer services and liturgies, and have time for reflection, conversation with fellow retreatants, rest and relaxation.

Father Jude Anderson, OSB, Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, Pat Mings, Christ the King Parish, Idaho Falls, and Sister Arlene Ellis, SSC, pastoral associate at St. Charles Parish, Hailey, will facilitate the retreat.

Cost is \$30 a night for single or \$25 for double. Meals are \$4 for breakfast, \$5 for lunch and \$7 for dinner.

To register contact Sister Clarissa Goeckner at the Office of Education, Boise, 342-1311, by Nov. 3. Payment for lodging and food should be made at the time of the retreat. Make checks payable to the Monastery of the Ascension.



**HONORED FOR SERVICE**—Volunteers of The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude proudly showing off their awards. Back, L-R, Elaine Schumacher, Dawn Huntley, Helen Huntley, Mariel Arnzen, Francie Tatko, Bob Tatko and Dorothy Schmidt. Front, L-R,

Cleora Schmidt, Marie Sprute and Valeria Seubert. Not pictured are Linda Junes, Joan Geis, Sally Terhaar, Ellen Wassmuth, Clark Hinkelman, Eleanor Hinkelman and Karen Gehring.

**Historical Museum at St. Gertrude's honors volunteers for their service**

COTTONWOOD—In an informal ceremony Oct. 1, the 17 volunteers of The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude received the honor and approbation they well deserved.

"Without your help, we wouldn't be able to meet our goals for the museum," Lyle Wirtanen, museum director, told the volunteers. "It may seem that the work you do is inconsequential, but it isn't. It

is vital to our success as a museum."

On-site volunteers of the museum contribute over 70 hours per month lining exhibit cases, labeling exhibits, vacuuming books and ledgers, preserving documents and much more.

"We started the volunteer program in January 2001 and it has proven successful," said

Wirtanen.

"We are always looking for people who would like to volunteer." Many people schedule a day, a morning or an afternoon each week or month. We are willing to work around schedules, as well as provide the necessary training.

Anyone interested in volunteering, should contact MaryKay Henry, curator, or Wirtanen at 962-7123.

**Coeur d'Alene Catholic school close to breaking ground for new facility**

By Mary Stewart  
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE—Upon opening its doors in September, Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene, celebrated a milestone.

"We have reached our goal of being a full K-8 school, and we will graduate our first class of 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the spring," said Karen Durgin, principal. "In 1996, we began with 56 kindergarten through third graders, and as we opened our doors this September, we fill our halls with close to 200 kindergarten through eighth graders. We feel very blessed, and we have many people to thank," she added.

Holy Family Catholic School is Idaho's first self-supporting, regional Catholic school. It is not subsidized by any of the local parishes. However, it does rely on the support of parishioners.

"We feel the investment made by our parishioners and the community is most definitely having a positive impact on the spiritual and academic development of the children enrolled," said Durgin. "We

are extremely proud that even as a self-supporting school, we are able to offer scholarship and stewardship opportunities for families who otherwise would not be able to attend Holy Family. We are very committed to this and feel that we have been successful because of the generous contributions of many people who strongly believe in the value of a Catholic school education."

Although the school has waiting lists in several grades, there are openings in kindergarten and in the middle-school grades.

"We hope that families who thought that perhaps they couldn't afford our school, know that we are open to discussing their options," she said.

In addition to reaching the K-8 goal, the following are other accomplishments over the school's five-year history:

—A full middle school program is in place that offers electives to our students in such subjects as French, journalism, yearbook, advanced band, advanced technology and internet,

speech and debate, drama and leadership.

—Students have received Presidential Student Service Challenge Awards, showing their commitment as servants in their faith.

—We have placed in the top 10 percent in nationwide testing four years in a row.

"We are close to breaking ground on our new school facility at Nursery and Atlas Roads in Coeur d'Alene," said Durgin. "The facility is desperately needed to accommodate our growth."

Holy Family Catholic School is currently occupying the St. Thomas Parish Center and four portable classrooms for its students.

"With our tremendous growth has come the challenge of space for all classrooms," she said. "Ten acres of land in Coeur d'Alene have been purchased for our permanent site. We are in the fundraising stage, and are getting closer to being able to break ground. It is our hope that we will be able to do so next spring."

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# Cursillo movement volunteers build four-stall shower trailer

By Karma M. Fitzgerald  
For the ICR

TWIN FALLS—If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then a group of men from the Southern Deanery are working to bring a lot of people closer to God.

Members of the area's Cursillo Movement are building a portable shower trailer that can be used at Cursillos or other retreats.

Once completed the trailer will offer Idaho parishes far more flexibility in when and where retreats can be held.

"There's very few parishes with showers," said Ralph May of St. Jerome's, Jerome, who sits on the Cursillos leadership team. "We will be able to take it to any parish."

Until now, retreats or Cursillos have been limited to facilities where 25 people or more could get a shower. In some cases priests have offered the use of their private show-

ers, but the new trailer will make the process simpler... and potentially more pleasant.

"People get real gamey after three days without showers," May said with a smile.

Twin Falls remodeler and Cursillo Movement member Marvin Makay has donated his time to get the inside of the trailer finished for a men's Cursillo the weekend of the Oct. 18.

Jaime Greenlea, Jerome, got an old moving van and a trailer donated. The two have been welded together and the shower trailer now sits in Makay's front yard where the work of turning a 20-foot moving van into a portable shower facility has been a labor of love and faith.

"It's another way of giving back," said Makay. "I know it's going to bring others closer to Christ."

Not only has Makay been involved, but also his entire family. His son-in-law works

closely on the project with him and his grandchildren have spent their weekends helping in the trailer. Makay's wife, Pat, and other friends and relatives have set up a "cheering section" in the front yard.

"We're his Adoration Society," said Pat Makay.

The trailer will contain four shower stalls, two sinks, bench seating and a storage area. It can be plugged into any 220 outlet, such as a dryer or stove and transported with most half tons pickups or sport utility vehicles. It will also have a generator installed in case power is not available.

May said the trailer is already reserved for several upcoming Cursillos and youth retreats. He expects the trailer to be in steady use once completed.

The local Cursillo Movement is footing the \$4000 bill for the supplies needed to finish the project, but counting on donations to cover the costs.



**CURSILLO SHOWER TRAILER**— Marvin Mackay checks out one of the shower stalls in the trailer volunteers from the Cursillo movement are remodeling so that participants in Cursillos and retreats will have adequate shower space. (Photo by Karma Fitzgerald)

# Rupert man is inspired to paint washing of the feet

By Karma M. Fitzgerald  
For the ICR

RUPERT—Wally Pride makes no claim to be an artist, but he has created a piece of art he's hoping will inspire others.

Pride, of Rupert, is a retired guidance counselor and active in his parish. Last year while teaching Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) it occurred to him that few pictures were available of the washing of the feet—an event that took place at the same time as the Last Supper.

Pride started sketching out an idea. But knowing he wasn't an artist he took the project to friends and relatives with more talent. No one had the time to pursue Pride's idea.

So he purchased a sketchpad and some watercolors and began painting.

"With Gods help, I drew the picture, transferred the idea to the watercolor pad, and began painting," Pride said.

The picture, titled "Do You Know What I Have Done for You?" contains an image of Christ washing a foot in front of the famous table. In the background are the Easter cross and the dove representing the Holy Spirit.

Pride said he focused a great deal of time on Christ's eyes, which he wanted to reach off the page and into the heart of

the viewer.

"I think with God's help, I succeeded with what I wanted the eyes to accomplish," Pride said.

Now he wants to use the painting, which he believes God inspired, to lead others.

"I would like the picture to

reach out to a lot of people and perhaps become an instrument that might call people to God," Pride said.

He's donating copies of the picture to the Cursillo School of Leaders, which is building a portable shower trailer in the hopes of bringing Cursillos and

other retreats to a greater number of parishes.

Anyone who makes a \$20 donation to the shower project will get a framed copy of the picture along with the story of how it came to be. Shipping

adds another \$6 to the donation.

Interested persons can obtain a copy of "Do You Know What I Have Done for You?" by calling Price at 436-6589 in Rupert.



**JESUS WASHES THE APOSTLES FEET**—Wally Price, Rupert, holds up a painting he recently completed, which he entitled, "Do You Know What I Have Done for You?" He is giving a print of the watercolor to anyone who makes a \$20 donation to the Cursillo shower trailer project. (Photo by Karma Fitzgerald)

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# Cathedral parish sponsors Friendship Feast

## Volunteers provide nutritious monthly meal for homeless, needy

By Kathy Dahl  
For the ICR

BOISE—St. Vincent de Paul of St. John's Cathedral sponsors a Friendship Feast in the parish hall every second Thursday of each month for parish members and those people in the community who are homeless or in need of a nutritious meal.

It all started with an idea that the parish should do something positive for the poor in the Boise downtown area. But more important, was giving the people of the parish a chance to put their faith to work. Other churches in the area were providing a meal once a month so the parish followed their example.

With Father Joe McDonald's blessing, the members of St. Vincent de Paul of St. John's asked for volunteers to help organize the meal.

The Women of St. John's, Patti O'Neill, president, offered the use of their good china,

silverware and linen tablecloths. The Knights of Columbus chose to serve coffee and milk under the direction of Phil Toomey.

Organizers then asked for volunteers from the parish to bring most of the food. The request was met with an overwhelming positive response. There were so many volunteers organizers almost couldn't keep track of them all.

The volunteers were divided into three groups consisting of The Women of St. John's, St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and other members of the parish. Each group brings the food once every three months.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference purchases ham through Albertson's and parishioner Chuck Brioschi and team slice them for serving.

In addition, there is a set up committee led by Ellie Mick, a group of servers led by Susan



**BLESSING THE FOOD**—Father Jairo Restrepo, parochial vicar at St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise, leads participants in the blessing of the food for a recent Friend-

ship Feast for parishioners and people in the community who are homeless or in need. The feast is organized and presented by St. John's volunteers.

Curtis and family, and a clean up crew led by Mel McLenna, Jean Rosenthol, and Sisti O'Connor.

Kent Williamson organized a group of drivers who pick people up at Community House, a local homeless shelter, and take them to the church. Many are women and children unable

to walk the distance.

The meal begins with coffee at 5 p.m. and dinner is served promptly at 6 p.m. the response from the homeless is gratifying to the volunteers.

"We usually serve about 150 people with most coming up to thank us for the wonderful food," said one volunteer.

If possible the volunteers try to have articles of clothing and personal hygiene items on hand to give out.

Anyone who would like to help can contact St. John's or join the volunteers on any second Thursday of the month. Organizers hope to involve more students this year.

# Stewardship weekend at St. John's features ministry fair

By Mary Ellen Nourse  
For the ICR

BOISE—September is synonymous with stewardship at St. John's Cathedral, Boise,

where the focus during the early fall is on building the parish community through involvement in parish ministries and organizations.

Activities began this fall with the monthly Friendship Feast, a direct-action ministry for the homeless in the downtown Boise area. Parish volunteers served ham and trimmings to over 120 people.

Another aspect of stewardship—social justice—was the focus of a five-week discussion series lead by Father Joe McDonald, cathedral rector.

The Women of St. John's Annual Fall Get-together on Sept. 17, according to one WOSJ member, "gave all women of St. John's a chance to get together for fun and Catholic Christian fellowship and to find out how we can give our time and talent to our Cathedral parish."

Stewardship Weekend, Sept. 29-30, which featured the Second Annual Cathedral Ministries and Organizations Fair, provided an appropriate "cap" to September activities at St. John's.

Back in 1999, the St. John's

St. Vincent de Paul Society envisioned a parish fair along the lines of the campus organizations event held at Boise State University. As one Cathedral Vincentian noted, "So much is going on here at St. John's. We need a way to get the word out about our various parish ministries, organizations, and services." The answer was the First Annual St. John's Parish Ministries/Organizations Fair, spearheaded by members of the Cathedral Parish Council.

This year's Fair was organized and directed by the St. John's Stewardship Council. Eighteen parish organizations

and ministries took part. Two new organizations were present this year: Cathedral Boy Scouts and Parish Nursing.

Distribution of the "Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Ministry and Services Guide" was an added feature of the event. The "guide" features brief biographical sketches of the pastoral team, a liturgies schedule, list of annual activities, and a complete listing of all parish organizations and ministries. The guide's "Telephone Contact Insert" lists 65 activities, ministries, and organizations, ranging from "Altar Care" to "Youth Life."



**MINISTRY AND ORGANIZATION FAIR**—Vicki Cutshall, left, of St. John's Rite of Christian Initiation team, talks with fellow parishioner Carolyn Russell about her ministry. The Sept. 29-30 ministry fair gave St. John's Cathedral parishioners an opportunity to learn more about their parish and sign up for ministries that interest them. (Photo by Mary Ellen Nourse)

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## Idaho Catholic Youth 2001-2002

### Kellogg youth place in 2001 CDA contest

By Molly Stout  
For the ICR

**KELLOGG**—Throughout the United States students, grades four through twelve participate in the annual Catholic Daughters Youth education contest.

Students are encouraged to submit entries in categories such as computer art, art, poster, essay, and poetry. Different subjects are chosen each year.

This year they were "Merry-go-round of Life" and "Woman at the Well."

Kay Major has been in charge of this project locally for the past few years.

Her efforts are unending in trying to get as many students as possible to submit entries.

This year six students from St. Rita's Catholic Church, Kellogg, participated and received first place on the local level. The entries were then sent onto the state level where they were compared with cities such as Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Twin

Falls and many others around the state of Idaho.

In division I (fourth and fifth grade) Katherine Kilbourne received first place for poetry and Erin Baldwin received second place for art.

In division III (nine through 12 grades) David Lane received first place in computer art, Molly Stout received first place in essay, and Danielle Ferraro received second place in poetry.

The first place state entries from Kilbourne, Lane, and Stout were sent on to nationals where the competition gets tougher. The entries are then put up not only against 50 states, but Mexico, Puerto Rico and other foreign countries.

David Lane's computer art received second place national and he received a check for \$50. He was presented this award by Patty Stout regent of the local Catholic Daughters Court Therese' of the Mountains.



**CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMPS**—This group of teens from St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Twin Falls, participated in the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Everett, Wash., this past summer. They spent their time there doing service projects.

### Twin Falls youth participate in summer Catholic Heart Work Camp in Everett

By Jody Hall  
For the ICR

**TWIN FALLS**—Nine youth and two adults from St. Edward the Confessor Community, Twin Falls, attended the Catholic Heart Work Camp in Everett, Wash., this past summer.

The camp was established to offer quality service projects and evangelical programs for Catholic youth and their leaders. Whenever possible, Catholic Heart Workcamp works hand in hand with the host city diocese.

The Twin Falls youth cleaned up yards, picked up scrap metal, weeded a black berry patch and painted and repaired a broken porch.

Members of the group rose at 6 p.m. and had an 11 p.m. curfew. Each member of each team was assigned a special task each day in addition to his or her camp work. Those tasks included making lunches for the next day, reporting, organizing tools and serving as prayer leader, group leader and

team builder.

Those who were interviewed said they would love to go to Catholic Heart Work Camp again.

The St. Edwards team members who attended were Robbie Cain, Cristal Eastman, Pauline Underwood, Danielle and Diana Hafliger, Kiley Johnson, Jeremy Delmore, Katie Wonderlich, Brittany Frintner, Nick Barry and adults Debbie Miciak and Hank Hafliger.



**CDA CONTEST WINNERS**—Three of the six youth who placed in this year's Catholic Daughters of the America's education competition pose for a photo. They are Molly Stout, David Lane and Danielle Ferraro. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

## More than 100 Idaho Catholic youth to attend NCYC

About 110 Idaho Catholic youth and adults will travel to Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6-9 for the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC).

Theme for this year's convention is "Hope at the Crossroads."

Keynote speakers will include: Anne Ryder, Emmy-award winning anchor for Channel 13 Eyewitness News in Indianapolis, Renée Bondi, a Christian singer who is confined to a wheelchair who has been in Idaho to keynote the local youth convention, and Angela Perez Baraquio, a Catholic school teacher from Hawaii who holds the title of Miss America 2001.

NCYC delegates will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on a myriad of topics, attend a regional liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and enjoy the theme park Indy 500 Raceway set up to entertain the delegates.

Delegates are invited to take one or two children's

books each to donate to the Hoosier children, schools, parishes and libraries. The drop off point will be at the Indy 500 Raceway interactive park where activities will stress the importance of literacy and how it fits in with Catholic social teachings.

Two Idaho youth will participate in the Youth Congress On Vocations that runs in conjunction with the National Catholic Youth Convention. Theme for the congress is "...You Talkin' to Me?" The Idaho Representatives are Brian May, Jerome, and Annie Newlan, Twin Falls. Vicki Kramer, Mountain Home is the alternate.



Youth representatives from dioceses from throughout the United States will participate in the congress with diocesan bishops and vocations directors. Bishop Michael Driscoll and Father Ron Wekerle, Jerome, a member of the Diocese of Boise vocations team, will attend.

The goals of the congress are to assist the young people in naming how God is present in their lives, teach them skills for discerning God's ongoing call, share with them the many leadership roles within the church, develop strategies for the church to invite and support young

people as they discern their call and to celebrate the gifts and charisms of the young church.



# Deacon Ordinations

(Continued from page 1) about these duties, may you recognize them as disciples of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served."

To the men who were soon to be ordained, the bishop said, "Do the will of God generously. Serve God and mankind in love and joy. Look upon all unchastity and avarice as worship of false gods, for no man can serve two masters."

Like the men the apostles chose for works of charity, Bishop Driscoll told the candidates, "you should be men of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit. Show before God and mankind that you are above every suspicion of blame, true ministers of Christ and of God's mysteries, men firmly rooted in faith."

Following is biographical data on each of the new deacons, including the parish in which Bishop Driscoll has assigned them to serve:

## Deacon Thomas Brian Dominick

**Ordained:** Oct. 7, 2001

**Parish:** Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Boise

**Spouse:** Bobbi Killian Dominick

**Married:** August 28, 1982

**Children:** Samantha Marie Dominick, 15, Matthew Thomas Dominick, 12, exchange student, Asuka Toyota, 17, from Japan.

**Occupation:** Attorney in private practice with the law firm of Hoagland, Dominick & Hicks, PLLC, Boise

**Ministry:** My spouse and I have been involved in Marriage Ministry since 1986, including Catholic Engaged Encounter and the St. John's Marriage Prep Program. As a Deacon I will continue to be involved in marriage ministry, RCIA, adult confirmation, and other normal deacon duties.

**What attracted you to the diaconate?** In 1986, I felt a strong calling to become a permanent deacon. Since the deacon program was suspended at the time, I contacted the late Father Morse Later who invited me to join his bible study group. I attended his classes for over a year. He taught me to really love Jesus and sacred scripture.

Bobbi and I became very involved with Catholic Engaged Encounter, serving as local leaders and team members. I also served as an usher, lector and eucharistic minister at St. John's. When the Deacon Formation Program recommenced in 1995 I applied, was accepted, and we started classes in 1996.

I have found much love, joy and peace since I started the Program so I knew I had made the correct decision. I was recently ordained and look forward to serving the Diocese, and people of St. John's as a Permanent Deacon for many years to come.

## Deacon Clifton J. (CJ) Harris

**Ordained:** Oct 7, 2001

**Spouse:** Frances M. Harris

**Children:** Four, One married daughter Betty Jane and

her husband Steven Snyder, son Clifton J. Harris Jr., daughter Temperance Ann Harris and son Ryan J. Harris.

**Grandchildren:** Three, Brenda Marie Harris, Jessica Ann Harris and Jacob Heath Spencer.

**Occupation:** Training Specialist at Micron Technology, Boise

**Ministry:** Hospital and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

## What attracted you to the diaconate?

I am a convert to Catholicism, and when I declared my acceptance of the doctrine of this, Christ's church, and this faithful body accepted me as a member, I began saying yes and have continued to respond positively to each opportunity to grow in knowledge and love of the church over the past 21 years.

My conversion experience started with an awareness of God's love and a desire to come closer to Him.

My life has drastically changed during my journey. I became a Benedictine oblate at Monastery of the Ascension, Jerome, and this greatly added to my spiritual life. How I once thought is much different. What I once felt important, I no longer desire. As a result of the renewed spiritual life I continue to experience, I feel that I have been called to develop a living, explicit and active faith through the liturgical and sacramental life of the church.

The years of study, prayer and discernment have guided me to this sacrament.

I've had many successes in my life, but the one most important is our marriage. I would not have experienced many of my other life's successes without the support and companionship of Frances. This relationship has spanned over 40 years. My wife and I have grown together spiritually as a couple, we pray together and feel the Lord's presence daily in our lives.

Diaconal Ministry for me comes as the logical step from the recognition that we have been graced. One of the outward signs of grace, I believe, is a willingness to try to emulate Christ and



**KISS OF PEACE**—Members of Diocese of Boise deacon community give the new deacons the kiss of peace during the ordination Mass Oct. 7 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise.

his feeling for people and wanting to be more of a part of the life of the church. After much consideration, reflection and prayer, Frances and I feel that God has called us to the ministry of the

Deaconate. This was one of the weightiest decisions that I personally and we as a couple have made in our lives.

I pray that the abundance of God's love and presence in our life sustain us in our ministry and bring God's grace and salvation to all with whom we minister.

## Deacon Francis J. Hess, Jr.

**Ordained:** Oct. 7, 2001

**Parish:** St. Mark's, Boise

**Spouse:** Pat

**Children:** Four between them and four grandchildren with a fifth due in November

**Occupation:** Works in real estate in Boise

**Ministry:** Ministry to the aged, which Pat does with him, and refugees.

## What attracted you to the diaconate?

I began an intense faith journey in 1985 after a divorce and family breakup. That faith journey included signs and miracles that led me to a much deeper love for Jesus and the church and a desire to serve God's people in a more defined way.

During the eight years I have pursued the diaconate, God has blessed me with several ministries, but primarily ministry to the aged and refugees.

I pray that, as a deacon, I will be a useful instrument for spreading the good news and working for peace and justice.

I look forward to being a part of the lives of the parishioners at St. Mark's Parish and, in the future, wherever the bishop assigns me.

## Deacon James W. Herrett

**Ordained:** Oct. 6, 2001

**Parish:** St. Edward the Confessor, Twin Falls

**Spouse:** Grace Leonard Herrett

**Children:** Celestine, Heather, James Jr. and Sara. There are currently 12 grandchildren.

**Occupation:** Retired from family business, Acme Mfg. Co., Filer, where served as president, general manager and owner. Currently working as a real estate sales associate for Brawley Realty, Twin Falls.

**Ministry:** Music ministry. Has also served on Cursillo teams, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults teams, and as lector, eucharistic minister, parish council member, advocate for Marriage Tribunal, and Adoration Chapel participant.

## What attracted you to the diaconate?

I converted to the Catholic faith in 1984, joining my already Catholic family. In 1995, my curiosity was piqued when the announcement was made in the diocese about a renewal of the diaconate program. Our parish had three deacons who were good examples of Christian leaders, and I felt drawn to find out more about the role and responsibilities.

The idea of 'servant' came to me very strongly as I saw and heard about many parishes in America that were overworking their declining number of priests. The concept of helping share some of the load and giving the priests a breather at times seemed like a very noble and worthwhile ministry.

I had been in many roles as a lay person in the parish, but I felt called. Family and friends encouraged me to take a further step and become something more.

That something more in the diaconate, and I have learned much more than I ever dreamed about my presence, my service, my responsibilities to my community and my spirituality.

## Deacon R. Rapelyea Howell

**Ordained:** October 7, 2001

**Parish:** St. Mary's, Boise

**Spouse:** Leona M. Howell

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**WELCOMING GESTURE**—Bishop Michael Driscoll greets the newly ordained Deacon Francis Hess, St. Mark's Parish, Boise. (Photos this page by Clif Hampel)



**CANTORS**—George Gorsuch and Pam Krueger lead a song during the deacon ordination of six men Oct. 7 at St. John's Cathedral, Boise.



# Deacon Ordinations

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**Children:** Dana Marie and Brittany Ann

**Occupation:** Social Worker for Casey Family Programs, Family Developer

**Ministry:** RCIA, Baptism Preparation, Prison Ministry, Ministry in the Market Place

**What Attracted you to the diaconate?**

I believe it truly was a call from God. I did not know what the diaconate was nor did I have a model for what a deacon's ministry is. I heard a calling and responded to that. With the help and support of many people I am now completing part of the journey and about to being a new one.

**Deacon John Joseph Hurley Ordained:** Oct. 6, 2001

**Parish:** St. Edward the Confessor, Twin Falls

**Spouse:** Linda

**Children:** Five

**Occupation:** Professor of Economics, College of Southern Idaho

**Ministry:** RCIA (the main one, but I am involved in many others as well.)

**What attracted you to the diaconate?**

Years ago when Linda and I were driving home from the Anaheim Congress (Los Angeles), the Holy Spirit touched our lives in an incredible way and led us to preparation and devotion in the life of Christ with the desire to serve our community. A seed had already been planted for service in the diaconate by Father

Robb Keller, and his encouragement over the years as my mentor only strengthened my commitment.

A sense of spirit for the diaconate expressed by my spiritual director, Deacon Bob Sass, also continued to further form my dedication. Since Linda and I were already active in coordinating our St. Edward's RCIA, the support I felt from that community and have continued to feel over the years has been overwhelming and heart warming. And the studies and fellowship that I found in the Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension program (LIMEX) also gave theological basis and well as personal formation for this process.

All the paths along the way have increased and strengthened the desire within me to allow Christ to lead me in serving the community.

This whole journey has been a real "couple" journey for us. So through continual discernment and prayer, in recognizing the ongoing support from our family and friends, and with the companionship of the Holy Spirit in our lives, I feel I am ready to serve our community in the role of deacon.

**Deacon Pierce Murphy Ordained:** October 7, 2001

**Parish:** Our Lady of the Rosary

**Spouse:** Mary Anne Murphy

**Children:** Nathan, 25, Nathan, 16, Jacob, 15, Mary Clare, 13, Peter, 9, Therese, 6,



**NEWLY ORDAINED**—The six deacons ordained at St. John's Cathedral, Oct. 7, pose for a photo with Bishop Michael Driscoll and Sister Grayce Ross, SNJM, diocesan director of deacon formation, center. The deacons and their wives are from left, Rosie and Deacon

Chuck Skoro, Pat and Deacon Francis Hess, Deacon Pierce and Mary Ann Murphy, Leona and Deacon Rap Howell, Deacon Tom Dominick and Bobbi, Frances and Deacon Clif Harris. (Photo by Clif Hampel)

and Sarah, 2.

**Occupation:** Community Ombudsman, Boise city

**Ministry:** Youth Ministry, Catholic Charities Board, Liturgy.

**What attracted you to the diaconate?**

The Greek verb, "diakoneo," means, "I serve." This word and its meaning lie at the root of what it means to be a deacon in the church. I have experienced the call to serve God's people, especially the poor, the needy, and the forgotten. In response to God's call, I give the following answer, "Diakoneo! I serve!"

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**Deacon Charles Leslie Skoro Ordained:** October 7, 2001

**Parish:** Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise

**Spouse:** Rosita Ann Anchustegui Skoro

**Children:** Emily Kathryn Skoro, Elisabeth Skoro

**Occupation:** Campus Minister, St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Boise

**Ministry:** St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

**What attracted you to the diaconate?**

The selfless dedication of the priests of the diocese.

**Deacon Donald Michael Sokolowski**

**Ordained:** October 13, 2001

**Parish:** Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville

**Wife:** Carolyn Sokolowski

**Children:** Andrew, married with four children, serving our country in the military

Catherine, a very special person living at home, Timothy, married with two children, serving our country in the military

**Employment:** Public health inspector

**Ministry:** Carolyn and I are very interested in working with newly married couples and young families, in the hope we can show by example, ways to work through the disillusion they may experience from time to time. We also want to encourage these young families to keep God first in their relationship in order to build the strongest possible foundation for their lifetime commitment.

**What attracted you to the diaconate?**

We read about the diaconate being started again many years ago in the United States while we still lived in North Dakota. At that time there was no program in North Dakota, but the call of God was echoing in my mind. God knew what He was doing, because, I was not yet prepared spiritually and mentally for the rigors of the diaconate training program.

We worked for many years in the Marriage Encounter community and our local churches while God prepared both of us for this journey, until we moved to Grangeville 15 years ago. We once again read an article about the diaconate and thus began an incredible journey.

We would like to thank by name all those who supported and pushed along the way during these five plus years, but time and space does not allow. I do want to thank my wife and very best friend, Carolyn, for her love and support. This journey would not have been possible without her unconditional love and the abundant graces of our Sacrament of Matrimony.



**PHOTO WITH THE BISHOP**—Newly ordained Deacon Don Sokolowski, Grangeville, right, poses for a photo with Bishop Michael Driscoll, left, his wife Carolyn Sokolowski, Father Thomas Loucks, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville, and daughter Catherine.



**CALLING DOWN THE HOLY SPIRIT**—Bishop Michael Driscoll lays hands on the head of Thomas Dominick asking for the grace he needs as a deacon to serve Christ's church. (Photo by Clif Hampel)



**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**—Deacons James W. Herrett and John Hurley take the gifts to the altar during their ordination Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Twin Falls, Oct. 6. (Photo by Andy Arenz)



**'...PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH'**—Bishop Michael Driscoll presents the Book of Gospels to Deacon Pierce Murphy during the ordination Mass Oct. 7 at St. John's Cathedral. (Photo by Colette Cowman)



## Barbees, Boise, celebrate 50th

BOISE—Chase and Mary Lou Barbee, St. Mark's Parish, Boise, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 6 by renewing their wedding vows at a family Mass at Bishop Kelly High School chapel, Boise. Father Reginald Wilson presided.

Then friends and family gathered at a reception at the Gathering Place, which was hosted by their four children, Randy, Scott and Curt Barbee and Sharon Prindle.

The Barbees had already started their anniversary celebration in July when their family gathered at Rockaway Beach, Ore. to fish for salmon, go crabbing and play golf.

The Barbees were married Oct. 4, 1951,



at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, with Msgr. Nicholas Hughes officiating.

Mary Lou taught second grade for 34 years in the Boise School District. Almost all of those years were at Mountain View School.

Chase has been a realtor and broker for 45 years in Boise.

The Barbees, who love to travel, attend daily Mass at St. Mark's and belong to a small faith community, "Joyful Hearts." They also belong to the YMCA and take

active older adults aquatic classes three times a week. They are active in Retired Teachers and belong to a St. Marks and Holy Apostles Church pinochle club. Mary Lou also belongs to Alpha Delta Kappa, a teacher's sorority.



Cletus and Agnes Wemhoff

## Wemhoffs, Cottonwood, mark 60th anniversary

COTTONWOOD—Cletus and Agnes Wemhoff, Cottonwood, will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 3 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church at 10 a.m.

A reception is planned in the Cottonwood Community Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cletus and Agnes Schaeffer were married Nov. 4, 1941, at

Assumption Church in Ferdinand.

They still live on the farm that Cletus worked for many years. He is now retired, and Agnes is a "non retired" homemaker.

The Wemhoffs have three sons, four daughters, 18 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

## Prayers asked for Fr. Merle Fisher

The Diocese of Boise was recently informed that Father Merle Fisher, a Marist priest who served in the diocese for 11 years, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease—amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

Father Fisher, a native of Homedale, was ordained in 1960 as a Member of the Soci-

ety of Mary. He has served in several parishes in California and Hawaii, taught seminary and worked with spiritual renewal for second novitiate and the Marist community.

In Idaho, he was associate pastor at St. Paul's Church, Nampa, from 1979 to 1984 and

served as pastor from 1984 to 1990.

Father Fisher is presently in residence at Marist Center, 625 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94108-3210 for those who wish to send a card. His phone number is 415-398-3543.

Idaho Catholics are asked to hold Father Fisher up in prayer.

## Orofino parish plans Oktoberfest, concert Oct. 28 as fundraiser event

OROFINO—St. Theresa's Parish, Orofino, will host Oktoberfest and a concert Oct. 28 to help raise funds for a projected swimming pool complex for the community.

St. Theresa's will give a portion of their dinner proceeds to the Kiwanis project and free will donations given at the "Big Guys" concert will also go to the program.

The event is open to all.

The Oktoberfest will include an authentic German menu served in the Little Flower Room from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with entertainment throughout the day.

"Tiny" Cornish, Kamiah will entertain with German music on the accordion from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The style and sounds of Johnny Cash and Hank Williams gospel music will be played from 1 to 2 p.m. by

Orofino newcomer Dale Lisher on guitar.

A dynamic singing duo, Ted Leach and Merk Cannell, known as "The Big Guys" will perform in concert at 2 p.m. at St. Theresa's Little Flower Room. They offer a full program of music to appeal to all ages, including country, western, patriotic, popular oldies, show tunes and gospel music.

After the concert, everyone is invited back downstairs for more food and entertainment, this time with Ralph Haley's musicians playing western favorites.

The day promises fun for all ages. The meal will include genuine German sausage from Sonnen's of Greencreek. Baked goods and take outs will be available for sale.

Cost for the meal is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 with a family rate of \$25 for

families with three or more children.

In addition to sharing part of the proceeds for the pool project, St. Theresa's is earmarking portions to other charities, as well as the youth who will be working at Oktoberfest. The youth are raising money to attend World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada, next August.

Raffle tickets are available from St. Theresa's parishioners and Kiwanians. Prizes will range from a handmade queen-size quilt donated by Mary Konkol and a dinner club membership from Country Catering's new High Country Inn to a guided fishing trip from the Guide Shop and Clearwater Drifts and \$100 and \$50 cash prizes.

The drawing will take place at 4 p.m. the day of Ockoberfest. Winners need not be present to win.

## Defilippis to perform 'Maximilian' Oct. 29 at Our Lady of Lourdes

LEWISTON—Actor and producer Leonardo Defilippis will perform "Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz" at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lewiston, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

Admission is a free will offering.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe was imprisoned at the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. In 1941, Father Kolbe spontaneously came forward and took the place of a married man condemned to death by starvation. Forty-one years after that heroic act, Pope John Paul II canonized him.

"Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz is a one-man, live drama which includes set, lights, costumes and an original musical score.

Defilippis founded Saint Luke Productions, a non-profit charitable corporation which he runs with wife, Patti, to try to do something spiritual with his talents. His first drama was the



Leonardo Defilippis

Gospel of Luke. Since then, over 650,000 people in the U.S. Canada and Europe have seen his nine productions.

In Maximilian, he has condensed a heroic life into 90 minutes of gripping drama, which is suitable for ages 10 and up.

For more information contact Millie Schmidt, 743-6101.

## Mercy Housing Inc. assists with new Nampa shelter

NAMPA,—The Nampa Shelter Foundation broke ground Sept. 26 for the new Community Family Shelter to be built south of downtown at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

The shelter will provide up to 56 beds to serve homeless families, homeless children, and homeless single women, offering comprehensive case management and a wide range of supportive services.

These individuals currently have no permanent shelter facility available to them in Canyon County and eight adjoining counties in southwest Idaho, according to Connie Barnes, Mercy Housing Idaho.

The new shelter's goal is to help homeless women and families get back to self-sufficiency as well as to offer a safe place to stay, she said. Supportive services will help clients find permanent housing and jobs.

Shelter for single men will continue to be provided through other programs, including the Lighthouse shelter on Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard.

Developer for the project is Mercy Housing Idaho. Mercy Housing Idaho, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose corporate mission is to create and strengthen healthy communities through the provision of quality, affordable, service-enriched housing for individuals and families who are economically poor.

"Mercy Housing is honored to be part of a community effort with so many hard-working partners. These individuals, companies, and organizations reflect the spirit of Nampa and their concern for the well-being of others," said Mary Pridmore, vice president of Regional Development for Mercy Housing Idaho, Inc.

The completed facility will be operated by The Salvation Army.

A steering committee, composed of social service representatives, business, government and civic leaders first met in January 1999 to address the lack of shelter for homeless men, women, and children. In

February 2000, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donated the land. Since then, city officials and others from throughout the community have worked to find the financing for the \$1.2 million project.

Strong support from throughout the community helped raise the funds to bring the shelter to reality and to ensure that it will be well-run.

Financing for the shelter was made possible through many partners in the public and private sectors, including the Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

"We are committed to using financial resources when available to aid the City of Nampa in its mission to provide shelter for those in need, and we are elated," said Gerald Hunter, president and executive Director, "to have been part of a true model of collaboration in bringing this project to reality."

The new shelter is set for completion by spring of next year.



# La Comunidad

## El Evangelio

### La justicia de Dios

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez

Lc. 18, 1-8.

El problema del mal en el mundo ha inquietado siempre al hombre de fe. El libro del Génesis nos habla de los estragos que causó este mal en nuestros primeros padres y las consecuencias para toda la humanidad. El libro de Job se pregunta el porqué la gente buena sufre y los malvados muchas de las veces "se salen con la suya." Muchos hayan difícil creer en Dios. En el Dios bueno y justo, liberador de los oprimidos. La realidad de la injusticia, la miseria, la explotación son una prueba difícil de resolver. ¿Cómo creer en un Dios justo en esta situación? Parece que los pobres y los débiles están abandonados; hay como un "silencio" de Dios ante todo esto.

Sabemos que la causa del mal no está en Dios, sino en los hombres pecadores, en el pecado incrustado en la sociedad. Dios determinó intervenir en la historia



humana de una forma nueva y definitiva enviando a su Hijo: *Nos arrancó del poder de las tinieblas y nos trasladó al Reino de su Hijo amado. En él nos encontramos liberados y pedonados*, Col. 1,13. Jesús vió su misión liberadora como una lucha contra el poder de Satanás y el mal en todas sus posibles formas y demostró que la bondad es definitivamente más poderosa que el mal. *En cambio, quienes pecan pertenecen al Diablo, porque el Diablo es pecador desde el principio: Pero el Hijo de Dios ha venido para deshacer las obras del Diablo*, 1 Juan 3, 8. Por lo tanto, aunque el mal todavía existe, ciertamente ha sido superado en su raíz por Cristo en su muerte y resurrección. A causa de Cristo, tenemos la promesa segura de que en la historia el bien superará al mal, aunque en la misma forma desconcertante, pasando por la cruz.

En la parábola del juez injusto y de la viuda explotada, Jesús quiere confirmar nuestra fe en la voluntad de justicia del Padre, aunque sus caminos no sean los nuestros. El Reino de Dios que Cristo trae a nuestro mundo, implica una lucha. San Marcos describe muy claramente esta

lucha entre Jesús y el mal, entre el Hijo de Dios y los poderes demoníacos. Estos poderes saben muy bien que la misión de Jesús en San Marcos se ve claramente como una batalla y confrontación con Satanás que da principio con la narración de las tentaciones, se intensifica a través de su ministerio y llega a su climax en la hora de la pasión y la cruz.

Sin embargo la justicia de Dios no llega en forma mágica. Si el mal y la injusticia han sido causados por los hombres, el bien y la justicia también lo es el hecho de que la injusticia pasa por nuestras manos. Nos corresponde por lo tanto ponernos manos a la obra y corresponder a ese Dios que solo quiere nuestro bienestar: *¿De qué me sirve la multitud de sacrificios? Déjense de traerme ofrendas inútiles; ¡El incienso me causa horror! Dejen de hacer el mal, y aprendan a hacer el bien. Busquen la justicia, den sus derechos al oprimido...* Is. 1, 11-17.

Todo el ministerio de Jesús gira en torno a restablecer las relaciones sobre las cuales se fundó la Alianza. La imagen de un Dios compasivo que Jesús entiende su

misión en términos de justicia. Y cuando vemos a Jesús darnos a su mismo Padre, entendemos todo lo que esto implica al considerarnos miembros de una sola familia, y al decirnos que nuestra oración no quedará sin respuesta.

Nosotros los cristianos debemos actuar anunciando a un Dios justo y liberador, como lo hicieron los profetas del Antiguo Testamento, como lo han hecho los profetas de la Nueva Alianza desde que Cristo nos dijo: *Sean compasivos como vuestro Padre del cielo es compasivo*, Lc. 6, 36. La oración de nosotros cristianos deber ser histórica, debe presionar, como la viuda del Evangelio de hoy, para que se haga justicia, para que "el Reino de Dios venga."

Que nuestras acciones hagan más creíble al Dios de justicia.

*El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.*

## Católico defiende tu fe VI

### La Biblia Tesoro De Los Catolicos

Por Martín Zavala A.P. Respuestas bíblicas:

Sr. Zavala. Tengo amigos,

soy católico y me gusta leer la Biblia, pero me gustaría que explicaran por qué es importante que nosotros lo católicos la leamos y también si pueden hablar algo sobre quien la formó y si es cierto que la Iglesia Católica prohibía leerla?



Estimado Hno. Gracias por tu llamada y por este medio respondo a tus inquietudes:

A. Construyendo con un Plano: La Biblia.

Cuando uno compra una televisión, un refrigerador, una grabadora y muchas cosas mas, la gran mayoría de ellos viene siempre con un instructivo o manual. La razón es muy sencilla y al mismo tiempo es muy importante: si se le quiere dar un buen uso y sacar el máximo de provecho a l aparato es totalmente indispensable leer las instrucciones.

¿Se da cuenta que estamos hablando de un simple aparato eléctrico? Si esto es necesario hacerlo con un objeto con mucha mayor razón es necesario conocer el manual que Dios nos ha dejado para llevarnos a la salvación. Esto es urgente para poder disfrutar la vida cristiana como verdaderos hijos de Dios. Hay que recuperar de una manera real el valor de la Sagrada Escritura en nuestra vida diaria. El católico ver-

dadero del siglo XXI será un hombre que conozca, ame, viva y predique con profundidad la Palabra de Dios.

¿No será esta una de las razones por las que las cosas no funcionan tan bien en la familia, en el ministerio y en nuestra vida personal? ¿No será que estamos dejando a un lado el manual de instrucciones que el Señor nos dio? Por eso es sumamente importante que leamos y nos empapemos del manual o plano para nuestra vida: La Palabra de Dios en la Sagrada Escritura.

¿Se nos habrá olvidado que para construir una casa es necesario tener y seguir el plano?

B. Origen y buen Uso del Manual.

Sobre el supuesto hecho de que la Iglesia Católica prohibía leer la Biblia en realidad hay mucho de exageración, de malentendido y de falta de conocimiento sobre ese aspecto. Comprobemos esto:

1. Fue la Iglesia Católica la que reunió y estableció el canon de la Biblia en el Año 382, 393 y 397. Allí se reunieron obispos con el Papa en el sínodo de Roma, el concilio de Hipona y el concilio de Cartago sucesivamente. Allí la Iglesia Católica decidió que solamente serían 27 los libros del Nuevo Testamento.

2. Un sacerdote católico, San Jerónimo, la tradujo de las lenguas originales Hebreo, Griego y Arameo al latín que era la lengua del pueblo. Precisamente para tener un acceso mas fácil a su lectura.

3. Durante mucho siglos, hasta antes de la invención de

la imprenta, fueron los Monjes católicos que durante siglos hicieron las copias a mano de toda la Biblia.

4. Un cardenal católico, Stephen Langdon, colabora en la división de capítulos y versículos de la Sagrada Escritura.

5. Además ya en el siglo VI el mismo San Jerónimo decía: "desconocer las Escrituras es desconocer a Cristo."

Así que en la Iglesia Católica no se prohibió la Biblia, pues ni siquiera había Biblia en los primeros siglos y no existió la imprenta hasta el siglo XV. Si no le hubiera interesado no hubiera hecho todo lo que mencionamos anteriormente. Resumiendo esto podemos afirmar que es la Iglesia Católica la que le da vida. Lo que sucedió realmente es que no se recomendaba que

se leyera si no se estaba seguro que alguien con suficiente conocimiento ayudara en su comprensión, pues se pensaba que iba a producirse confusión y sectarismo, cosa que si pasó por una mala interpretación del texto sagrado. Hay concilios, encíclicas, teólogos y santos que durante siglos han hablado sobre la importancia del conocimiento de la Biblia.

Aquí el problema no es el valor y promoción que el magisterio de la Iglesia Católica le da a la Sagrada Escritura, ni la profundidad de los estudios que actualmente se realizan. No. Ahí todo está bien. El problema radica que en la práctica, en la pastoral, en lo concreto, muchos católicos no la tienen constantemente en sus manos. Esto es lo que hay que cambiar. Es por

eso que en el documento Tertio Milennio adveniente el Papa Juan Pablo II nos dice:

"Es necesario que los cristianos, sobre todo durante este año, vuelvan con renovado interés a la Sagrada Escritura..." (Cfr. No. 40 )

Termino diciéndote que te felicito por leer la Biblia y estudiarla en tu parroquia. Ojalá que cada día haya más personas como tú para poder ser un auténtico católico del siglo XXI.

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**CASAS EN BELICE ARRASADAS POR TORMENTA** — Un hombre camina al lado de la destrucción dejada por el huracán Iris el 9 de octubre en Placencia, Belice. La tormenta dejó por lo menos 18 personas muertas

cuando una embarcación que transportaba buceadores norteamericanos se hundió al sur de la ciudad de Belice. (Foto CNS de Reuters)



# El director de los obispos de EE.UU. le dice a Bush que la acción militar era necesaria

ROMA (CNS) — En una carta al president George W. Bush, el director de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE.UU. (USCCB) dijo que la acción militar en Afganistán era lamentable pero necesaria y exhortó a continuar con los esfuerzos para proteger vidas civiles.

El director de la USCCB, obispo Joseph A. Fiorenza de Galveston-Houston, dijo que después de los fatales ataques terroristas del 11 septiembre, era claro que “nuestra nación y el mundo debía responder.”

“Subscribo el mérito de los pasos tomados para formular una respuesta utilizando medios diplomáticos, económicos y humanitarios, como también militares,” dijo el obispo Fiorenza el 9 de octubre en su carta. Se dio a conocer el 10 de octubre en Roma, en donde el obispo Fiorenza asistía al sínodo de obispos.

La carta se dio a conocer dos días después de que los EE.UU. empezaron el fuerte bombardeo de objetivos seleccionados en Afganistán, de cuyo dirigente, el régimen de Talibán, se sospecha que dé abrigo a grupos terroristas.

El obispo Fiorenza alabó al presidente

por tratar de presentar una “sabia, justa y efectiva respuesta,” apoyada por la conferencia de obispos después de los ataques terroristas.

“Continúo apoyando sus esfuerzos para asegurar que la acción militar, a pesar de ser lamentable, estará organizada y será llevada a cabo evitando pérdidas de civiles,” Bishop Fiorenza dijo.

Refiriéndose a la ayuda de emergencia de comida y otras provisiones lanzadas desde el aire en partes de Afganistán, el obispo Fiorenza dijo que los esfuerzos humanitarios para ayudar a la gente afghana “eran especialmente bienvenidos.”

El dijo que también apreciaba los esfuerzos del presidente para poner totalmente en claro que “esta necesaria respuesta estaba dirigida contra los que usan el terror, como también los que los ayudan, y no en contra de la gente afghana o cualquier otro grupo religioso en particular.”

El obispo Fiorenza dijo que en un contexto más amplio quería hacer hincapié en la urgencia de encontrar una justa paz al conflicto israelí-palestino, que él dijo era de particular interés para la conferencia de obispos.



**MUJERES PAKISTANAS REZAN ANTE LA ESTATUA DE LA VIRGEN MARIA** — Mujeres católicas rezan cerca de una estatua de María y de Cristo Niño en la iglesia de San Miguel en Peshawar, Pakistán, el 7 de octubre, día en que los EE.UU. lanzaron ataques nocturnos en contra de objetivos

militares y campos de entrenamiento de terroristas en Afganistán. Dirigentes católicos de Pakistán dijeron que las acciones estaban justificadas pero temían consecuencias para la minoría cristiana del país. (Foto CNS por Martin Lueders)

# Obispos texanos a favor de legalización y salud para inmigrantes

AUSTIN, Texas (CNS) — Interpretaciones de la ley que restringen a las personas que no son ciudadanos de recibir cuidado de salud respaldadas por el gobierno son miopes tanto bajo el punto de vista humanitario como fiscal, dijeron los obispos católicos de Texas en una nueva declaración publicada por la Conferencia Católica de Texas en Austin.

En la declaración del 8 de octubre, los 21 obispos de Texas también les pidieron a los dirigentes electos que adopten medidas que les permitan a las personas que han vivido ilegalmente en el país largos periodos de tiempo regularizar su estado de inmigración.

El negarles cuidado de salud preventivo y primario a las personas que no son ciudadanos, dijeron, “les

creará extrema dificultad y al final les forzará a estos hombres, mujeres y niños a buscar cuidado de salud en las salas de emergencia a través del estado, claramente la forma más cara de cuidado de salud.”

Encomiaron al representante Gene Green, demócrata por Texas, por presentar un proyecto de ley federal que les permitiría a los estados la opción de proveer cobertura de cuidado de salud a inmigrantes legales bajo Medicaid y a niños en programas con seguro de salud. Leyes de inmigración y bienestar social aprobadas en 1996 terminaron con la cobertura para inmigrantes legales bajo esos programas. Green se contaba entre una docena de los funcionarios originales que apoyaron el proyecto de ley presentado en marzo.

Los obispos también exhortaron al president Bush y al Congreso “a establecer procedimientos por medio de los cuales los hombres y mujeres que han comprobado que han sido miembros productivos de la sociedad puedan regularizar su estado migratorio y realizar el sueño americano el cual muchos de nuestros ancestros vinieron a esta nación a alcanzar.”

Concluyeron, “Exhortamos a todos los hombres y mujeres de buena voluntad, especialmente a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la fe, a que consideren estos asuntos tan importantes y les urgimos a que les pidan a nuestros representantes oficiales elegidos que pongan en práctica estos remedios.”

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# Social justice conference encourages involvement

POCATELLO—St. John's Catholic Center at the Idaho State University sponsored a Catholic Social Justice Conference, Sept. 21-22.

An overview of Catholic social teaching with the theme "Helping Those Who Need It Most" was designed to elicit a response by those in attendance to become more involved in local, state, national and international issues.

The Planning Committee consisted of Zachary Collins, chair, and Greg O Bray, Melanie Swenson, Sister Helene Higgins, CSJ and Sister Mary Terese Tracy, RSM.

The video tape "Romero" was shown followed by discussion.

The next day a video tape presentation of Catholic social justice teachings prepared by the Catholic Health Association was followed by a talk by Chuck Skoro, professor and campus minister at Boise State University.

Skoro presented challenge to base our actions on the Catholic social justice teachings and statements of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. He referenced the concept of "Just war" and emphasized the necessity to carefully

consider our response to the recent terrorists attacks on the U.S. He also provided "A Catholic Framework for Economic Life," published by the bishops in 1997.

Sister Mary Terese Tracy, member of the Sisters of Mercy, focused on the national and international justice issues that are being addressed through education and lobbying efforts of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. She pointed out that involvement with people living in poverty soon brings about the understanding of the vital necessity of keeping in touch with elected leaders.

"These contacts are necessary in order to give input to their decision-making since many government officials and legislators have little opportunity to know first hand the needs of the poor here in the U.S. and worldwide," she said.

An afternoon session focused on opportunities to assist through direct service as volunteers on local, national and international levels. A panel of volunteers described how their experience had changed their lives and deepened their faith and desire to be of service to

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others. Participants on the panel were: Melanie Swenson, social worker for Idaho Youth Ranch, who volunteered for a year in the poorest areas of Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Passionist Lay Missionaries; Zachary Collins, graduate student at Idaho State University, who volunteered for a year on an island off Alaska with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; Cathy Coffey, currently active in volunteering in prison ministry at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Facility; and Jim Holden, Henry Krewer and Kathy Krewer, all active volunteers in the "Harsh and

Dreadfuls," a political action group in Boise. Both Krewers have also served as volunteers in Alaska.

A second panel of Non-Profit Organizations described their services and encouraged those present to assist them by volunteering. Participants on the panel were: South East Idaho Community Action Agency (services to the elderly in a seven county area); Family Services Alliance (services for victims of domestic violence); Crop Walk (addresses hunger); Aid for Friends (multifaceted services to the homeless in-

cluding shelter, transitional housing, counseling, coordination of community groups who serve the needy, etc.) Big Brother Big Sister of SouthEast Idaho (programs to support youth); St. Vincent de Paul Society (provides food, clothing, financial assistance to needy).

Throughout the day, discussion followed the presentations and positive feedback encouraged St. John's Campus Ministry Social Justice Team to provide not only an annual event, but also monthly social justice presentations for Idaho State University Students and the Pocatello-Chubbuck community.

Efforts will continue to promote Justice Idaho, a state Catholic Social Justice Lobby sponsored by the three Idaho University Catholic Campus Ministries.

## Notre Dame professor to speak on genetics Oct. 22 at BSU

BOISE—University of Notre Dame Professor Harvey Bender will discuss stem cell research, human cloning and genetic engineering Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Boise State University Special Events Center, which is connected to the Student Union Building on University Drive.

Bender is a professor of biological sciences and human genetics and director of Notre Dame's Human Genetics Program.

The Notre Dame Club of Idaho is hosting the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

For further information contact Scott Curtis, 345-5050.

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# Idaho Falls students join pledge across U.S.

IDAHO FALLS—Holy Rosary School students, teachers, and parents, Idaho Falls, joined in a synchronized Pledge of Allegiance with other schools across the U.S. on Friday, Oct. 12, at 12 p.m.

The “Pledge Across America” was organized by Celebration USA, a nonprofit organization created to

strengthen instruction on the basic principles of American democracy in America’s classrooms and the U.S. Department of Education.

Organizers of the event hoped to send a loud and powerful message around the world: America is “one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”



**SYNCHRONIZED PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**—Holy Rosary School students, Idaho Falls, join others across the U.S. in a synchronized Pledge of Allegiance. The event was meant to send the message that America is “one nation under God....” (Photo by Sheri Barnes)



**CARE PACKAGES**—St. Mark’s School second grade Brownie Girl Scout Troop prepares care packages recently to send to 14 Catholic 2nd grade Brownie troops in Staten Island, N.Y. The care packages were a gesture of friendship

and concern after the terrorist attacks Sept. 11. St. Mark’s fourth grade Webelo Cub Scouts decorated and placed cans in each classroom to collect “pocket change.” They collected \$125 for terrorist relief efforts.

## Navy hero memorialized at Nampa Mass

NAMPA—The Nampa Catholic community hosted a Memorial Mass at St. Paul’s Church, Nampa, Oct. 6 for Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Ronald James Vauk that many felt was befitting of a hero

Vauk was one of two Idahoans who was killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. He was serving his second day as the watch commander at the Naval Command Center.

Father Jerry Funke celebrated the Mass that was attended by more than 600 people.

High ranking representatives of the Navy were there. A plaque, signed by President Bush, was displayed on a table at the back of the church. It read: “The United States of America honors the memory of Ronald James Vauk. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States.”

Speakers included Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and representatives of U.S. Sen. Larry Craig

and Re. C.L. “Butch” Otter.

In his homily, Father Funke encouraged the congregation to follow Vauk’s example in “a difficult time for our nation. We are facing great challenges. We ask what we can do at such a time. My answer is, do what Ron did. Be at your post diligently and perform your duties, no matter what the personal cost is to yourself.”

Vauk was buried in Arlington National Cemetery the weekend before the Memorial Mass.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**PRESBYTERAL CONVOCATION**—Father Andy Schumacher, Cottonwood, wraps up this year's Presbyteral Convocation at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise. Theme for the Oct. 22-25

convocation was "Renewing Priestly Identity." More than 60 Idaho priests participated. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)



**TWO KNOWN TEASES**—Father Mark Schumacher, left, Moscow, and Father Dick Haldane, Lewiston, sit on a bench in the cathedral vestibule bantoring back and forth while waiting for the Jubilee Mass to start. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)

## Idaho priests share stories, renew identity

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

BOISE—About 60 of Idaho's priests came away from their Oct. 22-25 Presbyteral Convocation at Nazareth

Retreat Center, Boise, with renewed hope and optimism and feelings of affirmation.

The convocation theme was "Renewing Priestly Identity." Father Rob-

ert Pearson, Spokane, and Father Roy Persich, CM, Santa Barbara, Calif., were facilitators for the week. The planning committee included Father Andy Schumacher, chairman, Father Joe daSilva, Father Bill Taylor, Father Mark Schumacher, Father John Worster, and Father Les Kish.

"It was good to hear the stories of the other priests and to see that Christ is still very active in our lives," said Father Jerry Funke, St. Paul's Parish, Nampa.

Father Bill Gould, St. George's, Post Falls, said the convocation left him with "renewed hope for the future and a realization that God works with whatever number of priests we've got."

For Father William Crowley, Christ the King Parish, Idaho Falls, the gathering was "very refreshing."

"The priests were actively participating," he said. "The process allowed us to really share, to get it all out. Everyone felt very comfortable."

Father Crowley said there was very little grumbling, and he and his fellow priests laughed a lot and had a good time. He said his own small group, in discussing their image of priesthood, started out talking about earthen vessels and then decided they were more like "cracked pots."

Father daSilva said the convocation experience was an opportunity for the priests to stop what they normally do and get away from their responsibility and come together as peers to reflect on

their experience "as men who are Christian, men who are Catholic and men who are priests."

"We came together to listen and learn from one another without feeling that any of us have to be responsible for the group we were in," he said.

Father daSilva said the activities and discussion during the week was "very affirming." He especially liked the image that came up through a quote from St. Augustine who said, "Proclaim the gospel always, and if absolutely necessary, use words." He said it was good for him to realize again that each of us, not just priests, can proclaim the gospel in all we do in our daily lives. He noted that all of us every day catch glimpses of grace in others as they work or even walk down the street.

"It is a very powerful, simple concept," said Father daSilva.

At the end of the convocation, Father Jairo Restrepo, as a gift from the Vocations Office, showed a video that a friend helped him develop that included photos of many of the priests as they went about their ministry. He collected the photos by writing to parish secretaries. In the background the music to the song, "Thank You for Giving to the Lord" played. The slides were interspersed with children and adults witnessing about why they appreciate their pastors or other priests in their lives and how important they are to them.

Father Restrepo, who is on the dioc-

(See 'Convocation,' page 19)

### ICR renewal envelopes in this issue

Nov. 4 is IDAHO CATHOLIC REGISTER SUNDAY. Theme for the campaign is: "Help Renew the Mind of the Media. Read the ICR."

Idaho Catholic Register readers will find their renewal envelope in the fold of this issue. The cost is \$15. Readers are asked to put their envelopes in their parish collection basket.

This year, Bishop Michael Driscoll has asked that when Idaho Catholics renew their ICR subscription they also consider signing the U.S. bishops' "Renew the Mind of the Media" Pledge.

In their statement, "Renewing the Mind of the Media: A Statement on Overcoming the Exploitation of Sex and Violence in Communications," the bishops reminded people of the great potential the media has to bring truth and beauty into our lives. They ask that we encourage the media in its goal and discourage harmful uses.

The bishops encourage everyone to pray for all who work in the media—print, television, radio, film, video, telephone, cable services, advertising and the Internet-- and encourage them to give glory to God and eliminate everything that diminishes our appreciation of God's image in creation.

Bishop Driscoll believes the ICR "is a wonderful example of print media that promotes good values, supports us in our faith, inspires us to follow the gospel message and make good life decisions."

"That is why I ask that every Catholic family in the state make sure that the Idaho Catholic Register is in your home," he said. "And while you are renewing your subscription, please also sign the Renewing the Mind of the Media Pledge." (See pledge form, page 9 this issue)

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**Pope urges families to push for protective legislation**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Warning that the future of humanity was at stake, Pope John Paul II urged families to push for legislation protecting and promoting their unique, central role in society. He said when the family founded on matrimony is equated with “other forms of affective unions,” like cohabiting or homosexual couples, “the social structure itself and its juridical base are threatened.” The pope made his remarks during an Oct. 20 family celebration in St. Peter’s Square organized by the Italian bishops’ conference. More than 40,000 Italians attended the evening event, which was broadcast live on national television.

**Professor says economic fallout from Sept. 11 not yet known**

KINGSTON, R.I. (CNS) — It is still too soon to judge the long-range impact of the World Trade Center attacks on the economy, said Leonard Lardaro, a University of Rhode Island economics professor. If a recession does take place, he doesn’t expect that it will be long-lasting, “probably just extending through this quarter and into the first economic quarter of 2002.” In an interview with The Providence Visitor, newspaper of the Providence Diocese, Lardaro said he expects the nation’s economy to receive added fiscal boosts through spending in the defense and intelligence sectors. He said the crisis that led to an immediate economic downturn after Sept. 11 ultimately may prevent the United States from entering a recession.

**Terrorism no excuse for return of apartheid laws, say officials**

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (CNS) — South African church officials have expressed concern that proposed anti-terrorism legislation is reminiscent of apartheid-era laws. “Our experiences under apartheid have made us very cautious of bringing back anti-terror laws,” said Felicity Harrison, a researcher with the parliamentary liaison office. The Anti-Terrorism Bill, spawned out of urban terror campaigns in Cape Town in the late 1990s, has been criticized for its curbing of civil liberties. “We have to be careful about introducing legislation that curtails civil liberties because, once taken away, they are very difficult to bring back,” Harrison said in a mid-October interview.

**World Youth Day organizers announce enhanced security for event**

TORONTO (CNS) — Participants in World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto can expect an increase in security at the biennial international event in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, organizers said. Basilian Father Tom Rosica, World Youth Day national director, told Catholic News Service that the governments of Ontario and Toronto have increased security and intelligence staff assigned to World Youth Day, scheduled for July 23-28. “We have been given every assurance that all levels of security will be at their highest for this worldwide event of peace and harmony,” Father Rosica said. World Youth Day is expected to attract at least 750,000 people, ages 16-35, to Toronto.

**No document compares to U.S. Constitution, says Justice Scalia**

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — In all the world, no document compares to the U.S. Constitution, said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. It was the Constitution that defines U.S. residents as Americans, Scalia said Oct. 12 during opening ceremonies for the University of St. Thomas School of Law in downtown Minneapolis. The law school opened in August with 120 students. “We have been under one constitution for a century longer” than most countries, he said. “France has gone through five constitutions” while the United States has existed continually under one, he said.

**Guarding its interests, Salvadoran town monitors U.S. news**

INTIPUCA, El Salvador (CNS) — Salvadoran shopkeeper Santiago Navarrete and his neighbors have been following the news from the United States since Sept. 11. “If things get worse in the U.S. and our sons can’t get work, or they lose their jobs, then we’ll all be affected here for sure,” said Navarrete, 80. Four of his six children have lived in the United States for the past 15 years; they fled El Salvador’s 12-year civil war and the economic crisis that followed. Because of the money they earned and sent home, Navarrete and his wife have built up their own well-stocked grocery store. “We couldn’t have done it without them,” Navarrete told Catholic News Service.

**Pope beatifies Quattrocchis, first married couple ever**

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — For the first time in the church’s history, Pope John Paul II beatified a married couple and said their lives as spouses and as parents were models for all Christians.

At a joyous liturgy in St. Peter’s Basilica Oct. 21, the pope declared as “blessed” Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi, a lawyer and homemaker who lived in Rome in the first part of the 20th century. They raised four children.

Three of the children still survive and attended the beatification ceremony; two are priests, and they concelebrated the Mass with the pope.

The pope said the step toward sainthood for the Quattrocchi couple marked an important event for the whole church.

“The richness of faith and married love shown by Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi is a living demonstration of what the Second Vatican Council said about all the faithful being called to holiness,” the pope said in a sermon.

“They lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way,” showing that sainthood for married couples is “possible and beautiful,” he said. They built their spiritual strength on simple practices like the daily Eucharist, devotion to Mary, praying the rosary and meetings with spiritual advisers, he said.

The pope praised the couple in particular for their openness to having children. In fact, Maria had her fourth child, Enrichetta, against the advice of doctors, who had recommended an abortion because the mother’s life was seriously endangered by the pregnancy. The birth was difficult but the mother lived another 41 years. Enrichetta survives today and sat near the altar during the liturgy.

The pontiff said the couple’s holiness was evident in the way they educated their children, guiding them along a spiritual path that led, eventually, to priestly or religious vocations for three of the four children.

The pope said he was sure that the holiness of the newly beatified also could be found in the daily lives of many other married couples who are trying to be good husbands and wives and good parents.

He said he recognized that



Luigi and Maria Quattrocchi

married life was “not easy” and had its moments of disorientation and crisis.

“We know how many families in such situations are tempted by discouragement. I am thinking in particular of those who experience the drama of separation. I am thinking of those who face illness and those suffering from the early death of a spouse or child,” he said.

Luigi Quattrocchi was born in southern Italy in 1880, and Maria was born in Florence in 1884. They met in 1899 and soon began a courtship that was documented in their love letters, which ex-

pressed their passionate love for each other as well as deep religious sentiments.

They married in 1905 and within four years had three children. Luigi was a lawyer and civil servant in Rome, while Maria wrote pedagogical articles and books from her home.

The couple was known among church circles for their help to political dissidents under fascism. They joined a number of church-run charity and social organizations.

Luigi died in 1951. After dedicating her final years to prayer, Maria died in 1965.

**Americans asked to be part of day of remembrance, kindness**

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio (CNS) — The Acts of Kindness Association has called U.S. churches, temples and mosques to participate in a “National Day of Remembrance and Kindness” Nov. 11, two months after the terrorist attacks on the United States.

About 10,000 houses of worship have responded to the call from the Ohio-based organization. Leaders of those faith communities plan to give a sermon or talk about the importance of displaying godly kindness to people and loving one’s neighbors as oneself.

The Nov. 11 celebration is designed to “create both a kinder, gentler America and a permanent, living memorial to those who died so tragically on Sept. 11,” according to the Acts of Kindness Association, a nonprofit, nondenominational organization.

“Instead of pulling our nation apart as the terrorists expected, the madness they wrought upon America served only to bind us inexplicably closer together,” the organization said in a statement. “Americans rushed in waves to blood centers. With tears in their eyes, we said ‘God bless you!’ to local firefighters as we dropped donations in their ‘boot.’ God was once more welcome in our nation’s businesses, classrooms and homes. Overnight we became ‘a kinder gentler America.’”

The organization also is asking individuals to sign and live out a “Vow of Kindness Pledge” that can be found on its Web site at [www.keepthekindnessgoing.org](http://www.keepthekindnessgoing.org).

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## Fr. Richard Paperini named president of Mt. Angel Seminary

ST. BENEDICT, Ore.—Father Richard Paperini was recently named president-rector of Mount Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore.

As president-rector, Father Paperini will oversee the operation of both the graduate School of Theology as well as the College of Liberal Arts.

Mount Angel Seminary serves 26 dioceses, including Idaho, and eight religious communities throughout the United States, Canada and the nations of the Pacific. The seminary has 166 seminarians enrolled this year and more than 40 lay and religious men and women.

Father Paperini came to Mount Angel Seminary eight years ago as a teacher and spiritual director. He has also served as formation director and director of spiritual life. In June he was named liturgical formation director, and acting administrator in July. He will serve as the eighth president-rector and 31<sup>st</sup> rector in the seminary's 113 years of service to the Church.

Father Paperini's appointment comes after the departure of Father Patrick Brennan who served in the same role for 10 years before going to the North

American College in Rome to serve as spiritual director. Abbot Nathan Zodrow, the former administrator, was elected as the leader of this Benedictine community this past summer.

Father Paperini is committed to supporting and improving upon the formation of men for the priesthood. "It is imperative that seminarians today be formed personally, spiritually, pastorally and academically if they are going to serve passionately as priests," he said.

He wants to see the seminary continue to develop academic programs of excellence. His open-door policy is reflective of his commitment to serve as pastor to the students and advocate of the faculty and staff of the seminary.

The diversity of the students is one of the characteristics of Mount Angel Seminary that Father Paperini has come to cherish. The student body consists of Anglos, Hispanics, Samoans, Vietnamese, Koreans, Africans, Colombians, Portuguese, and Filipinos, Hungarians and Swiss. Each brings his own traditions and culture to the hilltop, a reflection of the true Universal Church.

## Msgr. Nicholas Hughes dies in Ireland

*Editor's note: It has come to our attention that the obituary of Msgr. Nicholas Hughes, who died June 12, 2001, did not get into the Idaho Catholic Register. Notification of his death reached the ICR after we had gone to press with the last issue of June. The ICR does not publish in July. Although the editor did write an obituary and placed it in several Idaho daily newspapers on June 14, placing the obituary in the ICR when it resumed publication in August was overlooked. Out of honor and respect for Msgr. Hughes and for our readers we publish his obituary here now.*



Msgr. Nicholas V. Hughes

Msgr. Nicholas V. Hughes, 82, a retired priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise who served as chancellor from 1953 to 1965, died in Johnstown, County Kilkenny, Ireland, June 12, 2001.

Monsignor served the Diocese of Boise nearly 40 years before he retired in 1983. He and his twin brother, Father Martin Hughes, who died in December, 1999, were among a group from Ireland who were ordained for the Idaho Catholic Church and arrived in Idaho in the mid 1940s.

Msgr. Hughes was born in County Kilkenny on Nov. 14, 1918. He attended

seminary in Ireland and was ordained there in Jan. 30, 1944. He did post-graduate work at St. Edward Seminary, Seattle, Wash. His pastoral assignments in the Diocese of Boise included assistant at St. Anthony's, Greencreek; assistant at St. John's Cathedral, 1945 to 1952; administrator at Sacred Heart Parish, Emmett; pastor at St. Peter's, Preston, 1952-53; chaplain at St. Alphonsus Hospital, Boise, 1953-65 and chancellor of the Diocese of Boise, 1953-65.

Monsignor was named rector of St. John's Cathedral, Boise, in 1964 and served there until his appointment as pastor of St. James Parish, Lewiston, in 1974. He retired and returned to Ireland in 1983 where he lived with his brother and assisted in local parishes. Pope John XXIII elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Rev. Monsignor on Oct. 16, 1959.

Msgr. Hughes' special diocesan appointments and honors included dean of the Boise Deanery, defender for the Matrimonial Tribunal, diocesan consultor, examiner and parish priest consultant, director of nurses and hospital director, director of Catholic Physicians' Guild, and Diocesan Personnel Board member.

## Coeur d'Alene Knights receive Civic and Star Council awards

COEUR D'ALENE—Mike Anderson, 2000-2001 head of the bishop Kelly Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Fourth

Degree, received the international organization's Civic Award Oct. 20 from state leader Ray Sobrowski at St. Thomas

Center, Coeur d'Alene.

The award was for "outstanding implementation of patriotic programming."

"Receiving this is quite an honor, since our group is the only recipient in the State of Idaho," said Anderson in accepting the award. There were 432 such awards given interna-

tionally.

The St. Thomas Council of the Knights of Columbus received the Star Council Award for meeting or exceeding goals established by the organization's headquarters in New Haven, Conn.

State Deputy Dan Anthony, Pocatello, presented the award to the local council's 2000-2001

leader, Len McLean at a special meeting at St. Thomas Center, Coeur d'Alene, Oct. 20.

The award recognized the local group's activities in the area of community service, such as assisting the needy and elderly.

The Coeur d'Alene group was one of three councils in the state to receive this national award.



**CIVIC AWARD**—State District Master Ray Sobrowski, left, congratulates Mike Anderson, Coeur d'Alene, Bishop Kelly Fourth Degree Assembly faithful navigator, for winning the Civic Award for outstanding implementation of patriotic programming. State Deputy Dan Anthony, Pocatello, right, was in Coeur d'Alene to help present several awards. (Photo by Len McLean)

### OFFICIAL

**Bishop Michael P. Driscoll has ordained the following Permanent Deacons on the date noted and made their assignments as follows:**

**Oct. 7, 2001: Deacon Thomas Brian Dominick**, to serve at Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Boise.

**Oct 7, 2001: Deacon Clifton J. (CJ) Harris**, to serve at Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian.

**Oct. 7, 2001: Deacon Francis J. Hess, Jr.**, to serve at St. Mark's Parish, Boise.

**Oct. 6, 2001: Deacon James W. Herrett**, to serve at St. Edward the Confessor, Twin Falls.

**Oct. 7, 2001: Deacon R. Rapelyea Howell**, to serve at St. Mary's Parish, Boise.

**Oct. 6, 2001: Deacon John Joseph Hurley**, to serve at St. Edward the Confessor, Twin Falls.

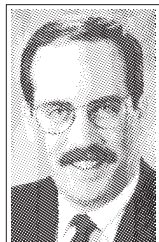
**Oct. 7, 2001: Deacon Pierce Murphy**, to serve at Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise.

**Oct. 7, 2001: Deacon Charles Leslie Skoro**, to serve at Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise.

**Oct. 13, 2001: Deacon Donald Michael Sokolowski**, to serve at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Grangeville.

**Effective Oct. 1, 2001: Father Robert Finucane**, parochial vicar St. Mary's, Grangeville is granted permission to retire.

**Very Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, M.S.W., D.D.**  
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# Please remember the needs of poor in Idaho

Thank you to all the people and parishes that contributed so generously to the terrible disaster of Sept. 11. Our diocese has collected over \$175,000 for Catholic Charities USA to help the victims of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania.

Catholic Charities USA participates in the national network of disaster agencies that work together to respond to many kinds of disasters throughout the nation. God will surely bless our compassionate response at this time of serious national need.

At this time, I would also remind you not to forget that our state and local needs remain very great. Please remember the needs of the poor and vulnerable in Idaho by giving generously to Catholic Charities of Idaho and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Basic necessities of life, such as housing, utility payments, and medications, become more difficult for many to afford as unemployment grows, and our St. Vincent de Paul conferences need your help to meet these needs.

*Just  
A  
Thought...*



**By Bishop Michael P. Driscoll**

Catholic Charities of Idaho needs your help to enable us to provide skilled social services throughout the diocese, to support the development of parish social ministry, and to work for social justice in our public laws and policies. Many people, especially young, poor families, need the more long-term assistance that Catholic Charities provides, to become

independent and to provide good care for their children. Others receive help to deal with severe crises, such as death, divorce or parent-child conflicts. With your support, Catholic Charities can work toward making social services available throughout the diocese.

I encourage your financial support and your active participation with these diocesan charitable organizations. They provide a means to bear witness to our Faith in Christ's love, through our sincere care for the social needs of our neighbors. May God bless your continued generosity.

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The terrorist attacks on our nation have made us all aware of the need to be more prepared for disasters. I have asked Catholic Charities of Idaho and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to work with the diocese to assess our response to past disasters in Idaho, and to determine how to develop a plan for our church's response to future disasters, including our relationship to other disaster preparedness organizations.

## The difference between gratitude and thanks


A sentence we hear in every Mass at the beginning of the eucharistic prayer should arrest our attention. It may also make some a little skeptical. The celebrant says in this prayer to the Father: "We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks."

People of faith know that they must give thanks to God, but always and everywhere? Usually we think of thanks as a response to a known favor. You thank a person who allows you to change lanes on the freeway but not the guy who cuts you off.

This form of thanks is better known as gratitude. When gratitude has been expressed, nothing further is expected. If your doctor has cured your illness, you need not enter into a personal relationship with him. A check will do nicely. On the other hand, your doctor may have been so concerned about your health, so generous with his time, and so accommodating in every way that you come to realize that he is not only a competent physician but also a very good man.

The result of your realization is that you begin a friendship with your doctor. You see him as a person and not merely a means to health. You have moved from gratitude to a relationship, which is like liturgical thanksgiving. From now on you value your physician as a friend whether he ever helps you medically again or not.

*Liturgy*



**By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.**

On the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year we see that Jesus was a "physician" to the ten lepers. Amazingly only one returned to Jesus and praised God in a loud voice. Whether he moved from gratitude to liturgical thanksgiving, the gospel does not say. Did that one leper become a disciple of Jesus and begin the journey with him to the Father? Did his experience of God's love incarnate in Jesus change his life as well as his health?

In baptism, God the Father has washed us clean in the blood of his Son. He has cured us of the leprosy of sin and brought us into his family, the church. He has

given us the gift of faith so that we may grow in our awareness of his goodness and recognize that all his actions show his wisdom and his love. Although we must be grateful to God, something more than gratitude is needed. That something is the spirit of liturgical thanksgiving.

We should count our blessings, but that calculation is for gratitude. Liturgical thanksgiving goes beyond the gifts to the giver. Even when we are hard put at a particular time to see any blessings in our lives, when God seems to be as lacking in care as the person who cuts us off on the freeway, or when we cannot find God at all, we still must offer him liturgical thanksgiving.

Our fidelity to Sunday Mass should not depend on how many blessings we can count. God is worthy of receiving from us a generous, unselfish worship, a dedication that is loyal and unflinching. We may be convinced that God is with us so much that his concern extends from helping us find a parking place in a crowded shopping center to curing cancer, but that is not the point. Whether we are well or ill, rich or poor, fulfilled or frustrated, we do well always and everywhere to give God out thanks and praise.

*Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.*

## Question Corner

### What the pope said 'heaven' means

**By Father John Dietzen**  
**Q. My daughter and I recently discussed the Holy Father's statement that heaven "is not a physical place amid the clouds" but a state of being, "a living personal relationship with the Trinity." How does this square with various "ascensions into heaven" mentioned in the Scriptures and in our profession of faith? (Indiana)**

A. These teachings were given by Pope John Paul II in the course of several addresses during his Wednesday audiences in the summer of 1999.

The pope cautioned at the time that heaven—and, somewhat similarly, hell and purgatory—can never be fully or accurately described in human words for the simple reason that there is a chasm between God and humanity that human language and human experience can never cross.

He said, for example, that it is not quite accurate to describe heaven as the dwelling place of God, since God cannot be confined by such a concept or enclosed in such a "heaven."

Most Catholics and other Christians, it seems to me, in-

stinctively understand that human expressions about God are just that, human attempts to say as well as we can something that is beyond our power to grasp or proclaim perfectly.

When we say in the creed that Jesus "is seated at the right hand of the Father," we know that's not literally true. It's just one of the best ways we have to express belief that Jesus holds a place of unique honor and equality with the Father.

Pope John Paul reminds us that this is true any time we speak of realities after death.

We must be very careful when interpreting the biblical descriptions of hell, for example. The "inextinguishable fire" and "fiery furnace" of which the Bible speaks are, he said, attempts to "indicate the complete frustration and emptiness of a life without God."

The same is true when speaking of heaven. We're confined to symbolic language, just as was the Bible itself. The idea of heaven as a place in the sky, according to the pope, resulted from metaphorical biblical language contrasting the dwelling place of humanity with the "dwelling place" of God.

It is within that framework that we need to understand such phrases as "ascended into heaven." We do not believe that Jesus went off to a distant galaxy or planet, but that, in a way beyond our present comprehension, in his ascension he began a new life with the Father and with us.

In fact, the pope used this same word when he said that "through grace, believers can ascend" to the presence of God.

The pope's messages on the

subject may challenge us to look anew at some expressions we use to affirm our faith, but he also saw in them something extremely enlightening and hopeful about life in eternity.

The suffering caused by sin in this life is often said to "make life hell," hinting what life without God would be like.

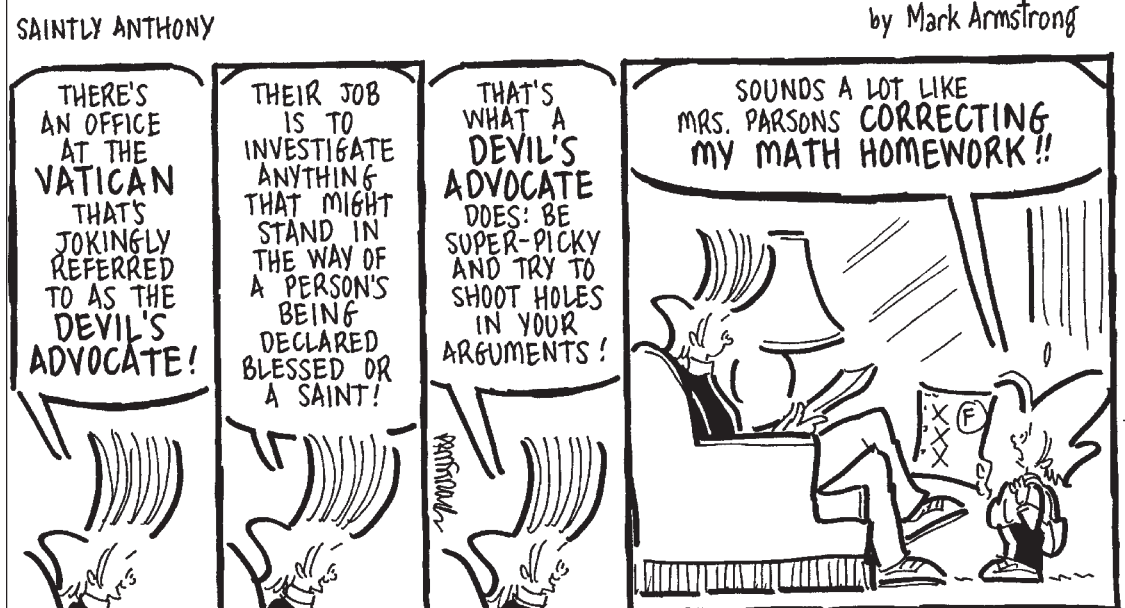
In the same way, "if we are able to enjoy properly the good things that the Lord showers upon us every day of our earth-

ly lives," said the pope, "then we have begun to experience the joy which will be completely ours in the next life."

As one Italian theologian put it well, the pope was hinting that the person who lives in grace already lives in paradise. For today's Christians, attempting to live out these eternal realities in our lives now is more important than trying to describe them.

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by Mark Armstrong





Part Four Of A Series

# Praying the rosary for peace

By Dan McGill  
Coordinator of  
Adult Education



Dan McGill

Pope John Paul II recently encouraged Catholics to pray the rosary every day for peace. For some this isn't easy as they do not know how to pray the rosary. Still others fear the rosary because of abuses of it, such as the danger of thinking that multiplying our prayers somehow earns God's favor. Sometimes the rosary becomes associated with people who are closed minded or fundamentalist.

So how should adults pray the rosary in a positive, open spirit?

To begin with, it might help to understand that the rosary as presently practiced is a private devotion, not required, but one all are welcome to embrace. It principally consists of 150 "Hail Mary's." The 150 Hail Mary's equal the number of psalms in the Old Testament. Originally, illiterate people unable to pray the psalms

recited the same number of Hail Mary's.

The Hail Mary's, are broken into 15 decades of ten each (began with an "Our Father" and ended with a "Glory Be"), with a mystery assigned to each for meditation. This helps balance what might otherwise be very monotonous.

The 15 mysteries focus on events in the life of Jesus, seen from the viewpoint of his mother, Mary. The first five, the Joyful Mysteries, celebrate his birth and coming into the world. The five Sorrowful Mysteries recall his suffering and death. The five Glorious Mysteries celebrate his resurrection, the birth of the church, and his mother's bodily assumption at the end of her life to be with Christ, as Queen of heaven.

Some worry that Mary's role in this prayer implies that she is divine. She is not. In fact, her humanity makes this prayer powerful. In her we see that we

ourselves are called to become -vessels of Christ, transformed by union with his life and death, to become saints with him in heaven.

Yet Mary has a very special role as the human mother of Jesus, the Christ. We believe she can still ask him for miracles as at the marriage feast of Cana (see John 2:1-11). But why not ask Christ himself? The answer often is psychological. Because of his divinity, people can find Christ hard to approach, but not his human mother.

Even still, those who approach Christ directly often benefit from the rosary. They read their own lives in its mysteries. For example, in the first mystery, the annunciation to Mary that she will bear God's son, we can pray ourselves to be filled with Christ fully, bearing him into the world around us.

Like the bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom to arrive, the rosary is a way of keeping watch for the Lord's coming (see Matthew 25:1-13). Some prefer to pray with Scripture or other sacred reading because this gives them more to meditate upon. But there also

comes a time when we have studied as much as we need or wish, and only desire to simply rest in God's presence. Here the rosary is magnificent. Letting our inner busyness quiet, we place ourselves in the presence of Christ who loves us, a love carried through his mother as well, with female tenderness and compassion. And while some can rest in God with no human reference points, the rosary is rich with the Incarnation. God is present in human form, part of our own familiar world.

The rosary serves as a way of crying out to God within the limitations of our own humanity. When our world spins out of control, we need to move beyond petitions that "tell" God what to do, and instead look to him with trust.

Walking with Mary, who remained ignorant of the future, we learn to place our own trust in God. We also become like a vigil lamp of intercession on behalf of the suffering.

For more information on how to pray the rosary, contact your parish or the diocesan office.

## NO is not a bad word

By Gail Cushman  
Principal  
Bishop Kelly H.S., Boise

I read a book a long time ago that had a catch phrase in it "Love is never having to say you're sorry." Hog wash! It sounds romantic, but it was obviously written by a bachelor without knowledge of marriage or raising children.

In a marriage, love means often saying, "I'm sorry." With children, it means saying "NO, I am sorry, but NO."

One of the hardest things about raising teenagers is having to say NO over and over again. I remember days when I said NO to my children and seemed that was all I said. Yes seemed as non-existent to me as it did to them. I said NO when they wanted to attend late-night parties with their friends—which undoubtedly would involve alcohol or other drugs. I said NO when they wanted to watch something on TV that did not fit with our family values. I said NO when they wanted to stay home from church on Sunday morning. I said NO when they wanted to drive to the neighboring town after dark. I said NO when they wanted to skip school. I said NO when they wanted to stay out late, and I said NO

when they had not lived up to their end of the bargain when it dealt with shores, homework, or grades.

The word NO never meant that I didn't love them. Quite the contrary. It meant that I loved them enough to say NO when I needed to. I cared what they did.

Teenagers are wonderful. They have enthusiasm, energy and creativity, but at the same time they are teenagers, and as parents and teachers we need to love them enough to say NO at those times when NO is the right thing to say.

Supervising teenagers is sort of like driving on a mountain road. You want them to get close enough to the edge to look over, but not close enough to go over. During the winter, the snow is piled high on the edges and we drive along, slipping and sliding from one edge to the other, but we don't usually go off the road, regardless of how careless we are because the snow plows have piled the edges high with snow banks. Those snow banks are like rules for teenagers. Teenagers need to be able to slip and slide a bit, but never, never go over the edge into the deep ravine. They need to look at all of life's possibilities, but not to pass over that edge, because some-

times there is no return.

Our daughter was 24 when she finally reminded us of the many NO's she had weathered during her teenage years. She attended a few parties with her friends, and somehow met curfew every single night of her high school days. She often asked to do those things that her friends did, but our NO's would

not allow it. At the time she was not always in agreement with our NO pattern, and we had our ups and downs. But at the same time, she did stay on that mountain road, piled high with snow. As an adult, she finally confessed that she really was glad that we held firm our convictions. In fact, she continued, her life was really made much

easier while a teenager because she always had an out for those peer pressure situations that arose: Mom and Dad won't let me. They said NO. NO is not a bad word. It is a word that demonstrates love and care and commitment.

Do your children a favor: tell them you love them—tell them NO.

## Each has tremendous worth

### READINGS

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22 to 12:2

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 to 2:2

GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:1-10

"God is so much greater than we are. How can He possibly care about us?"

She sat there in deep despair, clutching her purse as though fearing it might jump out of her lap and run away. Her life had fallen apart. I had tried telling her about God's love and His deep involvement in our lives. "He's always there for us." My best efforts proved to be fruitless. Nothing seemed to penetrate her pain.

It may sound as though the author in today's passage from the book of Wisdom is saying what she did: *Before the Lord the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.* That is not true. He continues by praising the divine love and mercy: *Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little... that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord!*

"We may be like ants in His sight," an acquaintance once put it, "but He loves us as much as He loves Himself." This is an interesting way of putting it, but it points out that God's love is infinite, that is, without any limits.

Today's gospel illustrates this truth. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man. The amount of money in his coffers did not matter. He was scorned and rejected by the decent people of that society since they considered tax collectors to be traitors as well as heartless thieves, squeezing the last penny they could out of the people. They also lumped them together with prostitutes and sinners, and considered the

### Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

whole group to be irredeemable.

Yet Jesus accepted this man and gave him a chance. That's what inviting Himself to Zacchaeus' house really means. The Lord ministered God's love to a sinner.

Because of this, Zacchaeus experienced a deep conversion. *Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.*

We may be almost nothing when we compare ourselves to God, but He considers each one of us to be of tremendous worth. *Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.*

I wonder if many people like Zacchaeus remain lost because they haven't experienced God's love for them? Have we shown them welcome and acceptance, or have we rejected them? Have we piled one condemnation on top of another and helped them believe that no one—not even God—cares for them?

Or have we treated them as Jesus treated the tax collector? *The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.

## Readers Write

### Contrast noted

Editor, the ICR:

I am writing regarding the 10-19 ICR news brief on the bishop's support of U.S. military action, "US bishops' president tells Bush military action was necessary."

I logged onto the U.S. Bishop's web site www.nccbuscc.org, to read the statement issued by Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza.

I found a very different tone in that statement than was reflected in the news brief. In the statement, Bishop Fiorenza called for "prayer, resolve and restraint" to be used "in response to the

terrorist attacks."

Rather than offering clear support for the military campaign, the bishop said that "military action is always regrettable, but it may be necessary to protect the innocent or to defend the common good."

In contrast to the news brief, I felt the tone of the bishop's statement was heavily weighted toward protection of human life, both U.S. and Afghan, and working toward a just peace to this conflict and the conflict in Palestine.

Mia Crosthwaite  
Boise



**CALENDAR**

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

**Nov. 3: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** Annual Bishop Kelly Foundation Winners Choice Dinner & Auction. Contact Julie Lliteras, Foundation Office: 323-4789

**Nov. 3: NEW PLYMOUTH, St. Aloysius** Corpus Christi Church, St. Aloysius Chapel Holiday Bazaar. Breakfast, lunch provided at minimal cost, includes breakfast rolls and soups or chili and hotdogs or chili dogs. Craft table and raffle tickets available. 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 221 West Elm Street, New Plymouth

**Nov. 3: TWIN FALLS, St. Edwards** Harvest Festival and old fashioned turkey dinner, country store, carnival, raffle. Doors open at noon, starts at 3 p.m. Dinner, 4 p.m. Cost, \$25 for families with 5 children under 18, \$8 for single ticket. Information, call 208-733-3907

**Nov. 3: RUPERT, St. Nicholas** Annual Bazaar and Harvest Dinner. Bazaar begins 2 p.m., dinner served from 5-8 p.m. For information call parish office 436-3781

**Nov. 3: NAMPA, St. Paul's** Basque Dinner-social, 6 p.m., Dinner, 6:30 p.m., music by Gaupasa Basque Band. \$15 per person, reservations required. Call 466-7031

**Nov. 4: RATHDRUM, St. Stanislaus** Fall Festival and raffle, parish hall, McCartney Street. 10 a.m., coffee shop, kid's games, Bingo until 3:30 p.m. Dinner tickets at the door: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 age 5-12 and family \$20 for 5

**Nov. 10: NAMPA, St. Paul's** Candy Cane Lane Bazaar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. soup and pie lunch, crafts, sweet shop, homemade cookies, raffle. Santa Claus appearance 11:30-1 p.m.

**Nov. 10: BOISE, Area-wide churches, BKHS** Angel Party, 7 p.m. to benefit Birthright

**Nov. 11: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Church** Latin Mass, 5 p.m., according to the 1962 Roman Missal. Father John O'Sullivan, celebrant

**Nov. 11: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** Booster Club Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. until

12:30 p.m., pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, juice and coffee, \$3 per person

**Nov. 16: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles** Fun Night, 6-9 p.m., Bingo for turkeys, delicious food and pies and raffle. Fun for all ages. For information call Cheryl Simer, 888-2183

**Nov. 17: BOISE, St. Mary's School** Dinner, Dance, Auction, Centre on the Grove, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$30 per person, or \$250 for a table for ten. For information and tickets call, Kathy Burlile, 939-2210

**Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**EMMETT, Sacred Heart:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, Thurs 6 p.m.

**LEWISTON: St. James,** 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

**SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church:** Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's:** Perpetual adoration—all welcome

**CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church,** First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas, CDA** First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel,** After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

**COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's:** First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

**COUNCIL: St. Jude Church:** Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

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**WEISER:** Adoration, Thurs., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**BOISE, St. John's Cathedral,** Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

**BOISE, St. Mary's:** 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

**Bishop Driscoll's Schedule**



**Nov. 3:** Boise, Boise Centre on the Grove, Bishop Kelly High School Foundation Dinner, 7 p.m.

**Nov. 5-6:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center Presbyteral Council Meeting, 12 noon to 12 noon

**Nov. 9:** Washington, D.C., CLINIC/MRS Meeting, USCCB

**Nov. 9-10:** Washington, D.C., N.C.P.D. Board

**Nov. 11-15:** Washington, D.C. Bishops' Fall General Meeting, USCCB

**Nov. 16:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

**Nov. 16:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.

**Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons**

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the first weeks of November.

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| <b>Nov. 2, 1935</b>  | <b>Rev. Nicholas P. Hahn</b>      |
| <b>Nov. 4, 1982</b>  | <b>Rev. William F. McQuaid</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 10, 1998</b> | <b>Deacon William Mallory</b>     |
| <b>Nov. 11, 1970</b> | <b>Rev. Linus M. Daugherty</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 13, 1944</b> | <b>Rev. Charles Veit</b>          |
| <b>Nov. 14, 1924</b> | <b>Rev. Hubert Van der Heyden</b> |
| <b>Nov. 15, 1989</b> | <b>Rev. Donald E. Turner</b>      |
| <b>Nov. 18, 1985</b> | <b>Rev. Urban H. Schmidt</b>      |

**Nazareth Schedule**

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| <b>Nov. 2-4</b>      | <b>Holy Apostles Confirmation Retreat</b>                               |
| <b>Nov. 5-6</b>      | <b>Presbyteral Council</b>                                              |
| <b>Nov. 6-8</b>      | <b>Idaho Department of Transportation</b>                               |
| <b>Nov. 9-10</b>     | <b>Overland Church of the Nazarene</b>                                  |
| <b>Nov. 13-14</b>    | <b>Department of Health and Welfare</b>                                 |
| <b>Nov. 17</b>       | <b>St. Mark's</b>                                                       |
| <b>Nov. 20</b>       | <b>Our Lady of the Rosary RCIA</b>                                      |
| <b>Nov. 22-25</b>    | <b>THANKSGIVING—Closed</b>                                              |
| <b>Nov. 30-12-2:</b> | <b>Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and Eda Elizalde, 208-482-6995</b> |
| <b>Dec. 4-6</b>      | <b>St. Alphonsus Education Ministries</b>                               |
| <b>Dec. 7</b>        | <b>Idaho Primary Care</b>                                               |
| <b>Dec. 14</b>       | <b>St. Alphonsus Mission Services</b>                                   |
| <b>Dec. 22-31</b>    | <b>CHRISTMAS—Closed</b>                                                 |
| <b>Jan. 1, 2002</b>  | <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY—Closed</b>                                            |
| <b>Jan. 16</b>       | <b>Boise Samaritan Village</b>                                          |
| <b>Jan. 18-20</b>    | <b>Holy Apostles Life-Teen Parent and Young Adult Retreat</b>           |
| <b>Jan. 25-26</b>    | <b>Sacred Heart, Emmett</b>                                             |
| <b>Jan. 28-29</b>    | <b>Presbyteral Council</b>                                              |
| <b>Jan. 29</b>       | <b>St. Mark's</b>                                                       |
| <b>Feb. 1-3</b>      | <b>Sweet Adelines-TVSC</b>                                              |
| <b>Feb. 8-10</b>     | <b>Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and Eda Elizalde, 208-482-6995</b> |
| <b>Feb. 16</b>       | <b>St. Mark's</b>                                                       |
| <b>Feb. 19-22</b>    | <b>St. Alphonsus Education Ministries</b>                               |
| <b>Mar. 6-7</b>      | <b>Department of Health and Welfare</b>                                 |
| <b>Mar. 15-17</b>    | <b>Deacon Retreat</b>                                                   |
| <b>Mar. 18-19</b>    | <b>Presbyteral Council</b>                                              |
| <b>Mar. 21</b>       | <b>St. Alphonsus Mission Services</b>                                   |
| <b>Mar. 22-23</b>    | <b>Diocesan Pastoral Council</b>                                        |

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

**Send us your Christmas memories**  
Deadline: December 12

Again I extend a special invitation to Idaho Catholics to share your favorite memories of Christmases past with Idaho Catholic Register readers for our 2001 holiday edition.

This is a long-standing ICR tradition that both readers and staff look forward to each year with anticipation. It is one of the features that makes our annual Christmas edition a keepsake.

What is the most peaceful Christmas you have ever had? Did something happen at Christmas time years ago or even last year that warmed your heart, changed your life, made a lasting impression, brought you understanding or gave your more Christmas spirit than you ever imagined?

Are there traditions you can tell us about that make Christmas more meaningful to you and your family?

Final deadline for submitting your story is Dec. 12 so we can get it ready for our Dec. 21 Christmas

edition.

Please keep entries at 300 to 450 words. They must be typed or printed with the writer's name, address, phone number and parish included.

Photographs and illustrations to accompany the stories are always welcome.

Send your entries to: Christmas Memories, Idaho Catholic Register, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705, or fax to (208) 342-0224 or e-mail to: ccowman@rcdb.org.

I look forward to the smiles and tears that always come with reading these special Christmas memories, and I know your fellow readers do too.

If you have a Christmas story you have always thought about sharing, maybe this is the year to do it!

Colette Cowman  
Idaho Catholic Register editor

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**MAKING DECORATIONS**—Julie Jacobson and Edwina Bartas, Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, make decorations for the Nov. 10 Ecumenical Angel Party that will take place at Bishop Kelly High School. All are welcome. Proceeds will go to Birthright of Boise.

## Angel Party 2001, Nov. 10 to benefit Birthright of Boise

BOISE—Angel Party 2001, an ecumenical celebration to benefit Birthright of Boise's "newborn angels," is planned for Nov. 10 at Bishop Kelly High School, 7009 West Franklin Road, Boise.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual ecumenical Angel Party that is spearheaded by a

group of women at Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian. Birthright is a nondenominational, emergency pregnancy service that works to help women choose life for their child, not abortion.

No reservations are needed for the Angel Party. There is open seating. Participants are

asked to bring an unwrapped layette item like a receiving blanket, sleeper, sweater and hat, t-shirts, booties or socks, bibs, baby bath towel and wash cloth, disposable diapers, baby shoes, toy or special outfit.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

## OLR youth to perform at dinner theater

BOISE—The youth of Our Lady of the Rosary (OLR) will present "And So They Had None," a mystery/comedy dinner theater, Nov. 15 and 16 in the parish hall, 1500 East Wright Street, Boise.

Youth Minister Jim Robinson said the play is a mystery/comedy, a satire of the foibles that plague our humanity.

"We're just people. So let's loosen up and laugh at ourselves a little!" said Robinson. "Attendees will go home emotion-

ally enriched, spiritually blessed, and physically well fed. There's even dessert!"

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The play starts at 7 p.m.

This is the fourth annual dinner theater fundraiser produced by Our Lady of the Rosary teens. The fundraiser event is the youth group's major fundraiser of the year. Tables of eight are reserved for \$20.

Those who reserve tables are expected to fill their table with guests and/or family. A free will

offering is taken after the performance.

"I invite everyone to come and enjoy a wonderful meal and great entertainment. You'll spend some time conversing with your friends and family at the table. You'll be entertained by some of the best young actors and actresses.

Tickets are available at Our Lady of the Rosary, 343-9041. For more information contact Robinson at 343-9041 or by e-mail at: [jrobinson@justcatholic.net](mailto:jrobinson@justcatholic.net).

## Catholic Charities Board elects officers

Catholic Charities of Idaho Board of Directors recently elected Deacon Pierce Murphy, Boise, to serve as chairperson.

Murphy, the Boise City police ombudsman, serves at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise.

Other officers are Barbara Aston, Viola, vice chair, and Terry C. Copple, Boise, secretary. Aston is a member of St. Mary's Parish, Moscow, and works as assistant to the provost at Washington State University, Pullman. Copple, a member of St. John's Cathedral Parish, is a senior partner in the law firm of Davison, Copple, Copple & Copple.

The ex-officio officers of the Catholic Charities corporation are Bishop Michael Driscoll, president, Deacon Gerald Pera, Diocese of Boise chancellor, treasurer, and Marie Hoff, executive director.

Catholic Charities of Idaho is the official charitable agency of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise. It is one of over 150 diocesan Catholic Charities in the nation that provide social

services and emergency assistance each year to almost 10 million people in need. Each Catholic Charities organization tailors its services to needs identified in the area it serves.

Currently, Catholic Charities of Idaho, which was incorporated in July 2000, is offering individual and family counseling for child and adolescent development issues, life transitions, communication, anger and conflict management, grief and loss counseling. CCI is also providing pregnancy and parenting support, parent education, and outreach to the Hispanic population in Southwest Idaho.

Hoff has also trained over 100 people throughout the state in parish social ministry so that parishes can better carry out the church's mission for charity and justice.

Another CCI effort is collaborating with St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center to develop parish nursing, a service through which nurses offer their professional skills to the parishes' health and healing ministries.

## Sign up for men's retreat in North Idaho parishes

COEUR D'ALENE—Campaigns are being conducted at most parishes in Northern Idaho this fall to encourage parishioners to attend the Catholic Men's Retreat to take place at Lutherhaven Retreat Center on Lake Coeur d'Alene Nov. 9-11.

This is the fourth annual men's retreat sponsored by members of St. Pius X and St. Thomas parishes. Attendees from the past retreats have come from 10 parishes in North Idaho and Eastern Washington.

Featured speaker this year is Father Carmelo S. Horlader, a member of the Catholic Mis-

sion Society in the Philippines. Theme of the retreat is "Covenant and the Catholic Man."

A group from St. Pascal's Church, headed by Ray Peyron, Spokane, will provide music. Transitional music will be provided by Matt O'Leary, St. Pius X, Mark Hartley, St. Joseph's Parish, Liberty Lake, Wash., will cantor.

Financial assistance for the event comes from St. Pius X and St. Thomas parishes in Coeur d'Alene and the Knights of Columbus councils from those parishes and from the St. George Council, in Post Falls.

### St. Mark's Parish invites all to retreat with Tim McDonald

BOISE—St. Mark's Parish, Boise, will sponsor a Day of Retreat with Tim McDonald Nov. 17 at Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise. All are welcome to attend.

"Growing in Holiness" is the theme for the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. retreat.

McDonald, administrator at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, Wash., will speak about surrendering to the Holy Spirit and will reveal obstacles that keep us from growing in holiness. He encourages people to live the dramatic, Christ-centered life God intends for every believer.

Cost for the retreat is \$30, which includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Registration forms are due by Nov. 6. Late registra-

tion fee is \$40. Contact Kathy Sells for more information, 375-6651 or [ksells@rmci.net](mailto:ksells@rmci.net).

McDonald has a masters degree in theology from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio, where his area of interest and research was Catholic Apologetics. He is currently writing his licentiate thesis in moral theology from The Catholic University of America, where his area of focus was marriage, family and sexuality.

The husband and father of two boys has done catechist training seminars for the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese of Seattle helping to implement their document "Formation for Love and Chastity."

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**Emmett parish plans Holiday Fair Bazaar**

EMMETT—sacred Heart Church, Emmett, will sponsor the Holiday Fair Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bazaar items will include crafts, kitchen items, bird houses, Christmas wreaths, candles, Mr. And Mrs. Santa, baked goods, jams, jellies, and candies.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information contact Anita Baltazor, 365-5539 or Renee Housley, 365-4320.

**Legion of Mary mails out 1,700 rosaries**

BOISE—The Legion of Mary has mailed out 1,700 rosaries to 12 school and religious education programs this year as part of their efforts to help children learn how to pray the rosary.

Eva Pera, Legion of Mary Idaho Comitium president, said her organization is doing all it can to support Pope John Paul II in his call for people to pray the rosary daily for humanity's protection from the "evil scourge" of terrorism.

Teachers can request rosaries for their students by calling Pera at (208) 888-7823.

The Legion held a Fatima Procession on Oct. 13 in Meridian. About 100 people attended to pray the rosary for world peace.

**Engaged Encounter slated at**

**St. Gertrude' Monastery Jan. 18-20**

COTTONWOOD—The Lewiston-Clarkston Engaged Encounter team will put on an EE Weekend Jan. 18-20 for couples who are planning marriage.

Participants need to attend a weekend three to six months prior to their wedding date.

The design of the weekend encourages couples to explore mutual strengths and weaknesses, goals, expectations and attitudes concerning careers, family, life, children, roles and responsibilities, finances, sexuality, decision making, planning, the church and society.

A team of two trained married couples and a priest, sister or deacon will facilitate and guide the weekend.

Cost for the weekend is \$120 per couple, which covers two nights' lodging, meals, supplies and administrative expenses.

For more information or to register contact Jeff and Teresa Uptmor, 230 Larkspur Lane, Lewiston, ID 83501 or call (208) 746-4310.

Other weekends are planned April 5-7, May 31-June 2 and Oct. 4-6, 2002.

**Mercy Volunteer Corps offers opportunities to give a year of service**

Mercy Volunteer Corps, a lay volunteer program for women and men sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, provides opportunities for people over age 21 to give a year of service to those in need.

The emphasis of the program is service, community and prayer.

Volunteer possibilities including teaching or nursing, working in homeless shelters, clinics and social service agencies in urban and rural settings throughout the U.S.

Room, board, medical insurance and a small stipend are provided. Loan deferments are available.

For more information contact: Mercy Volunteer Corps Office, (215) 641-5535 or Sister Sheila Devereux, RSM, (415) 751-9574.

**Kellogg parish holds Faith Share**

KELLOGG—St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg, recently held a Faith Share to register the young people for religious education and youth group and the adults for Bible class.

Catholic Daughters furnished refreshments, and the good turn out created a party atmosphere. The children enjoyed looking over their new books.

The adult Bible class will meet each Sunday after Mass. This year's topic is "parables."



**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**—Sister Rose Martin, who works in a parish in Brazil, Falls, as part of a month-long tour for World Mission Day in October. (Photo by Sherri Barnes)

**Brazilian missionary visits Holy Rosary School, I.F.**

By Sherri Barnes  
For the ICR

IDAHO FALLS—Sister Rose Martin, Social and Religious Program Coordinator for Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Parana, Brazil, visited Holy Rosary School in Idaho Falls Oct. 24. The visit was part of a month long tour in the United States to celebrate World Mission Day, Sunday, Oct., 21, by sharing and expanding the importance of missions within the Catholic community.

Since arriving in Brazil 40 years ago, Sister Rose has worked in 25 communities to relocate 30,000 families displaced by changing economic conditions, particularly hydroelectric dam projects.

According to Sister Rose, the rebuilding of communities "helps people take ownership of their lives and situations," and is a high priority of the National Bishops' Conference of Brazil. Sister Rose's visit began with a video presentation

characterizing the people, culture, and landscape of Parana.

Throughout the day, Sister Rose met with individual classes to discuss her work, emphasizing the importance of finding and fulfilling a mission in every individual life.

This visit was particularly meaningful to the students and faculty of Holy Rosary School since Sister Rose is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the order that founded the school in 1921.

**Kathleen Hunthausen recognized for work in Catholic schools health program**

BOISE—Kathleen Hunthausen, director of the Saint Alphonsus School Health Program, Boise, received the Idaho Hospital Association's (IHA) Citation for Meritorious Service Award during the organization's 68<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Sun Valley in October.

The award recognizes individuals or institutions for service of unusual and meritorious nature, either in a single episode (natural disaster) or over a period of time.

"Saint Alphonsus is honored to have Kathleen as the leader of our School Health Program and we applaud the IHA for recognizing her outstanding service, which has benefited

many children in our community," said Susan Gibson, vice president of Mission Services at Saint Alphonsus.

Under Hunthausen's direction, the Saint Alphonsus School Health Program has grown from one nurse in 1994 to now include three nurses and one health aide. The program serves over 2,000 students attending Catholic elementary schools in the Treasure Valley, as well as Bishop Kelly High School. Its components include direct nursing care, individual health care plans, health education curriculum, CPR and first aid emergency care, and management of chronic conditions and crisis intervention.

In addition, special projects like the Natural Helpers Peer Helping Program, Camp Super Breathers for asthmatic chil-

dren and a program for Boise State University nursing students further extended the health program's reach.

As a direct result of Hunthausen's guidance, the program has developed into a true reflection of the Saint Alphonsus mission to improve the health of the community. It is her vision and commitment which have made the school nurse's office a safe place for children to go for help. The program also protects, mentors and advocates for healthy children and healthy families.

Hunthausen was the State of Idaho's School Nurse of the Year in 1999 and Montana School Nurse of the Year in 1992. She has also served as co-president of the Idaho School Nurses Organization of Idaho.



**MINISTRY AWARD**—Denise Conley, left, St. Alphonsus Parish, Wallace, receives the Diocesan Ministry Award from Becky Stein, who nominated her. Conley was among 14 people in the dioceses who were honored by Ministry Awards by the Diocesan Office of Education recently. Stein said Conley has pursued her ministry in the parish "with such love and dedication." (Photo by Diane Beuerman)

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**FUN RAISER**—Cassie Burnett and Donna Murphy serve brownie sundaes at St. Pius X Catholic Church's recent Fall FunRaiser. The FunRaiser and supporting raffle raised over \$18,000.



**SOFTBALL TEAM**—Men from St. Pius X Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene, proudly display their traveling trophy for winning the first North Idaho Regional Catholic Softball Tournament.

## Regional softball tournament highlights St. Pius X Parish FunRaiser

By Mary Stewart  
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE—St. Pius X Catholic Church, Coeur d'Alene, brought apple pie back to North Idaho with its new North Idaho Regional Catholic Softball Tournament.

The tournament was started in conjunction with St. Pius X Church's Fall FunRaiser, held the weekend of Sept. 21.

Teams from St. Pius X, St. Thomas, St. George's Catholic Church and Holy Family Catholic School vied for the new traveling trophy, in a double elimination, and the remaining teams played a couple of weeks later at the St. Pius Fall FunRaiser. The St. Pius X team is the first winner of the First Annual North Idaho Regional Catholic Softball Tournament.

"This has been something I've wanted to do, and it seemed the perfect time to get this off the ground," said Eric Seaman, coordinator of the event. "I visited the parish councils of each of the churches, and gathered several dads from Holy Family School.

### Nampa ABC station to show CCC produced 'I Am Joseph, Your Brother'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new documentary chronicling the evolution of Catholic-Jewish relations, "I Am Joseph Your Brother," will be shown by KIVI, Channel 6, Nampa, this month.

The show is scheduled to air from 11 a.m. to noon, Sunday, Nov. 11. It already ran on the ABC stations in Eastern Idaho.

The show looks most closely at the half-century of relations between Catholics and Jews since the Holocaust.

"I Am Joseph, Your Brother" is a tale of self-examination and soul searching. It tells the story of estranged brothers and sisters beginning to speak with one another, leading to deeper understanding and genuine mutual respect.

Presented by the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign, "I Am Joseph, Your Brother" was produced by Israel's Interreligious Coordinating Council. Founded in 1991 on the eve of the Gulf War, the council is made up of 71 institutions that seek to promote interreligious and intercultural understanding within Israeli society among its major faith communities — Jews, Christians and Muslims.

"I Am Joseph Your Brother" is the first program in the 2001-2002 "Vision and Values" series on ABC. Programs for the series are provided by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the other members of the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission.

"Relations between our two faiths have been strained for centuries due to ignorance and fear," said a statement from Ellen McCloskey, the CCC's director of production.

"I hope that this documentary will inform and enlighten Jewish and Catholic viewers about the various ways both faiths have explored a difficult past so that the future is brighter," McCloskey said.

VHS tapes of "I Am Joseph, Your Brother" will be made available for sale by USCCB Publishing following the ABC affiliate broadcasts. The program also will be made available to diocesan TV ministries in early 2002.

When I received a lot of positive feedback, I knew it was my sign to move forward. We hope to make it bigger and better each year."

Over 50 men from the area played for two weekends.

"It's great to see the guys out having a great time in

the name of their parishes," said Seaman.

The St. Pius X Fall FunRaiser was its first, bringing back a family-oriented community gathering it once had through its old "Oktoberfest" celebrations. The weekend included a 50's SockHop, carnival and the softball tournament.

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# NCCW promotes faith, hope for future

By Diane Falash, director Province of Portland, Ore.

NASHVILLE—The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convened in Nashville, Tenn., recently under the theme, "NCCW Servant Leadership: Making a Difference Every Day." Twenty-five delegates and two moderators attended from the Province of Portland—eighteen from Idaho, two from Oregon and seven from Montana.

Facing national turmoil and fear with faith in God, over 1500 council members and friends joined together to recognize NCCW programs. These programs make life better for women, their families, and their communities in the United States and around the world to better learn how to serve God and neighbor in both spiritual and practical ways.

At the opening liturgy, Nashville Bishop Edward U. Kmiec said, "You come here to Nashville to probe how you can advance the good and great works you perform in service to the church in the United States and to the community at large, loving the people that God loves. The events of September 11 give new urgency and significance to your reflections. Your theme speaks



**IDAHO DELEGATES**—Attending the recent NCCW National Convention in Nashville, Tenn., were, standing from left, Mary Kay Molitor, Pocatello, Susan Pirrong, Meridian, Louanna Mahaaris, Pocatello, Cristy Bartolome, Payette, Cheryl Simer, Meridian, Joan Worden, New Plymouth, Mitzi Aden,

Boise, Cathy Cilek, Boise, Idaho Purce, Pocatello, Carol Hodges, Idaho Falls, and Jackie Kolbet, Idaho Falls. Seated left to right are Matilda Kolbet, Idaho Falls, Cookie Sorge, Eagle, Diane Falash, Weiser, Irene Schlader, Chubbuck, Barbara McFadden, Pocatello, and Mary Thompson, Weiser.

of making a difference, but that is now in a world and country that is very different."

Keynote speaker Mercy Sis-

ter Sharon Euart addressed the convention on "Women in the Church and Society, Reflections at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." She noted

that while "the tragic events of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> have made us all aware of the fragility of our human existence, Christ's self-definition of His mission is

also the definition of ours, not only in times of crisis but in our everyday lives when life is more ordinary."

With NCCW President K. Laverne Redden of Toledo, Ohio and Resolutions Committee Chairman Diane Falash of Weiser, Idaho, presiding, the membership approved resolutions:

—To promote peace and reconciliation with their affiliates, families, and communities to work to eliminate violence in all its forms;

—To honor Saints Katharine Drexel and Josephine Bakhita;

—To promote the use of internet filtering software to protect children from objectionable sites;

—To observe United Nations World Refugee Day on each June 20, and to provide aid to refugee women;

—To educate members to advocate for safe and moral media environments;

—To establish a mentoring program to recruit and support new members from among all ethnic groups.

Convention resolutions will form the basis for future NCCW programs, projects, education and advocacy in local affiliates and nationally.

## Pocatello's Legion of Mary completes 1000 consecutive meetings

POCATELLO—Oct. 16 was Our Lady of Peace Legion of Mary's thousandth consecutive weekly meeting in Pocatello. Historically, the Legion started Sept. 7, 1921, when founded by Frank Duff of Dublin, Ireland. He had a great love for the poor and underprivileged, and being influenced by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louis De Montfort, he recognized that through Mary's intercession the Legion could be the arms and legs for her Son, Jesus.

Today the Legion of Mary is active in nearly all countries throughout the world, having close to three million active

members and many more auxiliary members, who pray for the Legion daily.

It was Archbishop James J. Byrne (1906-1996), then Bishop Byrne, who insisted on founding the Legion of Mary throughout Idaho, in 1957, while Bishop of Boise. He had a great love for the mother of our church, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and realized that each member, volunteering two hours weekly to help their parish priests in evangelistic assignments, and prayer, would not only relieve the priests in parish functions, but would add great spiritual growth to their communities.

For example, some of the many functions the Pocatello Legion of Mary by its spiritual dedication to minister to the sick in nursing homes, assisted care facilities, and shut-ins. The group even got involved in prison ministry at one time and went door to door for Catholic census members, interviewed parents of pupils at St. Anthony School and delivered flyers on parish activities door to door.

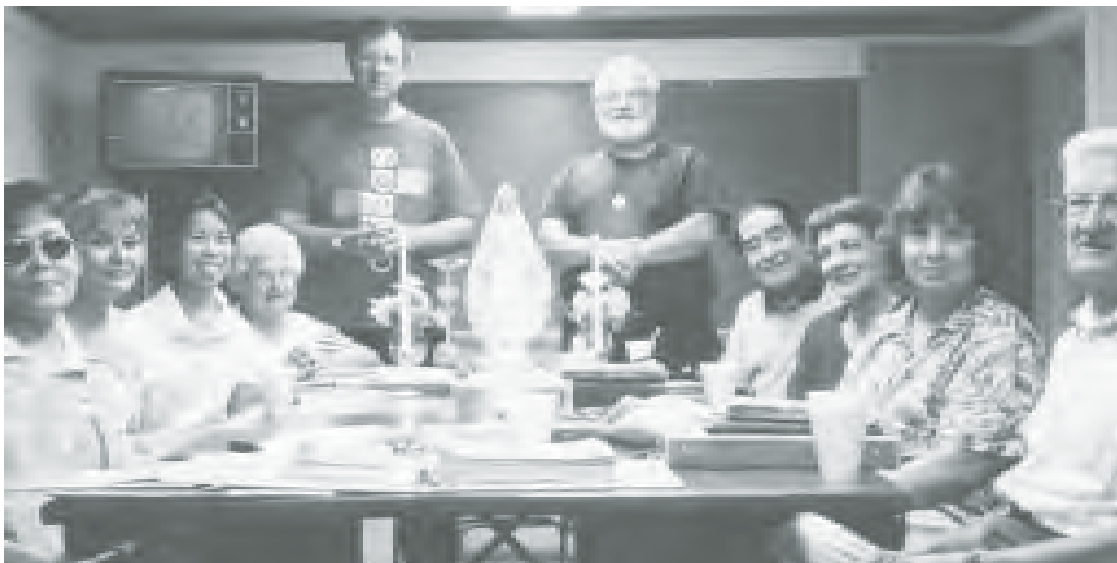
They also provide rosary sessions, and pray the rosary and Liturgy of the Hours daily. One Spanish speaking member helps Latinos in marriage and baptism counseling.

Twice the Pocatello Legion of Mary had junior legions. The first members were comprised of elementary school children, and the most recent group was students from junior high and high school.

The first praesidia in Pocatello were Mother of Perpetual Help under Msgr. Edmond Cody, at St. Joseph's Parish; and Mother of Christ under Father Linus R. Dougherty, at St. Anthony's Parish. Both began in 1957, serving the parishes for around two hundred meetings. In 1974

Mother of Divine Grace were active for about 200 meetings. Three years later Father Roger LaChance became the spiritual director for our new praesidium, Our Lady of Peace, followed by Father Dennis Wassmuth, Father Xavier Arresseril and now Father Anthony DiLoreto.

After attending the one-thousandth meeting on Oct. 16, members said they are looking forward to another 20 years of service and hope all priests will encourage the Legion of Mary in their parishes.



**LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER 20 YEARS**—Members of the Pocatello Legion of Mary pose for a group photo. The group just completed 20 years of service in the area and members are looking forward to continuing their work in the future.

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# Returning Catholic Program to start Nov. 7

## St. Mark's small faith sharing community has ministry to inactive Catholics

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

*If you've been away from the church, or are drifting away from it; if you've been hurt by the church or are confused or angry because of your Catholic experience, please consider this invitation to come and talk with us....perhaps you can come home for Christmas!*

That is the invitation St. Mark's Parish, Boise, is extending to inactive, alienated and confused Catholics for this upcoming Advent season. The invitation will be in Boise area parish bulletins and in an advertisement in the local, daily newspaper. The Returning Catholic Program team is also doing a general mailing to households in their parish boundaries.

Members of one of St. Mark's small faith sharing communities, the Joyful Servants of the Lord, will offer a six-week series of classes starting Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

This is the fourth year St. Mark's has offered a program for returning Catholics. To date, about 75 people have gone through the program at St. Mark's.

The Joyful Servants of Lord have also passed the program on by training teams at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Boise, and Holy Apostles, Meridian. Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, is considering doing it next spring.

The idea is to have classes for returning Catholics available throughout the year somewhere in the area, said Pat Ott, a member of the Joyful Servants. "That way people who want to return to the church have some options for classes. Our interparish connectedness means we always have a place for them to go with a short waiting period."

For example, Holy Apostles is just completing a Returning Catholic series and Our Lady of the Rosary will start a series Jan. 24.

Ott said her team has created manuals for the program and will train teams from other parishes that wishes to start a Returning Catholic program.

Working with inactive Catholics who want to return to the faith is one of the fastest growing

ministries in the United States, she said. An estimated 17 million Catholic in the U.S. are baptized but inactive. Many of these people consider themselves Catholic, but don't go to church.

"This ministry is laity driven because families are affected," Ott said. "We have a vested interest in these people. That doesn't negate the need for our priests, though. Those who are returning look for a final word of reassurance and reconciliation from the clergy."

Last spring Ott spotted a book by Carrie Kemp in a Paulist Press ad that she thought might be helpful to the program. She ordered a copy of "Catholics Can Come Home Again—A Guide for the Journey of Reconciliation with Inactive Catholics" for each member of the Joyful Servants of the Lord. The group studied and discussed the book one section at a time over the summer. Now they are incorporating some of what they learned into the Returning Catholic Program.

Kemp, herself a returned Catholic, is a pastoral minister in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. In her parish she developed what her pastor, Father Michael J. O'Connell, call an "enormously effective ministry" for our church to reach out and reconcile with people who have been offended by the church in one way or another. She describes that ministry and the people who "come home" in her book.

The format for the Returning Catholic Program as developed by the Joyful Servants of the Lord at St. Mark's includes:

—Opening each class with a prayer. They try to give participants a different type of prayer experience each week.

—Presenting the teaching for the week. Some of the topics are: What's Wrong with the Church? Concepts of God and Jesus, What is Church Anyway? How Do Catholics Use the Bible? Faith/Religion: Is There a Difference? What Does Conversion Mean to A Catholic? What are Catholic Values? Vatican II: What Difference Does It Make? Conscience, Sin, Sacraments, and Marriage Issues.

—Small group discussions.

There is no pressure.

During the series, the St. Mark's team makes sure there are plenty of applicable books, articles and other resources available that people can take home to read.

At the end of the series, participants receive a list of events, prayer opportunities, faith formation and other educational opportunities available in the area that they can plug into.

Ott said St. Mark's integrates those participants who express a desire for community into the many existing small faith sharing communities in the parish so they have a sense of belonging and a way to help them continue to learn about and grow in their faith.

Mike Lowe, who is coordinator for the Returning Catholic Program at Our Lady of the Rosary, said his parish has decided to team participants with a sponsor similar to the sponsors for people in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program. That way participants will have support and assistance when they need it right from the beginning.

Ott said the Returning Catholic series is "really an introduction for the participants and a way to help them acknowledge that they are embarking on a lifetime journey."

"It is not always easy," she said. "Church is messy. But through the program we can admit that and tell them we are there to walk with them and do whatever it takes for them to come back."

In her book, Kemp said the average age of "seekers," as she calls people who show an interest in coming back to the church, is 40s or early 50s. Some have been hurt in some way. Some have just been lazy. Perhaps they moved from one city to another or quit going to church as a college student and never bothered to reconnect. Today, there are not as many people as there used to be who are upset over the changes in the church that came about since Vatican Council II. Some don't even know about

Vatican II. Some have just had some kind of bad experience with the Catholic Church.

Pat Stanger, a member of the St. Mark's Returning Catholic team, said one way her team tries to ease people into the program is to invite others who have returned to the church to share their stories.

"They come to a class and share their experience of returning and what they got out of the program," she said. "Telling their stories is powerful. It helps people realize they are not alone."



**WELCOME DINNER**—Some 76 families who registered in Holy Apostles Parish during the previous year enjoy the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Welcome Dinner at Holy Apostles Church Oct. 6. The dinner is put on for new parishioners as a gesture of welcome each year. The parish provides a ham dinner with side dishes prepared by past dinner attendees. The planning committee and those who set up, serve, and clean up are also people who have attended the welcome dinner in the past. A master of ceremonies provides hospitality, introduces parish staff and hands out door prizes. (Photo by Nancy Grausam)

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# Psychiatrist tells best way for Americans to face fear

By Robert O'Steen

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (CNS) — Americans have become "crippled by fear," and running from anthrax is not the answer, a psychiatrist and author told a gathering of doctors.

Dr. Carl A. Hammerschlag addressed about 200 colleagues Oct. 18 during the launching of the St. Luke Society of South Florida, which promotes spiritual values among health care professionals.

"We will never run fast enough from anthrax," Hammerschlag said. "We must face it another way," he said, by being connected in mind, body and spirit.

The response to fear, he said, is to get connected with people, to be honest, and to overcome stress by commitment.

Hammerschlag spoke at a dinner at a Fort Lauderdale hotel, following Mass at St. Henry Church in Fort Lauderdale.

He is a pioneer of the new science of psychoneuro-immunology, the study of connections among mind, body and spirit. His books often deal with miracles and parables drawn from other cultures and reflect his own respect for all peoples, the poor and social justice and his hope for mercy from God.

"The way it was is not the way it is. We have left the nuclear age, we have left what is the post-Cold War era, to come into an age of terrorism. We will never be the same — never!" he said. "There is virtually no place that is safe."

*"Fear steals our joy, creating stress. But stress is not an event. Stress is what you bring to the event. Stress is not something out there, but a choice you make!"*

Hammerschlag noted that even he profiles certain people on airplanes now.

"We have become crippled by fear!" he remarked. "But we will not defend ourselves from vulnerability by arming ourselves with drugs, gas masks or breathing apparatus. We cannot be looking at other people with suspicion." That, he said, gives victory to terrorists.

He reminded the physicians they had come into medicine as a ministry — not an industry, which it has become.

Hammerschlag said that because things are different now doctors will have to deal with competing influences "without sacrificing the heart and soul of what we do. We have to welcome change, do business differently, find ways to find margins so we can complete the mission."

He added, "We need to come to people with an open heart. Tell the truth. What we say with our lips is what we know in our heads and hearts."

He said the connection between head, lips and heart is "what keeps us healthy," contrary to the popular view that knowledge, the head, is all-supreme.

"I'm telling you, that is ri-

diculous. Not everything can be known. The existential questions cannot be known," he said, citing as examples why one plane and not another goes down, or why one patient dies and another with the same disease and treatment thrives.

He said, "What you know, say and feel must be in harmony. Truth is closer to what you feel in your heart. What you feel is more important than what you know."

People must be touched, he said, adding that studies show people who are prayed for even without their knowledge heal better than those who are not.

"Fear steals our joy, creating stress," Hammerschlag said. "But stress is not an event. Stress is what you bring to the event. Stress is not something out there, but a choice you make!"

Hammerschlag added that everyone must get connected in mind, body and spirit to something they believe in, and make a commitment to it.

Hammerschlag showed a photo of a young mountain climber who had gotten trapped in the frost and lost his lower legs but returned to climbing with artificial legs. He was asked how the climbing dif-



**FARMERS WARY OF TERRORISM AGAINST CROPS**—Dale Kueser and his brother, Gail, check soybeans on their 3,000 acres near Richmond, Kan. They are beginning to consider how farmers can respond to possible terrorist strikes on crops and livestock. (CNS photo)

ferred now. Instead of complaining, he said, "Now I don't get cramps."

Applying folksy metaphors, Hammerschlag said, one can't run from fear. "When you see the two-headed snake monster," he said, "don't run, with the heads coming on one side, then the other. Because if you stop, the two heads will see themselves and just collapse."

"We will never run fast enough from anthrax. We must face it without running."

He urged the doctors to be healers, not just to prescribe pills, but to connect their patients with their place in the universe as Christ did.

"Get connected. That's the task," he said. "Our belly buttons remind us that we were once connected to someone."

Take off your doctor's mask, he told his peers, and let someone see your eyes and hear your voice saying you are with them.

"Fill yourself with joy," he said. "Stay connected."

## Bishops challenged to live among poor as synod closes

By John Norton

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling an October Synod of Bishops "almost a new beginning" for the church, Pope John Paul II urged bishops to courageously promote church teaching and work for church unity.

The pope praised the "climate of communion" he said characterized the monthlong bishops' meeting and said "the church's strength is her communion; her weakness is division and internal strife."

"A credible answer can be given to the challenges that come from today's social and cultural context only if the deep and convinced unity of the shepherds among themselves and with the successor of Peter—as well as of the bishops with their priests—is clearly perceptible," he said during a synod closing Mass Oct. 27 in St. Peter's Basilica.

Nearly 250 bishops from more than 110 countries had attended the synod, which was focused on the bishop's role in the church. After four weeks of speech-giving and small-group discussions, they issued a message to the world and handed a confidential list of 67 proposals to the pope.

The bishops' message said the credibility of their ministry depends largely on how effectively they reach out to the poor, the suffering and the alienated. It touched on the main topics of the synod: the bishop

as a figure of holiness, as a "weaver of unity" at every level of the church, and as a voice of hope in a world marked by violence and injustice.

The five-page message said bishops could not close their eyes to the "collective tragedies" of the world. Besides condemning terrorism as completely unjustifiable, the message said a drastic moral change is needed to address the fact that 1.2 billion people in the world live on less than \$1 a day.

It said the modern bishop should not only be holy, but should practice "Gospel poverty" in imitation of Christ.

"We should be poor in the face of our brothers and sisters, marked by a style of life which draws people to Jesus the Lord. The bishop is the father and the brother of the poor," it said.

Archbishop Telesphore Toppo of Ranchi, India, said at a press conference Oct. 26 that, with its approach to the world's poor, the synod marked the start of a "silent revolution." He noted that the pope, in his opening Mass for the synod, had strongly reminded bishops of the need to live with the poor in the style of Jesus.

"This synod has presented a new image of the bishops, in the image of Jesus, the poor, who emptied himself," Archbishop Toppo said.

He said the synod could turn out to be prophetic, especially

in Asia, where nearly two-thirds of humanity lives.

"Unless the church becomes the church of the poor and the bishops (become) friends and fathers of the poor, we will be failing to carry the message of this synod," he said.

As he has done in previous synods, the 81-year-old pope personally attended all of the meeting's group sessions, telling pilgrims later that he was "relishing the climate of communion that characterized (the gatherings) and listening with great interest to the reflections proposed."

He said the Second Vatican Council had dedicated great attention to the bishop and his church role, "but this teaching needed to be further deepened and appropriately adjusted to the evolving of the times and

situations."

The pope's observation about unity at the synod was echoed by other participants, including two prominent cardinals.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan, Italy, said the gathering marked a high point in church unity, despite some disagreement over the relationship between the local and universal church.

Dozens of participants had asked that local churches and bishops' conferences be given more decision-making authority on practical and pastoral issues. In addition, seven Eastern Catholic patriarchs at the synod gave the pope a document primarily asking him to bring church law into conformity with traditional Eastern autonomy.

"Probably in the history of the church there's never been a mo-

ment like this, in which the church—although spread out across the world, in many languages and cultures—felt so united and gave such an example of communion," Cardinal Martini told reporters Oct. 22.

"I think that in this synod there has been a level of communion and serenity in relations, which does not demand a drastic and dramatic change, but foresees a deeper reflection on these themes," he said.

The cardinal said the consensus of the synod was that the tools of collegiality—including synods, bishops' conferences, "ad limina" visits by bishops to Rome and their regular relations with Vatican agencies—should be perfected, in a way that increases mutual understanding and the possibility of variety in unity.

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# La Comunidad

## El Evangelio

### El hoy de Dios

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez

Lc. 19:1-10.

Aun cuando el Día del Señor llegará, tal como Jesús prometió, cuando menos lo esperemos y nos sorprenderá como el ladrón, también encontramos en el Evangelio ocasiones para darnos una idea de lo que significa este Día del Señor. Zaqueo tuvo el privilegio de vivir esta experiencia. Jesús le anuncia a Zaqueo, 'hoy tengo que hospedarme en tu casa;' luego de ver que Zaqueo abre su casa y su corazón a Jesús y deja que la gracia de este encuentro transforme su vida, Jesús afirma, "hoy ha llegado la salvación a esta casa."

Para Zaqueo era la hora de Dios en su



vida. Todos tenemos a nuestra disposición esta hora, no importa cuando sea. Es el momento en que Jesús viene al encuentro de su crisis e inquietud; es Dios quien busca aunque aparentemente se deja encontrar, "Jesús levantó los ojos y dijo: Zaqueo, baja en seguida, porque hoy tengo que alojarme en tu casa."

Por el hecho de haber pasado ese día en la presencia de Jesús, Zaqueo experimentó el gozo, digamos proféticamente, de lo que será el banquete eterno de la salvación. Esta experiencia tuvo tal impacto en Zaqueo que no solamente da la bienvenida a Jesús en su casa sino en su corazón, al hacer suyo el cuidado de Dios por los pobres, en las promesas que luego hace: 'voy a dar la mitad de mis bienes a los pobres.'

Jesús es criticado por hospedarse en

casa de un pecador. Esta crítica ya la había escuchado varias veces antes, pero su misión "no era llamar a los justos, sino a los pecadores." "El Hijo del hombre ha venido a buscar y salvar lo que se le había perdido."

Zaqueo "lo recibió muy contento." Demostró con ese valor, apertura al cuestionamiento que él sabía Jesús le dirigiría, porque la intención de Jesús no era adaptarse a Zaqueo y a sus criterios y nivel de vida, sino cuestionarlo y convertirlo. Poco tiempo antes de este pasaje, un rico oficial le había preguntado a Jesús que debería hacer para poseer la vida eterna, a lo cual Jesús le respondió: "ve y vende todo lo que tienes, reparte el dinero entre los pobres... ven y sigúeme." Este hombre se puso muy triste. En Cambio, Zaqueo se llenó de gozo.

Este pasaje del evangelio debe disipar todo temor al fin del mundo o al fin de nuestra existencia aquí en la tierra, porque el Día del Señor es día de inmensa alegría para todo aquel que lo recibe en su corazón. Dios viene en Cristo Jesús para hacer su morada entre nosotros y darnos todo lo que El tiene. No solo debemos llenarnos de gozo porque viene a nosotros personalmente, sino porque viene a todo mundo. La vida de familia, de comunidad, de parroquia etc. nos ayudarán mucho a descubrir la presencia de Dios en todos y cada uno.

Ojalá que como Zaqueo podamos gozar desde ahora el banquete eterno que Dios prepara para todo el que lo reciba.

*El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.*

## Aspirantes a diáconos en Marcha

Un tercer encuentro de los Aspirantes a Diáconos se efectuó en los días 19 y 20 de Octubre de la etapa de Instrucción.

Las reuniones se realizaron

en tres regiones de Idaho para facilitar la asistencia. El grupo más numeroso asistió a Payette con la participación de 16 aspirantes y 12 esposas.

El grupo de Pocatello con 7

aspirantes y sus esposas vivieron al decir de Alvaro Ponce "un tiempo de gran gracia."

Los del Norte con seis aspirantes pudieron igualmente agradecer a Dios por el llamado y comenzar a clarificar su llamado al Diaconado.

Se ha tomado como texto de estudio de este año de formación-discernimiento el Catecismo Universal de la Iglesia y los Documentos del Vaticano II.

Con gran interés y devoción

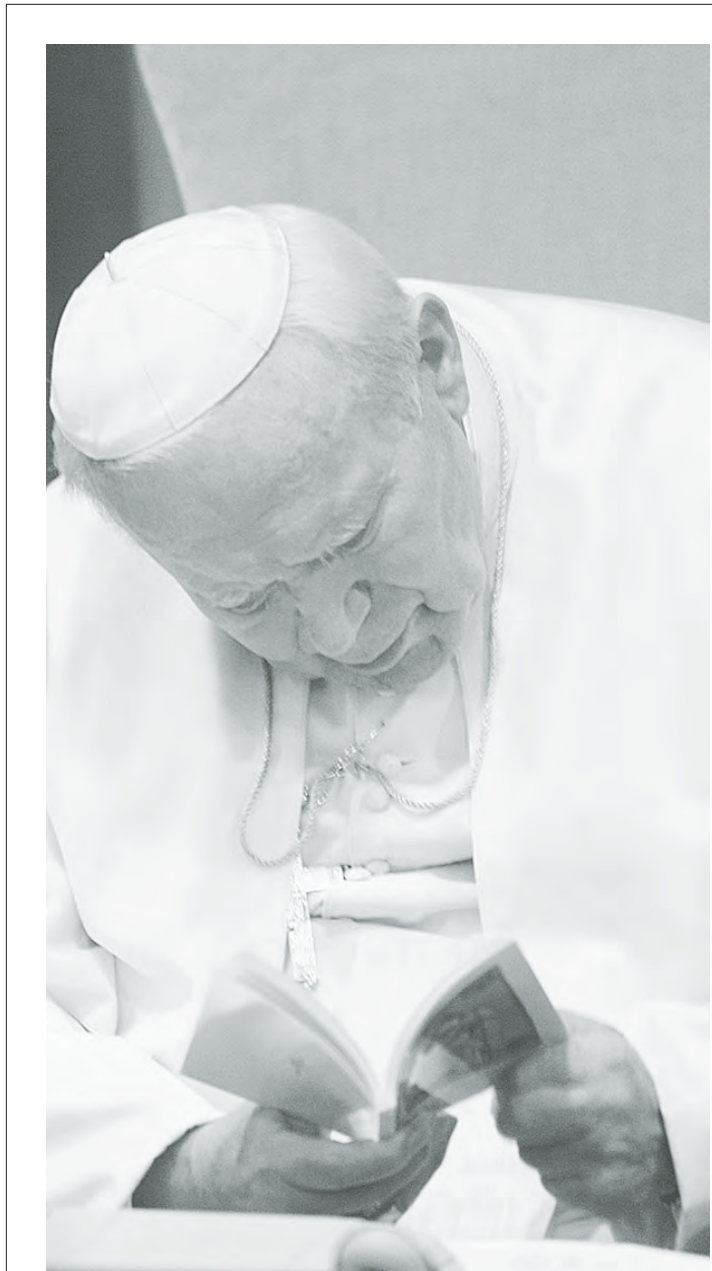
los aspirantes comenzaron esta jornada de estudio y oración.

El viernes por la noche se dedicó a la oración y a retomar el "mapping" de sus vidas, que había sido comenzado en el primer encuentro pero que no todos pudieron participar. Se trató que cada uno pudo hablar algo de su vida y de los momentos en que la gracia los tocó para sentirse llamado. El sábado comenzó con el rezo de la Liturgia de las Horas.

No se hizo simultáneamente

en inglés y español por considerarse muy complicado.

Oportunidad para rezar en forma bilingüe se dio en la Misa y en momentos de oración en común. Luego se dio comienzo a un serio estudio de los tres primeros capítulos del Catecismo con gran participación de todos. Un video acerca del Catecismo Universal mostró en forma muy clara y esquemática los cuatro pilares del mismo.



EL PAPA REZA POR VICTIMAS DE ATAQUES TERRORISTAS — Durante una sesión del sínodo el 11 de octubre, el papa Juan Pablo II reza por las víctimas de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre. (Foto CNS por Max Rossi, Catholic Press Photos)

## Seis lecciones de apologética por Martín Zavala

Martín Zavala del Apostolado de la Palabra, Phoenix, Ariz., nos envió seis artículos que hemos publicado en estas páginas en los números del 3 de Agosto al 19 de Octubre 2001.

Dado la gran aceptación que han tenido estas seis aclaraciones de nuestra fe, Barbara Hamilton del staff de *Idaho Catholic Register*, lo ha recopilado en un "apunte"

de cuatro páginas. Las personas que deseen tener esa copia pueden solicitarla en sus parroquias o llamar al 208-342-1311, ext. 125. Este material es muy bueno para estudiarlo en reuniones de reflexión sobre los fundamentos de nuestra fe.

Martín Zavala visitará la Iglesia de Santa Inés en Weiser 30 Noviembre de este año, en sesiones a las 7 p.m. También se dará misión en inglés.



Martín Zavala

## Conferenciante dice que el terror es la parte más efectiva del bioterrorismo

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Experto de la universidad de Georgetown dijo que la amenaza de ataques biológicos o químicos, aunque posible, es más efectiva porque crea un clima de miedo más bien que por representar un potencial de daño para mucha gente.

En una discusión de un grupo de expertos el 15 de octubre para estudiantes, Kenneth L. Dretchen, director del departamento de farmacología del centro médico de Georgetown y

consultor para el Departamento de Defensa, dijo que los efectos de agentes biológicos y químicos a los que los terroristas recurrirían son relativamente fáciles de contrarrestar.

Dirigiendo la palabra el día en el que se encontró una pieza postal que contenía ántrax en la oficina del líder mayoritario del senado Tom Daschle, Demócrata de S.D., Dretchen aclaró que sólo unas cuantas personas han estado en contacto con esporas de ántrax y muchas

menos han mostrado síntomas físicos.

Dretchen dijo que es muy improbable que toxinas tales como el ántrax pudieran ser dispersadas, por ejemplo por medio de atomizador, que causara que muchas personas salieran dañadas. Aunque miembros del culto japonés Aum Shinri Kyo mataron a docenas de personas y causaron indisposiciones en cientos más en 1995 colocando bombas de (Continúa en pág 18)



## Inmigración mexicana: peregrinaje de Iglesia

WASHINGTON (CNS) — La inmigración clandestina de mexicanos a través de la frontera con EE.UU. puede llegar a ser un peregrinaje de evangelización, dijo el padre de la Santa Cruz Daniel Groody, profesor asistente de teología en la universidad de Notre Dame.

Tiene una dimensión espiritual que necesita ser aprovechada, dijo el 10 de octubre en una entrevista por teléfono.

“¿Cuáles son las heridas y las luchas de los inmigrantes? ¿Cuál es la revelación que experimentan? ¿Cuál es su encuentro con Dios?” dijo.

El padre Groody ha escrito un libro, “Frontera de Muerte, Valle de Vida: Una Espiritualidad del Mexicano Inmigrante,” en el que examina la dimensión evangelizadora de la migración mexicana en los Estados Unidos.

Se ha programado la fecha de publicación para la próxima primavera por Rowman & Littlefield. Se basa en investigación que el sacerdote hizo de 1996 al año 2000.

La investigación incluyó visitas a centros de detención, viajes con la Patrulla Fronteriza de los EE.UU., ir en compañía de “coyotes” quienes pasan a los mexicanos ilegalmente a través de la frontera por cierto precio, y

visitas a pueblos pobres mexicanos de donde muchos de los inmigrantes empiezan su viaje.

En el libro, él describe el viaje del inmigrante como el Camino de la Cruz.

Mediante los programas de alcance de la Iglesia se necesita demostrarles a los inmigrantes que “Dios está con ellos 24 horas al día y no solamente en tiempos difíciles,” dijo.

Mediante estos programas se ha demostrado que la Iglesia es más que una estructura y más inclinada a las relaciones humanas, que le da la bienvenida a la gente y que construye el espíritu de comunidad, dijo.

“La espiritualidad no es solamente del otro mundo. Es lo que hace que la gente sea más humana. Genera vida en el espíritu del Evangelio,” dijo el padre Groody.

El sacerdote alabó programas de cuatro días desarrollados dentro del Programa Misionero del Valle en su centro de Coachella, localizado en el desierto al Sur de California cerca de la frontera con México.

En las sesiones se incluye instrucción religiosa, juntas de la comunidad en las que la gente comparte su fe y experiencias, y minidramas en los que la gente representa parábolas, dijo el padre Groody.

## El Vaticano le urge a las N.U. el reconocimiento de la dignidad de mujeres y niñas

NACIONES UNIDAS (CNS) — Cualquier esfuerzo que fomente auténtico desarrollo humano debe empezar con “reconocimiento de la dignidad de la persona humana, especialmente la de las mujeres y niñas,” dijo el Vaticano en una declaración presentada ante las Naciones Unidas el 18 de octubre.

“Una forma de globalización que ignore la inherente dignidad de la mujer, y especialmente las contribuciones particulares que la mujer hace a la familia y a la sociedad, ciertamente reduciría a la mujer a ser un objeto exclusivo de los medios económicos,” se decía en la declaración.

Fue presentada por Joan McGrath-Triulzi, voluntaria de New York que asiste a la misión del Vaticano en las Naciones Unidas, ante un comité de la Asamblea General que revisaba la puesta en vigor del programa adoptado en 1995 en la Conferencia sobre la Mujer, en Pekín.

En Pekín y en otros comentarios subsiguientes, el Vaticano ha llamado la atención al rechazo de la manera en la que el documento de la conferencia aborda algunos temas, particularmente el de “la salud reproductiva.”

Sin embargo, en la declaración de McGrath-Triulzi se omitió toda referencia a esas

controversias, y se reiteró el apoyo por “el tema central” de la Plataforma de Acción de Pekín.

La plataforma, se decía en la declaración, era el reconocimiento de la dignidad de la mujer, el fin de la violencia en contra de las mujeres, acceso a los servicios sociales básicos, empleos, tierra y capital.

“Estos objetivos corresponden de forma muy cercana a las enseñanzas sociales de la Santa Sede,” dijo McGrath-Triulzi.

Ella también hizo notar como tema dominante en las más recientes conferencias de las Naciones Unidas el “fenómeno de la globalización y sus implicaciones tanto positivas como negativas.”

La cuestión que las Naciones Unidas deben considerar es cómo las mujeres “pueden obtener la mejor posición para usufructuar los beneficios de la globalización y evitar los efectos negativos,” dijo.

Haciendo un llamado para protección de la “libertad fundamental de las mujeres y de las niñas,” McGrath-Triulzi dijo que ellas deben gozar el derecho de escoger libremente el estado de matrimonio y de cuidar de su familia, buscar empleo con justos salarios y recibir protección en contra de la explotación.



EN LETRERO DE PUEBLO SALVADORENO SE LE DA GRACIAS A ESTADOS UNIDOS — En un letrero colocado arriba del frente principal de una tienda en el pueblo de Intipuca en El Salvador se

dice, “Gracias U.S.A.” La economía local se ha beneficiado substancialmente gracias a residentes que han emigrado a los Estados Unidos. (Foto CNS por Edgar Romero)

## Conferenciante

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gas sarino en seis estaciones subterráneas y abarrotadas, los daños fueron menores de lo que habían tratado de conseguir.

Y miembros del mismo culto habían tratado varias veces de dispersar sin éxito toxinas en una amplia zona, de acuerdo con Dretchen.

Utilizar el correo de los EE.UU. para dispersar ántrax

es una manera de distribuirlo, dijo Dretchen. Pero considerando el número tan bajo de personas que pueden ser afectadas, es más efectivo como medio de atemorizar a muchas personas más que matarlas.

Como para los gases de cloro y mostaza que han estado disponibles durante décadas, para el ántrax y

otras toxinas hay antídotos que son efectivos si la causa del trastorno se diagnostica con suficiente rapidez.

“El aspecto principal es el diagnóstico,” dijo Dretchen. “Necesitamos desarrollar métodos más rápidos de diagnóstico para poder identificar las causas en horas y no en días.”

# Five Idaho priests honored at Jubilee Mass

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

BOISE—Priests of the Diocese of Boise Oct. 24 honored five priests, whose priestly service totals 195 years, with a Jubilee Mass at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, and a banquet at the Statehouse Inn.

The events were held in conjunction with the Diocese of Boise Presbyteral Convocation that took place Oct. 22-25 in Boise.

Those honored were Father Albert V. Dulberg, Post Falls, who is celebrating 65 years of priesthood this year; Father Peter Bourne, a Hermit of Mt. Carmel, Lemhi, 40 years; Father Simeon Van De Voord, Order of St. Benedict, 40 years; Father Alan Cox, Salmon, 25 years, and Father Dennis Day, Sandpoint, 25 years.

Only Father Day and Father Cox were able to attend the celebration.

Father Dulberg, 92, a native of Chicago, was ordained for the Diocese of Boise on April 18, 1936 in Mundelein, Ill. He had attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary in Chicago, St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, and St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

His first assignments as assistant pastor were at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, Holy Rosary, Idaho Falls, and St. Joseph's, Sandpoint. He later served as pastor in Priest River, assistant in Wallace, and pastor at parishes in Potlatch, Keuterville, Orofino, Weiser, Post Falls, (1949-1958) and Sandpoint, (1958-1971). He was assigned as pastor of St. Ann's, Bonners Ferry in 1971 but retired due to illness a year later.

He has lived in Post Falls since his retirement. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy, and Father Bill Gould takes him communion.

Father Bourne, who attended Carmelite College of Philosophy at Holy Hill, Hubertus, Wis., and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel College of Theology, Washington, D.C., was or-

dered a Carmelite priest on June 3, 1961. He is originally from Harrisburg, Penn.

In the 1960s, he taught seminary in New Hampshire and Medellin, Colombia and served as a retreat master at the Carmelite Retreat House in Peterborough, N.H. In 1975, he became a hermit in Sharon, N.H. He came to Idaho in 1979 to serve as administrator of St. Joseph's Mission, Leadore, and has been Hermit of Mt. Carmel in Lemhi since 1980, celebrating weekend Mass at Leadore. He was incardinated in the Diocese of Boise in 1985.

Father Van De Voord, a native of Atkinson, Ill., studied for the priesthood at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., and was ordained there on May 11, 1961. In the early 1960s, he taught at the seminary. He came to Idaho in 1968 and served as chaplain at St. Benedict's Student Center, Twin Falls. The center was the precursor of what is now Monastery of the Ascension.

In 1972 he returned to Mt. Angel Seminary to serve as dean of students for the college and later for the theologate. He was the director of recruitment for the Mt. Angel schools in St. Benedict, Ore., from 1977 to 1980.

Father Van De Voord came back to Idaho to serve as prior at Ascension Priory, Jerome, from 1980 to 1987.

In 1987 he was named administrator of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, McCall, and later served as administrator of the parishes in Ferdinand and Green creek. He was parochial vicar at St. John's Cathedral, Boise, 1995-1998. He retired in 1998 and has been in residence at St. Paul's Student Center on the Boise State University campus, celebrating Mass for that community and filling in for priests in the area when called to do so.

He was recently hospitalized with heart problems but is now on the mend.

Father Cox, who was born



**JUBILARIANS**—Father Alan Cox, left, Salmon, and Father Dennis Day, right, Sandpoint, pose for a photo with Bishop Michael Driscoll on the steps at St. John's Cathedral Oct. 24. Priests of the Diocese of Boise who were in Boise for the Presbyteral Convocation honored the jubilarians with a Mass and a banquet following. Fathers Cox and Day were the only ones of the five who were able to attend. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

in Muncie, Ind., attended Theological College in Washington, D.C., and was ordained May 26, 1976 for the Diocese of Lafayette, Ind.

He served in a parish and later as a college campus minister at colleges in Indiana and California. He was a hospital chaplain in California from 1987 to 1995 and then served in a parish in New York before coming to Idaho in 1999.

In Idaho he has served as parochial vicar for at St. George's Parish, Post Falls, with responsibilities in Rathdrum and the past two years as administrator at St. Charles, Salmon, and stations.

Father Day, a Boise native, attended Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Meinrad Seminary and The Catholic University, Washington, D.C. he was ordained June 2, 1976.

He served as associate at Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, and later St. Mark's Parish, Boise, until his appointment as pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Emmett, where he stayed from 1979 to 1986.

He served as president of Bishop Kelly High School from 1986 to 1988 and then as pastor of St. Matthew's, Eagle. He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Sandpoint, in 1996, with care for stations in

Clark Fork, Priest River and Priest Lake.

Father Day has been active in Respect Life in the diocese and nationally for many years. His special diocesan appointments have included diocesan director of Right to Life, Presbyteral Council and Board of Consultors, and dean of the West Central Deanery.

Father Day delivered the homily at the Jubilee Mass. In his homily, he referred to the day's scripture reading in which people are told to "offer yourself to God as men who have come back from the dead to life."

During the Priest Convocation, he said he and his brother priests were offered a plethora of images of priesthood.

"What it comes down to is that we are to be like Christ—we are to seek the reality of Christ's cross and resurrection in our daily lives," said Father Day.

He said he loves being a priest.

"There are times when I have been bone weary, but I have never had a boring day," he said. "There are always challenges. Sometimes those challenges are enough to make one lose one's hair." That comment drew some chuckles from the congregation as they gazed upon Father Day's hairline.

Father Day said he has taken his image of priesthood from some of the priests who have influenced his life.

"These are great men, great priests, not without fault, but nevertheless, great priests," he said. Among those he mentioned that he remembered from his childhood were Msgr. Kenneth Rowe and Msgr. John Creegan. He also named Msgr. Dennis Falk, Bishop Sylvester Treinen, who ordained him, and Bishop Nicolas Walsh, who was his first vocation director.

"These great priests helped form my vocation and gave me the image of priestly life," he said. "I thank God for the priesthood."

## Convocation

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esan vocations team with Father Ron Wekerle, is director of Bishop Treinen House of

Formation for men who are discerning vocations. The priests attended Bishop Michael Driscoll's blessing of Treinen

House Oct. 24 before the Jubilee Mass at St. John's Cathedral. Treinen House is in the old St. John's rectory.

Earlier during the convocation, Father Restrepo gave the priests letters to read from children who wrote about why they appreciate and love the priests they know. A group of children had expressed an interest in doing something for vocations. The letters were their contribution.

In his homily during the closing Mass, Bishop Driscoll reminded the priests that when they are participating in the sacrament of reconciliation or at the altar consecrating the Eucharist "we stand in the place of Jesus."

"It is a wonderful thing when people recognize Jesus within us," he said.

The bishop said that through the sacrament of Holy Orders, Jesus makes priests instruments to reach out to his people.

"Sometimes the things we say and do may seem inconsequential but become powerful because of the Holy Spirit and the fact that we represent Jesus,"



**HOME FOR A VISIT**—Msgr. Donald Simmons came back to Idaho for the convocation. Retired, he lives in Spokane, Wash.

he said. "Jesus has asked us to follow in his footsteps and to do what we do in memory of him."

Bishop Driscoll said priests need a "fire within our priesthood so we can really bring people along."



**VIEWING THE CHAPEL**—Father Henry Carmona, left, Rupert, and Father Dennis Wassmuth, Boise, right, chat with Dustin Webb, center, a resident at Treinen House, the Diocese of Boise's house for vocation discernment. Webb was conducting tours of the house for Idaho priests Oct. 24.



**TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**—Father Tom Keller, Council, talks with Father Jerry Funke, Nampa, at Treinen House, Boise. Priests who were attending the Presbyteral Convocation gathered at the house Oct. 24 to socialize, take a tour, and bless the house. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)



# Press drive

## Bishops elect first African-American president

WASHINGTON (CNS) — On the second day of their fall general meeting in Washington, the U.S. bishops elected

the first African-American to serve as president of their conference, Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Ill.

They also elected other officers and committee chairmen and chairmen-elect, discussed the church's role in the world following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and heard presentations on the Vatican's recent instruction on liturgical translation.

Bishop Gregory was elected president for a three-year term on the bishops' first ballot at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. The 53-year-old bishop has been vice president for the past three years, and is the first African-American and the first Catholic convert to be elected president of the U.S. bishops in history.

The bishops also elected Bishop William S. Skylstad, 67, of Spokane, Wash., as vice president and Archbishop James P. Kelleher of Kansas City, Kan., as treasurer-elect. The bishops also cast ballots for nine committee chairmen to take office at the end of the meeting and 13 committee chairmen-elect to take office a year from now. For the first time in their conference's history, they used electronic voting to cast votes during the meeting with hand-held voting devices called Digidotes.

Bishop Gregory, who has been a bishop for 18 years, holds a doctorate in

liturgy from Rome's Pontifical Liturgical Institute and has written extensively on the subject, particularly on liturgy in the African-American community.

Among those elected to committee leadership were Miami Auxiliary Bishop Thomas G. Wenski to head the Committee on Migration; Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington to head the Committee on Domestic Policy, which closely follows congressional actions; Chicago's Cardinal Francis E. George, as chairman-elect of the Committee on Liturgy; and Bishop John H. Ricard of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., as chairman-elect of the Committee on International Policy.

The same day, four prelates — Cardinal George of Chicago, Cardinal Avery Dulles, Bishop Tod D. Brown of Orange, Calif., and Auxiliary Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Newark, N.J. — presented papers on the Vatican's recent instruction on liturgical translation.

They discussed the document, "Liturgiam Authenticam" ("The Authentic Liturgy") issued this May by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments. It sets out (See, 'Bishops' meeting,' page 3)



**NEW LEADERSHIP**—Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, Belleville, Ill., Bishop William Skylstad, Spokane, Wash., and Bishop John H. Ricard, Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla., are photographed

following their election to top posts for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Nov. 13 in Washington D.C. (CNS photo)

## Laurie LaFollette's enthusiasm is contagious

### St. Vincent director feels she is where God wants her to be

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

BOISE—When Laurie LaFollette talks about her new position as executive director for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Francis of Assisi Conference, Boise, her enthusiasm is contagious.

She is enthusiastic because she is very certain that she is right where God wants her to be.

"Through my involvement in the Evangelization Retreat and the Called and Gifted Program, I came to realize that God gives each of us gifts that we are meant to share," said LaFollette, who served as executive director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho the past five years. "What better way to witness Christ's love than to work in a Catholic ministry, and more importantly, to work for an agency that really helps those who are in need."

LaFollette was not looking for a new job when she applied for the St. Vincent De Paul position. She was very happy at Make-A-Wish Foundation. One day her husband, Bruce, was reading the newspaper and noticed the St. Vincent ad for an executive director. He told her, "That would really be a great job. I've always wanted to do something for my soul." He knew the time was not right



**VOLUNTEERS VALUED**—Laurie LaFollette, the new executive director of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis of Assisi Conference, Boise, right, talks with St. Vincent de

Paul volunteer Katie Ely, a Capital High School student. Katie is putting out Christmas merchandise. (Photo by Colette Cowman)

for him to apply though.

Two days later, LaFollette was getting ready for work, blow-drying her hair. The thought came very strongly to her that she needed to apply for that job. She called her husband, told him what she was thinking and asked if he had kept

the ad. He had. She put in her application and went for an interview. Within a week, she was offered the job.

"It was just God's will," she said. "I know it was divine."

LaFollette started Oct. 8 and is already so busy she is still trying to get her of-

fice set up. Already she has ideas and plans and is moving forward to make them a reality.

"My vision for St. Vincent de Paul (St. Francis of Assisi Conference) is for it to be regarded in Ada County as the (See 'St. Vincent de Paul,' page 23)

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**Solving hunger essential to preserving peace, Vatican official says**

ROME (CNS) — With the lives of 800 million people threatened by hunger, food security has become an essential issue for the preservation of world peace, a Vatican official told an international conference of food experts. The multitudes suffering chronic hunger and poverty risk becoming a hopeless and frustrated “mob” that turns to “worse instincts,” Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, the Vatican representative to the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, said in Rome Nov. 8. He said it was unacceptable that so many are threatened with starvation at a time when much of the world lives in unprecedented development and progress. This contrast threatens peace and stability, especially in the present moment of world tension, he said.

**Knights of Columbus gives \$1 million to rescue workers’ families**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) — Less than two months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Knights of Columbus announced that it has given more than \$1 million to families of New York City rescue workers killed at the World Trade Center. Through its network of insurance agents in New York and New Jersey, it delivered checks of \$3,000 each to 334 families of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical workers who died in the disaster. The Knights, the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization, created the Heroes Fund Sept. 12 to give immediate help to the survivors of those who died in the line of duty. The victims did not have to be Knights or Catholic for their families to qualify. The first checks were delivered to families of some of the dead firefighters Sept. 13.

**Nazareth bishop says most Palestinians are not extremists**

DETROIT (CNS) — Palestinians who celebrated the Sept. 11 attack on the United States and the suicide bombings inside Israel are not representative of the majority of the Palestinian people, a bishop from the Holy Land said. “Those examples of suicide are not the regular policy of the people or (Palestinian leaders),” said Auxiliary Bishop Giacinto-Boulos Marcuzzo of Jerusalem, the Nazareth-based vicar for Israel in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He told of anti-terrorism prayer services for peace, justice and the victims of the attacks by Palestinian Christians and Muslims since Sept. 11. There also were public demonstrations by Christian and Muslim Palestinians against terrorism, Bishop Marcuzzo told The Michigan Catholic, newspaper of the Detroit Archdiocese, during a recent visit to the United States.

**Colorado bishop urges his diocese to prepare for priest shortage**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (CNS) — In a pastoral letter to Catholics in his diocese, Bishop Richard C. Hanifen of Colorado Springs said that priests and laity alike must be prepared for challenges posed by a declining number of priestly vocations. “We are directed to believe that God will use this period of uncertainty and crisis to mold us,” the bishop wrote in his letter, issued this fall. He said today’s declining number of priests “calls for both prayer and trust,” particularly as Catholics meet the challenge by using their “gifts, talents and creative imagination.” The bishop said one of the major consequences of a priest shortage may be that on occasion some parishes may be without the celebration of Mass “on a given Sunday.” When priests are not available, he said parishes should conduct well-planned liturgies of the Word, led by deacons where available or trained laity, and usually including a Communion service.

**Oregon Catholic church hosts summit on irrigation, fishing rights**

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Farmers, government regulators and representatives of Oregon’s Klamath Tribes gathered at a Catholic church in Klamath Falls near the Oregon-California border to find some common ground in an ongoing struggle between farmers’ need for water for crop irrigation and the tribes’ fishing rights. “This is not to solve problems right away, but to sit down peaceably and hear each other,” Father Frank Buckman, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, said of the Nov. 1 summit. The meeting at the church in the Baker Diocese was prompted by a ruling from government biologists this spring that crop irrigation with water from Klamath Lake must be halted to save the endangered mullet fish, pitting farmers against the tribes. As a result of the ruling, farmers’ crops failed and about 4,000 demonstrators from around the country descended on Klamath Falls in August to protest it.

**Ashcroft decision on assisted suicide praised**

By Catholic News Service  
WASHINGTON, D.C.— The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has praised Attorney General John Ashcroft’s decision to give permission for federal agents to enforce drug laws against doctors who use medication to help patients commit suicide.

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston said the directive “not only ends the federal government’s involvement in assisted suicide, but also promotes improved pain management for patients near the end of life.”

The directive—which must still survive a court challenge—also drew praise from the Catholic Health Association and other groups opposed to assisted suicide.

In a letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration released Nov. 6, Ashcroft reversed a June 1998 order by former Attorney General Janet Reno that prohibited agents from enforcing federal drug control laws against doctors who prescribe lethal doses under Oregon’s assisted suicide law.

Oregon’s Death With Dignity Act allows doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of medicine to terminally ill patients who qualify under the law. It requires the consent of two physicians who concur that a patient has less than six months to live, has voluntarily chosen to die and is able to make decisions about his or her own care. Doctors are not permitted to administer the drugs.

In his letter, Ashcroft said assisted suicide is not a legitimate medical purpose for pre-

scribing, dispensing or administering federally controlled substances. Pain management is a legitimate use of substances that fall under the federal drug control laws, he said.

On Nov. 7 the state of Oregon sued the U.S. government over Ashcroft’s directive “to waylay the federal government from illegally interfering in the practice of medicine in Oregon,” a spokesman for Attorney General Hardy Myers said. Myers also filed a motion the same day in the U.S. District Court in Portland to temporarily stop the government from implementing the Ashcroft ruling, which essentially blocks Oregon’s assisted suicide law.

U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones issued a temporary restraining order Nov. 8 against the Ashcroft directive until Nov. 20, when he planned to rule whether or not to grant a preliminary injunction until the case could be brought to trial.

In his Nov. 6 statement, Bishop Fiorenza said that “suicide among the sick and elderly is not a ‘medical practice.’ It is a tragic public health problem that deserves our concern and caring response.”

The bishop said practicing good medicine means physicians “kill pain, not patients.”

“President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft should be thanked for affirming this vitally important principle,” he added.

Father Michael D. Place, president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association, said Nov. 8 that Ashcroft’s directive “not only protects the inherent dignity of every person who is chroni-

cally ill or in the immediate process of dying, it also upholds the integrity of the physician-patient relationship.”

He added, “The answer to a patient in pain should not be assisting in his or her suicide. Instead, the answer is improving care so that the patient is not in pain.”

The Oregon Health Division reports that at least 70 people have ended their lives with a federally controlled substance under the state law that took effect in 1997.

Ashcroft said he based his decision about drugs for assisted suicide on a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year.

Doctors who ignore the U.S. Justice Department ruling could lose their federal licenses to prescribe drugs. It specifically gives the go-ahead to doctors to treat pain aggressively, which will counter arguments that a ban on assisted suicide might cause doctors to under-medicate patients.

The directive “tells Oregon doctors that they need to be treating pain, depression and anxiety in the same ways as in the other 49 states—without giving lethal overdoses,” Dr. Gregory Hamilton, a Portland psychiatrist and member of Physicians for Compassionate Care, told the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Portland Archdiocese.

The Oregon Medical Association criticized the Ashcroft decision, saying doctors do not want “federal officials pawing through medical records.” Doctors, not the government, should decide what is appropriate for patients, said the association’s director, Robert Ornedde.

**Pope says suffering in Afghanistan represents global emergency**

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a Thanksgiving appeal, Pope John Paul II said the suffering in Afghanistan represents a “global emergency” that requires immediate relief.

At the same time, long-term changes are needed to correct economic imbalances that fuel conflicts and destroy natural resources in other parts of the world, the pope said at a Sunday blessing Nov. 11.

The pope said Thanksgiving, which is celebrated in November in Italy and the United States, was a good time to reflect on “the brothers and sisters in many parts of the world who are deprived of essential goods like food, water,

houses and health assistance.”

“In a special way, in this moment of great international concern, I am thinking of the dear people of Afghanistan. It is urgent that all necessary aid reaches them. This is a global emergency,” he said.

The pontiff did not mention the U.S.-led air strikes in Afghanistan or the specific refugee problems experienced in the Asian country, one of the poorest nations in the world.



He said that even as attention is focused on Afghanistan, people should not forget that “unfortunately, conditions of grave poverty and need persist in other parts of the world.”

“Faced with these situations,

extraordinary initiatives are not enough. The commitment to justice demands an authentic change in lifestyle, especially in the society of prosperity, as well as a more equitable management of resources in both rich and poor countries,” he said.

“The current imbalances, in fact, fuel conflicts and threaten in an irreversible way the earth, the air and the waters that God has entrusted to humanity,” he said.

The pope said Thanksgiving invites all people “not to forget that the primary source of sustenance and material well-being is divine providence.” That should be remembered in a special way today, given the current inequities in the world, he said.

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## Catholic Charities USA raises \$1.4 million for Sept. 11 fund

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A special Catholic Charities USA fund to aid people affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has collected \$14 million to date, according to a report to the U.S. bishops.

Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., who is the bishops' representative to Catholic Charities, told the U.S. bishops at their fall general meeting Nov. 12 that about 55 percent of the \$14 million came directly from individuals. About 40 percent came from parish and diocesan special collections.

As opposed to millions raised for other funds that are going toward immediate needs, the Catholic Charities funds are dedicated to longer-term problems related to the plane hijackings that leveled the World Trade Center and destroyed part of the Pentagon, Bishop Skylstad said.

The 13 dioceses initially targeted to receive the funds are primarily those in the immediate vicinity of New York City, where nearly 5,000 people were

killed when the towers collapsed.

"The experience of Catholic Charities USA is that there is much more funding immediately available in the short term with these disasters than in the long term," Bishop Skylstad said. Charities agencies in the affected dioceses will be focusing on trying to reach people who might not otherwise be receiving assistance, such as those who are in the country illegally or who have no insurance to cover unexpected expenses.

During discussion on the report, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan of Brooklyn, N.Y., said that, although police and fire department workers have received a huge amount of attention about the personal impact of the attack, they are not the ones in the most jeopardy.

Bishop Sullivan said service agencies in the New York area have been giving out \$20,000 to \$30,000 a day to help affected people cover expenses such as rent, mortgages and tuition.

## Send us your Christmas memories

Deadline: December 12

Again I extend a special invitation to Idaho Catholics to share your favorite memories of Christmases past with *Idaho Catholic Register* readers for our 2001 holiday edition.

This is a long-standing ICR tradition that both readers and staff look forward to each year with anticipation. It is one of the features that makes our annual Christmas edition a keepsake.

What is the most peaceful Christmas you have ever had? Did something happen at Christmas time years ago or even last year that warmed your heart, changed your life, made a lasting impression, brought you understanding or gave your more Christmas spirit than you ever imagined?

Are there traditions you can tell us about that make Christmas more meaningful to you and your family?

**Final deadline for submitting your story is Dec. 12** so we can get it ready for our Dec. 21 Christmas

edition.

**Please keep entries at 300 to 450 words.** They must be typed or printed with the writer's name, address, phone number and parish included.

**Photographs and illustrations to accompany the stories are always welcome.**

**Send your entries to:** Christmas Memories, Idaho Catholic Register, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705, or fax to (208) 342-0224 or e-mail to: [ccowman@rcdb.org](mailto:ccowman@rcdb.org).

I look forward to the smiles and tears that always come with reading these special Christmas memories, and I know your fellow readers do too.

If you have a Christmas story you have always thought about sharing, maybe this is the year to do it!

**Colette Cowman**  
Idaho Catholic Register  
editor



## Bishops' meeting

(Continued from page 1) detailed norms for translating into other languages all Latin liturgical texts and all biblical texts intended for use in the liturgy.

Several references to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks came up during the initial days of the bishops' meeting. In a brief report Nov. 13, Bishop Skylstad, as the bishops' liaison to Catholic Charities USA, said the charity organization has collected \$14 million to aid those affected by the acts of terrorism.

In his annual report on The Catholic University of America, Vincentian Father David O'Connell, university president, said students had been anxious in the weeks after the terrorist attacks. He also noted that \$6.3 million was raised in the last national collection for the school.

On Nov. 12, the bishops heard a preliminary presentation on a "Pastoral Message on the Aftermath of Sept. 11," which calls the use of force to root out terrorism "legitimate" but asks for a host of nonmilitary solutions to issues that could be seen to spark terrorist acts. "No grievance, no matter

what the claim, can legitimate what happened on Sept. 11," said the proposed message, submitted by the bishops' Committee on International Policy chaired by Boston's Cardinal Bernard F. Law.

The proposed message, which was to be debated and voted on Nov. 15, said there is a duty to preserve the common good, noting that "while military action may be necessary, it is by no means sufficient to deal with this terrorist threat."

The message also condemned the U.N. embargo on Iraq, calling the "massive suffering of the Iraqi people over the past decade" simply wrong.

During a Mass for the bishops billed as a "Mass for peace" at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the evening of Nov. 12, protesters interrupted the liturgy to voice objections to the war in Afghanistan and to the church's ban on women's ordination. A group also held signs in protest of the church's teaching on homosexuality.

The four-day meeting was the first for the U.S. bishops under their new conference structure — the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service to take place Nov. 21 at Cathedral

BOISE—St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Boise, will host the Nineteenth Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join in prayer and song with representatives of the city of Boise's religious denominations and civic and state leaders.

Those attending are asked to bring canned food items that will be given to Community House, a Boise homeless shelter, and Baltes Kitchen, which serves free meals to those in need. Financial contributions

are also welcome.

A 120-voice ecumenical choir will provide music. Representatives of choirs from University Christian Church, First Congregational Church, Wright Congregational, Southminster Presbyterian Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Emmanuel Lutheran will make up the choir. There will also be a brass ensemble and accompaniment on the great cathedral pipe organ.

Idaho Episcopal Bishop Harry Bainbridge will preach during the service.

Idaho Catholic Bishop Michael P. Driscoll will give the opening prayer.

Furgan Mehmood, Boise, a member of the Boise Islamic community, will do a reading in Arabic.

Archimandrite Nektarios Serfes from the Greek Orthodox Church, will read the gospel.

Representatives of the Church of Latter Day Saints will read from the Book of Mormon.

A reception will follow the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service in St. John's Cathedral Parish Hall.

### OFFICIAL correction

Oct 7, 2001: Deacon Clifton J. (CJ) Harris, to serve at St. Mark's Parish, Boise.

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# In praise of the ordinary

Something inside us despises the ordinary. Something there is that tells us that ordinary life, with its predictable routines, domestic rhythms, and conscription to duty makes for cheap meaning. Inside us there is the sense that the ordinary can weigh us down, swallow us up, and anchor us outside the more rewarding waters of passion, romance, creativity, and celebration.

We vilify the ordinary. I remember a young woman, a student of mine, who shared in class that her greatest fear in life was to succumb to the ordinary, "to end up a content, little housewife and mother, happily doing laundry commercials!"

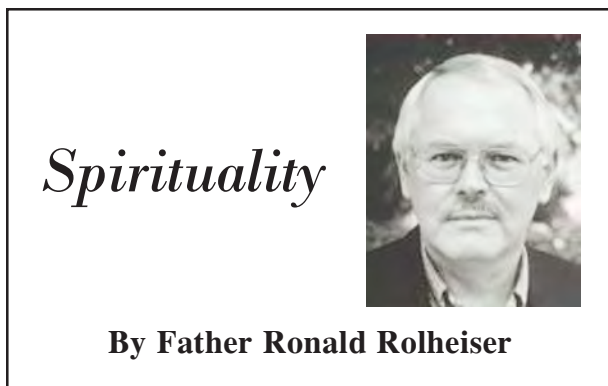
If you're an artist or have an artistic temperament, you're particularly prone to this kind of denigration. Artists tend to make a spirituality of creativity out of this kind of feeling. Doris Lessing, for example, once made the comment that George Eliot could have been a better writer "if she hadn't been so moral." What Lessing is suggesting is that Eliot kept herself too anchored in the ordinary, too safe, too secure, too far from the edges.

Kathleen Norris, in her recent biographical work, *The Virgin of Bennington*, shares how as a young writer she fell victim to this ideology:

"Artists, I believed were much too serious to live sane and normal lives. Driven by inexorable forces in an uncaring world, they were destined for an inevitable, sometimes deadly, but always ennobling wrestle with gloom and doom."

The ennobling wrestle with gloom and doom! That does have a seductive sound to it, particularly for any of us who fancy ourselves as artistic, intellectual, or spiritual. That's why, on a given day, any of us can feel a certain condescending pity for those who can achieve simple happiness. Easy for them, we think, but they're selling themselves short! That's the artist inside of us speaking. You never see an artist doing a laundry commercial!

Don't get me wrong. Not all of this bad. Jesus, himself, said that we do not live by bread alone. No



artist needs that explained. He or she knows that what Jesus meant by that, among other things, is that routine, dram-duty, and a mortgage that's been paid do not necessarily make for heaven. We need bread, but we also need beauty and colour.

Doris Lessing, who is a great artist, joined the communist party as a young woman but left after she'd matured.

Why? One phrase says it all. She left the communist party, she says, "because they don't believe in colour!" Life, Jesus assures us, is not meant to be lived in black and white, nor is it meant simply to be an endless cycle of rising, showering, going off to work, responsibly doing a job, coming home, having supper, getting things set for the next day, and then going back to bed.

And yet, there is much, much to be said for that seemingly dram routine. The rhythm of the ordinary is, in the end, the deepest wellsprings from which to draw joy and meaning.

Kathleen Norris, after telling us about her youthful temptation to side-step the ordinary to engage in the more ennobling battle with gloom and doom, shares how a wonderful mentor, Betty Kray, helped steer her clear of that pitfall. Kray encouraged her to write out of her joy as well as her gloom and to "dismiss the romance of insanity as a sham." As Norris puts it: "She tried hard to convince me of what her friends

who had been institutionalized for madness knew all too well: that the clean simple appreciation of ordinary, daily things, is a treasure like none on earth."

Sometimes the mentor that teaches us this is illness. When we regain our health and energy after having been ill, off work, and out of our normal routines and rhythms, nothing is as sweet as returning to the ordinary—our work, our routine, the normal stuff of everyday life. Only after it has been taken away and then given back, do we realize that the clean simple appreciation of daily things is the ultimate treasure.

Artists, though, are still partially right. The ordinary can weigh us down, outside the deeper waters of creativity, of one-in-a-million romance, and of the wildness that truly lets us dance. But anchors and weight also have a positive function. They keep us from being swept away. The rhythm of the ordinary is perhaps the most powerful anchor of all to hold us in sanity.

Paul Simon, in an old 1970s song entitled, "An American Tune," sings about coping with confusion, mistakes, betrayal, and other events that shatter our innocence. He ends a rather sad ballad quite peacefully with these words: "Still tomorrow's gonna be another working day, and I'm trying to get some rest. That's all I'm trying, is to get some rest."

Sometimes obedience to that imperative is what saves our sanity. There's a lot to be said for being a contented, little person, anchored in the rhythms of the ordinary.

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# A great document of a great council

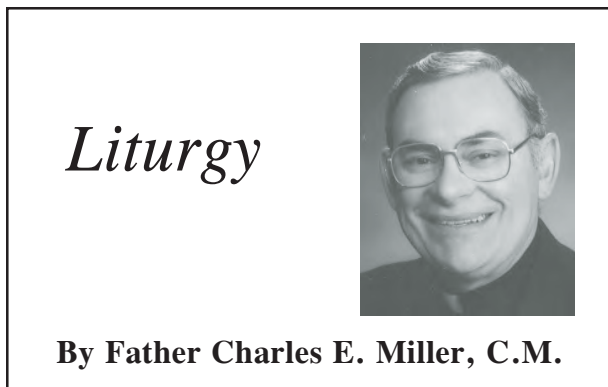
History will record that the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) was the most momentous religious event of the twentieth century.

The first document to be produced by the council was the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy on Dec. 4, 1963. Pope Paul VI observed that "the liturgy was the first subject to be examined and the first too, in a sense, in intrinsic worth and importance for the life of the church."

The principles of this constitution have touched the lives of more Catholics than all of the other 15 documents of the council combined. Liturgical renewal elicited strong responses, both positive and negative, because liturgy is of the essence of our lives as Catholics.

Not all the changes were put into effect immediately. Over a period of six years, gradual modifications and partial translations were introduced. It was not until Nov. 30, 1969, the First Sunday of Advent, that Pope Paul VI mandated the use of the restored rite as we now experience it.

Even though the changes were introduced by degrees, many Catholics thought that everything happened too quickly and without sufficient instruction. At one time I used to feel defensive against such views. I have come to realize that no defense is necessary



since sufficient instruction was impossible.

There are two main reasons why sufficient instruction was impossible. The first is the magnitude of the subject, which goes far beyond accepting changes to embracing the principle that the liturgy is the indispensable source of the true Christian spirit. The subject includes an understanding of the church as it is expressed in liturgy, of the spiritual life as it is formed by the liturgy, of the scriptures as they are proclaimed in the liturgy, and of the entire sacramental principle which is the soul of the liturgy. Even a lifetime of study and prayer is not enough to grow into anything like a

full understanding of the liturgy.

The second reason why adequate instruction was impossible is that the supernatural character of the liturgy can be understood only by means of the grace of God. This grace is itself communicated to us through our participation in the liturgy. We learn by doing.

You could take a course on the meaning of love but you would not really begin to understand love until you had experienced it. The same applies to the liturgy. When people are open to the experience of the restored liturgy, they are in a position to begin to understand and appreciate it.

Catholics should not come to the liturgy with a critical spirit regarding the present or with a yearning for the past. As Jesus warned, "you cannot put new wine into old wineskins." The time is now long past for all Catholics to have embraced the liturgical renewal and to know what the council taught. I make no excuses for poorly celebrated liturgies since they are not in accord with the council's directives.

When liturgy is celebrated properly, according to the renewal mandated by the Second Vatican Council, it is truly beautiful, properly devout, and very Catholic.

*Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.*

## Question Corner

### Offering Masses for deceased

**Q. We like to have Masses offered for our family and our deceased relatives. We understand that in some parishes more than one Mass stipend is accepted for the same Mass. Can Masses be offered for more than one intention now?**

**A.** As I'm sure you are aware, every Mass is offered for many intentions, including all the living and all the dead. The Eucharistic Prayers, in addition to other parts of the liturgy, make that clear.

Regarding Mass stipends, however, Canon 948 says, "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intention for which an indi-

vidual offering, even if small, has been made and accepted."

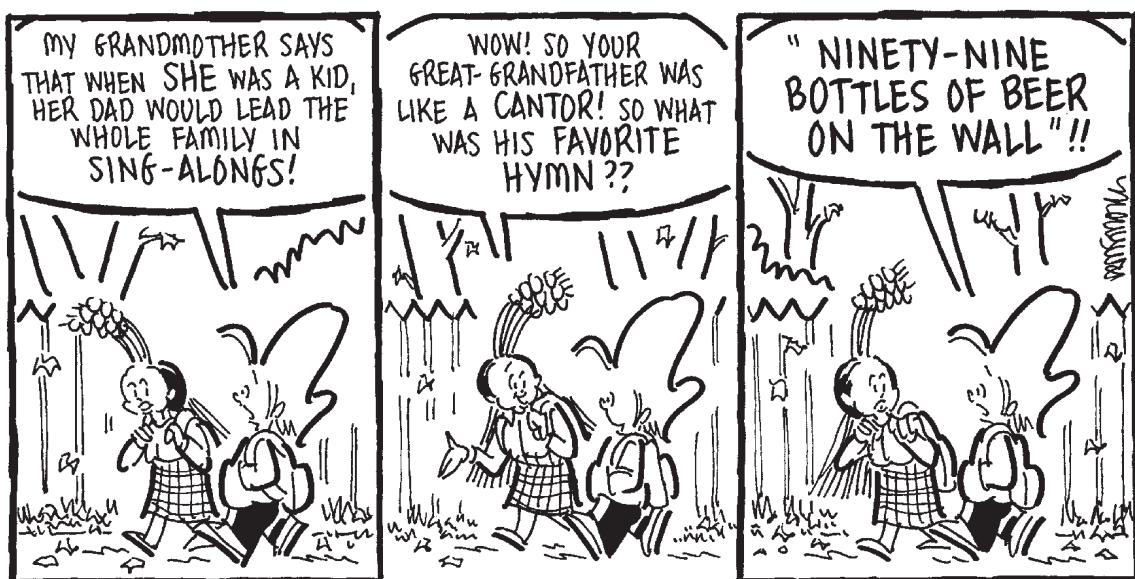
In other words, only one stipend or offering may be accepted by a priest for any one Mass. To do otherwise is, according to church law, outside the hands of individual priests. One obvious reason is to avoid abuse in offering and accepting Mass stipends.

When additional priests concelebrate the same Mass, which is common today in many circumstances, since all the priests are actually celebrants of that Eucharist, each one may individually accept a stipend for the Mass.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY

by Mark Armstrong





*Last Of A Series*

# The Prayer of every day

By Dan McGill  
Coordinator of Adult Education



Dan McGill

A priest once asked, "If you must die tomorrow, how should you live today?" After a few answers he offered this, "Live today just like yesterday." He meant strive to live every day well. Don't wait for a death sentence to become inspired. Life is worth living well at every moment. This is the lesson of prayer as an adult.

As hundreds of rescue workers rushed up the burning World Trade Centers, they only did the usual—risk their lives to save others. That so many of them died opened our eyes to the sacrifice many others make every day on our behalf.

Many rescuers are people of prayer. The devotion the firefighters showed to their chaplain who died during the at-

tack, meant he meant something to them on other days as well. They challenge us to ask ourselves, how critical is prayer to our daily lives?

We might pray for miracles, but prayer should also transform how we live. Mass, private prayer and other devotions all of these are not ends in themselves.

They are meant to draw us closer to God and each other. For example, if we reflect on our lives as we

hear Scripture, we will more consciously strive to live the love they proclaim. If we gently lift up the struggles of others as we pray the rosary we will learn to gently hold each other up the rest of the day. If in meditation we quietly sit in the loving presence of God, then others will benefit as we become a quiet loving presence in their lives.

But we have so many commitments to meet as adults. How do we pray as adults when our lives are so busy?

Certainly we must take time for God every day. No excuses. But what about unavoidable times of haste, such as when we have small children demanding attention or unexpected work assignments? Should we abandon prayer and hope for the best? Brother Lawrence answered these concerns in the classic "The Practice of the Presence of God." For him, prayer was every action, even scrubbing pots and pans in the kitchen. He did every thing as a service to Christ. His whole life was prayer.

Jesus was often rushed by crowds. Sometimes they interrupted his prayer. But he never stopped serving individuals with respect. We can't always dictate our schedules, but how we face them and treat others can be moments of prayer.

Some struggle with prayer because of anger, jealousy or other dark emotions. For these the prayer of everyday action

helps as well: turning the other cheek to small offenses, giving genuine praise to those with whom we compete. Concrete actions that work against our dark emotions liberate us from their bondage.

Some people struggle with grief. For them God can seem very distant. How can prayer help these? Buddhists tell the story of a woman asking the Buddha to bring her dead child back to life. He told her to bring back a grain of rice from a household that had never been touched by death. The woman went and searched but returned saddened to report not one household was untouched by death. From this he taught her to turn her suffering into compassion for the suffering of others. She did not need to be isolated in sorrow, rather she needed to go and reach out to the sorrowful. This too is a prayer of action.

As we all work and pray for a world of peace in a time of war, let us remember that we can make our every action a moment of prayer.

## Death Penalty vigil: Anger and hatred ratchet up

By Mia Crosthwaite

For over four years, I have gathered with several others every Wednesday during the noon hour outside Idaho's Statehouse in Boise to vigil for an end to the death penalty in Idaho. Our signs read "Idaho's 'Death Penalty: Unfair, Unjust, Unholy,' 'Execute Justice, not People,' 'Stop the Spiral of Violence, It's Killing Us All' and 'Do not Repay Injury with Injury (Romans 12:17).'"

For these last several years we have become used to people giving their vote as they drive by, either up or down. Sometimes we talk to a few people a day, and other times we go for weeks without talking to anybody.

On Sept. 11 our message took on new meaning. Since then, the anger and hatred in people's voices and body language as they disagree with us has become palpable. When people stop to talk with us, they sometimes yell and shake with fury.

We encourage those who disagree to come talk with us, so that we can share the reasons we oppose the use of capital punishment and to invite a change of heart. We vigil as a consistent response to our Catholic faith, doing what we can to reform our country to be a culture of life, joining our pope in this cause: "I

renew the appeal I made most recently at Christmas for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary" (Pope John Paul II, Jan. 27, 1999).

In many ways, when our country suffered the directed and violent attacks of Sept. 11, we became, collectively, the family of a victim of violent crime. We are going through similar emotions as grieving families who have lost a loved one to murder.

At first we were shocked and our hearts broke. Shortly, the anger started to boil up within us. We looked around for someone to blame, a perpetrator. We found that someone in the country of Afghanistan, while not the actual perpetrator, it was close enough. Many people truly believe that by attacking Afghanistan, it will bring about peace and that somehow we will all feel better when they have been brought to justice. But just like most grieving families, we don't feel any better after the execution. We are still angry, full of hatred, and blinded by pain.

Like the death penalty, our continued violence doesn't bring peace, but only more violence. First they bombed our buildings, then we bomb their country, then they attack us with anthrax, then we continue bombing, then what is

next? How does it end? Does it ever end?

As the anger has grown, many Americans have embraced the standard that anyone who disagrees with the use of violence is unAmerican and should be put out. We are becoming what we hate.

And every Wednesday, our group against the death penalty feels it more and more. The hatred is written on so many faces.

In a very small way, I feel the terror of the disciples trying to follow Jesus in the face of terrible violence. There is a part of me that wants to run away, the same way that they did. But the threat against me is much less than what they endured, and I have the benefit of knowing about

the resurrection and of the "proof" of the divinity of Christ.

As a Catholic, I have vowed to do my part in bringing about a culture of life. I choose the death penalty as the issue where I put my focus because I think that if we can find a way to treat those who have done great evil with great love and dignity, how much easier it will be to treat the innocent and the poor with great love and dignity.

In A Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty, our bishops said "the death penalty offers the tragic illusion that we can defend life by taking life." You can read the entire statement at [www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/national/criminal/appeal.htm](http://www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/national/criminal/appeal.htm).

The way to peace is as simple

and as difficult as it was 2000 years ago.

"Do not repay injury with injury" and "love your enemies." Loving means to turn the person over to God, while still remaining vigilant to protect yourself and your family from further violence. Our vigil group proposes life in prison without parole as a compassionate and appropriate response to capital crime.

Please pray that we will be safe every Wednesday as we endure emotion-filled insults and threats of physical violence. Pray that the peace of Christ will enter all our hearts and that we, as a country, will come to see that more violence is not the answer.

### Readers Write

#### The Rosary

Editor, the ICR:

Re: McGill column on Rosary, ICR 11-3.

McGill, in my opinion, certainly didn't do much to encourage the praying of the rosary with some of his remarks.

He states that, "the rosary presently practiced, is a private devotion, not required, but one all are welcome to embrace." Apparently he has forgotten that Our Lady, each time she appeared at Fatima, urged the praying of the daily rosary. The rosary is also recited during processions at Lourdes. Closer to home, information in the Boise Diocesan Briefs (page 8): "The Legion of Mary held a Fatima Procession on Oct. 12 in

Meridian. About 100 people attended to pray the rosary for peace.

Lastly, McGill said, "Walking with Mary, who remained ignorant of the future, we learn to place our own trust in God." Does he not remember that our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Cross, gave His mother to all of us when He told St. John, "Son, behold your Mother." In the Magnificat, our Blessed Mother said, "...for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed."

May I suggest Mr. McGill read Bishop Fulton Sheen's, "The World's First Love" and/or works by St. Louis DeMonfort.

Josie Roberts  
Hood River, Ore.

## Nothing to fear

### READINGS

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 19-20a  
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

*Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the Lord of hosts.*

What comes to mind when you hear words like these?

My first automatic reaction—and the fact that it is beyond my control, is the only thing that keeps St. Peter from putting a check mark in the sinfully uncharitable column of the Great book—is that the prophet must be talking about someone else. "I hope that they get everything they deserve!"

How true it is, as a friend once remarked that most of us do not consider ourselves to be sinners. It's always the other person.

It's times like this when one of my old pastor's pet homily phrases comes to mind: "Folks, I've got news for you."

The news is that we are all, in one way or another, to be numbered among the *proud* and the *evildoers*. But the news is not all bad news. Malachi ends, *But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.*

If we are numbered among those who fear God's name, that is those who have a healthy respect and reverence for Him, then there is hope for us. God's loving mercy is greater

### Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

than our sinfulness.

The prophet Malachi's words are meant to bring sinful people to their knees. So are Jesus' words in today's gospel.

The disciples were filled with curiosity about dates and times. *Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?*

Jesus' reply makes it clear that His true disciples should not be fearful, for *not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.*

We are all sinners, but we do not have to remain in that condition. If we listen to God's word, put it into practice, and try to live, as we should, then we will have nothing to fear.

Repentance, which leads to a confident trust in God's mercy, only begins when we realize that the sinner is not just "that other person."

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.



## CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

### Nov. 16: MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles

Fun Night, 6-9 p.m., Bingo for turkeys, delicious food and pies and raffle. Fun for all ages. For information call Cheryl Simer, 888-2183

### Nov. 17: BOISE, St. Mary's School

Dinner, Dance, Auction, Centre on the Grove, 5 p.m. Tickets, \$30 per person, or \$250 for a table for ten. For information and tickets call, Kathy Burlile, 939-2210

### Nov. 17: NAMP, Mercy Medical Center

Childbirth Education Class-five week class in one day. Fee \$50 with \$20 deposit for space. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Birthing Center, 1603-C, 12 Ave. Rd. Call Mercy Medical Center, 463-5940 or 463-6009 for a complete list of education groups

### Nov. 18: MCCALL, Our Lady of the Lake

St. John's Station at McCall—Walking with the Earth: Advent Symbols from Nature, 4-6 p.m., Carol Ann Wassmuth, OSB, presenter. Bring potluck dish to share following. Call 634-5474 for information

### Nov. 24: BOISE, St. John's Cathedral

Rosary for Peace and Justice, 9:30 a.m. on the steps of the Cathedral. Sponsored by St. John's Social Justice

### Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School

14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring

### Feb. 9, 2002: POCATELLO, St. Anthony

Community School 11th Annual Dinner Auction. Held at Phil Meador Courtesy Ford

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**EMMETT, Sacred Heart:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, Thurs 6 p.m.

**LEWISTON: St. James,** 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

**SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church:** Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's:** Perpetual adoration—all welcome

**CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church,** First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas,** CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel,** After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

**COTTONWOOD: St. Mary's:** First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

**COUNCIL: St. Jude Church:** Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

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**WEISER:** Adoration, Thurs., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**BOISE, St. John's Cathedral,** Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

**BOISE, St. Mary's:** Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

**BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary:** Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**BOISE, Sacred Heart:** Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**BOISE, St. Mark's:** Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.—

Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

**BUHL, Immaculate Conception:** Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

### BURLEY, Little Flower Church

First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

**GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

**GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church** Fourth Fri-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

**HAGERMAN, St. Catherines:** 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

**IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King:** Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

**IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary,** First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

**LAPWAI: Sacred Heart:** 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

**LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes,** Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

**MERIDIAN: Holy Apostles,** Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**NAMP: St. Paul's:** Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**OROFINO: Little Flower Church:** Every Friday—Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

**POCATELLO, St. Anthony's:** Thurs., 12-9 p.m.

**RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community** Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

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**CASCADE:** June 3, 4 p.m., Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

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### PRAYER GROUPS

**Citywide Prayer and Praise Meeting,** every 4th Saturday of the month, 7 p.m., Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise

**The Tree of Life—**7-9 p.m., Monday, Holy Rosary Parish Center, Idaho Falls

**Maranatha Prayer Group—**7-9 p.m., Monday, St. Joseph's Church, Sandpoint

**Women Walking in the Spirit—**9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sacred Heart Day Chapel, Boise

**Fishers of Men—**6-7 a.m., Monday, St. Mark's cry room, Boise

### Bishop Driscoll's Schedule

**Nov. 16:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

**Nov. 16:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.

**Nov. 17:** Boise, Boise Centre on the Grove, St. Mary's School Dinner/Auction, 7 p.m.

**Nov. 19:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Priest Personnel Commission, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Nov. 20:** Boise, Boise Centre on the Grove, St. Alphonsus Festival of Trees Gala Evening

**Nov. 21:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service, 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 22:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10 a.m.

**Nov. 27:** Boise, Sacred Heart Parish, West Central Deanery Meeting, 11 a.m.

**Nov. 27:** Boise, Idaho Correctional Institution Volunteer Training, 6 p.m.

**Dec. 1:** Nampa, Idaho Center, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton School Dinner/Auction Fundraiser, evening

**Dec. 2:** Boise, St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Mass, 7 p.m.

**Dec. 6-9:** Indianapolis, Ind., National Catholic Youth Conference on Vocations



### Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the last weeks of November and the first weeks of December.

Nov. 15, 1989

Rev. Donald E. Turner

Nov. 18, 1985

Rev. Urban H. Schmidt

Nov. 27, 1985

Rev. Thomas J. Ryan

Nov. 29, 1972

Rev. Michael J. Keyes

Dec. 4, 1980

Rev. Msgr. Bernard P. McBride

Dec. 8, 1983

Rev. Patrick J. Phelan

### Nazareth Schedule

Nov. 13-14

Department of Health and Welfare

Nov. 17

St. Mark's

Nov. 20

Our Lady of the Rosary RCIA

Nov. 22-25

THANKSGIVING—Closed

Nov. 30-12-2:

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and

Eda Elizalde, 208-482-6995

Dec. 4-6

St. Alphonsus Education Ministries

Dec. 7

Idaho Primary Care

Dec. 14

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

Dec. 22-31

CHRISTMAS—Closed

Jan. 1, 2002

NEW YEAR'S DAY—Closed

Jan. 12-13

Corpus Christi

Jan. 16

Boise Samaritan Village

Jan. 18-20

Holy Apoostles Life-Teen Parent and

Young Adult Retreat

Jan. 25-26

Sacred Heart, Emmett

Jan. 28-29

Presbyteral Council

Jan. 29

St. Mark's Staff

Feb. 1-3

Sweet Adelines-TVSC

Feb. 8-10

Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and

Eda Elizalde, 208-482-6995

Feb. 16

St. Mark's

Feb. 19-21

St. Alphonsus Education Ministries

Mar. 6-7

Department of Health and Welfare

Mar. 15-17

Deacon Retreat

Mar. 18-19

Presbyteral Council

Mar. 21

St. Alphonsus Mission Services

Mar. 22-23

Diocesan Pastoral Council

Mar. 29

GOOD FRIDAY—Closed

Mar. 30-April 4

EASTER—Closed

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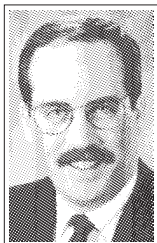


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# Social justice group sponsors talk by Boise Muslim man

By Mary Ellen Nourse  
For the ICR

BOISE—"Understanding Islam" was the topic of a special presentation given at St. John's Cathedral recently.

Furqan Mehmood of the Boise Islamic Center spoke to about 50 parishioners and guests in the Cathedral Parish Hall. The event was sponsored by St. John's Social Justice.

Mehmood started by explaining about his early life in Pakistan. He came to the United States in 1988 and now is a real estate agent in Boise.

He then introduced the audience to the Five Pillars of Islam. He said these pillars have been handed down from the prophet Muhammed and form the basis of the Islamic faith:

**Pillar 1:** There is only one God, and Muhammed is the messenger of God. The truth is contained in the Psalms, the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament), the New Testament, and the Qu'ran. Eternal punishment awaits those who don't accept the truth.

**Pillar 2:** We must worship. Muslims pray five times daily, facing the East toward Mecca. In Muslim countries, the daily calls to prayer resound from the minarets of mosques.

**Pillar 3:** Charitable giving is also considered worship. Muslims tithe 2 1/2 percent of their income after expenses. Often this tithe is applied toward charitable organizations in underdeveloped nations. As an example, Mehmood reminded the audience that a child in Pakistan can be fed for only 10 cents a day.

**Pillar 4:** Self-purification is attained through fasting. During the holy month of Ramadan (November), Muslims fast from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Fasting also involves abstaining from bad habits, particularly anger toward others.

**Pillar 5:** If possible, adult

Muslims make a pilgrimage to Mecca once in their lives. At Mecca, all pilgrims dress the same to emphasize everyone's equality before God. Muslims believe, as do Christians, that God loves everyone equally, he said.

Mehmood shared insights into the Islamic way of life. For example: Muslims revere their elderly. Nursing homes don't exist in Muslim countries. The father of the family is directly responsible for the actions of his children until they reach 16 years.

Muslims are also environment-oriented. For example: Islam teaches that if a person hurts any living thing, punishment will occur.

When asked for insights into the recent terrorist attacks in the United States, Mehmood pointed out that the Islamic faith venerates life.

The term "Jihad" actually means "struggle" and does not mean a "holy war." Mehmood said the irony of the attacks is that Islam teaches that innocent noncombatants are never to be hurt in a war situation. In fact, women are never to be struck or injured. Also, he said, 70,000 Iranians, mostly Muslims, prayed for the United States following Sept. 11. In Libya, citizens formed a line seven miles long to donate blood.

Regarding the treatment of women in the Islamic faith, Mehmood said that women are held in high esteem. In fact, Muhammed's own wife was a highly regarded scholar. In contrast, Afghan women entirely covered represents a cultural norm, not a religious one.

Many in the audience walked away with a different perspective of the Islamic faith, after Mehmood's talk.

As one audience member remarked, "Islam is certainly a spiritual religion. Muslims put God in the center of everything."



**BASKETS FOR AUCTION**—Supporters of the proposed St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Meridian, prepare gift baskets for the Dec. 1 fund raiser auction for the school. The dinner auction will take place at the Idaho Center.

## Dec. 1 dinner auction to benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

MERIDIAN—Ski packages, a handcrafted christening gown, a digital camera, a backyard playhouse, dental services, and a side of beef are just some of the items supporters of the proposed Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School in Meridian will offer for auction Dec. 1.

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School Dinner Auction will take place at the Idaho Center, Nampa. Everyone is invited to attend.

Supporters of the proposed new Catholic school must raise \$250,000 by February to get the go ahead to start remodel-

ing the old Holy Apostles Church building in Meridian into a school and start hiring staff. They are hopeful the school will open in August 2002.

The silent auction will start Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. with a no-host bar. Bishop Michael Driscoll will say the blessing.

The live auction will start at 8:30 p.m. Congressman C. L. Butch Otter will serve as emcee and guest auctioneer. Violinist Michelle Chinn-Cannon will perform.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person. To purchase tickets

call the school office, 888-1560. Table reservations can also be made at that number.

Anyone who wishes to donate items for the auction can also call the office. Items can be dropped off at the proposed school site, where the office is located, 828 West Cherry Lane, or request pick up.

Persons who are not able to attend the dinner auction but would like to make a financial contribution for the school can send checks to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School Fund, P.O. Box 1363, Meridian, ID 83680.

## OSV publishes pamphlet to help cope with terrorism

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (CNS) — Our Sunday Visitor Publishing in Huntington has released a pamphlet designed to help Catholics handle the Sept. 11 tragedy and ongoing terrorist threats.

Titled "What the Church Teaches: When Evil Strikes," the pamphlet examines the faith issues surrounding the incident and provides tips for families, priests, parish administrators and educators on dealing with the fallout of the Sept. 11 attacks.

It is available in English and Spanish, and on the Web at [www.whatthechurchteaches.com](http://www.whatthechurchteaches.com).

For more information visit the Web site, or to order pamphlets call Our Sunday

Visitor at (800) 348-2440. The price for a packet of 50

pamphlets is \$12.95, which includes shipping and handling.

## Oregon programs promote multicultural parish integration

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Each month, eight ethnically diverse members of St. Patrick Parish in Madras gather for a meal.

Some are Anglo, some Latino, some Native American. The dinners, with a different mix of people each week, tend to start with shyness and awkward quiet. By the end, smiles and laughter are general and there is the promise of

seeing new friends at Mass.

Across Oregon, Catholic parishes are going through the complex process of becoming multicultural. The nation's Catholic bishops are offering help.

A year ago, the bishops issued "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us," a pastoral letter seeking unity amid the cultural diversity of the U.S. church. The bishops' letter urged welcome for minorities and refugees.

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**BRIEFS**

**Orofino parish seeks photos of former pastors**

OROFINO—St. Therese's of the Little Flower Parish, Orofino, has a gallery of photographs of former pastors in one of the parish meeting rooms.

The only problem, according to parishioner Brian McGoldrick, is that five of the frames are empty because photos of those priests were never found.

If any *Idaho Catholic Register* readers have photographs of any of the following priests, who served in the diocese in the earlier part of this century, please contact McGoldrick.

The priests are: Father Richard Bauman, Father Patrick Dooley, Father Bart Carey, Msgr. Francis Bonora and Father Conrad Mulvahill.

McGoldrick may be reached at (208) 476-3250 or by mail, P.O. Box 661, Orofino, ID 83544.

**Pocatello KCs to sponsor Salmon Bake**

POCATELLO—A world-class chef, who once worked on the Queen Mary, will do the preparations for a Salmon Bake Nov. 16 in the St. Anthony Church Hall, 7th and Wyeth, Pocatello.

The Salmon Bake is sponsored by St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Knights of Columbus, Council 892. The event will run from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Besides salmon, the menu will include potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, dessert and beverage.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**Hallissey Tournament set for Feb. 15-17**

BOISE—The 39th annual Hallissey Basketball Tournament, open to 7th and 8th grade boys, girls and coed teams sponsored by a Catholic parish, school or organization, will take place over President's Day weekend, Feb. 15-17 in Boise.

Players must not have completed their 8th grade year of school and must be registered students at a Catholic school or be public school students who are actively participating in a religious education program since the start of the current school year.

Registration fees, team rosters and T-shirt orders must be received by Jan. 11, according to Mike Fritz, one of the organizers. Registration packets were sent to every Catholic church and grade school in Idaho and Eastern Oregon on Nov. 1.

For tournament information, contact Brett Job, (208) 887-1254, or Fritz, (208) 429-1317.

**Eve Jaquias-Johnson to present Liturgical Movement Workshop Dec. 8 in Boise**

BOISE—Eve Jaquias-Johnson will present "Embodying Prayer Through Liturgical Movement" Dec. 8 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Boise.

The workshop, sponsored by the Diocese of Boise, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The registration fee is \$20, which includes lunch.

The day will be of special benefit to members of liturgy committees, youth ministers, religious educators/catechists, and anyone interested in getting ideas on how to enhance and enliven special liturgies through liturgical movement. Jaquias-Johnson, Camarillo, Calif, has been in the liturgical movement ministry for 20 years. She is a popular presenter in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and throughout California and the western states.

The workshop will focus on preparing special liturgies for First Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Advent, Christmas and Lent, children's liturgies, prayer services and processions.

To register or for more information, contact Sister Clarissa Goeckner, coordinator of religious education, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, (208) 342-1311.

**Weiser, Cambridge, Council, Payette announce Christmas season services**

The Catholic communities of Weiser, Cambridge, Payette, and Council have announced their Christmas season services.

Reconciliation services will take place Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary, Cambridge; Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Agnes, Weiser, and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Payette.

Christmas Eve services are scheduled for Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., Children's Liturgy, St. Agnes, Weiser; Dec. 24, 6 p.m., St. Jude's, Council; Dec. 24 at 8:30 p.m. in Spanish, St. Agnes, Weiser, and Dec. 24, 11 p.m., Mass of Glory, St. Agnes, Weiser.

Christmas Day Mass, bilingual, will take place at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes, Weiser.

New Years Day the Mass for the whole community will be at 9:30 a.m. in English at St. Agnes.



**UPPERCLASS HELP—Eighth graders Catholic School's recent Bike Rodeo lead the younger students through the weaving and maneuvering course at Holy Family Roundup.**

**Coeur d'Alene Catholic school holds Bike Rodeo Roundup**

COEUR D'ALENE—The October weather was great for Holy Family Catholic School's recent Bike Rodeo Roundup, a bike safety day.

Thanks to State Farm Insurance, primary students had their bike skills evaluated at an assortment of safety stations. Officer John Kelly said he felt great when so many students take bike safety so seriously.

The school added several new experiences to the rodeo this year. For example, eighth

grade students assisted parents with guiding the younger students through their stations.

"It was wonderful to see all the interactions of trust and learning taking place," said Mary Anne McNeil, middle school teacher and coordinator of the event.

Another new addition this year was scooter safety.

"With scooters being such a popular sport, we decided to add this component to our Bike Rodeo," McNeil said.

Intermediate and middle school students took advantage of the wonderful weather to have their street safety skills assessed on the road.

Officer Pat Sullivan, who led the group, stressed the importance that youth be aware of other vehicles on the road as they ride.

The rodeo "was a huge achievement and success for the school," said McNeil. "We have a handful of future BMX champions out there. Way to go!"



**HONORED RCIA WORKERS—Father Mel Sprute poses for a photo with the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) workers from St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg. He introduced them to parishioners during a recent Mass, blessed them and acknowledged them for their dedication and continued participation in working with the young people of the parish as in the RCIA. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)**

**The Diocesan Pastoral Center will close for the Thanksgiving holiday at noon, Nov. 21 and reopen Nov. 26**

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# Diocesan Media Center reports on expansion

The Media Center maintained by the Diocese of Boise for its evangelization programs and for use by all members of Idaho's Catholic community is more than mid-way through a two-year expansion and updating, according to Jack Craven, diocesan director of Education Ministries.

The project was initiated in the fall of 2000 and is scheduled for completion during the summer of 2002.

In addition to converting the Media Center from a manual to an electronic process for cataloging print and non-print materials and tracking circulation, the added goals of the project, Craven stated, are to:

- Remove damaged and obsolete materials;

- Expand the existing collections of English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Native American books, pamphlets and videos.

When the project is completed, it will be possible for members of Idaho's Catholic community—regardless of where they are located—to access and review a complete listing of the materials available for their use and to place orders for books, pamphlets, videos, etc. via the Internet, he said.

Between December 2000 and March 2001, members of the Diocesan Educational Ministries staff—led by Dan McGill, diocesan coordinator of adult

education—examined each of the more than 7,000 books, videos and catechetical items in the center's collection and identified those that were damaged, obsolete or no longer being requested by parish groups, catechists and individuals.

Craven said that during this same period, the diocesan coordinators of religious education began a process of identifying materials that would be required to bring the center's collections up-to-date.

He said a \$15,000 grant obtained for the project made possible acquisition of several thousand books and videos. These helped update and expand the center's collections.

To facilitate the use of the Media Center, a computerized program to catalog and circulate materials was installed. Staff members were trained in the use of this software during July 2001 and shortly thereafter they began converting the collection of nearly 2,000 videos and entering over 7,000 books, pamphlets, kits and catechetical curriculum items into the system.

"While much progress has been made in entering the existing and newly-acquired holdings of the center into the system, an additional six to eight months will be required to complete the process," said Craven. He said that for the past several months, the process has been expedited because of the



**GETTING THE RESOURCE CENTER IN SHAPE—Volunteers Ruth Hadzor, left, and Jackie McPherron, both of St. Mary's Parish, Boise, enter titles and other information about books, videos, audio tapes, and magazines in the Diocese of Boise Media Center computer system. Anyone with data entry experience who would also like to volunteer at the Media Center can call 342-1311. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)**

work that was being done by the volunteer efforts of two members of Boise's St. Mary's

parish.

Ruth Hadzor, who was employed for 20 years by the Boise

School District as a school librarian, and Jackie McPherron, who moved from California to Boise several years ago to be close to family, have each been coming to the Media Center eight hours a week to enter data into the system.

"The work Ruth and Jackie have done has been a wonderful help! I wish we had several more people like them," said Gloria Pettinger, Media Center manager.

Acknowledging "that much remains to be done before the project is completed," Craven said 1,375 English and 235 Spanish videos have been entered into the system and can be reviewed by accessing the Diocese of Boise's website [www.CatholicIdaho.org](http://www.CatholicIdaho.org) and ordered by E-mail, [GPettinger@RCDB.org](mailto:GPettinger@RCDB.org). Those ordering by email must include name, parish and phone number.

Until the system is fully operational this summer, orders for videos, books and catechetical materials may be placed by calling the Media Center at 208-342-1311 or writing to 303 Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83705.

In July 2002, use of the current printed catalog will be discontinued and all orders will be via the Internet. Craven said questions regarding the Diocesan Media Center may be directed to Pettinger, 208-342-1311.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



# USCC NOVEMBER FILM RATINGS

**By Catholic News Service  
NEW YORK (CNS) — Here is a list of recent films the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability. The first symbol after each title is the USCCB classification. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.**  
**USCCB classifications: A-I—general patronage; A-II—adults and adolescents; A-III—adults; A-IV—adults, with reservations (this indicates films that, while not morally offensive in themselves, are not for casual viewing because they require some analysis and explanation in order to avoid false impressions and interpretations); O—morally offensive.**

**MPAA ratings: G—general audiences, all ages admitted; PG—parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; PG-13—parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13; R—restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; NC-17—no one 17 or under admitted.**

A. I. Artificial Intelligence, A-II (PG-13)  
All Over the Guy, O (R)  
The Amati Girls, A-II (PG)  
Amelie, A-III (R)

American Outlaws, A-III (PG-13)  
American Pie 2, O (R)  
An American Rhapsody, A-II (PG-13)  
America's Sweethearts, A-III (PG-13)  
The Animal, A-II (PG-13)  
Atlantis: The Lost Empire, A-II (PG)  
Baby Boy, O (R)  
Bandit, O (PG-13)  
Beautiful Creatures, O (R)  
Big Eden, A-IV (PG-13)  
The Body, A-IV (PG-13)  
Born Romantic, A-III (R)  
Bread & Tulips, A-III, (PG-13)  
Bubble Boy, A-III (PG-13)  
Butterfly, A-III (no rating)  
Captain Corelli's Mandolin, A-IV (R)  
Catfish in a Black Bean Sauce, A-III (PG-13)  
Chopper, O (no rating)  
Cirque du Soleil Journey of Man, A-I (G)  
Corky Romano, A-III (PG-13)  
Crazy/Beautiful, A-III (PG-13)  
The Curse of the Jade Scorpion, A-III (PG-13)  
The Deep End, A-III (R)  
Dinner Rush, A-III (R)  
Divided We Fall, A-III (PG-13)  
Domestic Disturbance, A-III (PG-13)  
Don't Say A Word, A-IV (R)  
Evolution, A-II (PG-13)  
The Face: Jesus in Art, A-II (no rating)  
Faithless, A-IV (R)  
The Fast and the Furious, O (PG-13)  
Fast Food Fast Women, A-III (R)  
Focus, A-II (PG-13)  
From Hell, O (R)  
Ghost World, A-III (R)  
The Glass House, A-III (PG-13)  
Glitter, A-III (PG-13)

Go Tigers!, A-III (R)  
The Golden Bowl, A-III (R)  
Greenfingers, A-III (R)  
Happy Accidents, A-III (R)  
Hardball, A-III (PG-13)  
Head Over Heels, A-III (PG-13)  
Hearts in Atlantis, A-III (PG-13)  
Hedwig and the Angry Inch, A-IV (R)  
Iron Monkey, A-III (PG-13)  
Jackpot, A-IV (R)  
Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, O (R)  
Jeepers Creepers, A-IV (R)  
John Carpenter's Ghost of Mars, O (R)  
Joy Ride, A-IV (R)  
Jurassic Park III, A-II (PG-13)  
K-PAX, A-II (PG-13)  
The King Is Alive, A-III (R)  
Kiss of the Dragon, O (R)  
Lara Croft: Tomb Raider, A-III (PG-13)  
The Last Castle, A-III (R)  
Left Behind: The Movie, A-III (PG-13)  
Legally Blonde, A-II (PG-13)  
Liam, A-III (R)  
Life as a House, A-IV (R)  
Lost and Delirious, O (no rating)  
Love, Honour & Obey, O (R)  
Lumumba, A-III (no rating)  
The Luzhin Defence, A-IV (PG-13)  
Made, A-IV (R)  
The Man Who Cried, A-III (R)  
The Man Who Wasn't There, A-IV (R)  
Max Keeble's Big Move, A-II (PG)

Maybe Baby, A-III (R)  
Me You Them, A-IV (PG-13)  
Men of Honor, A-III (R)  
The Million Dollar Hotel, A-III (R)  
Monsters, Inc., A-I (G)  
Moulin Rouge, A-III (PG-13)  
Mulholland Drive, O (R)  
O, O (R)  
On the Line, A-II (PG)  
The One, A-IV (PG-13)  
The Operator, A-III (no rating)  
Original Sin, A-IV (R)  
Osmosis Jones, A-II (PG)  
The Others, A-III (PG-13)  
Our Lady of the Assassins, O (R)  
Our Song, A-IV (R)  
Pandaemonium, A-III (PG-13)  
Panic, A-IV (R)  
Pavilion of Women, A-III (R)  
Pearl Harbor, A-III (PG-13)  
Planet of the Apes, A-III (PG-13)  
The Pledge, A-III (R)  
The Price of Milk, A-III (PG-13)  
The Princess Diaries, A-I (G)  
A Question of Faith, A-IV (PG-13)  
Rat Race, A-III (PG-13)  
Riding in Cars With Boys, A-III (PG-13)  
The Road Home, A-I (G)  
Rock Star, A-IV (R)  
Rush Hour 2, A-III (PG-13)  
Scary Movie 2, O (R)  
The Score, A-IV (R)

Serendipity, A-III (PG-13)  
Series 7, O (R)  
Session 9, A-IV (R)  
Sexy Beast, O (R)  
Shrek, A-II (PG)  
Simon Magus, A-IV (no rating)  
Songcatcher, A-III (PG-13)  
Soul Survivors, A-III (PG-13)  
State and Main, A-III (R)  
Summer Catch, A-III (PG-13)  
Swordfish, A-IV (R)  
The Tailor of Panama, A-IV (R)  
The Taste of Others, A-III (no rating)  
Tell Me Something, O (no rating)  
Thirteen Ghosts, O (R)  
Thomas in Love, O (no rating)  
Tortilla Soup, A-III (PG-13)  
Training Day, O (R)  
The Trumpet of the Swan, A-I (G)  
Two Can Play That Game, A-III (R)  
Two Ninjas, A-III (R)  
Under the Sand, A-III (no rating)  
Va Savoir, A-III (PG-13)  
Vengo, A-III (no rating)  
Vatel, A-IV (PG-13)  
Waking Life, A-III (R)  
What's the Worst That Could Happen? A-III (PG-13)  
The Wide Blue Road, A-II (no rating)  
The Young Girl and the Monsoon, A-III (no rating)  
Zoolander, A-III (PG-13)

## REVIEW

# Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

**By Anne Navarro  
NEW YORK (CNS)—**Vividly imaginative, director Chris Columbus' fine adaptation of J.K. Rowling's popular children's novel "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (Warner Bros.) is likely to please the book's many fans as well as any uninitiated moviegoers.



Harry Potter

British author Rowling captured the imagination of millions of kids—and adults—with her amazing stories about Harry Potter, an orphan who discovers he is a wizard. Columbus' fantasy film about magic, villainy and friendship adheres pretty closely to Rowling's words. And where narrative points have been dropped, beguiling visual details and special effects make up for the loss. However, the film overreaches in including so much, and a stronger editing hand should have been used to trim the nearly two-and-a-half-hour film.

For the first 10 years of his life, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) has lived in a cupboard under the stairs in the house of his awful aunt and uncle. But on his 11th birthday, he receives a mysterious letter from an enormous hulk of a man, Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane), inviting him to study at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Harry, Hagrid explains, is a wizard whose parents, sorcerers themselves, were murdered by an evil wizard named Voldemort. Unable

to eliminate Harry, Voldemort etched the distinctive lightning-bolt scar on Harry's forehead, making Harry known throughout the wizard land as "the boy who lived." Much to his surprise, Harry discovers there are actually two worlds: the dreary world

of the Muggles (nonmagic folk) where he's been growing up, while the other, a realm of magic and fantasy, is where his destiny lies.

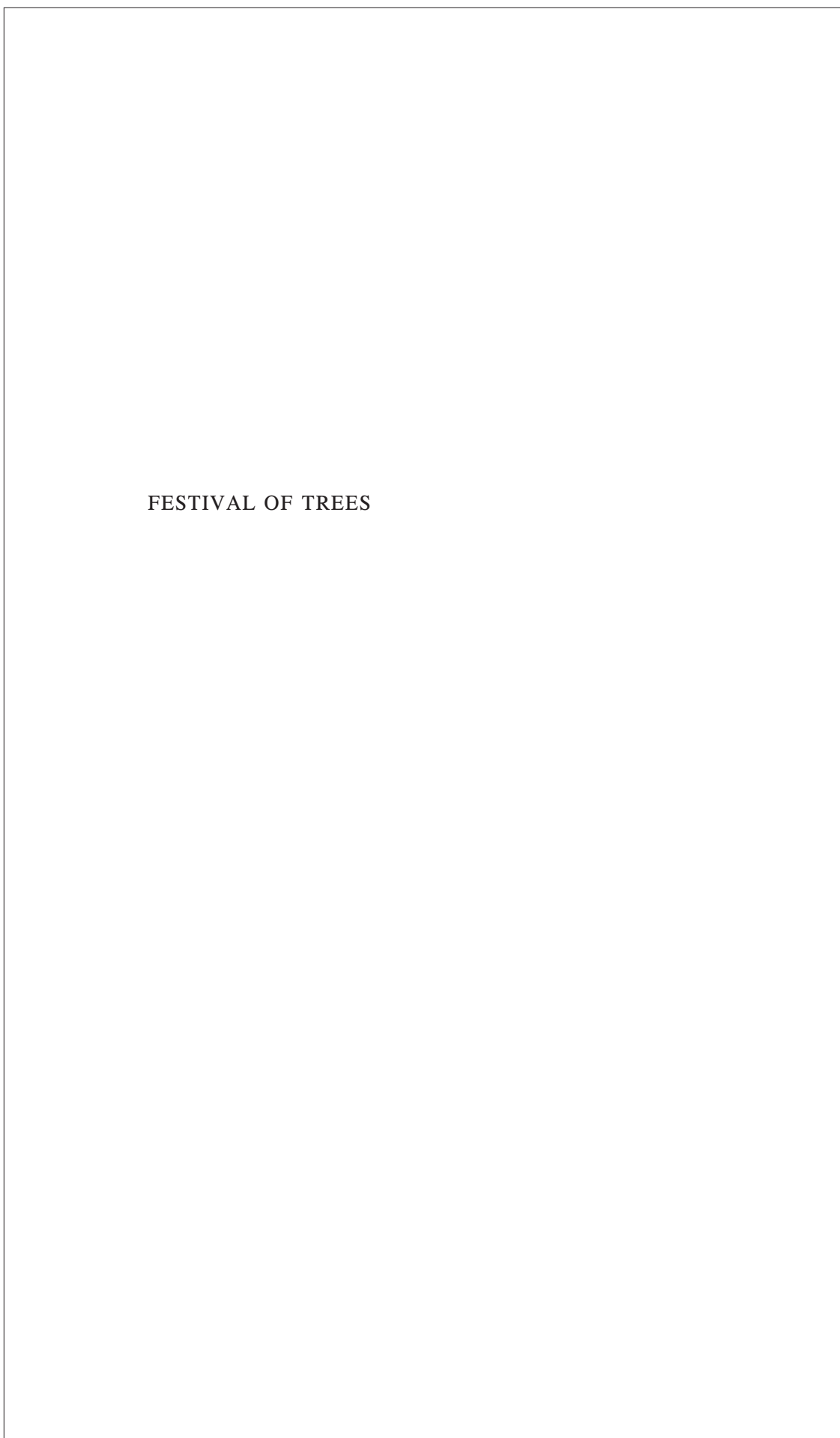
The film's casting is superb. Parents concerned about the film's sorcery elements should know that it is unlikely to pose any threat to Catholic beliefs. "Harry Potter" is so obviously innocuous fantasy that its fiction is easily distinguishable from real life. Older children should be able to handle it, although it is too long and intense for younger ones. And the film ends with a very upbeat, positive message about sacrificial love.

Ultimately, despite its shortcomings, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" is a magical adventure few would want to miss.

Due to some menacing situations and scary images, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops classification is A-II—adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG—parental guidance suggested.

*Navarro is on the staff of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.*

## FESTIVAL OF TREES



**ST MARK'S THANKS**



# 'Touching HAITI' touches the heart

By Colette Cowman

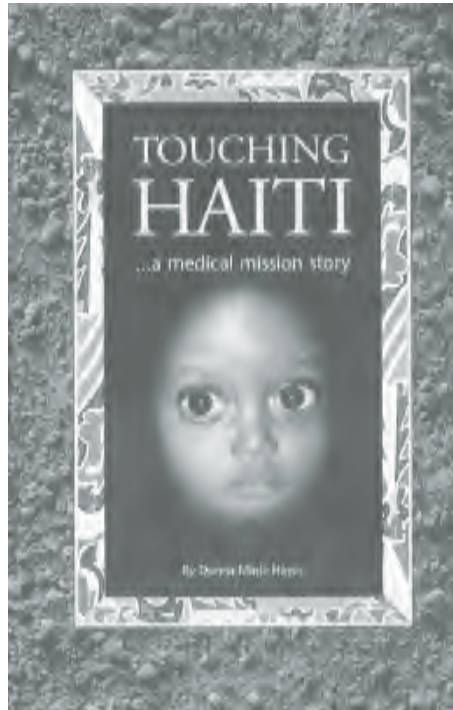
Idaho Catholic Register editor

In her newly published book, *Touching HAITI...a medical mission story*, Boise artist, writer and community activist Donna-Marie Hayes tenderly recounts the experiences of a medical mission team's work in an orphanage, pediatric hospital for the poor and clinics in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The trip had a profound effect on Hayes and her compadres on the team, which is evident in the book she wrote "gratis" as a fundraiser to build support for future medical missions to Haiti. She did a commendable job of translating "for the people back home" the incredible experiences and powerful moments that illustrate for readers that simple solutions and small deeds can make life meaningful for a people who might otherwise be without hope.

The 99-page book, which is thoughtfully and touchingly illustrated by the author, sells for \$15. Copies may be purchased individually or by the box for Christmas giving at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Gift Shop in Boise, at the St. Alphonsus Foundation Office or by calling (208) 367-2759.

The nine-member team, on which Hayes served, traveled to Port-au-Prince, in February 2001 as part of "Project Haiti," the Boise-based Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Foundation's outreach to the two facilities run by Father Rick Frechette, a



Compassionist priest. Project Haiti was launched in 1995 after the needs of Father Frechette's orphans were presented to the Saint Alphonsus Foundation by Rob and Betsy Luce, St. John's Cathedral Parish, Boise. They met Father Frechette while adopting their son, Parker, from Haiti.

"Father Frechette and the network of volunteers we left behind do good work

in the seething caldron of Haiti, giving dignity and love to helpless children and the dying," wrote Hayes. "They do it one day at a time, one moment at a time, one person at a time. For them, the miracle of touch is real. For the rest of us, the challenge is to help."

The mission Hayes was part of was the ninth out of Boise. The team included a doctor, a pediatric anesthesiologist, a nurse, a lab technician, a microbiologist, and four non-medical support crewmembers. The team traveled with 53 duffel bags of medical supplies, which they were able to deliver and distribute in person, assuring that the supplies got to their intended destination.

In "Touching Haiti," Hayes brings to life in the reader's mind the smells, sites and sounds of the most impoverished country in the Western Hemisphere and sheds light on the people's efforts to maintain dignity and respect.

For example, in chapter 4, Hayes describes a ride she took with the medical team through Port-au-Prince in a white pickup. She wrote: "White faces in a sea of black, dressed in blue scrubs and identified by a computer printout of a green hospital cross taped to the windshield. We were the minority in a culture where the worth of a man depends on the creaminess of his skin and his ability to speak French. As dark faces flashed by my window,

I wondered how they could know we weren't people turned blind by an overdose of power, comfort and endless luxuries."

In a later chapter, she describes the team's experience in the men's hospice ward at a clinic run by the Sisters and Brothers. She wrote: "Weakened with tuberculosis, hepatitis and AIDS, they lay nearly naked on cots, silently watching us watch them. For me it was less watching and more seeing — how people, in communal death, dealt so respectfully with one another...these men spoke with their eyes of a pride that echoed... 'I am here,' and a deep gratitude for the touch of human hands."

The book contains some joyful and comical descriptions too. For example, Hayes tells how children at the orphanage choose from a common closet the clothes they will wear that day "making the orphanage look like any American campus."

"With T-shirts flagging familiar logos, it was easy to see where the bulk of the clothes originated. It's too bad the donors back home couldn't see how proudly the children wore them," she wrote.

"Touching Haiti" is a quick read that holds the attention and evokes all kinds of emotions. It definitely educates about the plight of the people of Haiti, but it also entertains and leaves the reader hope filled. This writer gives "Touching Haiti" top billing when it comes to good reading.

## Journal of a grieving daughter Mom and me

By Lucille (Ineck) Hancock

Everyone in Southwestern Idaho knows canning season is creeping to a close as our nights become cooler and the leaves begin to fall. As I stand at the edge of our garden, I'm overwhelmed with sadness. My inspiration for canning tomatoes was zapped from me early last summer.

I have been missing Mom more as the tomatoes turned from pinky green to a bleeding heart red. Guilt picks at my conscience as I see the wilting fruit disappear back to the soil. At the same time, I know she would not want me to be this way. If she knew how I am feeling she would say, "Lucille straighten up and get to work. Come on, we are going to Mass this morning, and when we get back we are going to can those tomatoes."

I'm thinking I've broken the eleventh commandment: "Can thy tomatoes."

Truthfully, even Mass is difficult because of the huge void where she sat in her wheelchair directly in front of me. Mom loved attending Mass and she delighted in canning tomatoes. We were a great team. She scalded them in the boiling water and I peeled as fast as I could to keep up with her.

Filling the jars presented a battle over how much sugar and salt to put in each one. Finally, we separated "hers" from "mine." She liked more sugar and I liked more salt. We agreed on the water bath method though, probably because I learned it from her in the first place.

Once the first canner was filled, she always sat in the family room and prayed the rosary, while I cleaned the kitchen. The snap of the lids confirming a good seal was music to our ears. I announced, "There goes another one. How many does that make?" She pretended not to be tickled.

Mom and I canned tomatoes together for the last ten years, at her insistence. I might have let them rot in the garden... as they do today. But don't worry, Mom. In the spring, many little tomato families will grow from each of the tomatoes left behind. Very much like the seventeen families you have left to grow and produce fruit for God's garden.

Zoë M. Ineck, 80, Caldwell, died June 7, 2001. She is survived by her 17 children and their spouses. She has 49 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Legion of Mary, St. Mary's Catholic Women's League, CCD teacher for 23 years and made vestments for the missions in Haiti, Caribbean Island.

She shared her closeness to the Lord and the Blessed Mother with all who knew her.

Many remember Mom for the blessing she gave each time they parted, tracing a cross on their forehead and saying Flemish words meaning: May God Bless you and Protect you.

*Thank you, Mom, for all your prayers, and years of labor and love.*



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## Mercy Housing to build affordable units in Eagle for seniors

NAMPA—Mercy Housing Idaho, Inc. was recently awarded a funding reservation for \$1.6 million from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for use in developing 20 units of affordable housing in Eagle for seniors.

The project site is located on about two acres on the former Holy Apostles Church site in Eagle.

Eagle Senior Village will provide housing for seniors, age 62 and older, according to Connie Barnes of Mercy Housing. Residents will pay no more than 30 percent of their monthly income for rent and utilities. Each of the one-bedroom units will be adaptable for the disabled, designed for independent liv-

ing with a fully equipped kitchen and access to laundry facilities.

Barnes said Mercy Services Corporation will manage Eagle Senior Village. "Many supportive services will be offered to the residents to encourage their involvement within the development as well as the community at large. The support services will be tailored to the residents' needs," she said.

Established in 1981, Mercy Housing operates in 22 states with seven regional offices. Based in Nampa, Mercy Housing Idaho develops housing throughout the state, with over 500 units completed in Nampa, Boise, Mountain Home, Moscow, and Twin Falls.

## Sandpoint Knights of Columbus honor Sid and Gil Scribner as October Family of the Month

SANDPOINT—Knights of Columbus Council 2888 recently honored Sid and Gil Scribner as October Family of the Month.

Sid has been a Knight for nearly 35 years and has served in every Council 2888 position over the years, including grand knight in 1971-72.

He is also a mainstay member of the Saint Joseph Ushers Club.

Gil is a longtime member of the St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society and has served two terms as vice president of that parish organization.

While the Scribners have no children, they have "adopted" the Knights of Columbus and Altar and Rosary Society and St. Joseph's Parish as they chil-

dren.

The Scribners are faithful workers at the primary fundraiser of the ice cream concession. They can be found dishing up pies and serving ice cream every day and night during the fair.

Before the fair, Sid coordinates the types and number of pies that are volunteered by parish members, and he also bakes dozens of pies himself.

As devoted members of St. Joseph Parish, the Scribners faithfully attend the Eucharistic Adoration and participate in other prayer services and parish activities.

The Knights believe the Scribners are truly stalwarts of Council 2888 and of the parish.



**TREASURED VOLUNTEERS** — Loretta Gossi, left, Idaho Catholic Register secretary, works with Boise Legion of Mary volunteers Cora Fischer and Eva Pera, Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, and Jane Collins, Sacred Heart, Boise, Nov. 7 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Boise, to prepare a mailing of the Official Directory of the Diocese of Boise. Baby Angelique

Pera, Pera's great granddaughter, sleeps through the whole operation in her infant seat on the table. The directory goes to all the parishes, priests, deacons, religious and leadership of Catholic agencies and organizations. A limited number of copies of the directory are available for \$7 each by calling the ICR offices at (208) 342-1311.

## Idaho Falls Knights clean highway

IDAHO FALLS—Seven Knights from Idaho Falls Council 1663 spent the morning of Oct. 27 doing highway cleanup.

A two and one fourth mile

stretch of State Highway 20, west of Idaho Falls, was cleared. The Knights said they found many items of interest, including a skunk and rattlesnake. All

were put into the trash bags.

Council 1663 performs this cleanup task twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall.



**SPIFFING UP THE HIGHWAY**—Knights of Columbus highway cleanup crew, Idaho Falls, are from left David Broussard, Al Millhouse, Michael Haben, Regis Hahn, Keith Leppert. Not shown are camera shy Jim Jones and Howard Clark, who was behind the camera.



**HIGHWAY SIGN**—This sign indicates that Idaho Falls Knights of Columbus are responsible for cleaning a stretch of Highway 20.

## SLC Catholics plan welcome for Olympic Winter Games

By Barbara Stinson Lee  
Catholic News Service

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Maps of the Wasatch Front, the mountain range to the east of Salt Lake City, cover the walls of Monica Howa-Johnson's office in the Catholic pastoral center.

On the maps, the Catholic churches closest to 2002 Olympic Winter Games venues are flagged in red.

Howa-Johnson is organizing the Diocese of Salt Lake City's Olympic effort, and it's no simple task.

"One of our biggest challenges is that the Olympic Games open on Feb. 8, and Ash Wednesday is Feb. 13," Howa-Johnson said. "All of the visiting Catholics will need to know where and when they can go to Mass, and how they can get there. Just making sure we have enough ashes is important."

Six parishes near Olympic venues will open hospitality centers during the Feb. 8-24 Olympic Games and the March 7-16 Paralympics, the competition of premier international athletes with disabilities.

Howa-Johnson said the welcoming centers will

be at the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City; St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center, the Salt Lake City church nearest the Olympic Village; St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Park City; St. Francis Xavier Parish, Kearns; and the churches in Ogden and Provo if they are needed.

The cathedral will be the site of a pre-Olympics interfaith music event Feb. 3, and the newly remodeled Bishop Hunt Center east of the cathedral rectory will host a display of art from the Vatican. St. Catherine will offer sessions in Taize prayer, which is popular all over the world.

Msgr. J. Terrence Fitzgerald, the diocese's vicar general, assembled an Olympic task force in early 2000. Task force members asked Catholic dioceses in cities that had hosted Olympic Games for advice. They added that information to their own belief that the Salt Lake City Diocese, headed by Bishop George H. Niederauer, could not miss the opportunity to offer Catholic hospitality to athletes, their families, the media and fans.

Three Olympic issues of the diocesan paper, the Intermountain Catholic, are planned; the paper will

include a special issue on the Paralympics. With Bishop Niederauer's support, Msgr. Fitzgerald obtained an \$85,000 grant from the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign to help with the task force's plans.

"Now, we're trying to coordinate what everyone is doing — the schools, the churches, the Intermountain Catholic, and Dan John (diocesan director of religious education), who is recruiting Catholic homes for athletes' families," said Howa-Johnson, who came on board in August. She is working with the Salt Lake Organizing Committee and the American Red Cross, which will use churches and schools for shelters in the event of an emergency.

"We want to show the face of the universal Catholic Church to all of our Olympic visitors," Howa-Johnson said.

"The 2002 Winter Games have the potential of affecting every Catholic church in the diocese," she added. "We could be seeing up to 100,000 Olympic visitors every day, and about one fourth of them will be Catholic."







# Pastor lauds diocesan newspaper as tool to fight fear, darkness

(Editor's Note: Following is a letter Father Joe McDonald wrote to his parishioners in the bulletin for Idaho Catholic Register Sunday Nov. 4. Those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions to the ICR are encouraged to make out their subscription check and put it in their parish collection basket this Sunday.)



Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I got up one morning a few weeks ago and went to get the paper. Opened the door, and thought the newspaper carrier had thrown the paper in the bushes. I looked, and looked and concluded that the carrier missed my house. The next morning, it happened again.

A few days later, I was going through a pile of mail and lo and behold, a note from the paper said they were going to cancel because I had not renewed my subscription. With all the stuff going on in the world, I did not want to be out of touch. And so today I renew my subscription to the *Idaho Statesman*. It is surprising, isn't it, how a little routine thing, like sitting down with a paper, can bring comfort and balance into our lives.

Meanwhile, I lapped up the news in the *Idaho Catholic Register*. This is our weekly Catho-

lic newspaper, and the bishop wants everyone to subscribe to it. It was different to read the articles about the war in Afghanistan, the peace initiatives suggested by our church, the messages from bishops all over the world, and the local efforts from Catholic school children around the state of Idaho working in their own way to bring about peace and relief for the world.

It struck me that the *Idaho Catholic Register* carried the same news, but with a distinct Catholic viewpoint of hope. The articles added a human dimension to a war so far away, and gave faces and personalities to the victims, here at home and abroad. It detailed the efforts of those who have worked so hard to bring about peace. We know that we all should be more aware of our surroundings, a little heightened awareness, a bit more knowledge can often do

wonders to take us away from fear and darkness.

Having the *Idaho Catholic Register—Catholic*—newspaper come to our homes is a real important way we can raise our awareness of what is going on in the world, with a different perspective. We can get to know the world as a neighborhood, with over one billion Catholic neighbors, and other brothers and sisters of various faiths.

Jesus always goes to a house in the neighborhood, and walks away after a miracle has happened. Don't be lookin' in the bushes for the daily paper when the Lord stops by... if you subscribe to the *Idaho Catholic Register* they deliver it right to your mailbox!

Be aware, say some prayers, keep watch, and keep informed. Those are the best ways I know of, to turn darkness into light.

Peace, Father Joe McDonald



**SACK REPORTS**—Fifth graders Zach Moreno and Rachel Palmer help their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade buddies, Jacob McDonald and Amanda Enders, work on their Reading Sack Projects that will be shared with Safeway Grocery Store, and then distributed to the community.

## Holy Family Catholic School students 'buddy up' with their community

COEUR D'ALENE—Students at Holy Family Catholic School are sharing their book reports with other school-age children in our community—in a very different way.

Second and fifth graders at the school buddy up to read books, create their book reports on brown paper grocery bags, and provide them to the local Safeway grocery store, where they are distributed to families with school-age children.

"We hope this project promotes reading in our community," said Karen Durgin, prin-

cipal.

The front of the grocery bag includes the book title, author, and description of the book. The children create artwork of their story to decorate the bags. The book is then rated with their school buddy.

"The children not only experience cooperative learning, they experience the joy of sharing their favorite books with other families in the community," said Gloria Saccomanno, coordinator of the project, the school's resource instructor. "It's a fun way to do a book report."

## Hinkelmans celebrate 50th

GREENCREEK—Clark and Eleanor Hinkelman, Greencreek, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house and reception Sept. 29 at the Greencreek Hall.

Clark and Eleanor Schmidt were married Sept. 29, 1951 at Greencreek.

He was a farmer and built the house in which they still live on their farm at Greencreek. She is a homemaker. They retired in 1996.

He is active in the Lions Club at Cottonwood, St. Anthony's Society at Greencreek and the University of Idaho Van-



Their children and grandchildren served as hosts for the open house.

dal Boosters at Moscow. She is a member of the Greencreek Altar Society and a volunteer at St. Gertrude's Museum.

He enjoys trimming the bushes at St. Anthony's Church. She likes quilting, crocheting and restoring old trunks. They both enjoy yard work.

They have two sons, three daughters, 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One son died in 1961 and another son died in 1975.

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# Pray for Peace

## Second grader, great grandma propose way to help Afghan elderly

BOISE—St. Mark's School second grader Kaitlyn Janquart, and her great grandmother, Maryon Samson, have started a campaign to have every child who sends in \$1 to President Bush for the Campaign for the Children of Afghanistan to invite their grandparents to send in \$1 as well.

The extra dollar will go to help the elderly in Afghanistan.

"This is a good way to get seniors to help, and it will provide that much more

aid money," said Kaitlyn and her great grandmother.

The two were recently featured on Channel 7 noon news in Boise.

Kaitlyn's teacher agreed to collect the \$1 donation from grandparents along with the \$1 donation from the children to help people in Afghanistan.

"Please invite your grandparent to contribute \$1 to this campaign and send it to St. Mark's School so we can help the elderly in Afghanistan," said Kaitlyn.



**SIGNS OF WAR**—An Idaho State Policeman and a soldier from the National Guard consult each other as they do their guard duty at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise behind the cement barriers that were set up to protect the building from possible terrorist attack. When the police-

man learned what the photographer was doing he said: "Would you please tell the people to keep our people in prayer too. We are working some very long hours and some of the guys are away from home and family." (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

## Ten year old uses garage sale to contribute to relief fund

*(Editor's note: Following is a letter Catholic Charities of Idaho received in October that is another example of how many, including our children are finding ways to help comfort and support those who lost loved ones in the terrorist attack Sept.*

*11, those who are involved in the recovery efforts, and those who are hurting in many ways.)*

**Dear Catholic Charities of Idaho:**

My name is Amanda Winder, and I am 10 years old. I go to school at St. Mary's (Boise)

and am in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

I am sending the money I have collected from my family's garage sale to you to help in the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack.

Enclosed is a check for \$33.67. Thank you.



**RAISED MORE THAN \$2,000**—Two St. Edward's Catholic School students, Alexa and Jené Johnson, ages 6 and 9, have raised over \$2,000 for the American Red Cross relief effort for victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Principal Luke Schroeder said the girls have frequented shopping centers, country clubs, and schools to gather donations for the cause. Jené is also making clothes pin angels, which embrace a poem she wrote herself, to send to the Armed Forces thanking them for protecting our freedom.

## Web site urges pledges for peace

**By Catholic News Service**

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Working for peace doesn't need to be a far-off ideal. In fact it's just a mouse click away on the [www.PledgePeace.org](http://www.PledgePeace.org) Web site.

The site urges visitors to make a pledge to do something for peace, either by praying, forgiving someone or doing acts of charity and outreach. Those who make pledges also are asked to note how many hours they plan to devote to the endeavor.

To date, more than 1 million hours have been pledged since the site was launched two years ago.

More than 100,000 hours were pledged following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when people pledged to pray for peace and for those who commit acts of terrorism. They also said they would forgive their enemies, be kind to co-workers, learn more about Islam and become aware of bigotry within themselves.

The Web site is part of a project called, "1,000 Years of Peace," sponsored by St. Anthony Messenger Press, a Franciscan publishing house in Cincinnati, and communication representatives from 13 women's religious congregations from the Cincinnati region.

The goal of the project is to obtain about 8.5 million hours of peace pledges to total 1,000 years of peacemaking activities.

"We are called to be peace makers, especially at this moment in history," it says on the Web site.

Franciscan Father Jeremy Harrington, publisher of St. Anthony Messenger Press, echoed that plea in a statement, saying, "Peace is built hour by hour, day by day by ordinary people — not just by world leaders."

He said the small things people do ultimately can make a difference. "The hours one person can spend praying for peace, volunteering for a worthy cause or devoting energy to positive personal change can and will contribute to a better, more peaceful world," he said.

The sponsors' original hope for the 1,000 Years of Peace Project was to gather 1,000 years worth of pledges during the first year of the new millennium, a goal that proved too ambitious as the project continued, they said.

But the fact that the goal wasn't reached in one year has hardly disappointed them.

John Bookser Feister, director of the Internet department at St. Anthony Messenger Press, said they have received messages from many people telling of the positive changes in their lives as a result of their commitment to the peace pledge.

As he sees it, "If it takes 10 years to gather 1,000 years worth of pledges, it will be worth it."





## Idaho Catholic Youth 2001-2002



Eagle Scout Byron Davis, Nampa

### Byron Davis earns Eagle Scout award

NAMPA—Byron Davis of Troop 165 was awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout—the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor Nov. 5.

Troop 165, sponsored by Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, held a Court of Honor to bestow the Eagle Badge. Byron, son of David and Susan Davis, Nampa, members of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, has been active in Scouts since 1990.

Byron is a senior at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, and has participated in many activities including Science Olympiad, the Computer Club, of which he is currently president, the Dragsters Club and the History Club. Byron, an avid music enthusiast, plays with both the Sacred Heart guitar group and the Hewlett Packard Jazz Big Band.

Byron's Eagle Scout service project was done on Earth Day at Crown Point near the Cascade Reservoir

in Idaho. The project included work on a multi-seasonal trail and a hillside that had been damaged by ATV use.

The volunteers he organized planted over 120 trees—some from the local area and some from Lucky Peak Nursery in hopes that having trees from various gene pools would increase their likelihood of survival and add stability to the hillside. The Bureau of Land Reclamation Office in Cascade was the sponsor of the project under the direction of Warren Sedlacek, a natural resource expert on their staff.

As Scouting teaches young Americans the principles of self-reliance and goal setting, Byron's future plans include college next fall as a computer science/design double major and continuing to work at a computer consulting business which he and a close friend, who is also an Eagle Scout, started this past September.

### ICYC registration packets to go out in December

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry staff plans to send out Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) registration materials to all Idaho parishes in December.

ICYC this year will take place March 15-17 in Post Falls.

Parishes are encouraged to

assist youth in paying for their registration. One chaperone for every seven youth is required.

Ken Cook, Office of Youth Ministry coordinator, said the keynote speaker for this year's convention will be announced soon. Idaho Catholic youth can watch for the announcement in the *Idaho Catholic Register*.

## New York teen deals with highs and lows of Tourette's Syndrome

By Kate Blain

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — Traci Salisbury will be 16 in January, but her mom still peeks into her room to watch her sleep at night. It's the only time the tics of her Tourette's syndrome stop.

"Sometimes, I go in just to see her body be still," her mom, Patty Salisbury, said. "It's heart-wrenching. You just really wish you'd wake up and it'd be gone."

On the other hand, the bodily spasms of Tourette's syndrome are hardly the first thing people notice about Traci Salisbury. Her quick smile, confidence, and packed schedule of school, sports and extracurricular activities rate much higher.

"Maybe God gave it to me because other people couldn't handle it as well as I could," she said with a casual shrug. "I'm not angry at him. It makes me see how lucky I am. I could have cancer, but I don't."

Salisbury is an honor student at Columbia High School in East Greenbush, N.Y., and a lector and member of the youth group at Holy Spirit Parish, also in East Greenbush. She tutors pint-sized students at Genet Elementary School, and she plays three sports: soccer, basketball and softball.

In an interview with *The Evangelist*, newspaper of the Albany Diocese, she said that she's trying to keep her grades up to get into Duke University. She hopes to become an elementary school teacher. In her "spare time," she's also a member of several community service clubs at school.

Things weren't always that easy for the sophomore, though. For most of her life, her family noticed something strange about her behavior. She was jumpy, her neck would jerk oddly. But every few months, the pattern of tics would change, so no one suspected Tourette's syndrome.

"In seventh and eighth grade, kids would say, 'What's your problem?'" Salisbury remembered. "I just had so much built up inside me. I made so many excuses."

Three years ago, her parents, Patty and Jim Salisbury,



Tracy Salisbury, Greenbush, N.Y., with her dog

found a doctor who diagnosed her condition as Tourette's syndrome, a neurological disorder that hits one in about 1,000 children — two out of three of them boys. Its onset is usually between the ages of 6 and 9. Traci has a 13-year-old brother, Jeff, who does not have Tourette's. The main symptoms are facial or body tics (spasms), though some, like Salisbury, are affected with verbal tics.

"The first year I knew about it, I'd hide it," Salisbury recalled. She worked to become expert at covering a tic with a cough or by clearing her throat. She told anyone who did notice that nothing was wrong.

"I didn't know how to cope," she said. "Some days, I'd just cry and cry. In the last year, I can't tell you how many prayers I'd say."

Finally, she threw a party for her friends from school and told them her secret. "It was a huge relief," she said. She asked them if knowing her situation meant they wouldn't be her friends anymore. They said, "Of course not!"

Tourette's syndrome grows increasingly more severe with stress, and Salisbury is the first to admit she has "loaded her plate" with activities. Often, while studying for a big test,

the stress makes her tics so severe that she has to take a break and listen to music or play basketball until she's able to refocus.

Salisbury described Tourette's syndrome as "this unbelievable energy inside me." She added, "In a way, it's good. In a way, it's this unbelievable burden."

She said she really strives to be an inspirational example. She created a simple Web site about Tourette's syndrome and persuaded an Albany radio station to hold a community basketball game to benefit Tourette's-related organizations.

Dealing with social stress is a hallmark of being a teen-ager, and Salisbury sometimes agonizes about how people see her.

"It's tough, because you don't know what people are going to think of you," she said. "You walk in the mall and think people are going to think, 'Weirdo!'"

But, she said, she has "learned from it."

"I've had many experiences that have made me stronger," she said. "The way people judge other people with Tourette's or ADD (attention deficit disorder). ... If you don't know if someone's moving like that because they have a disorder, don't be quick to judge."



# Christian clowns convey Christ's message

**By Joseph Young  
Catholic News Service**  
BELLE PRAIRIE, Minn. — A dozen Minnesotans have received diplomas proclaiming them fools—fools for Christ, that is.

"I wanted to be a certified fool, not just a self-proclaimed one," Colleen Ruther told the St. Cloud Visitor, newspaper of the St. Cloud Diocese.

She and 11 others completed intense training this spring at a Christian clown weekend retreat sponsored by the Central Minnesota Christian Clowns organization. It was held at a retreat center at Holy Family Parish in Belle Prairie.

The diplomas were a first for the retreat. Ruther, a member of Community Alliance Church in Perham, had suggested the idea to retreat coordinators Barb and Ken Stoner, who are members of St. Augustine Catholic Parish in St. Cloud.

The Stoners and a team of veteran Christian clowns instructed the 12 in how to pick a costume; how to apply white-face makeup to highlight facial expressions of joy, sadness or mischievousness; and how to develop a clown persona.

Participants also chose clown names—Pansy, Starshine, Pinkie, Daisy, Jimbo and Li'l Bumpkin. Each had its own special significance.

The clown candidates were



**CLOWNING**—Nancy Brandborg, or "Pansy" the clown, entertains Mary Lockard at the St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls, Minn. (CNS photo)

introduced to tools of the fool's trade, such as balloons, pinwheels, ropes and the creativ-

ity to envision uses for more mundane objects.

"A hammer could be any-

thing but a hammer, a gong or a golf club, for example," Barb Stoner said.

The essence of Christian clowning, however, transcends the skits, floppy shoes, rubber noses and grease-painted faces, said team member Edna Goracke, a member of St. Mary Parish in Alexandria.

Being able to slip into clown character is a part of it, she said, but the main prerequisite is "a willingness to convey the message of Christ and ability to touch people," she said.

The Stoners and other team members showed the clowns-in-training how to communicate God's word wordlessly as well as the importance of making eye contact with and providing "a positive, gentle touch to especially the very old, the very young and those with special needs," Barb Stoner said.

"Christian clowns look for ways to build people up, not to ridicule or tear them down," she said. "We seek to be a humble servant, not to overwhelm but to underwhelm people."

The retreat ended with a Sunday afternoon visit by the clowns to a long-term care center. Barb Stoner called it "taking the plunge, going forth to minister."

"This can mean bringing laughter to people or just hold-

ing their hand or walking down the hallway with your arm around them," she said.

New clown Julie Steffl-Dahl, known as "Pinkie," connected with a woman in a wheelchair at the center.

"She was rocking back and forth, shuffling her feet and whining a litany of gibberish," she said. "I knelt down beside her and tried to make eye contact, but she didn't seem to focus."

Steffl-Dahl, a member of St. Peter Parish in St. Cloud, gently touched and patted the woman's tightly clasped hands, but said nothing. While in white-face, clowns abstain from speaking.

"I knew I wasn't supposed to talk," Steffl-Dahl told the St. Cloud Visitor, "but I began humming 'Jesus Loves Me' to her. As I did, her whimpering, foot-shuffling and agitation stopped, and a calm stillness, a spirit of peace, seemed to come over her."

Barb Stoner is aware that some people think clowning for Christ is somehow sacrilegious. But those critics, she said, likely have not witnessed Christian clowns and the positive effect their ministry can have.

"Christian clowning is one of many ways—a visual way—to experience the Gospel," she said.

# Parents of autistic children find challenges, rewards

**By Brian T. Olszewski  
Catholic News Service**  
CROWN POINT, Ind. (CNS) — When 5-year-old Erin Flynn celebrates Mass with her family at St. Mary Parish, Crown Point, her responses are not typical of her fellow worshippers.

"In the middle of Msgr. (Donald) Grass' homily, she yelled, 'Happy birthday,'" her mother, Tina, said of the unpredictable proclamations.

But Erin is not "typical." She has autism — a neurological disorder that interferes with the normal development of the brain in the areas of reasoning, social interaction, and communication, and which may affect as many as 1 out of every 250 children, according to the Indiana Resource Center for Autism.

When Erin was 2, Tina Flynn and her husband, Tom, were told that she was mentally retarded and that she would never develop beyond the level of a 13-month-old.

As there are no medical tests for diagnosing autism, the Flynns took Erin to the University of Chicago Hospital where, at the age of 3-and-a-half, she was diagnosed with autism after being observed by a pediatric neurologist and others familiar with the disorder.

"The medical community is not really aware of what autism is," Tina Flynn said.

Erin has been helped through the Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative where she has received one-on-one help from Valparaiso Univer-



**AUTISTIC DAUGHTER**—Tina Flynn embraces her 5-year-old daughter, Erin, who has autism during a spring picnic in Crown Point, Ind. The neurological disorder may affect as many as one in every 250 children, according to the Indiana Resource Center for Autism. (CNS photo)

sity students. She is currently in kindergarten.

"She is very aware, very smart. She knows her numbers and alphabet," Flynn said of her daughter. But, she added, "There are a lot of things she needs help with."

Words and phrases that other parents take for granted are moments of elation for the Flynns when Erin says something.

"When she said, 'I want milk,' that was huge," Flynn said.

If their emotional and physical stamina were tested as they

sought a diagnosis for Erin, so, too, was the faith of the Flynns, who have a son, Tony, 6, and 3-year-old twin daughters, Lauren and Emily.

"When Erin was diagnosed, we went through stages of grief," Flynn recalled. "We'd go through it over and over."

Flynn said that when she prays, she prays for "simple things," and prays for Erin the same as she does for her other children.

"St. Anthony is probably sick of hearing from me," she added with a laugh.

When Mary and Mike Collins

very sweet temperament, and he's not violent."

Amy, who like her brother is nonverbal, is in an early education class. Collins is hoping she will be in kindergarten this fall.

"I get excited about what they have accomplished," she said.

While the children communicate by using a PECS machine — Picture Exchange Communication System — in which the child points to a picture of what he or she wants, a system that Collins said had made life "so much easier," she sometimes wishes for more.

"It would be nice if they could talk, if they could hold a conversation," she said.

One person about whom Collins speaks with pride is her son, Ben, a 9-year-old third-grader. "He's their biggest advocate," she said, noting that he helped them when they played challenger baseball last year.

Collins, a former catechist at Our Lady of Consolation, said Sam and Amy look forward to going to church.

"Father (Joseph) Vamos is very nice about it," she said. "He blesses the kids every Sunday during Communion. They know when they go to church, they're going to get their blessings."

While Sam and Amy may cry in church and get loud, Collins wants worshippers to know something else about her children.

"There is more to these kids than what people see in church," she said.

learned that two of their three children — Sam, 7, and Amy, 6 — had autism, they were "mad at God."

"We asked, 'Why them?'" Mary Collins said, noting that her husband is still "really mad at God."

But Collins, who is a member of Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Merrillville, recalled that when Sam was diagnosed, a friend told them he would bring a lot of people into their lives.

"God is working through this," Collins said.

"Sometimes he has problems," she said, "but he has a





# La Comunidad



## El Evangelio

# Manténgase firmes, y se salvarán

Por Padre Enrique Terriques  
Lc. 21, 5-19.



Este evangelio de San Lucas contiene un discurso apocalíptico semejante al que encontramos en el Antiguo Testamento y en el último libro del Nuevo Testamento llamado precisamente "El Apocalipsis," por hablar de los últimos días o el fin del mundo, con todo los signos que acompañarán. Esta forma de escribir tiene como fin dar ánimo a los que sufren toda clase de pruebas por vivir la integridad de la fe, como era el caso aquí de los cristianos. Concretamente San Lucas escribe a su comunidad (que esperaba con ansiedad la segunda venida de Cristo), a no desanimarse y a dar más aún, testimonio de su fe.

La ocasión de hablar este lenguaje simbólico, tiene su origen en los comentarios de la gente sobre la magnificencia del Templo de Jerusalén

recientemente reconstruido por Herodes. El Historiador Josefo da testimonio hasta de los detalles más minuciosos de la reconstrucción de esta joya, comentando hasta el tamaño de las piedras y la cantidad de oro que se necesitó. Jesús toma la oportunidad para hablar de la destrucción de esa obra maestra (El Templo), que apenas había sido terminada o estaba por terminarse. "Llegará el tiempo en que de todo lo que ustedes admiran aquí no quedará piedra sobre piedra: todo será destruido."

Cuando San Lucas escribe su Evangelio, la destrucción del templo no era algo que pertenecía al futuro, sino al pasado. Los Romanos lo habían destruido en el año 70 en el sitio a Jerusalén. Teniendo la cruda realidad de una ciudad y un templo tan sagrados destruidos por un lado, y por otro la persecución de los seguidores de Cristo, Lucas nos invita a ver con los ojos de Cristo que una destrucción así de horrenda no es señal del fin de ninguno de sus seguidores: "Sin embargo, no se perderá ni uno de sus cabellos. Manténganse firmes y se salvarán."

Nosotros todavía no nos recuperamos de la tragedia de "Las Torres" de Nueva York y del ataque al Pentágono; símbolos de un gran poder que antes creíamos invulnerable. Tampoco podemos imaginarnos el sufrimiento del pueblo Afgano que sufre un bombardeo infernal que sacude hasta las entrañas de la tierra, sembrando muerte y desolación en un país que tiene años muriendo. No podemos olvidar la Primera y la Segunda Guerra mundial con el holocausto, y la bomba atómica sobre Hiroshima, Nagasaki, así como todas las guerras y las calamidades que la humanidad ha sufrido como terremotos, huracanes, tornados, etc. todos, todos estos desastres no son el final de la obra maestra de Dios que somos los seres humanos.

Jesús quiere situarnos ante la realidad valiéndose de estas señales terribles que de hecho suceden, como son los fenómenos naturales o las guerras fratricidas, fruto de la maldad humana. Jesús no quiere ilusionarnos, ni a nosotros ni a la Iglesia. Ella, más que nadie vive la crisis, el conflicto y la persecución. En el fondo este discurso

escatológico es un llamado a perseverar hasta el fin. Cada cristiano experimenta en el transcurso de su vida las señales a que Jesús se refirió, que 'preparan el fin;' señales que anuncian el triunfo del Reino de Dios desde aquí de la tierra aún cuando se pierda la vida o se entregue por la causa del Reino: "No tengan miedo. Porque yo mismo les daré palabras tan sabias que ninguno de sus opositores las podrá resistir o contradecir."

Parece ser que el Evangelio de hoy nos llama a la perseverancia cristiana, que consiste en no decaer, en no dudar, en no fallar, en no claudicar. Consiste en saber volver a comenzar. Cada día. Después de cada crisis. Jesucristo fué el mismo templo que se destruyó y que se reedificó al tercer día. Cristo resucitado de entre los muertos es la garantía de que nuestra vida no se acaba con el fin del mundo que nos rodea, ni en la propia muerte.

"Manténgase firmes, y se salvarán."

*El Padre Terriques es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.*

## Programas en Oregón promueven integración multicultural de parroquia

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Cada mes, ocho miembros étnicamente diversos de la parroquia de San Patricio en Madras se reúnen para una comida. Unos son anglos, otros latinos y algunos nativos americanos.

Las comidas, con diferente mezcla de personas cada semana, tienden a empezar con timideces y extrañamente silenciosas. Pero para el final, las sonrisas y risas son generales y aparece la promesa de verse como nuevos amigos en la Misa.

A través de Oregón, las parroquias católicas atraviesan el proceso de hacerse multiculturales.

Los obispos católicos de la nación ofrecen su ayuda. Hace un año los obispos publicaron "Para Darle la Bienvenida al Extranjero entre Nosotros," una carta pastoral que busca la unidad en medio de la diversidad cultural de la iglesia en Estados Unidos. En la carta, los obispos exhortan a la gente a que dé la bienvenida a grupos minoritarios y refugiados. Las congregaciones pueden ordenar paquetes completos de los obispos que incluyen el esquema del plan de bienvenida de la parroquia, una copia de la carta, tarjetas

de oración, sugerencias para homilias y planes para grupos de escuela y juventud.

San Patricio, ahora con 550 familias, fue por décadas en su mayoría de personas caucásicas. En los pasados 20 años, los latinos católicos han hecho sentir su presencia en Madras, localizada en la parte central de Oregón. En los últimos años se han hecho esfuerzos para unir parroquianos con católicos de la misión Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha de la cercana reservación tribal de Warm Springs.

"Es una lección que aprendemos en la marcha," dijo el padre Jim Stephens, pastor en Madras, a *The Catholic Sentinel*, periódico de la arquidiócesis de Portland. "Si nosotros somos anglos, estamos aprendiendo que no solamente es nuestra iglesia. Estamos pudiendo ver que somos una iglesia universal. Con esto vienen ciertos sufrimientos de crecimiento."

Conforme el plan de comidas avanza, el padre Stephens tiene el propósito de lograr que los pequeños grupos compartan su fe durante las reuniones; y después, se dediquen a actividades de alcance social.

## Enriquecimiento en adviento en la Iglesia Católica de Santa Inés

WEISER—Para prepararnos mejor en el tiempo de Adviento, las comunidades de Santa Inés en Weiser y la misiones de Council y Cambridge ofrecen una misión de Apologética. La misión sera en inglés y en español. Se invita a todos a participar.

Martin Zavala, a quien muchos conocen y quien acaba de presentar seis artículos de apologética en el *Idaho Catholic Register* dara la misión junto con Oscar Esparza y Ramon Rios de Apóstoles de la Palabra.

Estos temas nos ayudarán a defender nuestra fe católica. Muchos llegan hasta nuestra puertas a ofender nuestra fe y debemos saber contestar. Otros por falta de instrucción abandonan

nuestra fe, sin saber la riqueza que dejan atrás.

Esta misión está basada en sólidos conocimientos de la Biblia para aprender de nuestra fe. Esta misión será en Weiser el día viernes 30 de Noviembre a las 7 p.m. el 1 de Diciembre todo el día y el día 2 de Diciembre en la mañana, para terminar con la Santa Misa a las 12 p.m.

Temas tan interesantes como : La Iglesia católica la verdadera Iglesia de Jesús; la Santa Misa; María y los Santos serán expuestos en esta misión.

Para mayor información llamar al Padre Nondier Zuleta al (208) 549-0088.

## OSV publica folleto para ayudar a los católicos a normar su conducta ante el terrorismo

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (CNS) — La casa editorial de Our Sunday Visitor en Huntington ha dado a conocer un folleto destinado a ayudar a los católicos a responder ante la tragedia del 11 de septiembre y ante los amagos de terrorismo corrientes.

Titulado "Lo que la Iglesia enseña: Cuando el Mal ataca," el folleto examina los temas de fe que rodean el incidente y proporciona sugerencias para familias, sacerdotes, administradores de parroquias y educadores para que respondan tras los efectos de los ataques del 11 de septiembre.

Se puede conseguir en inglés y en español, y en el Internet: [www.whatthechurchteaches.com](http://www.whatthechurchteaches.com).

Greg Erlandson, director y editor de la casa editorial Our Sunday Visitor, dijo que el folleto tiene como finalidad los temas surgidos por los ataques.

En el folleto se explica la realidad del mal y la respuesta de fe, dijo él, y se propone la manera de enfrentarse a sentimientos de ira y deseo de venganza. También se revisan formas en las que las familias pueden hacer frente a las circunstancias presentes, y se

termina con siete oraciones—conocidas y desconocidas— que las familias pueden usar.

En el folleto se incluyen oraciones al ángel de la guarda y al arcángel San Miguel, una bendición familiar, una oración por los dolientes y una oración por la paz del beato Juan XXIII.

Para mayor información se puede consultar el Internet. Para conseguir los folletos se puede uno comunicar con Our Sunday Visitor al teléfono (800) 348-2440. El precio por un paquete de 50 folletos es de \$12.95, incluido el flete y procesado.

Solicitamos a las parroquias envíen información relacionada con actividades de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y de Navidad para ser publicadas en Idaho Catholic Register, el periódico de la Diócesis. Enviar a Colette Cowman, editor, 303 Federal Way, Boise, ID 83705.



# Los pobres deben ser tomados en cuenta

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Con la conferencia ministerial de la Organización de Comercio Mundial que empieza en noviembre, líderes religiosos presentaron un reto para los responsables de tomar decisiones e inversionistas a fin de que se mantenga la dignidad del pobre.

El Vaticano distribuyó un documento en el que se presentaban de forma esquemática las máximas preocupaciones relacionadas con el comercio mundial y el desarrollo, entregando el texto a los dirigentes de la Organización de Comercio Mundial, a todas las misiones diplomáticas acreditadas ante la organización y a cada uno de los embajadores acreditados ante el Vaticano.

El Vaticano dijo que la conferencia, programada del 9 al 13 de noviembre en Qatar, debe “marcar un paso claro en el camino a una nueva y total visión del comercio mundial en la cual todos puedan tomar parte efectivamente en terreno de igualdad.”

Flexibilidad y solidaridad deben ser parte de cada uno de los acuerdos de la Organización de Comercio Mundial, en los que se reconozca que “el desarrollo intensificado de los países más pobres es una contribución al progreso económico global, a la seguridad internacional y a la paz.”

En Washington, una coalición de más de 40 grupos religiosos de los EE.UU. les presentaron el reto a los comerciantes mundiales e inversionistas de hacer que “la dignidad de la persona humana” sea el principio ético central que guíe su política y sus acciones.

El grupo de InterFe en el Trabajo de Comercio e Inversiones publicó su “Declaración de InterFe sobre Comercio Internacional e Inversiones” el primero de noviembre en una conferencia de dirigentes religiosos y periodistas en Washington.

En la declaración se especificaban cinco principios éticos básicos. En ella se decía que el comercio

internacional y los sistemas de inversiones, política y actividades deberían:

— Respetar y apoyar la dignidad de la persona humana, la integridad de creación y nuestra humanidad común.

— Hacer avanzar el bien común y recibir evaluación a la luz de sus efectos impactantes sobre aquellos que son los más vulnerables.

— Ser transparentes y aceptar la participación significativa de los accionistas más vulnerables.

— Respetar el papel legítimo del gobierno, en colaboración con la sociedad civil, para que se fijen planes de acción política con respecto al desarrollo y bienestar de sus pueblos.

— Salvaguardar los derechos de usufructo conjunto (sistemas naturales del mundo) y respetar el derecho de las comunidades locales de proteger y desarrollar en forma sostenible sus recursos naturales.

## Solucionar el hambre, esencial para preservar la paz, dice representante del Vaticano

ROMA (CNS) — Con la vida de 800 millones de personas amenazadas por el hambre, la seguridad de abastos alimenticios se ha convertido en tema esencial para la preservación de la paz mundial, dijo un representante oficial del Vaticano ante una conferencia internacional de expertos de abastos.

Las multitudes que sufren hambre crónica y pobreza están en riesgo de perder la esperanza y convertirse en “turba” frustrada que sigue sus “peores instintos,” dijo el arzobispo Agostino Marchetto, representante del Vaticano ante la Organización de Naciones Unidas, especialmente en el momento presente de tensión mundial, dijo.

El dijo que “era inaceptable que tantos estén amenazados de inanición mientras en gran parte del mundo se vive un desarrollo y progreso sin precedentes. Solucionar el hambre esencial para preservar la paz, dice el representante del Vaticano. Este contraste amenaza la paz y la

estabilidad, especialmente en el momento presente de tensión mundial,” dijo.

El arzobispo Marchetto dijo que la Iglesia cree que la seguridad de abastos no es solamente un tema a corto plazo mientras las agencias de auxilio se involucran en lugares seleccionados del planeta; sino un problema global que requiere un cambio de estilo de vida de los países más ricos.

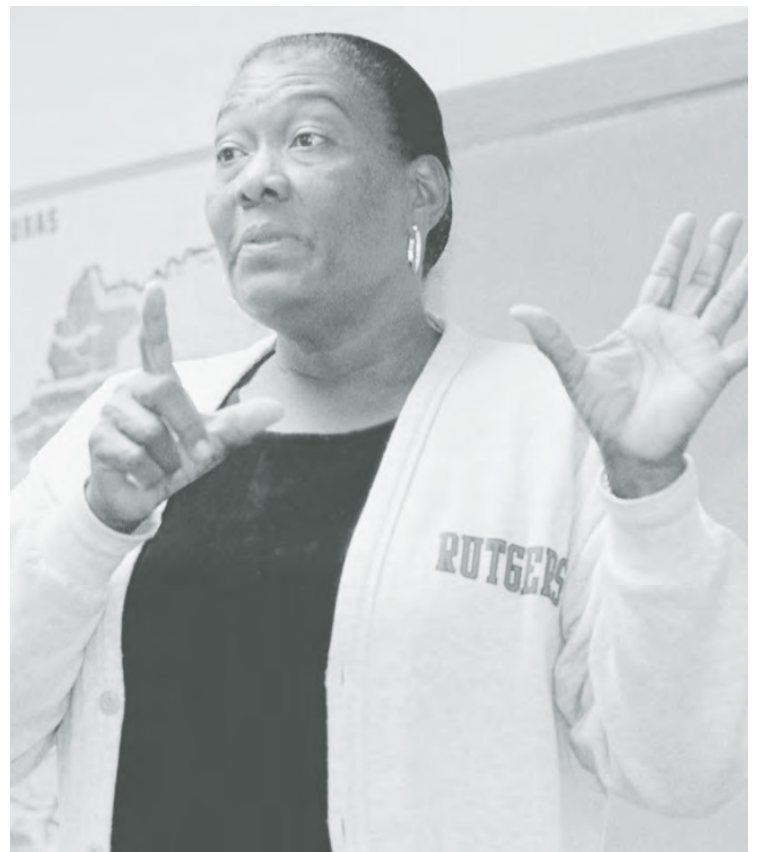
El proceso de oferta y demanda está todavía demasiado atado a la «cultura de poseer» y no suficientemente a la ética de solidaridad, dijo. Añadido a la prevención de desperdicio, los países desarrollados necesitan alejarse de la mentalidad de consumo que se está convirtiendo en tendencia global, dijo.

El arzobispo Marchetto hizo notar que en 1996, la Organización de las Naciones Unidas de Abastos Alimenticios y Agricultura se comprometió a disminuir a la mitad el número de personas que sufren inanición

en el mundo antes del año 2015. Pero eso depende de la asignación de recursos, dijo. Al presente, las inversiones en recursos alimenticios son pequeñas en comparación con los gastos militares, dijo.

El dijo que la seguridad de abastos debería ir al parejo de la protección del medio ambiente—no siendo simplemente cuestión de cultivos extendidos, sino de institución de programas de desarrollo sostenible, dijo.

En la conferencia auspiciada por la Organización de las Naciones Unidas de Abastos Alimenticios y Agricultura, se escucharon informes que pintaron una desolada escena de hambre y malnutrición alrededor del mundo. En uno de los informes, se dijo que la campaña para disminuir a la mitad el número de personas crónicamente malnutridas del mundo para el año 2015 se estaba retrasando y que de seguir a este paso no lograría la meta.



**ENFERMERA NICARAGUENSE HABLA SOBRE ECOLOGIA DE CANAL** — Pearl Watson, enfermera de Monkey Point en Nicaragua, anda de gira por los Estados Unidos para hablar sobre temas de justicia social puestos en el candelero por los planes de un “canal seco” que comunicaría su país natal de costa a costa mediante un ferrocarril de alta velocidad. Habló en una parroquia de New York durante una serie de pláticas sobre justicia social. (Foto CNS por Paul Finch, Catholic Sun)

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**FLU SHOTS**—School Nurse MaryLou Cunningham gives Kristin DeJulis, a Diocesan Pastoral Center receptionist, a flu shot while Bishop Michael Driscoll waits his turn. Shots to help keep diocesan staff healthy this winter were arranged by Kathleen Hunthausen through the St. Alphonsus School Health Program. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)



**'CRUSADING THROUGH TIME'**—Sources have identified the masked crusader on the St. Anthony Catholic Community School float entry for the Idaho State University Homecoming Parade in Pocatello

in October as Principal Stephen Anderson. The float was named "Crusading Through Time." Many students, parents and faculty turned out to march or ride through the parade. (Photo by Christy Sabel)

## St. Vincent de Paul

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be regarded in Ada County as the premiere thrift store featuring quality goods and reasonable prices," she said. The conference runs the St. Vincent thrift stores in both Boise and Meridian.

"I also want people to know that St. Vincent's is much more than just a thrift store," she said. "I want to educate the public about the overall mission of St. Vincent's and the work the conferences at the parish level are doing." The parish conferences are organized to enhance the spiritual growth of members and respond to requests from individuals and families for help with food, clothing, medical bills, furniture and rent.

La Follette said the St. Francis of Assisi Conference of St. Vincent de Paul gives financial support to the St. Vincent de Paul District Council, a council made up of all the presidents of the parish conferences operating in Ada County.

"Our commitment to the district council right now is \$24,000 a year plus merchandise for needy individuals who are referred to us through the conferences," she said.

To "get the word out" about St. Vincent de Paul, LaFollette is working on a general brochure that will explain programs and services and that St.

Vincent de Paul serves everyone regardless of race, age or religion.

"We are a Catholic organization," she said, but 85 percent of the people we serve are non-Catholic."

LaFollette is also working on a Christmas appeal letter to send out to people who have given to St. Vincent de Paul in

the past. She said that since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, contributions to local charities are down because people have been contributing to relief efforts in Washington D.C. and New York.

"We have to remember that hunger doesn't go away here just because of a national disaster," she said.

She also wants to resurrect the newsletter that St. Vincent de Paul used to publish and send it to donors and put in the sack of everyone who makes a purchase.

"We want to use every opportunity to educate people whether that is through the news

letter, press releases or whatever," LaFollette said.

She is also a big believer in team building. She is looking at ways to motivate people who work at St. Vincent de Paul so that they continue to take ownership in the organization and feel good about what they are doing.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

The Community Thanksgiving Family Food Box Project is the next big activity St. Vincent de Paul will help organize.

With the help of Ada County Catholic parishes, Bishop Kelly High School, Compton Transfer, Idaho Power, Larry Barnes Foundation, Washington Group International, the Western Idaho Fair, and Viking Trucking, as many as 1,500 families will receive food boxes.

To receive a Thanksgiving box, families of any denomination can sign up at Sacred Heart Church, 801 South Latah, Boise, Monday through Saturday, noon to 7 p.m. until Nov. 16. Only the social security number for each member of the family is required. Any family of two or more people who are need can receive a box. Families will pick up their food boxes at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds the Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 19 and 20) before Thanksgiving.

Those who wish to donate a food box or go in with another family or group to put a food box together should call the Thanksgiving Food Box Project coordinator in their parish. A list of food items needed will be provided. St. Vincent de Paul officials suggest that those making up food boxes may want to add additional, non perishable foods so that families that receive the boxes will have food for more than just a Thanksgiving dinner.

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## **ST BONEVENTURE AD**

## New gospel choir is worship aid for some

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

BOISE—The 18 members of St. Mark's new gospel choir, Boise, all look forward to rehearsals and thoroughly enjoy themselves when they are singing together.

They also look forward to singing at Mass and to putting on concerts wherever they are invited.

"I've had members tell me that when they are not at rehearsal, they are listening to gospel music in their CD players or humming to themselves either in worship, because they are thankful for a beautiful day, or to inspire them in a dark hour," said Maggie Russell, choir director. "Gospel music is very moving and spiritual."

The choir organized after a gospel music workshop that Russell spearheaded at St. Mark's in the spring of 2000. The Post Falls native had just moved back to Idaho from Seattle where she had been involved in gospel choirs for about 10 years and had studied under Cora Jackson. Jackson was the presenter at the workshop.

The African American woman, who was raised Southern Baptist and Pentacostal, directs several gospel choirs in Seattle and writes some of the music. She directed the choir at the parish Russell attended.

The St. Mark's Gospel Choir is



**PRAYING TWICE**—Maggie Russell directs St. Mark's new Gospel Choir during a recent Mass at the Boise parish. Choir members say they love singing the exuberant, expressive spiritual music, and Russell, who has 10 years of experience with gospel music, says it has helped bring her faith to life. (ICR photo by Cliff Hampel)

currently singing for Masses in their parish on the fourth Sunday of each month. They sing at a different Mass time each month. The choir is also working with other Idaho parishes to

sing for Masses, special events and in concert or to present gospel music workshops. Interested persons can contact Russell at 571-9867 for more information.

For Russell and those who sing in the choir, gospel music is "an assistance to worship."

"The point of singing gospel music (See 'Gospel Choir,' page 19)

## Nearly 100 trained for Project Rachel in Idaho

By Colette Cowman

Idaho Catholic Register editor

MERIDIAN—Those who have healed from the grief of abortion "will become the cornerstones of the culture of life," Vicki Thorn said at a Project Rachel training session at Holy Apostles Church, Meridian, Nov. 15.

Thorn, the founder of Project Rachel, a ministry of healing for women and men affected by abortion, is the director

of the National Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation and Healing. She did two training sessions in Idaho—in Meridian and Nov. 16 in Moscow. Nearly 100 priests, deacons, seminarians, counselors, therapists, social workers, other health professional, and campus ministers attended the training. The group included several ministers of faiths other than Catholic.

Project Rachel was activated in Idaho

Dec. 1. It is sponsored by Catholic Charities of Idaho. Anyone—women, men, parents, grandparents and siblings—who is grieving in any way the loss of a child due to abortion can make a confidential phone call to obtain support and a referral to a professional or clergy who can help them work through their grief and anger.

The toll free Project Rachel number is 866-327-7475. Those in the Treasure Valley can call (208) 353-0706.

The Catholic Church has a vested interest in people being healed from the trauma of abortion, Thorn said.

"The roots of abortion are deep in our culture," she said. "Odds are that everyone of us knows someone who has had an abortion, although we may not know who they are. Each time a woman or man is healed, the world gets revised. These people understand because they know. They have lived the truth of abortion. Every time someone is healed, we are cutting away at the mountain (of legalized abortion.) Eventually the mountain will come down."

Thorn said it is important to get the word out about Project Rachel.

"People who are affected by abortion have to know that care is available," she said. "The good news is that the church has a ministry of post abortion healing and reconciliation. It is important that

people know that we have priests and counselors and social workers who are devoted to this ministry."

For those people who believe that a ministry like Project Rachel is counter to what the prolife movement is trying to accomplish, Thorn said the truth is, the Catholic Church believes so strongly that abortion is wrong that it has adopted a ministry to serve those people who have been hurt by abortion. Project Rachel does not soft pedal the teachings of the church.

"God doesn't want anyone lost," she said. "And we know that there is nothing we can do that God won't forgive us for if we are sorry."

She said some people are afraid to approach a priest about their guilt and grief over an abortion, but she has known many priests who believe that post abortion work is what they were ordained to do.

"The Holy Spirit gets people where they need to go," Thorn said.

Thorn said abortion affects people "across the board," —all ages and socioeconomic levels. She said she has had phone calls from girls ages 13 and 14 and women as old as 95 who have had abortions and are seeking healing.

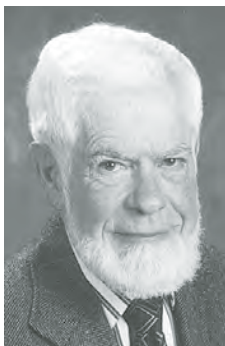
Sometimes fathers of aborted babies will experience extreme grief. The feel- (See 'Project Rachel,' page 19)

### Deacon Walt Jackson dies Nov. 21

KELLOGG—A Funeral Mass for Deacon Walter M. Jackson, 70, took place at St. Rita's Church, Kellogg, Nov. 24.

Jackson died of cancer Nov. 21 at home in Pinehurst. He was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He married Janice Kelling, Jan. 18, 1953. They had three sons and seven daughters and now have 33 grandchildren.

After four years in the Navy, Jack-



Deacon Jackson

son worked as a civilian with the Department of Army and later with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for 16 years. He retired in 1973 after 26 years of government service.

He was ordained a deacon in 1981 and served in St. Pius X Parish, Coeur d'Alene, and then was in residence at St. Alphonsus, Wallace, serving the

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# Church officials condemn human cloning experiment

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic leaders and pro-life organizations strongly condemned the actions of Advanced Cell Technology following the company's Nov. 25 announcement of success in cloning early-stage human embryos.

Bishop Wilton D. Gregory of Belleville, Ill., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, urged a federal ban on human cloning "without delay."

"Human cloning violates fundamental ethical and moral norms and is to be condemned unequivocally," he said in a Nov. 27 statement. "Human cloning does not treat any disease but turns human reproduction into a manufacturing process."

Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, head of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, also condemned human cloning, calling it "morally reprehensible."

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington warned that it "has dangerous implications" of playing God and devaluing human life.

At a Nov. 26 press conference on Capitol Hill, a variety of political, religious and pro-life leaders called for immediate legislation to ban all cloning of human embryos.

The Vatican also condemned the cloning of human embryos by U.S. scientists, rejecting claims that the research produced simple cells and not human individuals. Despite the scientists' stated humanitarian aims, the research represents a new form of discrimination against defenseless people, the Vatican said in a Nov. 26 statement.

The new furor over the issue arose after a report by scientists of Advanced Cell Technology, a privately held biotechnology firm based in Worcester, Mass. They said that after more than 70 attempts they recently produced cloned human embryonic cells, two of which divided to four cells or more. It was the first public announcement of human embryonic cloning in the world.

They said they also induced parthenogenesis in not-fully-mature human eggs, getting several to divide for up to five days, reaching the blastocyst stage.

The company's officials say they oppose reproductive human cloning — aimed at producing a baby — and they sought

to obtain human embryonic stem cells solely for experiments aimed at eventually turning such cells to therapeutic uses.

Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics challenged the company's definition, saying "The term 'reproductive cloning' is redundant. All (embryonic) human cloning is reproductive, in the sense that it creates — reproduces — a new developing human being intended to be genetically identical to the cloned subject."

Cardinal McCarrick called the first creation of human clones "deeply disturbing."

"While we must encourage the scientific community to continue cutting-edge research, it must occur within ethical boundaries that respect all human life and the role of God as the creator of that life," the cardinal said.

"The arrogance that leads someone to believe he can take on the role of God and reduce humans to mere 'spare parts' is an arrogance which has dangerous implications that we cannot fully anticipate," he said.

Bishop Gregory said, "The cloning procedure is so dehumanizing that some scientists want to treat the resulting human beings as subhuman, creating them solely so they can destroy them for their cells and tissues."

Noting that the House of Representatives voted to ban human cloning last July, he urged the Senate "to do the same without delay."

Cardinal Bevilacqua said cloning human embryos in order to harvest stem cells from them "reduces a human life to the sum value of cells."

President Bush also condemned the company's actions.

"The use of embryos to clone is wrong," he said Nov. 26 in response to a reporter's question at a White House event. "We should not as a society grow life to destroy it. And that's exactly what's taking place."

Bush added that "to grow an embryo in order to extract a stem cell, in order for that embryo to die, is bad public policy. Not only that, it's morally wrong in my opinion."

The House of Representatives passed the Human Cloning Prohibition Act July 31 by a vote of 265-162, banning cloning of human embryos for any purpose.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., has introduced the bill in the Senate, where it is slated for a vote next February or March, but cloning opponents said the Advanced Cell Technology news highlights a need to move more quickly to pass a federal law banning all human cloning.

## Attacking Somalia would 'breed more terrorists,' warns bishop

ROME (CNS) — Amid speculation that Somalia could be the next target of the U.S. war on terrorism, the East African country's top Catholic leader warned against a Western bombing campaign, saying it would breed more terrorists. "A military intervention would only push people to side with the (Islamic) fundamentalists, making things worse," Bishop Giorgio Bertin of Djibouti, apostolic administrator of Somalia, told Fides, the Vatican's missionary news service, Dec. 3. "I would urge Western leaders, therefore, to reflect carefully and find other methods to fight terrorism," he said. Operatives of Osama bin Laden, accused of massive terror attacks in the United States Sept. 11, are reported to have been active in Somalia. The country is also home to various armed Islamic groups who hope to create a Muslim state.

## Suicide law remains in effect until judge reviews Ashcroft directive

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — At least until spring, dying patients in Oregon can continue to receive lethal prescriptions to end their lives. U.S. District Judge Robert Jones ruled Nov. 20 in Portland to let state law allowing physician-assisted suicide to remain in effect while he decides on its legality in light of a directive allowing federal agents to enforce drug laws against doctors who prescribe medication to help patients commit suicide. He is to rule within the next five months on the directive, issued by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft two weeks earlier. Jones' forthcoming decision will probably be appealed by the losing party to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. From there, the case could move to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## Pope tells AIDS sufferers that church prays for them, will help

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II promised the millions of people suffering from AIDS in the world that the Catholic Church prays for them, will help them and supports the search for a cure. "Dear brothers and sisters ill with AIDS, do not think you are alone. The pope is near to you with affection and supports you in your difficult journey," the pope said Dec. 1, the U.N.-declared World AIDS Day. Pope John Paul made his remarks during a Vatican meeting of Catholics who volunteer in various areas of health care.

## Click of computer replaces long pastoral voyage to Oceania

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope John Paul II issued his final document on the Oceania synod, a click of the computer replaced a 10,000-mile trip across 10 times zones. As the 81-year-old pontiff sat in front of a Vatican laptop Nov. 22, he seemed bemused by the fact that he was making history just by tapping the "send" button. As applause rang out, he watched the e-mail recipients scroll down the screen — Pacific dioceses like Agana, Papeete, Tonga and Tokelau. But there was a bittersweet quality to the ceremony in a frescoed room of the Vatican: It marked the first time the pope was not journeying personally to deliver his apostolic exhortation on a regional synod.

## 'Here I Am, Lord' named Unity Awards' song of the year

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dan Schutte's 20-year-old hymn "Here I Am, Lord" won the song of the year award at the Unity Awards sponsored by the United Catholic Music and Video Association and held Dec. 1 in Washington. The Benedictine monks of Santo Domingo de Silos in Spain won awards for two albums released in 1994 — "Chant" and "Chant Christmas," both of which were recorded in the 1970s. Dana Scallon, who records under the name of Dana, won seven Unity Awards and Vince Ambrosetti won five, in results announced during the ceremony at The Catholic University of America. Schutte, once a member of the singing group known as the St. Louis Jesuits, also won with "Here I Am, Lord" as liturgical song of the year. An association spokeswoman said older songs were being "grandfathered" for consideration in the initial years of the awards, which are just in their second year.

## Poll links frequent Mass attendance with support of church teachings

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The first of a planned ongoing series of polls on "Contemporary Catholic Trends" shows that Catholics who attend Mass at least weekly are more likely to support the church's teachings on moral issues. The poll by Zogby International in conjunction with LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., asked 1,508 adult Catholics nationwide a series of questions about their religious beliefs and practices, their thoughts on various moral issues and their opinions about people of other faiths. It was released in Syracuse Nov. 16. A majority of those polled agree with Catholic teachings against abortion, euthanasia and the destruction of human embryos in stem-cell research, but those who go to Mass at least once a week were even more likely to agree with the church.

## Thousands participate in annual protest march at School of the Americas

COLUMBUS, Ga. (CNS) — A river of people — almost 10,000 — streamed into Columbus during the Nov. 16-18 weekend to participate in the 12th annual School of the Americas Watch peaceful protest rally and march against the U.S. Army school at nearby Fort Benning.

The crowd called for closing the school, formerly known as the School of the Americas and now named the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. It trains military personnel from Latin American countries.

According to SOA Watch, graduates of the school have been implicated in murder and torture in their own countries, including El Salvador, Guatemala and Colombia.

The school's commandant, Col. Richard Downie, said the school has changed since it was closed and reopened under its new name Jan. 17. Its 35 classes were reduced to 24, and human rights was introduced as a topic in all of them. The human rights element is taught in the context of international law by military officers, some from different countries, he said.

Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of SOA Watch, said the school may have a new name "but it's still about guns; it's still about combat; it's still about soldiers we train with U.S. taxpayer money, who go back to their home countries — El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia — and cause a lot of terror, suffering and death."



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# Bishops call for Jan. 1 day of prayer for world peace

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated Jan. 1, 2002, as a national day of prayer for peace as a response to the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks.

Bishop Michael Driscoll is urging Idaho Catholics to join with Catholics around the country Jan. 1 to attend Mass, pray the rosary or say special prayers, either individually or as a family or with others throughout the day, asking God to bring peace to the world and an end to terrorism. Jan. 1 is also observed as World Day of Peace.

Bishop Driscoll has ordered some prayer aids, which the Chancery will distribute to Idaho parishes before Jan. 1. Because Jan. 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, one of the prayer aids is a booklet called "Rosary for Peace." It contains reflections on the Glorious Mysteries drawn from various Marian liturgical texts.

"It is fitting that we pray for the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace," said Bishop Driscoll.

The other prayer aid is a Prayer for Peace written by Pope John Paul II. This prayer asks for the intercession of Mary to bring an end to evil in all its forms—famine, war, hatred, injustice, and sin—and to reveal the light of hope to all the world.

In a pastoral message, "Living With Faith and Hope After Sept. 11" which the bishops adopted at their recent meeting in Washington D.C., the bishops also urged people make a commitment to fast one day a week for peace.

"I want to encourage people to make some kind of sacrifice for peace one day a week, either fasting from food or denying themselves something that is important to them or which brings pleasure," said Bishop Driscoll.

## Bishop Driscoll dispenses Dec. 8, Jan. 1, holy day obligation

Bishop Michael Driscoll has made the decision to dispense Idaho Catholics from the holy day obligation for Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Dec. 8 this year falls on a Saturday and Jan. 1 falls on Tuesday.

The bishop still strongly urges all who can to go to Mass on those feast days and pray for peace.

Under the Blessed Mother's Title of the Immaculate Conception, the United States is

dedicated to her patronage. The Dec. 8 feast is a fitting time for Catholics to petition the Blessed Mother to intercede for the United States and ask her son to protect and guide the country's leaders and help them make godly decisions regarding Operation Enduring Freedom.

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## Benedictines, ICCW promote Dec. 7 prayer, fasting for right world relationships

COTTONWOOD—The Benedictine Sisters at Monastery of St. Gertrude, Cottonwood, and the leadership of the Idaho Council of Catholic Women are working together to promote a day of prayer and fasting Dec. 7 for strengthening and healing of right relationships.

The day, called "Call to Contemplation," was chosen by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and is being promoted throughout the United States. It is the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the U.S.

Idaho Catholics are asked to

join in praying and fasting for the relief of poverty and oppression, healing of creation, care and advocacy for the world's women and children, the reconciliation of enemies, the healing of ethnic rivalries and racism, and respect for different points of view.

Idaho parishes and Catholic organizations are urged to have a special intercession during Mass on Dec. 7, encourage individuals and families to spend special time in prayer that day, and have materials and prayers available for people to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or for their groups to use when praying together.



**U.S. MARINES IN AFGHANISTAN**—Marines pour into the remote desert region of southern Afghanistan Nov. 29 within striking distance of Kandahar, the spiritual cradle of the Taliban. Pope John Paul II and the U.S.

bishops have called for prayer and fasting for peace Jan. 1 and Dec. 14. The Idaho Benedictine Sisters and Idaho Council of Catholic Women have called for prayer Dec. 14 for right relationships in the world. (CNS photo)

# As conflicts continue, pope calls for Dec. 14 prayer, fasting

By John Thavis  
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In response to the growing threat of global terrorism and other conflicts, Pope John Paul II called for a church-wide day of fasting in December and a prayer gathering of Christian and non-Christian leaders in January.

The pope said the interfaith meeting, to take place Jan. 24 in the Italian pilgrimage town of Assisi, would allow Christians and Muslims to proclaim to the world that religion can never be used to justify violence.

The Dec. 14 day of fasting among Catholics also was to be

marked by prayers for peace. The pope suggested that in addition to limiting their food and drink on that day, Catholics find ways to transform their sacrifice into a contribution to the victims of terrorism and war.

The pope announced the two initiatives during his Sunday midday prayer at the Vatican Nov. 18. He said he was convinced that today's worried world "needs to see gestures of peace and hear words of hope."

Addressing a crowd from his window above St. Peter's Square, the pope spoke about the tensions and sufferings that have worried many people around the world.

"In a situation rendered dramatic by the ever-impending threat of terrorism, we feel the need to raise our cry to God," he said. The prayers raised to heaven should be stronger today, because the threats to peace seem greater, he said.

The Dec. 14 day of fasting falls on a Friday, the church's traditional day for fasting and abstinence. The pope asked Catholics worldwide to "pray with fervor to God that he grant the world a stable peace based on justice and help people find adequate solutions to the many conflicts that torment the world."

## Deacon Walt Jackson

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Wallace, Mullen and Kellogg Catholic communities until his retirement in 2000.

While in Coeur d'Alene, Jackson, with Janice at his side, was instrumental in helping the parish establish a House of Hospitality for the homeless and several other parish outreach projects to assist the poor. Those who knew him knew that helping the poor and other social justice issues were a passion for Jackson.

In an article for the Idaho Catholic Register's annual vocations issue in 1997, Jackson wrote about his and Janice's "journey" together, including his life as a deacon in the church. He ended the article with the statement: "After all, it is the Journey that matters. The destination will take care of itself."

In a homily Father Andrew

Schumacher wrote for Jackson's Funeral Mass, which Father Mel Sprute read, Father Schumacher said Walt Jackson was "first and foremost a family man." He was very devoted to his wife and children and grandchildren.

Father Sprute said Jackson was well known for his love for the poor and his desire to help them.

Deacon Rick Bonney, Diocese of Boise director of deacons, who attended Jackson's funeral representing the Idaho deacon community and Bishop Michael Driscoll, said Jackson will be remembered for his work for the poor.

"Walt Jackson was one of the most up front people I've ever met," Bonney said. "He said it like he saw it."

Regarding his passion for the poor, Bonney said Jackson "would go head to head with anybody—bishop, legislator, mayor, anyone—to defend the poor. There was no lukewarm about him. He spoke his mind. That is the Walt I think the deacon community knew too."

Bonney said when Jackson preached, "he always brought the gospel back to the poor."

He said Jackson "didn't really care—in the right way—if people liked him or not. But he gave everything he had for others."

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# Cloning and its consequences

Researchers at Advanced Cell Technology Worcester, Mass. recently reported in *The Journal of Regenerative Medicine* the results of two experiments that they have cloned human embryos. These embryos multiplied long enough to produce just four to six cells, where typically an embryo needs to develop further before it can produce stem cells. Clonaid, another research company, quickly claimed that it also had produced cloned human embryos.

What is a clone? Aside from dividing an early embryo ("forced twinning") and producing two genetically identical human beings, cloning usually refers to the asexual technique (sometimes called "somatic-cell nuclear transfer" or "self-copying") which involves removing the nucleus of an unfertilized egg (an oocyte) and inserting in its place the DNA of an adult cell. The egg then uses the genes encoded by this adult cell to direct the egg's development and to produce an embryo that is a copy of the donor of the adult cell (also called a "delayed twin").

In 1997, "Dolly" was born as a result of fusing the nucleus of a somatic (body) cell of an adult sheep with a de-nucleated egg deprived of the maternal genome. Dolly was thus derived from only one source, the adult sheep whose cell nucleus was inserted into the de-nucleated egg to trigger its development.

Current human stem cell research is referred to as "therapeutic cloning" and is based on the knowledge that an embryonic stem cell has the potential or genetic blueprint to become any cell, tissue, or organ in the human body (i.e., it is totipotent). This research is thus aimed at creating embryos for their stem cell use. These "specialized cells" would be used to grow tissues and nerve cells that would be a perfect match as treatments for diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, spinal-cord injuries, muscular dystrophy, or arthritis. Why a "perfect match?" Because the stem cells would be derived from the very patient

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By Father Gerald D. Coleman, SS

needing the therapeutic intervention, they would be identical to the patient's own tissue types, i.e., they would be "self" and would not be rejected.

The intended hope of this research is to bring knowledge "from the lab to the bedside." All of this sounds very good to anyone who measures things only in terms of their benefits (the end justifies the means). In such a moral framework, cloning human embryos for the sake of harvesting stem cells is a form of beneficence (doing good) and usefulness.

In this research, human embryos are created explicitly to be destroyed in order to use their stem cells. It is for this reason that Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that this cloning procedure deserves condemnation because these embryos are considered "subhuman" and "can be destroyed... for their cells and tissues." President Bush likewise commented that "We should not as a society grow life to destroy it." Consequently, therapeutic cloning turns human reproduction into a manufacturing process.

From an ethical point of view, I believe that there are several central problems with cloning human embryos for "therapeutic cloning" purposes (and by extension,

"reproductive cloning" to produce human beings):

—The clone becomes a product of curiosity, making embryos or children a fabrication and project of a particular social milieu or attitude,

—Therapeutic cloning is most likely to be a phenomenon available only to the affluent segments of the population in the developed world, thus raising critical social justice questions, and

—Cloning requires non-consensual experimentation on human beings.

A major concern surrounding "therapeutic cloning" is that inevitably it will lead to efforts at "reproductive cloning." This is morally repugnant because:

—This process increases technical mastery over human reproduction and erodes respect for the mystery of sexuality

—Cloned human embryos have no parents and the special relationship between an infant and mother which is a result of childbirth is destroyed

—This process fractures the solid bonds among sex, this process renders the male role in reproduction obsolete, and

—Cloning is contrary to the principle of equality among human beings as it allows a eugenic and racist selection of humans

Finally, cloned human embryos will doubtlessly be regarded as "a new type of biological entity" and thus graded according to their stage of development (as the Vatican recently said). As an example, Professor Ronald M. Green, who heads Advanced Cell Technology's ethics board, refers to human stem cells simply as "cleaving eggs."

It is morally necessary that we abandon this seriously wrong approach of producing human embryos. Adult stem cell lines exist already and these can be harvested for therapeutic helps.

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## Liturgy

# The symbol of our country and the sign of our faith

By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

Some churches do it, and some do not. In this time of terrible national crisis, some of our churches display an American flag and others do not. Which is correct? Surprisingly, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Catholic Churches. The Book of Canon Law contains 1,752 canons but not one on flags. The more than three hundred directives in the Roman Missal make no mention of flags.

The United States Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, long before the events of Sept. 11, did urge that, if there must be a flag in church, it not be placed in the "prebyterium," the area where the altar, the ambo, and the presider's chair are placed, but that it be located elsewhere in the church.

Within a diocese, it is the prerogative of the bishop to make a final determination. He may choose, if he wishes, to leave the matter to the local pastor. But what if the bishops say nothing? I will make bold to step in, but I want to emphasize that what I say here is strictly my

personal opinion. I begin with an historical perspective.

In the era of the great European immigration to this country, American church leaders, especially Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland, taught Catholics that they must be responsible citizens, and they emphasized for all who would listen that Catholics, most of whom were "foreigners," had embraced this country as their own and had become loyal Americans.

When the Catholic governor of New York, Al Smith, ran on the democratic ticket in 1928 for president, anti-Catholicism was bitter and widespread. Herbert Hoover soundly defeated Al Smith. But when the Catholic Senator from Massachusetts, John Kennedy, ran for president in the 1960s he was elected (although just barely). The climate had begun to change. Now, new circumstances compel us to manifest our allegiance.

This time of terror has united all of us as Americans. The flag of 13 stripes and 50 stars is the symbol of our country and the sign of our patriotism.

Now comes my private opinion. It is appropriate,

even desirable, that this flag be displayed prominently outside our Catholic churches. It will indicate to all passersby, and remind us who are about to enter the church, that as Catholics, we are both proud and thankful to be Americans. Once inside the church we look to the symbol of our religion that reminds us that we are Catholics as well as Americans. That symbol is Christ on the Cross.

Christ on the cross extends his arms to embrace all people of every language, race, ethnicity, religion, and nationality. During this time of national crisis and worldwide conflict, we are united with our fellow Americans, but as Catholics we do not exclude anyone from our prayer and Christian love. That, in fact, is the very meaning of the word "catholic."

Outside our churches let there fly the American flag. Within our churches let there be lifted up the cross of Jesus Christ.

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## Question Corner

# Confession of serious sin required once a year

By Father John Dietzen

**Q. Many of us older people, close to 80 and beyond, faithfully attend Mass and receive Communion. But we don't see the absolute need for yearly confession.**

**Does the precept to confess at least once a year, which we learned in grade school, still apply? We pray regularly, including the act of contrition. Doesn't that suffice?**

A. Let's break your question into two. Does church law say you must receive the sacrament of penance once a year? And second, is it good to do so?

Despite the absolute way the precept was usually stated, confession once a year has never been a church law for everyone, only for those who have a serious (mortal) sin to confess.

Even when this "obligation"

first appears (in the year 1215 at the Fourth Lateran Ecumenical Council) it is clear that only confession of mortal sins was required once a year.

Confession of serious sins would be necessary, of course, to fulfill another requirement of that same council, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, during the Easter time.

This was the teaching of the old Baltimore Catechism, and present canon law continues that tradition. All who have reached the age of reason must confess any serious sins once a year (Canon 989). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1457) says the same.

Thus, you and your friends can be confident that church precepts do not require annual confession for everyone.

Is it good to go that often or

even more frequently? Obviously the various limitations of old age will always be factors to consider. It seems to me, however, that any Catholic who understands how the sacrament of reconciliation heals our spiritual weaknesses, and how it reconciles us with God and our brothers

and sisters, will try to receive it with at least some regularity.

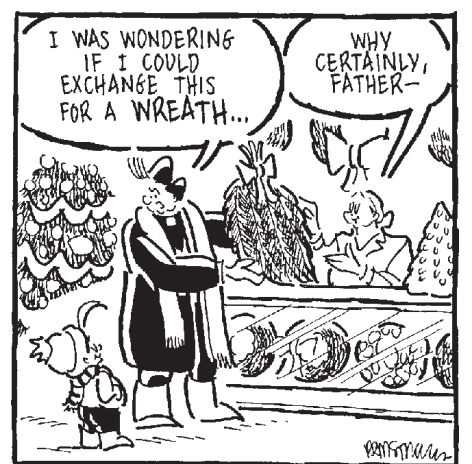
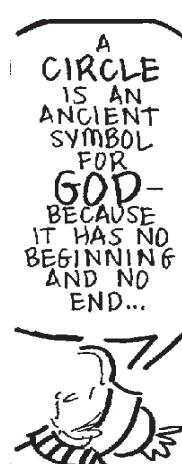
How often? The Rite of Penance, the official guide of the church for this sacrament, mentions only Lent, obviously an appropriate time. Advent and other occasions in life that invite us to re-examine our life with

God would also be fitting.

You need not feel obligated, therefore, to yearly confession. But insofar as physical and other abilities allow, it is good not to conclude that the sacrament of penance is no longer a desirable and important part of your lives.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY by Mark Armstrong





# Why I am thankful even after Sept. 11, 2001

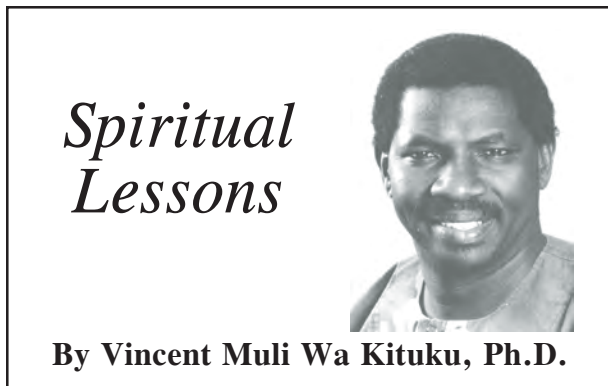
Two weeks after Sept. 11, I celebrated my birthday. In reflection, I couldn't complain about getting old given that there were so many people who would have loved to enjoy the benefits of another birthday.

The lessons learned when watching the events of that day unfold left lasting imprints in my heart. Here are just a few.

1. Surviving relatives held photos of their loved ones who were lost at the sites of attack. No one held a photo of a magnificent office or automobile, again reaffirming that in life, what's important is not things.

2. People talked about how they had cherished life with their missing loved one. In life, there is a limited window of opportunity for us to share life and express our love for those God sends into our paths. A time comes when no window is open.

3. Watching lines of blood donors was revelation in itself. All cultures, ages, genders, and beliefs were there. When in dire need, we don't care who helps us. The social and biological categories that



## Spiritual Lessons

By Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, Ph.D.

separate people lose their importance.

4. Prayer was the number one medicine. We prayed individually and cooperatively. Prayers give all of us hope for a new beginning. Faith helped us begin to heal.

5. Given the impact of what happened, one would wonder, "Where was God?" But I found the best

explanation in a piece that was passed around through the Internet. Someone said on Sept. 11, God was busy making sure there were 266 people aboard four flights that could have had over 1000 passengers. God was engaged in making arrangements for the World Trade Center to have about 20,000 people at the time of the bombing instead of 100,000 people who would normally be there.

The writer stated, "Although this is without a doubt the worst thing I have seen in my life, I can see God's miracles in every bit of it... I can't imagine going through such a difficult time and not believing in God. Life would be hopeless..."

6. Learning to live in unfamiliar times has become a survival necessity. We will not be tossed about by the "buffaloes" of change. We are a people who will survive this unpredictable time through prayer, unity and determination to overcome evil with what is good.

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## Thank God for veterans

Editor, the ICR:

Re: Mia Crosthwaite's "Death Penalty Vigil," ICR 11-16: The only valid point I see in Crosthwaite's letter is that we all should pray for peace.

Americans are a just and generous people. Americans do not hate the terrorists but they rightly and unapologetically demand justice. Americans reserve the right to defend themselves, their children and their nation from hate-filled, murderous thugs. Self-defense is hardly un-Christian!

It takes little courage to demonstrate in front of the Capitol in safe, secure and free Boise, Idaho. A far better example of

courage can be found a few blocks down the street at the Veterans Home, where there are men and women who not only prayed for peace but who understood that some things are worth fighting for. I thank God for them every day.

Bill Cutshall  
Boise

## Would you take Jesus to see Harry Potter?

Editor, the ICR:

I feel compelled to write about the movie review published Nov. 16.

It is difficult to comprehend how a movie with wizards, magic and a school of witchcraft and wizardry "is unlikely

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to pose any threat to Catholic beliefs." The name of the movie itself does enough.

Children's minds are easily influenced by what they see on TV or at the movies. With the big media push for this movie, I doubt this will be the only one.

If Jesus happened to appear, and asked to be entertained, would you take Him to that movie? Personally with the lack of decency from the movie industry, I rarely go.

Drew Torpey  
Nampa

## Sister parishes

Editor, the ICR:

I read with special interest

the articles in the November "Faith Alive" supplement of the *Idaho Catholic Register*. Interparish collaboration is alive in our diocese even beyond the examples given by Father Faucher. Sacred Heart parishioners, Boise, have extended their helping hands to our parish, Our Lady of the Lake, McCall, and together we have participated in Evangelization Retreats, Called and Gifted workshops and an on-going relationship between the parishes and members. We consider ourselves to be "Sister Parishes." We share resources.

The Interparish Evangelization meetings, spearheaded

by Kathy Sells of St. Mark's and Carol McGee of Sacred Heart, bring together representatives from across the Valley (and extending to McCall) to discuss activities, share ideas and resources as well as plan a calendar which prevents parishes from scheduling events at the same time, thus preventing members of other parishes joining in those events.

Father Fraser talks to us about the Church as community. Our community is being extended beyond the boundaries of our own parish.

Debbie McCoy  
McCall

## A Soldier's Prayer

I close my eyes and say a prayer.  
Knowing there's a God who cares,  
And sees a soldier's heart inside—  
The fear and loneliness we hide.

We miss our friends and families, too  
The flags that waved red, white, and blue  
The fireworks that light the sky  
To celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Here the fireworks rock the ground,  
With angry flashes all around,  
As soldiers march, wait, and fight,  
Each side believes it's cause is right.

Freedom, justice, equality  
Are truths that burn inside of me  
In courtrooms or on foreign shore  
These are things worth dying for.

No one will tell us how to pray  
Or tell our children how to pray  
Nor trample on our liberty  
As long as there's a breath in me.

The greatest gift in the end  
Is to lay down your life for a friend  
The friends that put their faith in me  
Spread from sea to shining sea.

And as I take a ragged breath  
Straddling both life and death  
More soldiers wage a valiant war  
'Til hate and darkness are no more.

We fight to create a world of light  
Where people do what's fair and right  
I close my eyes and say a prayer,  
Knowing God will lead us there.

Major Maureen A. O'Toole, U.S. Army  
Mother of a St. Mary's School student, Boise  
Nov. 12, 2001  
(See story page 15)

## Preparing for Christmas

### READINGS

#### Second Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10  
SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9  
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12

It's amazing what I didn't know about Catholicism when I first entered the seminary!

I knew the church's basic teachings and had some understanding of Catholic practices. In fact, I probably knew more than most other Catholic teens who had been educated in the public school system simply because I always try to learn as much as I can about things that interest me. But there were still a lot of things about our faith that were, in the old saying, "Greek to me."

Advent was one of these.

The old Father Stedman's missal described Advent as a season during which we prepare for Christmas, so I knew at least that much. But what practices were important to Advent? And how was one to prepare? These were the things of which I was ignorant.

One priest at the seminary spoke of Advent as a penitential season "something like Lent, except it doesn't last quite as long." He pointed out that purple was the color for both seasons—even though they were different shades of purple. But I noticed that the Lenten fast and abstinence were absent.

Another talked about the Advent wreath and its significance. That sounded Episcopalian to me. In those days it was.

Still another spoke so poetically about this season that I didn't understand a word he said.

I learned as time went by that Advent does have an element of repentance and penance. We are to turn away from sin and try to become better Christians. We look forward to the world described by the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading, but know that it will

## Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

never fully come in this life. Through Advent's graces, we want to learn how *to think in harmony with one another in keeping with Christ Jesus that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Perhaps the best way to keep Advent well is to take John the Baptist's words seriously, so that we can become trees that bear good fruit and the wheat that God will gather into His barn.

Advent is a time of joyful repentance, a time to focus on the spiritual and to reflect on the meaning of the season—a meaning that is to often lost during the hectic and frantic pace of this time of year. Who is Christ and why did He come? What does He offer to you and to me? Why do we want Him to be, as it were, reborn in our lives?

Today's gospel reminds us that Christmas is not just for children. It is for people who take God seriously and want Him to make a difference in their lives and in their world.

I didn't know much about Advent when I first arrived at the seminary. Now, almost 45 years later, it is my favorite liturgical season. I hope it is yours, too.

*Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.*



## CALENDAR

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

**Dec. 8: BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary** Embodying Prayer Through Liturgical Movement, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., sponsored by the Diocese of Boise. Fee \$15 (Includes lunch) pre-register by Dec. 3, Sister Clarissa, 342-1311

**Dec. 8: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Church** 12th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life and for America 6-9 p.m. For Information call Susan Bush 523-3276 or Mary Smith 524-5201

**Dec. 9: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary Church** 5 p.m. Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal, Father John O'Sullivan, Celebrant

**Dec. 9: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns, juice and coffee, \$3 per person

**Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring

**Jan. 18: BOISE, Natural Family Planning (NFP)** Classes to begin. Susan and Dave Davies, certified instructors from Couple to Couple League. For more information or to register, please call Susan or Dave at 378-1137

**Feb. 9: POCATELLO, St. Anthony** Community School 11th Annual Dinner Auction. Held at Phil Meador Courtesy Ford

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**EMMETT, Sacred Heart**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, Thurs 6 p.m.

**LEWISTON, St. James**, 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

**SANDPOINT, St. Joseph's Church**: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's**: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

**CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church**, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas**, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel**, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

**COTTONWOOD, St. Mary's**: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

**COUNCIL, St. Jude Church**: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

**COTTONWOOD, St. Mary's**: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

**COUNCIL, St. Jude Church**: Communion, Fri., 3 p.m. (week following scheduled Sunday Mass) Adoration 3-5 p.m.

**WEISER**, Adoration, Thurs., 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**BOISE, St. John's Cathedral**, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

**BOISE, St. Mary's**: Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

**BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary**: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**BOISE, Sacred Heart**: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**BOISE, St. Mark's**: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.-Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

**BUHL, Immaculate Conception**: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

**BURLEY, Little Flower Church** First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

**GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude**: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

**GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church** Fourth Fri-Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

**HAGERMAN, St. Catherines**: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

**IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King**: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

**IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary**, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

**LAPWAI, Sacred Heart**: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

**LEWISTON, Our Lady of Lourdes**, Holy Hour every Tues. from 7-8 p.m. First Fri., 8:30 a.m. to Sat., 8:30 a.m.

**MERIDIAN, Holy Apostles**, Thursday, 5-10 p.m. and First Fridays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**NAMPA, St. Paul's**: Perpetual Adoration—24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**OROFINO, Little Flower Church**: Every Friday-Eucharistic exposition, 9 a.m.-12 noon followed by Benediction

**POCATELLO, St. Anthony's**: Thurs., 12-9 p.m.

**RUPERT, St. Nicholas Catholic Community** Sun., 3-4 p.m.; Mon., 9-10 a.m.; Tues., 9-10 a.m.; Wed., 4-5 p.m.; Thurs., 6-7 p.m.; Fri., 9-10 a.m.; Sat. 9-10 a.m.

**ST. MARIES, St. Mary's, Holy adoration**, Wed., 8:30—9:30 a.m.

**SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church**: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's**: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

**CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church**, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

**CASCADE**: June 3, 4 p.m., Evening Prayer 5 p.m.

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**BOISE, St. John's Cathedral**, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon, and also 6-9 p.m. during Advent

**BOISE, St. Mary's**: 2nd Wed., 9 a.m.-noon

**BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary**: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Father Fisher dies

SAN FRANCISCO—Father Merle Joseph Fisher, S.M., who served at St. Paul's Parish, Nampa, 1979 to 1984 as associate and 1984 to 1990 as pastor, died Nov. 26 in San Francisco, Calif. of Lou Gehrig's disease.

A memorial Mass will take place Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Nampa.

Father Fisher, a native of Homedale, studied for the priesthood at Catholic University of the Americas, Washington, D.C., Marist College, Washington, D.C. and Marist Fathers Scholasticate, Mexico City, Mexico. He was ordained Feb. 6, 1960, as a member of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers).

His assignments took him to San Francisco, San Rafael, Calif., Kauai, Hawaii, Bedford, Mass., Green Meadows, New Zealand, and Nampa.

Friends and family said Father Fisher "loved God and everyone He put on earth, rich or poor, good or bad—he loved them all."

## Bishop Driscoll's Schedule



- Dec. 6-9:** Indianapolis, Ind., National Catholic Youth Conference on Vocations
- Dec. 10:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Bishop's Cabinet Meeting, 9 a.m.
- Dec. 10:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11:** Meridian, Holy Apostles Church, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 12:** Boise, Risen Christ Catholic Community, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 13:** Boise, All Saints Episcopal Church, Interfaith Leadership Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- Dec. 13:** Boise, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 14:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Treasure Valley Pastors Meeting, 9:45 a.m.
- Dec. 14:** Boise, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14:** Boise, Nazareth Retreat Center, Mass and Dessert for Volunteers
- Dec. 15:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Building Commission Lunch and Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 15:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Sacrament of Reconciliation, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 15:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Mass (English), 5 p.m.
- Dec. 16:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Mass (English), 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 16:** Jerome, St. Jerome's, Mass (Spanish), 12 noon
- Dec. 18:** Emmett, Sacred Heart Parish, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19:** Boise, Bishop Kelly High School, Student Christmas Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19:** Boise, Sacred Heart Parish, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 20:** Boise, St. Mary's Parish, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 21:** Boise, Bishop Kelly High School Faculty Christmas Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- Dec. 23:** Boise, Confession/Mass, New Prison, 6-8 p.m.
- Dec. 24:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Children's Christmas Liturgy, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 24:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Christmas Mass at Midnight
- Dec. 25:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Christmas Mass, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 25:** Boise, St. Mark's Church, Vietnamese Christmas Mass, 2 p.m.

## Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the first weeks of December.

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| <b>Dec. 4, 1980</b>  | <b>Rev. Msgr. Bernard P. McBride</b> |
| <b>Dec. 8, 1983</b>  | <b>Rev. Patrick J. Phelan</b>        |
| <b>Dec. 13, 1967</b> | <b>Rev. Jerome T. O'Connor</b>       |
| <b>Dec. 18, 1970</b> | <b>Rev. Bartholomew C. McCarthy</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 21, 1950</b> | <b>Rev. Remi Pecoul</b>              |

## Nazareth Schedule

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| <b>Dec. 7</b>       | <b>Boise State University, Management Dept.</b> |
| <b>Dec. 7</b>       | <b>Idaho Primary Care</b>                       |
| <b>Dec. 9-10</b>    | <b>Bishop Kelly Junior Retreat</b>              |
| <b>Dec. 11-12</b>   | <b>Bishop Kelly Natural Helpers</b>             |
| <b>Dec. 14</b>      | <b>St. Alphonsus Mission Services</b>           |
| <b>Dec. 22-31</b>   | <b>CHRISTMAS—Closed</b>                         |
| <b>Jan. 1, 2002</b> | <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY—Closed</b>                    |
| <b>Jan. 8</b>       | <b>WestCentral Deanery Pastoral Council</b>     |
| <b>Jan. 12-13</b>   | <b>Corpus Christi Life-Teen</b>                 |
| <b>Jan. 16</b>      | <b>Boise Samaritan Village</b>                  |

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# Bishop Kelly Winner's Choice raises \$150,000

BOISE—The Boise Centre on the Grove was showered with stars as more than 500 people enjoyed the Bishop Kelly Foundation's fundraiser, "Starry, Starry Knight" Nov. 3.

Attendees were able to bid on such items as a pontoon boat, golf trips, remodeling services, and LASIK eye surgery. The event, also known as the Winner's Choice because it gives away an automobile of the winner's choosing to one lucky ticket holder, raised \$150,000 for scholarships and operating expenses at Bishop Kelly High School.

Each year during the Winner's Choice, the Bishop Kelly Foundation presents its prestigious Order of the Knight

award to two people who have gone above and beyond in furthering the interests of Bishop Kelly. This year's recipients were Father Patrick Russell and Dr. David Lachiondo.

Father Russel is the beloved chaplain at BK who has been involved with student liturgies for many years as well as helping to begin the campus ministry program. He is a friend and counselor to many students.

Lachiondo was the principal at Bishop Kelly for 12 years during which time the school facility expanded, enrollment increased and new academic, athletic and arts programs were added to the curriculum.

The dramatic conclusion of Winner's Choice came when

the name of each ticket holder was drawn in a last-one-out contest to see who would walk away as the owner of a new vehicle from Meridian Ford. Winners were Howard and Rebecca Brown, parents of a freshman daughter, who selected a Ford F150 Supercrew truck.

The non-profit Bishop Kelly Foundation was created in 1975 to support the values and objectives of Bishop Kelly High School, Idaho's only Catholic high school. The foundation's principal goal has been to provide funding for annual operations, capital improvements and scholarships to keep Bishop Kelly's standards and quality of education at the highest levels.



**BISHOP KELLY FUNDRAISER**—Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, left, and Father James R. Wilson, Bishop Kelly High School spiritual director, take in the sights at the annual Winner's Choice Dinner and Auction at Boise Centre on the Grove.

## Kellogg dad needs liver transplant

By Mary McKenzie  
For the ICR

KELLOGG—Tom Wild is in need of a liver transplant. He has been to Denver for an evaluation and then became very ill and was in the hospital for over a month.

On Nov. 27 he flew back to Denver for a re-evaluation to see if he can withstand a transplant. His doctors are very hopeful.

Tom has been married for 14 years to Rhonda and they have a daughter, Teya. She made her First Communion this year. They are members of St. Rita's Parish, Kellogg.

Tom is a native of Kellogg and has worked in mines since he was 17 years old. He was working as a student miner in Montana when he got caught in a rock slide. He was critically hurt and spent several months in a hospital in Butte and had many blood transfusions. It took about two years to get back on his feet and go back to mining. He moved back to Kellogg and worked for the mines in the Silver Valley until the early



**GAINING STRENGTH**—Rhonda, Teya and Tom Wild, Kellogg, are praying and waiting for news of a liver transplant for Tom. A trust fund has been set up in Kellogg to help with the Wild family's medical expenses. (Photo by Mary McKenzie)

70's. Then, because of more money, he went to Moab, Utah, and worked in the Uranium Mines. After being exposed to Uranium dust several times, he came back to the Silver Valley and went to work for the Department of Labor until he retired because of his health problems.

The Wild family now needs

help as Tom's medical bills have become astronomical and his insurance does not cover all of the expenses. A Trust Fund has been set up at the U.S. Bank for Tom Wild. Anyone who wishes to contribute can send donations to U.S. Bank Tom Wild Trust Fund, 7 McKinley Ave. Kellogg, ID 83837.

## New regional consultant visits five Birthright offices in Idaho

COEUR D'ALENE—Dorothy A. Benoit, a member of St. Pius X. Parish, Coeur d'Alene, said she received a warm welcome from the five Birthright offices around the state when she visited them after her appointment as Birthright's regional consultant.

Benoit, who has volunteered with Birthright of Coeur d'Alene for the last five years, said the visits were "a wonderful opportunity to meet the volunteers that provide pregnancy support service for Idaho."

"All the offices are open 52

weeks a year providing support, clothing, diapers and loving presence in our communities," she said.

The Birthright offices are located in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Mountain Home and Rupert. They are funded solely by private donations.

"Many churches help us during the year, and we can be designated through United Way," Benoit said. "We are always in need of volunteers."

She said volunteering at Birthright requires that the volunteer believe that "every woman has a

right to give birth and every child has a right to be born."

Benoit urged people who are interested in volunteering to call their closest Birthright office. "And keep us in your prayers," she said.

### BK to host All-Catholic School Band Festival Concert Dec. 8

BOISE—The All-Catholic School Band Festival will take place at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

Over 110 students from the five Boise Area Catholic schools will join together for an afternoon of music.

Band members from St. Joseph's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart schools, Boise, and St. Paul's School, Nampa, will perform.

Brent Jensen, College of Southern Idaho director of Jazz Studies, Twin Falls, will give a clinic for all students and will also perform with the band.

Jensen is the founder of Boise State's Jazz Saturday's programs.

His latest CD "Brent Jensen meets the Dave Peck Trio" received national airplay and sold both in the US and in Europe. Last year, his CSI Big Band performed at the International Jazz Educators Conference in New York City.

Bishop Kelly Band Director Frank Aspiri and Rob Walker, who directs the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Paul's bands, will direct the All Catholic School Band.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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## BRIEFS

**Lewiston Knights to host caroling party**

LEWISTON—The Lewiston Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Christmas Caroling Party, Sunday, Dec. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

All who want to participate are invited to meet at St. James Church parking lot in Lewiston.

The Knights will provide dinner for carolers when they return starting at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. There will be activities for children after dinner.

Carolers are asked to bring a dessert, warm clothing and a flashlight. Participants should also sign up in the church foyer so the Knights will have a headcount for dinner.

**Caldwell Guadalupanas plan Guadalupe celebration**

CALDWELL—The Guadalupanas of Our Lady of the Valley, Caldwell, invite everyone to join in the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a fiesta Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

There will be food booths, artistic presentations, folkloric dances, and musical selections.

Then on Tuesday, Dec. 11 a rosary and mañanitas is planned at 10:30 p.m. A Midnight Mass will follow.

After the Mass, everyone is invited to reception in the parish center.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Lewiston, to celebrate Guadalupe feast day**

LEWISTON—Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lewiston, will have a special Spanish/English Mass Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Parishioners will serve Mexican dessert and hot chocolate following the Mass in the social hall. Everyone is invited.

**Celebration planned Dec. 8 at Bishop Kelly High to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe**

BOISE—St. Mary's Church, Boise, and the Boise Hispanic Community are inviting everyone to a cultural celebration at Bishop Kelly High School, Boise, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

A Mass, free dinner and entertainment are planned. A Mariachi Band, choir, Ballet Folklorico and children dancers will perform.

Special guests will include Bishop Michael Driscoll and several community leaders.

**Meridian Knights hold 'hugely successful' blood drive**

MERIDIAN—Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 11548 recently sponsored a "hugely successful" blood drive, according to Grand Knight Ron Katko.

The Red Cross workers at the drive advised Katko that the drive marked the largest first time blood donor list in the history of Idaho. Some 102 people donated blood at Holy Apostles Church in Meridian.

Even Father Tim Richey, pastor, took time out to donate blood.

Katko said the blood drive had been scheduled to occur before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, but the drive took on a more personal meaning after the terrorist attacks.

Council 11548 extends its gratitude to the Red Cross workers and all who donated blood.

**St. John's Social Justice Group To sponsor Alternative Gift Market**

BOISE—"Give the World a Present" is the theme of the Alternative Gift Market St. John's Social Justice Group (SJSJ) will sponsor at St. John's Cathedral Dec. 9.

This first-time event for the cathedral will take place in the parish hall after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Instead of buying traditional Christmas gifts for family, friends, or the parish priest, visitors to the Cathedral Alternative Gift Market will be able to purchase self-development gifts for poverty stricken people in many countries. Gifts might include trees, livestock, or medicine.

Cathedral parish organizations will accept donations for these gifts on behalf of selected charitable agencies, such as Catholic Relief Services or Christian Friends of Korea.

Shoppers will receive a holiday card that lists their gift, the charitable agency, and the honoree.

Monies raised from these purchases are sent to Alternative Gifts International, Inc. for distribution to the designated charities.

Barbara LaGrange of Alternative Gifts International reports that only 10 percent of the funds are retained by AGI for administrative purposes.

In addition to providing needed assistance to underprivileged individuals, the Cathedral Alternative Gift Market will give parishioners an opportunity to work together and share their time, talent and treasure, said to Fr. Joe McDonald, rector.

# Melba parishioners host annual Basque celebration

By Katrina E. McKinney  
for the ICR

MELBA—St. Joseph's Station, Melba, recently hosted the annual Basque Dinner held in the parish hall. It featured Basque specialties such as tongue, tripe, garbanzo soup, and fish.

The tongue was contributed by Dorothy Ansotegui Sacred Heart, Boise, and the tripe was provided by Luisa Bilbao, St. Paul's, Nampa. Other contributors included St. Joseph's Parishioners, Epi's Restaurant Meridian, and The Basque Market, Boise. The Basque Band, Gaupasa, provided the evening's entertainment including an impromptu dance performance by some of the parish Basque children.

This year's proceeds will benefit St. Joseph's Building Fund.

Superficially, St. Joseph's Basque Dinner appears to be just another fundraiser for the Roman Catholic Church in Melba. However, the dinner offers Basque traditions that, in some cases, have origins hundreds of years old. Gina Urquidi, who was the head cook for this event, brought some of these traditions to light.

Urquidi said that, in the early 1800s, the Basque people began immigrating to the United States from mainly northern Spain and France. They did not come to this country as shepherders but rather ended up in the profession through default.

The Basques needed to earn a living and sheep herding was a profession that offered a way to begin integrating into the society without having to speak English immediately. She said as a consequence of immigration, Idaho's Basque boarding houses also came into existence. These houses provided a place for the sheep herders to congregate and socialize when they brought their herds down from the hills. As a boarding house bonus, came the Saturday night communal dinner.

"Even though it was the same food that we ate during the week,



**GAUPASA MUSIC** —Playing for the annual Basque Dinner in Melba, are members of the Gaupasa dance band, Cathy Clarkson, left, Dan Ansotegui and Patty Miller. (Photo by Katrina McKinney)

Saturday night dinner at one of the local boarding houses was a big deal because it gave us a chance to see all of our friends that we didn't see during the week," said Urquidi.

She said the dinners were and still are a way of keeping the Basque culture alive. These events are venues in which traditions, such as Basque dancing, are lived and oral Basque history is continually passed to the next generation, she said.

The Basque dinners evolved into a Roman Catholic fund raising event 35 years ago, which is about the time that the last Basque boarding house closed because there was no longer a need for them. "The dinners became fund raisers because people were willing to pay for good Basque food, and there were no Basque restaurants until recently," said Urquidi. The Basque community travels to the various dinners to support the continuance of this tradition. The St. Joseph's dinner hosted 120 parishioners from the surrounding areas of Boise, Nampa, Kuna, and Homedale.

Urquidi said that the band,

Gaupasa, is one of only two Basque bands that have existed in southern Idaho. Gaupasa is an offshoot of the first Basque band, which is 50 years old and headed by Jim Jausoro. The first band, though more orchestral in nature, started playing for the Basque dancers in Idaho. Eventually, Gaupasa came into existence as a dance band. The members, Cathy Clarkson, Dan Ansotegui, and Patty Miller, take regular trips to northern Spain's Basque Region to update the dance music that they play locally.

Urquidi said the trips to Spain are vital because they are the only way that the Idaho Basque culture continues to evolve. Gaupasa also keeps the Basque music alive by teaching it to the Basque dancers who have a desire to learn this aspect of the culture.

Clarkson teaches the Txistu, which is a cross between the flute and the recorder, and Ansotegui teaches the Trikitrixa course, which is the Basque version of the button accordion.

## Konkol Memorial Dedication Mass and dinner held on Thanksgiving

OROFINO—Once again this year, St. Theresa's Catholic Church hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for those who wanted company on that special day.

The festivities started with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a ceremony to dedicate the Bernice Konkol Memorial, landscaped garden and foun-

tain at the church entrance. Everyone was invited to attend the dedication, which was planned in conjunction with the Konkol family and St. Theresa's Parish. Jim Haney did the landscaping project.

Immediately following the

dedication ceremony, Thanksgiving dinner was served in the Little Flower Room.

The parish volunteers provided roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and those who wished brought side dishes and desserts.

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# Buhl Knights honor matriarch of parish

BUHL—The Buhl Knights of Columbus recently honored Emily Ward Tverdy with a "Special Family-of-the-Month" award.

The 94-year-old matriarch of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Buhl, was born on the family's homestead farm in a dirt floored "prove-up" shack when the irrigation tract south of Buhl was first settled. As early farming pioneers, the Tverdy family was deeply involved in all aspects of developing community life, and that was the beginning

of Emily's background for learning the importance of community service.

As a young girl, she watched her mother and father taking part in establishing community life in the Castleford area and had to attend Mass in a railroad car when it was brought to the community by train. She even attended Mass in the rear of Peck's Hardware Store until a church was built in Buhl.

She attended grade school in the rural area and eventually went to room and board in Buhl to



Emily Ward Tverdy

attend high school. She graduated valedictorian of her high school and went on to graduate as a teacher from the Albion Normal School in Albion, Idaho. She taught school in the Magic Valley rural areas until she married Tom Tverdy in 1931. They were married for 50 years and had five children: Irving, Kenny, and Tom Tverdy of Buhl and Carol Tverdy Barsness of Filer and Patty Tverdy Jensen of Twin Falls. They were also blessed with 17 grandchildren and one more to

be announced soon.

Emily and Tom were well schooled in the importance of fund raising for community service and were always lending their hands for Immaculate Conception Church dinners. They established and organized the Twin Falls County Fair booth and dining hall for the parish—a tradition that continues to this day.

Emily "charmed" many a "willing" participant to lend their hand at the fair booth. That resulted in overwhelming monetary success for the benefit of the parish.

Emily can't put a date to when the fair booth started and said it just evolved and continued to get better each passing year. She finally retired from promoting the fair booth in 1998 at 91 years of age.

Both Tom and Emily were very active in parish activities. He held various offices in the Knights of Columbus and was a charter member of Father Wortsberger's Fourth Degree Council. Emily also held innumerable offices in both the local and state Councils of Catholic Women. She had a unique talent for working with all personalities in a very positive manner and the ability to smooth ruffled feathers. She found these qualities vitally important in working with volunteer projects.

The Tverdys were also very involved in the planning and building of the Immaculate Conception church and school. Tom and Val Saulie spent a winter building the original altar and other altar appointments. Tom and other parishioners planted all the trees around the church and devised a watering system for them. Many hours were also spent hauling rock for the grotto, putting in the sprinkler system for the grounds; gathering books for the school library, and any other task Father O'Conner asked them to do.

Emily was one of the first teachers in the school and sometimes even drove the school bus. Together they had a rich, full life serving God, their family, their church and their community.

## Idaho Lay Dominican Chapter receives new members

BOISE—The Blessed Margaret of Castello Pro-Chapter, Idaho's lay Dominican chapter in formation, held a retreat recently, at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, Boise, and received three new postulants and one newly-professed.

The event culminated in a Mass and rite of reception for the postulants and newly professed member. Received were James

and Kathleen Schuck, Eagle, and Abe Alsop, Boise. Postulant Margaret Zueger, Boise, made her three-year profession as a member of the chapter.

Father George Matanic, OP, provincial promoter for the Western Dominican Province, presided over the retreat and reception ceremony.

New postulants commit to a year of study and meeting with the chapter once a month. They then have the option of making a profession to become a lay Dominican for a period of one to three years. After completion of a three-year profession, a lay Dominican may renew his short-term profession or may choose to become professed for life.

Chapter meetings focus on prayer and study. This year the chapter will center its studies on the Rosary and the Book of Matthew.

The chapter meets every third Sunday of the month at St. Paul's Catholic Student Center, 1915 University Drive, at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in learning more about the lay Dominicans is welcome to attend any meeting or call Formation Director John C. Keenan at 375-2532.

## St. Paul's School invites public to Dec. 18 musical

NAMPA—St. Paul's Catholic School, Nampa, invites the public to attend the musical, "The Case of the Missing Christmas."

The musical will take place Dec. 18 in St. Paul's Catholic Church and the performance begins at 7 p.m. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform.

Students from pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 2, 4, and 6 will provide the musical talent.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception in Dempsey Hall following the program.

## Nathan Canney is 14th in troop to achieve Eagle Scout award

MOSCOW—St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 326 recently celebrated their fourteenth Eagle Scout. Nathan Canney, son of George and Caroline Canney, received Scouting's highest achievement honor—Eagle Scout—during a ceremony at St. Mary's Church, Moscow.

To earn this award, Nathan completed the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life Scout while earning more than 25 merit badges, 21 of that are required for Eagle. He also earned the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) award, which is not included in the required badges.

Nathan served in leadership positions in his troop and completed a major service project for the community. Nathan's project included the surveying, planting of tree locations, purchasing and planting of almost 400 trees around and on the hillside of the newest Moscow's water storage tank site. His Eagle project took around 100 hours from start to finish.

The Knights of Columbus sponsor Boy Scout Troop 326 at St. Mary's Parish. The knights also honored Nathan at a dinner a few weeks after his Eagle award. They gave him a KC award that is reserved for Eagle Scouts.



EAGLE SCOUT—Nathan Canney, Moscow, St. Mary's Troop 326, receives his Eagle Scout certificate from Scout Master Vinny Corrao, St. Mary's Parish, Moscow.

## Orofino parish names new Catholic Center after Fr. Kenneth Arnzen

OROFINO—St. Theresa's Parish ushered in the Advent season Dec. 2 with special events.

The Catholic Center, directly across the street from St. Theresa's Catholic Church, has been renamed the Father Kenneth Arnzen Center, in honor of the priest who served in Orofino many years ago, and was instrumental in purchasing the land on which the center was built. Father Arnzen passed away last year, and the parish decided to honor his memory by renaming the center.

The dedication of a new sign made by Bill Campbell took place Dec. 2 following the regular 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Later the parishioners decorated the church and enjoyed a hamburger and French fries lunch in the Little Flower Room. Dick Moore and Ethel Kaufmann prepared the lunch. An Advent wreath-making party was held in the Father Arnzen Center.



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# Autistic child tests a teacher's metal

By Mary Spiker, Pocatello  
Kindergarten teacher

St. Anthony Catholic Community School

Due to an unexpected vacancy I was hired to co-teach a kindergarten class at St. Anthony Catholic Community School, in August. I had been home with my children for the past three years and decided a part-time position would be the perfect transition for my family and me if I wanted to re-enter the work force.

I could barely contain my excitement. But then I remembered a little boy with autism had been enrolled in the kindergarten program at the school. What exactly would that mean for me? Had his parents really thought this through? Wouldn't he be better off in a different school? How would the other children react to him? Or better yet, what would the other children's parents think and feel about having a child with autism in class with their son or daughter?

Is my being his teacher really in his best interest? How would I teach him? What would I teach him? Did I really want to take this on? The questions kept forming in my mind and my fear began to take over. The truth of the matter was that I was scared to death to have this child in my class and to be responsible for his education. Maybe having him placed in the other kindergarten class would be better for him and me. I didn't know if I was up to the challenge. But somehow, I knew that having him placed in my class was the right thing to do.

No, I didn't have all the answers but I came to



**LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE**—Kindergarten classmates at St. Anthony Community School, Pocatello, gather around their friend Matthew for a photo in their classroom. The children are supportive and interact well with Matthew, who has autism. (Photo by Christy Sabel)

realize that I wasn't expected to. I would learn right along side of him, and together we would have a great year. I knew teaching this child was going to be one of the greatest challenges I had ever faced. I knew it was an experience that would cause me to grow and rethink many of the attitudes I had formed. I knew it would be frustrating yet rewarding. I knew, deep down in my soul, that this was what I was being called to do.

Now, a quarter of the school year has passed and

I am so grateful I did not let my fear win out. This little boy's name is Matthew. He has beautiful, big brown eyes and a smile that would melt any heart. He is learning and growing just like all of the other children in the class. But the most amazing part of having him in my class is being able to witness, firsthand, how the other children interact with him.

I don't need to ask, "What would Jesus do?" in this situation because I see it every day in these children's love and acceptance. They don't look at Matthew and see autism. They look at Matthew and see Matthew.

I was right. I am learning right along side of Matthew and the other children. At times trying to figure out what to do has been frustrating, but mostly it has been very rewarding and challenging. I know my life will never be the same for having had this opportunity.

I am so thankful that the school administration was open to having children with differences and using it as a chance to teach diversity and acceptance. I am equally as thankful for the parents of the other children in my class. They have been so supportive, and they include him in everything.

What an incredible experience this has been! I can hardly wait for the rest of the year to unfold. But most of all, I am so thankful that this has been a good year for Matthew. You see he is not just another student in my class—he is my son.

# St. Anthony School preschoolers learn about medieval life

By Kate Fronarotto

POCATELLO—"Prey, attens. Prey attens," the gentle giant softly spoke, and their attention he did have. Nineteen St. Anthony School preschoolers, Pocatello, gathered around Sir William and his wife Isabeau of Somerville Manor, (Steve and Linda Simmons, Medieval Adventures, Inc., Lava) as stories of medieval life unfolded.

The proprietors were clad in traditional medieval garb from head to toe and engaged the students' attention even further by surrounding them with buildings much like those one might have lived in during that time period. There was even a guard dog, guarding with mostly kisses, and loose chickens.

The children were escorted to a log home that they entered through heavy wooden doors complete with iron handles.

Within, a cathedral ceiling and loft made the rough frame seem lighter. Wooden benches and tables lined the sides of the rooms, each with its own candle. At the far end was a large open fireplace with an elk skull, a pheasant wreath and a cross-bow as adornment.

For two and a half-hours the children were entertained with



**LEARNING ABOUT HISTORY**— Sir William, (Steve Simmons) Somerville Manor, Lava, helps St. Anthony Community School pre-schooler Tia Thomas try on a mail hood, something that was used for armor in medieval times. Tia and her classmates were on a field trip to Medieval Adventures, Inc. (Photo by Christy Sabel)

activities that included candle dipping, castle making and creating their own shields of honor. Sir William talked about the armor one might have donned to protect themselves in battle, and the children took turns modeling the heavy wears. Of course they heard stories about the weapons and the shields, but these were kept on the "eyes-only" table.

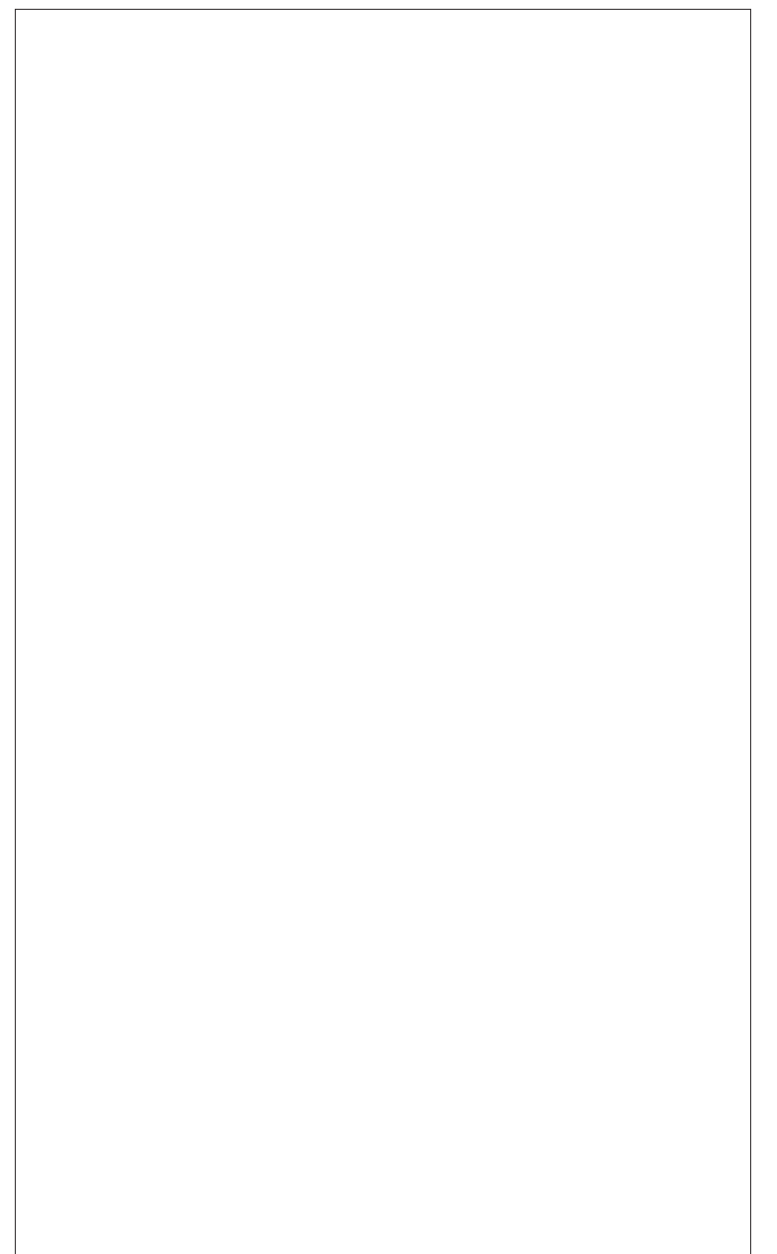
When eagerness turned to hunger, they were served a meal of "potage," broccoli and chicken stew, with bread and cheese, apple and wassail (apple juice), for lunch. Some chil-

underclothing for the heavy coat she pulled over the top.

At the end of the visit, Sir William enlightened his audience to the meaning of St. Anthony School's mascot, the "Crusader." The crusader on a knight's shield symbolized the "way of the cross." The Trefoil is the symbol for the Trinity. The white color of the shield

symbolized purity and the red cross, bravery. The explanation left everyone with a sense that they had stepped back in time and sneaked away with a little piece of history.

"Prey, attens!" the children surely did. Sir William and Isabeau were wonderful hosts as the children attested to with their farewell hugs.



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## David Shoemaker, Mountain Home, on the road to priesthood

# A man who wants to help people discover God

By Kelly Everitt

God willing — in four years David Shoemaker will be ordained a priest in the Catholic Church. It will culminate a journey that has taken more than a decade to achieve—a journey of personal reflection, dedication and sacrifice that has taken him from the soup kitchens of Chicago to, perhaps some day in the future, the red hat of a cardinal.

Earlier this spring the 1994 Mountain Home High School graduate completed five years of formal training, graduating from St. John's Seminary in Boston.

Four more years of theological instruction and personal reflection lay ahead until he is formally ordained. "It's a minimum of eight years," to become a priest, Shoemaker explained. "It's a lot like becoming a doctor, but without the money at the end."

Shoemaker, the son of Shigeki and Debbie Shoemaker, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mountain Home, is a bright, handsome, engaging, young man with a quick smile and a self-deprecating sense of humor. But behind his friendly, open demeanor is a serious, reflective man, already older than his years.

His desire to enter a profession few young people would even consider did not come upon him in a flash, but grew slowly. Shoemaker admits that he didn't come from an "overly religious family," but, he said, "from an early age, God was something we talked about in our family, and we prayed to God as little

kids do.

"As I grew up, I questioned everything like all kids do. And that led me to the doors of the Catholic Church here," where he met Father Raul Covarrubias. "What a neat guy. I liked him," said Shoemaker. "Initially, he was just an example of a good, loving, holy person. But he was an awesome example. As time went by I learned more about what the priesthood meant."

For Shoemaker, that means a sense of love for others and service to those in need. "I came from a family of love, so it's a natural development for me," he said. "I was allowed to grow and I was always looking out for the good. I guess I've always cared about other people. By the time I was in high school, my greatest satisfaction was when I could help someone else.

"All my life, I've wanted to do good for myself and others, and the glory of God." By the time he was a senior in high school he was leaning strongly toward priesthood. But first, he needed to know if it really was a life he wanted. So, following his senior year, he quietly made plans to pay his own way to Chicago to work without pay in the Catholic Charities soup kitchens, serving the poor in some of the worst parts of the city.

"I've always been attentive to other people's issues. And this was an outlet for my desire to serve others."

When he finally announced his decision to his friends, "most of them thought I was crazy,"



**GRADUATION TRIP**—David Shoemaker, Mountain Home, visits the legendary grave of St. Patrick in Ireland last summer after his graduation from college. He is now back at St. John's Seminary, Boston, studying theology as his next step on his journey to the priesthood.

he said. "I realized then that what I was doing was unusual."

"But those who knew me best, they understood. It wasn't that drastic a change. I was always quiet, reserved, and I liked to help people. Some don't understand, but they realize at the heart of it there is something good going on."

Having grown up in a small town, the move to Chicago, "really opened my eyes to inner city issues."

"I had never seen such poverty," Shoemaker said. They seemed so absolutely hollow. They were beaten down. A lack of material goods is one thing, but the inner poverty, of the

spirit and the soul—that was unbelievable. There was no hope. They were just surviving until either the drugs killed them or they died in a gang fight.

"We were there to give them food and shelter, but more importantly, to give them love and respect, to give them dignity as a person," he said.

He lived in the back room of the shelter home where he worked, eating the same meals as those he served, walking the same streets where crime, violence and human degradation are the natural environment of the inner city.

"We lived with them, Shoemaker said. "We lived through the gang fights outside. Was it dangerous? Sure, especially for a small-town white kid. I sort of became a pet to some of them, and they looked out for us. "But I think the thing that protected us the most, was the love we had. In most cases, people won't violate that. But if it happens, it's the risk that goes with the lifestyle."

Perhaps his greatest armor against the violence that surrounded him was his total confidence in the intrinsic good of the human person.

"People don't think themselves into a better way of living, they live into a better way of thinking," he said.

"As we loved them, you'd see them beginning to love themselves more. They grew and grew, started to value themselves and others more."

After a year, it was on to St. John's Seminary in Boston, where he lived in the dorms while studying philosophy, psychology and theology.

"College was just like living in a frat house — with morals," he joked.

Run by the religious order of Sacred Heart Fathers, it was a life of regular schedules, Mass, prayer and personal reflection. "It's a place to figure out if you want to go on," and become a priest, he explained.

As time went on, he realized more and more that what he wanted to be was a simple parish priest, living with the people,

the weddings, the funerals—to be a part of the community, to help families to be better families, to help people to be better people."

When he graduated in May, he received his collar. "I wear it rarely, but when I do, people see it as a sign of hope and help. I'm not a priest yet, but it's a foretaste of things to come."

Shoemaker admits that many people wonder why he would choose a life that gives up so many aspects of secular life—in particular, sex.

"To me, sex is the marital union," he said. "A man and a woman making love, that's a foretaste of heaven. In the proper context, it's the highest thing. A man's love for his wife is phenomenal.

"I still think about it (sex), and I will probably every day. But I've been thinking about this (celibacy) since I was 17," Shoemaker said. "Celibacy is not a bad thing. It facilitates love. I'll have hundreds of children, scores of wives.

"For me, Jesus said he who gives up a thing has it returned 100 fold," he said. "Being without a wife and family frees you up to serve the entire community."

After graduation, Shoemaker took a trip to Ireland, where, among other things, he visited the legendary grave of St. Patrick. Then it was home to share some time with his family.

This fall, he is back to St. John's in Boston for four more years of study that will lead to his ordination.

"When all is said and done, I just want to be a person who always strove to do good," said Shoemaker. "I want to be a good man who helps people discover God and to love one another. I don't care where I'm sent, as long as I end on that note."

For David Shoemaker, it will be the life he always dreamed of and felt most comfortable with, a life of service to others—in the name of God.

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## Send us your Christmas memories

Deadline: December 12

Again I extend a special invitation to Idaho Catholics to share your favorite memories of Christmases past with *Idaho Catholic Register* readers for our 2001 holiday edition.

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I look forward to the smiles and tears that always come with reading these special Christmas memories, and I know your fellow readers do too.

If you have a Christmas story you have always thought about sharing, maybe this is the year to do it!

**Colette Cowman**  
Idaho Catholic Register  
editor



# St. Maries Catholics sponsor apartment for recovering addict

By Justin Post

ST. MARIES — The St. Mary's Catholic Church, rented an apartment Nov. 1 in St. Maries.

But members of the parish, who will pay the monthly bill, won't ever set foot inside, or know who lives there.

What matters, say church members, is that the tenant quits using dope.

Several months ago the parish decided to help erase drug abuse in the community. However, they weren't sure what could be done.

Several members of the parish asked the Community Coalition, an organization that formed to battle drug abuse in the community for advice.

"When we contacted the coalition they said the best thing we could do is help get people into housing so they have a better chance at succeeding and getting off drugs," church member Val Rouse said.

Father Bill Taylor offered similar comments.

"Their problem was people could get off drugs, but had no place to go after their recovery," he said.

In conjunction with Powder Basin Rehabilitation Clinic, the coalition offers housing for recovering drug addicts in a six-unit apartment near the Smoke Shop.

For about \$4,800, the parish committed to sponsor one apartment in the building for a year.

In order to continue living in the apartment, tenants are

required to find a job, obey a 10 p.m. curfew and pass drug tests. Nobody who uses drugs is allowed to be on the property. A counselor lives on site to enforce the rules.

A woman who lives in the housing visited with church members to tell about how the program, dubbed transitional housing, has helped her quit using dope.

After meeting with the woman, the parish decided that funding the transitional housing program was the best way to help fight drug abuse in the community, Father Taylor said.

It will cost each family in the church approximately \$2.50 per month to defray the \$400 monthly bill. About 150 families are members of the parish.

"We felt that was something we could all afford," Rouse said. "If some can't afford it, then others will put in more. We feel that our first responsibility is to support and help people with need in the community."

Community resource director Kristi Payne said other local entities have recently taken an interest in funding the housing.

The Kiwanis donated money for bath items and any other products tenants might need when they move into the housing.

The Presbyterian Church is also interested in sponsoring an apartment.

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'BLESSED ARE THE PURE OF HEART' — Members of a REACH Youth Ministry Team from Cowichi, Wash., pose for a photos with Holy Family Catholic School students,

Coeur d'Alene, during a fall retreat the team facilitated. The retreat focused on Matthew 5:8: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

# Retreats, candlelight rosary mark a faith-filled month at HFCS

By Mary Stewart  
For the ICR

COEUR D'ALENE — October was a busy month for students at Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d'Alene.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grades participated in a retreat conducted by the REACH Youth Ministry Team. The retreat, held at the school in mid October, focused on the scripture reading by Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God." Events included dramatic presentations of the scripture,

which brought it to life, and activities and games relating to the reading.

The REACH team members shared heartfelt, personal experiences. The students said the sharing was powerful for them.

"I liked the interaction of the REACH leaders and how they respected us," said one eighth grader. "When we got a chance to write our own letters to God, it helped me focus on my relationship with Him."

Fifth graders at the school also shared in a special experi-

ence during the Month of the Rosary. A Candlelight Rosary, coordinated by Carol White, religious education coordinator for St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene, was a "living rosary" experience. Each fifth grader was a "bead," represented by a candle.

The student recited their personal intention and led that particular bead of the Rosary. Students seemed particularly moved as they prayed for victims of our nation's recent tragedies, and for their own family members in need.



BREAKFAST SOCIAL—Members of the Marian Club of Sacred Heart Parish, Emmett, pose for a photo as they prepare for the recent

bi-annual fundraiser breakfast they served to raise money for special projects.

# Emmett Marian Club sponsors breakfast to support special projects

EMMETT—Sacred Heart Parish's Marian Club in Emmett recently served their bi-annual breakfast after the 9 a.m. Mass to raise money for special projects.

Takers enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and drinks.

Projects that Marian Club members support include Angelic Hands through which they give a gift bag of supplies to unwed or struggling moms inside and outside the parish. The

bag includes blankets, clothing and food for mom and baby. All new moms in the parish receive a receiving blanket, diapers and formulas as a welcome to the baby and congratulations to the family.

The club also helps fund parish youth activities, including Project Graduation-Senior Party, and provide support for their rosary making committee.

The next Marian Club Breakfast is set for Jan. 27 at 10 a.m., and all are welcome.

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# Students honor veterans, learn about values, flag

By Colette Cowman  
Idaho Catholic Register

Flags waved. The colors were posted. Children recited the pledge of allegiance and sang patriotic songs, and representatives of the U.S. military spoke about the symbolism of the U.S. flag, the song "Taps," and the values by which those who serve in the military live.

It was the Second Annual Veteran's Day Assembly at St. Mary's School, Boise, and patriotic feelings were high. The fact that the United States lost nearly 5,000 civilians in terrorist attacks in Washington D.C. and New York Sept. 11, and is now involved in fighting a war, seemed to enhance the patriotism of the veterans who were present as guests of St. Mary's student body. It also seemed to make the students and school staff much more aware of the sacrifices the veterans had made for their country.

A St. Mary's parent, Major Maureen O'Toole, an Army Reserve officer dressed in fatigues, told the children that the reason men and women put on a military uniform is to make sure that they and their families continue to have "the greatest freedom ever known."

She recited a poem she wrote, "A Soldier's Prayer," (See page 5), and she explained the history of the song "Taps." Gen. Daniel Butterfield wrote Taps to cheer his brigade in 1862. Gradually, over the years, the song became a staple in the military to play in honor of soldiers who have died defend-

ing their country, said Major O'Toole. Norris Lynch played Taps on the bugle for the children.

Michael Harris, an active duty Army officer, spoke to the children about the seven values that help form those who serve the USA in the military. The values he listed include loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and courage, all under an umbrella of leadership.

"These values are at the core of everything the Army says and does," he said. "Following them leads to success."

Patrick J. O'Loughlen, Region III commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart explained the U.S. flag to the children. He said the 50 stars represent the 50 states, each of which has its own government and laws. The field of blue behind the stars signifies the federal union that ties the 50 states together.

O'Loughlen said the six white stripes on the flat signify that the country was founded on the precepts of God. The red stripes signify the blood that has been shed to maintain the country's freedom.

He said the flag honors all veterans who put their life in harm's way to fight for everyone's right to be free.

"You youngsters are the hope for our future," said O'Loughlen. "We have fought for your right to live in freedom and to worship as you see fit."

St. Mary's fourth graders, directed by Susan Pohl, signed an inspirational song and the children's physical education



**HONORING VETERANS** — Students at St. Mary's School, Boise, wave flags as fourth graders, in the background, sign the words to an inspirational song. It was all part of the school's annual Veteran's Day observance in November. Below, Lt. Col. Michael

Harris has students help him with props as he explains the values U.S. military men and women strive to live by as they serve the country and do what they can to protect freedom. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)



teacher, Cori Dalton, introduced her grandpa, Captain Edward W. Freeman, U.S. Army, who received the Army's

highest honor—the Medal of Honor—last summer. He was honored for gallantry and intrepidity at risk of his life above

and beyond the call of duty.

Principal Marcia Beckman introduced all the veterans present, and the children honored them and thanked them for all they have done to keep the United States free.

Towards the end of the assembly, every child received a small flag to wave while singing patriotic songs together.

## Orofino parish to host 'Age-ing to Sage-ing' seminar

OROFINO—Sister Barbara Jean Glodowski, OSB, will facilitate a three-part seminar, "Age-ing to Sage-ing" at St. Theresa's Church, Orofino, Jan. 8, 15, 29.

Each session will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All interested persons are welcome.

Because adults may live half a lifetime after retirement, the seminar takes a conscious ap-

proach to aging and challenges participants to reclaim the role of elders in our society.

Topics will include: Redefining the role of aging in society; dealing with life completion, nourishing the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual self, engaging in life review and repair and transmitting a legacy to the future.

The seminary is relevant to

adults of all ages and will help elders and their families, professionals and caregivers who work with elders, retired people and those thinking about retirement.

Cost for all three sessions is \$15 and will benefit St. Theresa's Social Concerns/Charity Committee.

For further information or to register contact Gini

Donnelly, (208) 435-4525, or Susan Compton, (208) 476-5923.

Registrations must be made no later than Dec. 21.

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**THANKSGIVING**—Gov. Dirk Kempthorn and Bishop Michael P. Driscoll leave St. John's Cathedral Nov. 21 at the completion of the Nineteenth Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. The governor was among several government officials and leaders of other faiths who participated in the event. In his sermon during the service, Idaho Episcopal Bishop Harry Bainbridge

said, "For those who have not in our community, may our hands and hearts be emboldened to reach across the barriers that separate us, offering to share food for the body and hope for the soul." A 120-voice ecumenical choir provided music for the service, and those who attended brought food for Boise's hungry and homeless. (Photo by Jim Nourse.)



# 'Treasure Chest of Traditions for Catholic Families' answers need

Canadian stay-at-home mother of three, Monica McConkey, recently released her book, "A Treasure Chest of Traditions for Catholic Families" that she wrote as a "comprehensive Catholic companion to help families celebrate the entire liturgical calendar.

The 299 page, spiral bound, fully illustrated book offers ideas for activities and crafts to celebrate the various season and feast days and actively explore the richness of the Catholic faith.

The book sells for \$19.95 plus \$4 for shipping and handling. McConkey has fundraising plans available for churches, schools and other Catholic organizations. Discounts are available for bulk orders. To order the book send email to [ArmaDei@aol.com](mailto:ArmaDei@aol.com) or call (905)-471-3831.

McConkey said she was inspired to write "A Treasure Chest of Traditions for Catholic Families" from her own experience.

"I was looking for resources to pass on the faith to my own children," she said. "I wanted something that covered the entire liturgical calendar with a user friendly format for a busy mom to easily look up a particular feast or season."

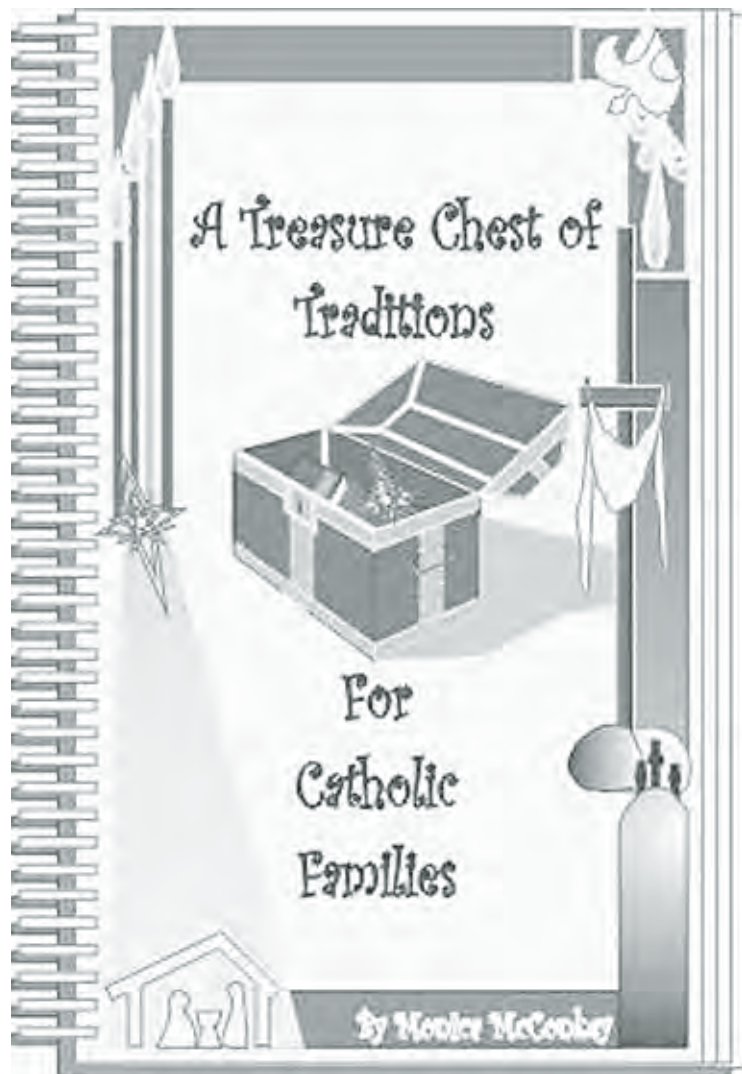
Each activity suggested in the book highlights the significance of the liturgical feast day or religious holiday.

There is also a month-by-month plan that helps families focus on the daily celebrations throughout the church year.

A family can mark a saint's feast day by creating a special activity around the theme of that patron. For example, for the Feast of the Guardian Angels, Oct. 2, there are simple instructions for making a string of guardian angels from white paper, spoon angels from plastic spoons and tulle or lace,

jelly bean angels, pop bottle angels, telephone book angels or paper mache angels. There are also suggestions for "Sweet Angel Treats" and instructions for making an angel mobile.

McConkey has filled the book with original art that will delight parents and children alike.



## Current Best Sellers

By Catholic News Service

Here is the Catholic Bestsellers List for December 2001, according to the Catholic Book Publishers Association.

### Hardcover

1. "Watch for the Light" (Plough)
2. "The Lamb's Supper" Scott Hahn (Doubleday)
3. "The Holy Longing" Ronald Rolheiser (Doubleday)
4. "Crossing Over: One Woman's Exodus from Amish Life." Garrett & Farrant (Thomas More)
5. "Vision Year A" Mark Link (Thomas More)
6. "Jesus: A Gospel." Henri J.M. Nouwen (Orbis)
7. "Catechism of the Catholic Church." (Our Sunday Visitor)
8. "Hail, Holy Queen." Scott Hahn (Doubleday)
9. "God Underneath." Edward Beck (Doubleday)
10. "The Dance of the Dolphin." Karen Kedar (Jewish Lights)

### Paperback

1. "Catechism of the Catholic Church." (Doubleday and Our Sunday Visitor)
2. "'We Believe...'" Oscar Lukefahr (Liguori)
3. "Beginning Your Marriage." Thomas & Thomas (ACTA)
4. "2002: A Book of Grace Filled Days." Margaret Silf (Loyola)
5. "Life in Christ." Weber, Killgallon, Place, Maletta (ACTA)
6. "Return of the Prodigal Son." Henri J.M. Nouwen (Doubleday)
7. "Advent Year A." Mark Link (Thomas More)
8. "Where Is That in the Bible?" Patrick Madrid (Our Sunday Visitor)
9. "The God Within." Editors of SkyLight Paths (SkyLight Paths)
10. "Catholic Prayer Book." Michael Buckley (Servant)

### Children and Young People

1. "Cain & Abel." Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (Jewish Lights)
2. "Making Things Right." Jeannine Timko Lechner (Our Sunday Visitor)
3. "Called to His Supper." Jeannine Timko Lechner (Our Sunday Visitor)
4. "Father McBride's Teen Catechism." Alfred McBride (Our Sunday Visitor)
5. "Joy, Joy the Mass." Jeannine Timko Lechner (Our Sunday Visitor)
6. "The True Story of Santa Claus." Paul Prokop (Pauline Books)
7. "U Got 2 Believe!" Stan Fortuna (Our Sunday Visitor)
8. "Advent Is for Children." Julie Keleman (Liguori)
9. "The Loyola Kids Book of Saints." Amy Welborn (Loyola)
10. "God's House." Ellen Javernick (Pauline)

# USCC DECEMBER FILM RATINGS

**By Catholic News Service**  
**NEW YORK (CNS) —** Here is a list of recent films the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting has rated on the basis of moral suitability. The first symbol after each title is the USCCB classification. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

USCCB classifications: **A-I** — general patronage; **A-II** — adults and adolescents; **A-III** — adults; **A-IV** — adults, with reservations (this indicates films that, while not morally offensive in themselves, are not for casual viewing because they require some analysis and explanation in order to avoid false impressions and interpretations); **O** — morally offensive.

MPAA ratings: **G** — general audiences, all ages admitted; **PG** — parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; **PG-13** — parents are strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13; **R** — restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; **NC-17** — no one 17 or under admitted.

A.I. Artificial Intelligence, A-II (PG-13)  
 The Affair of the Necklace, O (R)  
 All Over the Guy, O (R)  
 The Amati Girls, A-II (PG)  
 Amelie, A-III (R)

American Pie 2, O (R)  
 An American Rhapsody, A-II (PG-13)  
 Atlantis: The Lost Empire, A-II (PG)  
 Bandit, O (PG-13)  
 Beautiful Creatures, O (R)  
 Behind Enemy Lines, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Big Eden, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Black Knight, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Body, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Born Romantic, A-III (R)  
 Bread & Tulips, A-III, (PG-13)  
 Bubble Boy, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Business of Strangers, O (R)  
 Butterfly, A-III (no rating)  
 Captain Corelli's Mandolin, A-IV (R)  
 Catfish in a Black Bean Sauce, A-III (PG-13)  
 Cirque du Soleil Journey of Man, A-I (G)  
 The Closet, A-III (R)  
 Corky Romano, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Curse of the Jade Scorpion, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Deep End, A-III (R)  
 The Devil's Backbone, A-III (R)  
 Dinner Rush, A-III (R)  
 Divided We Fall, A-III (PG-13)  
 Domestic Disturbance, A-III (PG-13)  
 Don't Say A Word, A-IV (R)  
 Evolution, A-II (PG-13)  
 The Face: Jesus in Art, A-II (no rating)  
 Faithless, A-IV (R)  
 The Fast and the Furious, O (PG-13)

Fast Food Fast Women, A-III (R)  
 Focus, A-II (PG-13)  
 From Hell, O (R)  
 Ghost World, A-III (R)  
 The Glass House, A-III (PG-13)  
 Glitter, A-III (PG-13)  
 Go Tigers!, A-III (R)  
 Greenfingers, A-III (R)  
 Happenstance, A-III (R)  
 Happy Accidents, A-III (R)  
 Hardball, A-III (PG-13)  
 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, A-II (PG)  
 Head Over Heels, A-III (PG-13)  
 Hearts in Atlantis, A-III (PG-13)  
 Hedwig and the Angry Inch, A-IV (R)  
 Heist, O (R)  
 In the Bedroom, A-IV (R)  
 Iron Monkey, A-III (PG-13)  
 Jackpot, A-IV (R)  
 Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back, O (R)  
 Jeepers Creepers, A-IV (R)  
 Joy Ride, A-IV (R)  
 Jurassic Park III, A-II (PG-13)  
 K-PAX, A-II (PG-13)  
 The King Is Alive, A-III (R)  
 King of the Jungle, A-III (R)  
 Kiss of the Dragon, O (R)  
 The Last Castle, A-III (R)  
 Left Behind: The Movie, A-III (PG-13)  
 Liam, A-III (R)  
 Life as a House, A-IV (R)  
 Lost and Delirious, O (no rating)  
 Love, Honour & Obey, O (R)  
 Lumumba, A-III (no rating)

The Luzhin Defence, A-IV (PG-13)  
 The Man Who Cried, A-III (R)  
 The Man Who Wasn't There, A-IV (R)  
 Max Keeble's Big Move, A-II (PG)  
 Maybe Baby, A-III (R)  
 Maze, A-III (R)  
 Me You Them, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Men of Honor, A-III (R)  
 The Million Dollar Hotel, A-III (R)  
 Monsters, Inc., A-I (G)  
 Moulin Rouge, A-III (PG-13)  
 Mulholland Drive, O (R)  
 Novocaine, A-IV (R)  
 O, O (R)  
 On the Line, A-II (PG)  
 The One, A-IV (PG-13)  
 The Operator, A-III (no rating)  
 Original Sin, A-IV (R)  
 The Others, A-III (PG-13)  
 Our Lady of the Assassins, O (R)  
 Our Song, A-IV (R)  
 Out Cold, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Pandaemonium, A-III (PG-13)  
 Panic, A-IV (R)  
 Pavilion of Women, A-III (R)  
 The Pledge, A-III (R)  
 The Price of Milk, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Princess Diaries, A-I (G)  
 A Question of Faith, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Rat Race, A-III (PG-13)  
 Riding in Cars With Boys, A-III (PG-13)  
 Rock Star, A-IV (R)  
 Rush Hour 2, A-III (PG-13)  
 Scary Movie 2, O (R)  
 The Score, A-IV (R)

Serendipity, A-III (PG-13)  
 Series 7, O (R)  
 Session 9, A-IV (R)  
 Sexy Beast, O (R)  
 Shallow Hal, A-III (PG-13)  
 Sidewalks of New York, A-IV (R)  
 The Simian Line, A-III (R)  
 Simon Magus, A-IV (no rating)  
 Soul Survivors, A-III (PG-13)  
 Spy Game, A-III (R)  
 State and Main, A-III (R)  
 Summer Catch, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Tailor of Panama, A-IV (R)  
 Tape, A-III (R)  
 The Taste of Others, A-III (no rating)  
 Tell Me Something, O (no rating)  
 Thirteen Ghosts, O (R)  
 Thomas in Love, O (no rating)  
 Tortilla Soup, A-III (PG-13)  
 Training Day, O (R)  
 The Trumpet of the Swan, A-I (G)  
 Two Can Play That Game, A-III (R)  
 Two Ninas, A-III (R)  
 Va Savoir, A-III (PG-13)  
 Vatel, A-IV (PG-13)  
 Vengo, A-III (no rating)  
 Waking Life, A-III (R)  
 What's the Worst That Could Happen?, A-III (PG-13)  
 The Wide Blue Road, A-II (no rating)  
 The Young Girl and the Monsoon, A-III (no rating)  
 Zoolander, A-III (PG-13)





# La Comunidad



## El Evangelio

# La hora de convertirnos

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez  
Mt. 3, 1-12



Recordamos que ya estamos viviendo el tiempo litúrgico del Adviento, y que éste significa la intensa espera de la venida del Señor, que se renueva cada año por Navidad. Esta esperanza se manifiesta en la vigilancia y compromiso de trabajar por construir el Reino de Dios. En el Evangelio de este Domingo, San Juan Bautista 'pone el dedo en la llaga,' advirtiéndonos de los obstáculos que debemos vencer para recibir a Cristo con gozo.

San Juan Bautista aparece como el signo de la Iglesia profeta. "El Reino de

Dios está cerca..." Sus promesas son ciertas, nuestra esperanza no es vana. "Dios es capaz de sacar hijos de Abrahán de estas piedras..." pero conviértanse. Porque de otra manera el Cristo Salvador se transforma para ustedes en Cristo juez; decía con vehemencia Juan a los fariseos y saduceos que venían a él para bautizarse. "¿Quién les ha dicho que van a escapar el castigo que les viene encima?" ...Muestren, pues, los frutos de una verdadera conversión. Y no se hagan ilusiones... El árbol que no dé buen fruto será cortado y echado al fuego...'

El lenguaje de Juan era muy fuerte, profético. En Juan brillaba la conversión que él pedía; en sus hechos se expresaba la cercanía esperada de la hora de Dios. "Juan llevaba un vestido de camello, con una correa de cuero a la cintura, y

se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestres." Este detalle de su austeridad nos lo presenta San Mateo como signo de la fuerza de su fe, de su libertad de espíritu, de su pobreza radical y de a renuncia a sí mismo. Y el pueblo lo seguía. "¿Salisteis a ver un profeta? Si, os digo, y más que un profeta..." (Mt. 11).

Después de admirar la grandeza de Juan y oírlo decir que no es digno ni siquiera de desatar las sandalias de Jesús, ¿que podemos decir del mismo Jesús que nos pide seguirlo, renunciando a toda hasta dar la vida? El Reino de Dios que llegó con Jesús nos desafía a un compromiso total, y la Navidad del 2001 ya próxima, nos estimula a cambiar lo que sea necesario cambiar para ajustarnos a las exigencias de Cristo y no "dormirnos en nuestros laureles"

simplemente conformándonos con el hecho de ser bautizados y pertenecer a la Iglesia Católica.

¿Cuántos Advientos hemos vivido hasta la fecha? ¿Cuántos Advientos ha vivido el mundo desde que Cristo vino por primera vez? Con tantos Advientos que personal o colectivamente hemos vivido, sería penoso decir que no estamos listos para cuando finalmente El Señor venga a nuestro encuentro el día menos esperado.

Que nuestra vida de entrega Dios y a los demás, sea el mejor Adviento que proclame la venida del Reino de Dios, al igual que Juan el Bautista.

*El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.*



MISA EN FRESNO—Abigail Alongi, Farmworker Network, en Fresno, Calif., izquierda, y Sabas Rangel, Diócesis Monterey, Calif., graduados en el curso de Formación Pastoral del Catholic Migrant Network, en Fresno, Calif., Nov. 20, presentan ofrendas. Oficio Obispo John Steinbock, Fresno. (Foto por Celine Caufield)

## Network presenta a los graduados de Formación Pastoral

FRESNO, Calif.—Trabajadores agrícolas que asistieron al Curso de formación Pastoral del Catholic Migrant Farmworker en San Antonio se convirtieron en instructores del Curso Básico dado en Fresno el 15 de Noviembre.

Tres grupos estaban formados por representantes de las Diócesis de San Bernardino, Monterey y de Fresno. Otro grupo fue integrado por tres personas de la Diócesis de Stockton. El Padre Enrique Lopez de Los Angeles trató acerca de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el Padre Alex Castillo, de San Bernardino se refirió al tema de la justicia social.

El Obispo John Steinbock celebró la Santa Misa, el Domingo, para un grupo de 40 personas.

Celine Caufield, de la Diócesis de Boise y Directora Nacional de Catholic Farmworker Network resume así la experi-

encia: "Este taller dio la oportunidad para que los trabajadores agrícolas intercambiaran sus experiencias y conocimientos en relación a comunidades de base, organizaciones comunitarias, cultura y familia. También hubo intercambio de información acerca de recursos."

Estos cursos regionales se pueden hacer gracias a una donación otorgada por las Hermanas de la Misericordia de la Región de San Luis. Los fondos se llaman "Catherin Legacy" en honor a la fundadora Catherine McCauley.

Este curso de Fresno es el séptimo patrocinado por la Hermandad de la Misericordia. En los últimos cuatro años se han ofrecido cinco cursos en San Antonio, Texas, en el Centro Cultural México Americano. Este curso se dará nuevamente en Texas, San Antonio del 14 al 19 de Febrero de 2002. Tanto el curso, el pasaje y la estadía son gratis.

El único costo es hacerse socio por valor de \$20 por persona. Para ser aceptado debe ser trabajador del field o haber trabajado en agricultura.

Para obtener un folleto en Inglés o en Español (los cursos son en español) favor contactar a Celine Caufield, 1915 University Drive, Boise, ID 83706 o llamar al (209) 348-1778, Fax (208) 348-1879; e-mail [CMFNCC@aol.com](mailto:CMFNCC@aol.com) o ver la página web: [www.cmfnc.org](http://www.cmfnc.org).

Este será el último curso que se realizará en el Centro Cultural Mexicano.

Por el momento Network está buscando "otra area en algún lugar de USA donde hay necesidad de formar pastoralmente a trabajadores del campo que estén interesados en beneficiarse con tales cursos de formación" dijo Caufield. Personas interesadas pueden tomar contacto con Caufield en la dirección señalada.

## Celebrando La Guadalupana

Diversas manifestaciones de amor y devoción se celebran en la Diócesis con motivo de la celebración de la Aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

### BOISE:

A cargo de la comunidad hispana de Santa María el sábado 8 de Diciembre a las 6 p.m. se celebrará la Santa Misa, esta vez en el Bishop Kelly High School que está por la Franklin and Cole. A continuación habrá **Mariachis**, juegos y comida que nos hará recordar gratos momentos de familia.

### CALDWELL:

Se celebrará el Domingo 9 de Diciembre de 1-3 p.m. con **presentaciones artísticas**, puestos de comida, danzas folklóricas y selecciones musicales. El Martes 11 de Diciembre a las 10 p.m. se rezará el Santo Rosario y las Mañanitas. A continuación se celebrará la Santa Misa de medianoche.

Todos están invitados a una recepción después de la Misa.

### NAMPA:

El Miércoles 12 de Diciembre se celebran las **Mañanitas** a las 5 a.m. seguido de un desayuno en los salones de la Iglesia.

El mismo día en la tarde será la Santa Misa a las 7 p.m. A continuación habrá una pequeña comida.

### BLACKFOOT:

El domingo 8 a las 12 del día se celebra con una Santa Misa, seguida por una reunión con **una representación** alusiva a la Aparición, habrá danzas y excelente comida.

### LEWISTON:

El 12 de Diciembre a las 6 p.m. se celebrará **Santa Misa bilingüe**. A continuación de la Misa habrá postres mexicanos y chocolate. Vengan!



# La Virgen Maria de Guadalupe: Modelo para la Iglesia

Por John Hitchman

Jesús prometió el Espíritu Santo para dirigir, proteger y perfeccionar su Iglesia.

Ningun cristiano puede pensar que Jesús ha fallado. En toda época, como lo señala la historia de la Iglesia se han producido movimientos y respuestas a las necesidades de los tiempos. Hoy los signos de los tiempos son pluralismo cultural y globalización.

¿Cómo responde la Iglesia, a través del Espíritu Santo a estos desafíos de los tiempos? Aunque en épocas pasadas también existieron muchas etapas de inculcación de la fe por la expansión cristiana en apartadas zonas como Siria, Egipto y Bizancio no menos que la India, China, Persia y el Oriente, sin embargo, no afectó la Iglesia de Europa que en los últimos milenios ha propuesto su modelo de Iglesia.

A partir del Concilio Vaticano II se ha dado una descentralización cultural de la Iglesia donde se señalaron nuevas sendas que todavía estamos recorriendo.

La Iglesia tomó consciencia de la necesidad de tomar en cuenta las culturas como uno de los signos de los tiempos porque millones de personas nacen, viven y mueren, sin ser alcanzados por la Iglesia. Porque no entienden el mensaje sagrado de la Iglesia desde sus culturas. Se trata de una nueva evangelización que debe aprender de la Historia.

Pablo VI, el Papa que llevó a término el Concilio Vaticano II en su famosa carta "El Anuncio del Evangelio" proclamó que María es *la estrella* de la Nueva Evangelización.

Fue Pablo VI mismo quien hizo notar que en toda cultura hay algo de Dios, que esa chispa de verdad debe ser fecundada por el Evangelio de Jesucristo.

Aquí encuentra un mejor significado el mensaje y devoción a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Lamentablemente desde la reforma protestante las nubes racionalistas no nos han dejado ver esta Estrella. Basta abrir bien los ojos ante la imagen que se venera en el cerro de Tepeyac en Ciudad de Mexico para reconocer el milagro de inculcación.

Quienes tienen sólo la Escritura o los teólogos del análisis sociológico cultural poco avanzan en ese respecto. Pero una mirada inspirada reconoce que la gracia requiere "la fe" donde María no es sólo la primera creyente y modelo de fe sino que posee un rol activo como *educadora de la fe*.

¿Pero por qué es tan importante el movimiento espiritual cultural y religioso que se viene desarrollando desde hace 470 años con la Virgen de Guadalupe?

Se debe al hecho de ser una de las intervenciones más singulares de la Virgen María. No solamente cambió el rumbo de la Historia de México sino que contiene mensajes para la Iglesia Universal del nuevo milenio. No en vano fue proclamada patrona de las Américas.

Conocemos de las atrocidades cometidas por Hernán Cortés y su banda. Y de la incapacidad de los invasores de entender los valores culturales de los indios.

Por otra parte la desesperación y desconsuelo de millones de aztecas solamente podía ser sanado por un milagro. Este ocurre en el marco de inculcación que



es precisamente lo que se pide hoy.

Lamentablemente se ha visto el suceso de Guadalupe con los ojos del turista y no se ha mirado con fe e historicamente los detalles de la imagen misma. Se ha dado más importancia, por ejemplo, al hecho de que las comisiones científicas se han declarado incompetente para explicar la duración centenaria de la imagen en la tilma, que aún está intacta a pesar de tener varios siglos expuesta a los fieles, pero no se da la suficiente importancia a la dimensión de inculcación.

Es que la imagen está llena de simbolismo religioso que solamente los aztecas podían descifrar y así expresar en nueva forma su fe cristiana.

Una imagen plagada de misterios se le ofrece al entonces Arzobispo de México Mon. Zumarraga. El pueblo azteca era y es un pueblo **eminente** religioso. Eso es lo primero que se debe advertir y que tiene una gran importancia hoy donde se ha perdido el sentido de lo sagrado.

En segundo lugar, los aztecas tenían una religión que reconocía diferentes imágenes de Dios. Reconocen a la

"madrecita" TONANTZINA, La Madre Tierra-Naturaleza. Así van a entender muy bien la expresión del mensaje transmitido oralmente que se gravó en piedra: *¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?*

Lo especial es que los españoles de la época, no estaban en condiciones de incorporar imágenes paganas en una imagen religiosa. ¿De dónde provino entonces? La religión azteca estaba desacreditada por los sacrificios humanos. Nada bueno podía haber en ella. Sin embargo, sus valores religiosos aparecen imperceptiblemente en la tilma... Los aztecas adoraban a OMETEOL el Dios de dos manifestaciones, el Dios de los acontecimientos tanto favorables como desfavorables.

Pero, como humanos sabían que los acontecimientos no se pueden entender por ello apelaban a un Dios IPALNEMOHUAN que abarca la totalidad o los extremos. Finalmente, todo está en manos de Dios quien es capaz de resolver todo conflicto del universo entero o NAHUIOLLIN, representado como el símbolo solar y en los cuatro rumbos del cosmo. Ello aparece en un costado de la tilma. Asombrosa y milagrosamente estos elementos están representados en la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Aparecen simétricamente en el manto de la Virgen.

El orden o paz del universo se expresa especialmente en la *Flor y Canto*, que es IN XOCHILT IN CUICAT.

El relato oral de las apariciones contienen este aspecto de XOCHILT, especialmente en el milagro de *las rosas* y *"canto de los pajaros"*.

Es importante recordar también que Hernán Cortés muere en España besando una antigua imagen de María rescatada de los moros venerada como Nuestra Señora del Río Guadalupe, que perteneció al Papa Gregorio el Grande (604) y cuyo nombre sonaba parecido a la de México que los aztecas llamaban "La que pisa la serpiente" *Quatlaxupe*, Guadalupe. Ello sirvió para interpretar que la misión de la Guadalupeana estaba terminada y sólo se debía ahora vivir un tiempo de paz cristiana, en la celebración de los sacramentos. Diez millones de indios bautizados en ocho años.

Lo que fue un gran acierto pues se dejaron de matar indios, pero el mensaje aun quedó sin desvelar: incorporar los valores de América-Mestiza a la Iglesia.

Se ha retomado conciencia de que las raíces culturales aún están sin producir frutos. En los últimos años la celebración del 12 de Octubre, día de la Raza, que celebra la intervención hispana en América, ha provocado manifestaciones de rechazo en busca de las raíces indígenas cercenadas.

Después de 470 años de la aparición de la Virgen de Guadalupe, estamos en mejores condiciones para obtener una nueva paz más espiritual y verdadera al leer el mensaje de Guadalupe con nuevos ojos.

La Nueva Evangelización reconoce a María la Madre de Jesús y Madre nuestra como *la estrella* de la Nueva Evangelización. Capaz de integrar la pluralidad de valores sagrados de los pueblos de América en una Iglesia. Ella es la Madre, todos somos hermanos.

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## Catholic parents are picking Jennifer over Mary

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Back in 1905, when George M. Cohan wrote his musical paean to “Mary” — “It’s a grand old name” — more than one out of every 20 girls born in the United States was being named Mary.

Now the Blessed Virgin’s name, which easily ranked first among all U.S. girls’ names from at least the 1880s through the 1950s, ranks a lowly 47th. In 2000 it was given to only one new baby girl in about 330.

Even among Catholics, Jennifer — a variant on the mythical Guenevere of the Camelot legend — has now become the most popular name for baby girls, says the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

The Catholic practice of giving children religious names has declined substantially over the past two generations, two CARA researchers reported in a paper Oct. 21 at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Columbus, Ohio.

The researchers, Paul Perl and Jonathon L. Wiggins, said a telephone survey last January of 1,277 U.S. Catholic parents revealed that younger parents were far less likely than older parents to have given their children religious names.

“On average, Catholic parents in our sample who were born during the 1940s and early 1950s report giving religious names to about 50-60 percent of their children,” they said. “The rate of religious naming has fallen fairly steadily among

successively younger cohorts of parents. Those born in the early 1970s report giving religious names to about 30 percent of their children.”

After age, frequency of Mass attendance had the largest effect on frequency of giving children religious names, they reported.

They said certain indicators of “‘cultural’ Catholicism” bear a positive relation to religious name-giving, while others do not.

Catholics who said they were comfortable wearing ashes in public on Ash Wednesday were more likely to report giving their children religious names, but comfort with praying the rosary in public bore no relation to religious naming.

Those who displayed an image of Mary in the home gave religious names more often, but those displaying a cross at home were no more likely to give religious names than those who did not.

The researchers reported that Catholic parents who themselves had Old Testament names or nonbiblical saints’ names were no more likely than parents with secular names to give their children religious names. But “Catholic parents with New Testament names are significantly more likely than those with secular names to give religious names to their children,” they said.

They said they studied the data to see if Hispanic parents were more likely than Anglos to give their children religious names. They were surprised to find that Hispanics surveyed gave their children religious names less often than the Anglos surveyed.

When they corrected for age — the Hispanics surveyed

were younger on average than the Anglos — they found no significant difference in religious naming practice between Anglo and Hispanic parents of the same age.

Among white ethnic groups, they said, Catholics of Italian, Polish and Irish descent were more likely to give religious names than those of Scandinavian or English descent.

They said the naming questions were part of a much broader telephone survey of 2,100 self-identified Catholics aged 14 and above last January; the 1,277 included in the naming analysis were parents with children who answered questions about their names and their children’s names.

CARA is an independent Catholic research agency based at Georgetown University in Washington.

While the paper at the Columbus meeting focused on more technical sociological findings of the study, a CARA news release highlighted some more popular aspects.

“Catholic boys are more likely than Catholic girls to have religious names,” it said. “The most popular boy’s name is Michael. John, once the second most popular name for Catholic boys, has been replaced by Christopher in recent decades.”

Among Catholic girls, it said, “Mary is out and Jennifer is in. ... Since 1965, Catholic parents have been almost four times more likely to name their daughters Jennifer than Mary. Across generations, the second most popular name for girls is Catherine/Katherine.”

## Gospel Choir

(Continued from page 1) is to help us worship better,” she said. “It is reverent, but it has more emotion and umph than traditional liturgical music.

“We can use the exact same words of familiar church songs, and with the right feeling behind it, it can make you cry.”

She said singing gospel has brought her faith to life.

“It definitely increased my spirituality,” Russell said. “It helps me come into communion with God in prayer. The moment I start singing gospel music, I’m there.”

The response to gospel music at St. Mark’s parish has

been “generally positive,” she said. People who wear hearing aids and a few others don’t like it because it is too loud for them.

“Gospel music is loud,” said Russell. “It is exuberant and very expressive. It makes some people want to dance in the pews. It means an adjustment from what people are used to hearing.”

A few people don’t feel gospel music is appropriate for Mass, she said. She believes gospel music will have to go through the same process that folk music did in the 1960s and 70s before it is finally accepted.

“Then there are some people who would like to have gospel music every Sunday, she said. They think of it as an “infusion of energy.”

The music isn’t the only “energy” Russell has noticed in connection with the gospel choir.

“I feel that God has blessed this endeavor completely,” she said. She said, when she went to Father Steve Rukavina and Father Len MacMillan, the St. Mark’s pastoral team, about forming the choir, they were very supportive.

“There was no money available, but they said, ‘If you can

do it without a budget, go ahead,’” she said. Then keyboardist Dino Pozzobon, a St. Mark’s parishioner who had attended the gospel music workshop just to listen, offered to play keyboard for the choir. Pozzobon loved the music but couldn’t sing due to larynx surgery.

“Not only did God put Dino in our path, but Dino let me know that he knew some professional musicians who might be able to play for the choir also,” said Russell. “I warned him that I had no budget. He showed up with a lead guitar player, a base guitar player and a drum-

mer—all volunteers. It was perfect.”

The band members, none of whom are Catholic, come to the last rehearsal before the choir is supposed to sing and then play for the choir at the Mass.

Russell said the choir’s goal is to “enhance the worship for the parishioners and never offend anyone.”

“Right now we’re taking baby steps to introduce the music to the parish,” she said. “We’re toning it down some. If it is well received, we will very slowly introduce the whole gospel feel.”

## Project Rachel

(Continued from page 1)

ings may be triggered by a conversion experience, their wife having a miscarriage or when they watch another father who has lost a child, Thorn said.

Grandparents are often devastated when they find out their grand child was aborted, she said. Siblings can also experience grief and not even realize there has been abortion. They feel a void in their lives.

Thorn said the caretaker’s role is to help these people grieve the loss of the baby and address their anger issues. It is also important to help them address their spiritual issues, which may include the sacrament of reconciliation. Eventually, the persons who are affected by abortion are helped to forgive themselves and move on. Caretakers are there for follow up too, if a person needs it.



**PROJECT RACHEL FOUNDER**—Vicki Thorn, left, Project Rachel founder, talks with Boise counselor and registered nurse Margorie Bolles during one of two training seminars Thorn presented in Idaho in November.



**TRAINING**—Seminarians, priests, deacons, counselors, social workers and catechists were among those who went through training to assist with Project Rachel, a program to aid in the grieving and healing process for those affected by abortion. Those shown were participants at the training that took place Nov. 15 in Meridian. The other training was in Moscow Nov. 16. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)

## Pope on abortion

In his encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*, paragraph 99), Pope John Paul II has a special message for women who have had an abortion:

*“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone’s right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.”*



## Feast Day is Dec. 12

# The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

One of the most astounding events in the history of Christianity occurred in Mexico in 1531.

Juan Diego, a 57-year-old Aztec Indian convert, was on his way to Saturday morning Mass in honor of Our Lady, when he began to witness the nearby Tepeyac Hill enveloped in rays of light. The air filled with the music of birds, and a woman's voice summoned him from the top of the hill where formerly stood a temple dedicated to the Aztec mother-goddess, Tonantzin.

As Juan approached the top of Tepeyac, he saw Mary as a young Indian maiden, strikingly beautiful. She spoke to him in his native tongue and explained that she was the "ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God who gives life and maintains it." She then said: "I ardently desire a church be built here for me where I will show and offer all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people." She said to tell the Bishop of Mexico City of her desires.

Bishop Zumarraga was skeptical of Juan's story, and asked for a sign. Mary provided the most awesome of miracles to validate her request. She asked Juan to climb the frozen hill, and pick the flowers he would find growing there and bring them to her. He knew that no flowers could be growing in December, but he went anyway, and

found the most exotic Castilian roses blooming. He picked some and put them in his tilma (a simple cloak made of cactus fibers), and returned to the Lady, who carefully arranged them herself. She said to Juan: "You see, my son, this is the sign I am sending to the bishop. Tell him now to build the church."

When Juan opened his tilma before the bishop, he saw not only the extraordinarily scented roses fall to the floor, but there appeared a miraculous, richly detailed image of Mary emblazoned upon the tilma.

To this day, 470 years later, the image still remains vibrant and awe-inspiring as it hangs in honor in a special basilica built for it in Mexico City. In just seven years, eight million Aztec Indians converted to Christianity.

Why did so many Indians suddenly convert? Because the image is actually a visual letter written in heaven. The Aztec Indians had a hieroglyphic writing in which symbols or objects represented words. When we look at the image symbolically we "see" the message which reads like a catechism. Mary's head is bent, her hands folded, as she prays to God. She wears a gold brooch at her neck with a black cross in the center. She herself is royalty, clothed with the sun, standing on the moon wearing



a mantle covered with stars. She has the dimensions of a woman about to give birth. The four-petaled flower over her womb meant: "the center of life and the universe." The name she gave Juan Diego, meant, "I am she who crushed the serpent" (Rev. 12).



**GOOD INFORMATION**—Deacon John Baumbach, left, and Deacon Bill and Jackie Last, St. Jerome Parish, Jerome, listen intently during the recent Deacon Continuing Education Seminar at Holy Apostles, Meridian. (Photo by Deacon James Kelly)

## Idaho deacons attend continuing education

By Deacon Jim Bowen  
For the ICR

MERIDIAN—Forty-two deacons and their spouses attended the annual Continuing Education Seminar at Holy Apostles in Meridian, Nov. 9-10.

Father Lawrence Madden, S.J., a teacher at the center for Liturgy at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., presented the "Theology of Liturgy" for weddings, baptisms, funerals and other liturgical events at which deacons preside.

Father Madden discussed the ways that deacons can help transform the world through the liturgy.

"The Eucharist is the transformation of the people," he said, "as well as a meal during which we see and feel the intimate connection between Eucharist and the life of the community."

He said liturgy, "is a rehearsal for the Kingdom of God. We, including all believers, are the Body of Christ,"

He spent one whole session on Baptism to make sure the

group understood that "Baptism is a drowning of Old Life" to die with Christ, to arise seeing with the light of Christ. Another session was on preaching, which he said is to help those who listen have a conversion of heart so that we may light a fire in our hearts and to respond to the message in faith.

"The homily discusses a piece of human existence which sheds meaning on our own experiences and includes both the good and bad news in our lives and how the Scriptures address them," said Father Madden. He suggested that each deacon preach to the younger children at the service so that they understand the message. In this way, the older people will also understand and be fed.

Several helps he suggested for the presider at a liturgy include: Be present! Pray so that everyone can pray with you. Be comfortable. Practice. Do everything naturally. Do liturgy with vigor! And finally, be brief!

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BRIEFS

**Terrorism top story of 2001;**

**President Bush is choice as newsmaker**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In near-unanimity, Catholic editors chose terrorism as the top religious news story of 2001, followed by the war in Afghanistan and the controversy over research involving embryonic stem cells. With 26 ballots cast, 24 of the editors picked terrorism as the top story of the year. Voting was closer for the top newsmaker of 2001, with President Bush eventually edging out terrorist leader Osama bin Laden and Pope John Paul II, who has won the poll most often in recent years. But bin Laden received more first-place votes than any other candidate for top newsmaker.

**Pope says true peace**

**must include justice as well as forgiveness**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In his strongest statement since the Sept. 11 attacks, Pope John Paul II said countries had a right to defend themselves against international terrorists. But he said true peace could not be achieved without “justice and that form of love which is forgiveness.” In a message for World Day of Peace, celebrated Jan. 1, the pope urged Jewish, Christian and Islamic religious leaders to condemn terrorism publicly in order to deny “terrorists any form of religious or moral legitimacy.” He said the international community must fight terrorism by addressing underlying injustices like poverty, but he called the terrorists’ claim to be acting on behalf of the poor “a patent falsehood.” The 14-page text, “No Peace Without Justice, No Justice Without Forgiveness,” was released at a Vatican press conference Dec. 11 and focused on the unstable world situation since Sept. 11. The message’s theme, originally announced in June as a reflection on the role of forgiveness in peace, was changed after the attacks to add the element of justice.

**Persecution of southern Sudan Catholics continues, says bishop**

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Catholics in southern Sudan continue to suffer brutal persecution at the hands of the Khartoum government controlled by “fanatical” Arab Muslim fundamentalists in the North, according to Auxiliary Bishop Akio Johnson Mutek of Torit, Sudan. He made the comments during a visit in mid-November to the Baltimore headquarters of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency. “They are bombing our villages in the South,” Bishop Mutek said in an interview with The Catholic Review, newspaper of the Baltimore Archdiocese. “They tell the world they will not bomb. But we in the field know what it means when they say they are not going to bomb, and they bomb the next day.”

**Poverty in Honduras requires urgent action, pope tells bishops**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The continued high level of poverty in Honduras, despite the country’s natural resources, requires urgent action on the part of the government and the Catholic Church in the country, Pope John Paul II said. The poverty, which exists despite Honduras’ fertile soil and plentiful material resources, points to the need “to improve the social order, promoting greater justice and structures which favor a more equitable distribution of goods,” the pope said Dec. 4 in a message to the country’s bishops. Special efforts must be taken, he said, to remedy a situation in which wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few citizens “to the detriment of the great majority.” The pope gave his message to the bishops at the end of their “ad limina” visits to Rome.

**San Diego bishop compares human cloning to Sept. 11 terrorist attacks**

SAN DIEGO (CNS) — Human cloning is as horrible an attack on human life as the terrorist activities of Sept. 11, said Bishop Robert H. Brom of San Diego. “Human cloning, whether for stem cells, for body parts or for manufacturing new people is to be condemned unequivocally,” he said. “Our elected officials must help us to ban it,” he added in a front-page commentary published in the Dec. 6 issue of his diocesan newspaper, *The Southern Cross*. Bishop Brom said that “this further attack on humanity deserves a response of horror comparable to our reaction to the attack of Sept. 11.”

**Romanian president, religious leaders present Christmas tree to pope**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Romania’s president gave Pope John Paul II an 82-foot-tall Christmas tree from the forests of Transylvania. President Ion Iliescu, accompanied by Catholic Archbishop Ioan Robu of Bucharest and Orthodox Bishop Vincentiu, vicar of the Bucharest patriarchate, formally presented the tree to the pope during a Dec. 17 audience. Even while the presentation was taking place in the apostolic palace, Vatican workers were completing the task of trimming the tree with gold and silver ornaments, multicolored lights and silver tinsel. Iliescu and the bishops returned to the Vatican in the early evening along with two Romanian choirs to witness the lighting of the tree with U.S. Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, governor of Vatican City State.

# National Day of Prayer organized for Jan. 1

To overcome the evil of terrorism and restore peace in the world, Catholics across the country are called to join the National Day of Prayer for Peace on Jan. 1, New Years Day.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops passed a resolution establishing the National Day of Prayer for Peace, which coincides with the World Day of Peace and the feast of the Solemnity of Mary on Jan. 1.

“Our goal that day is to unite people in prayer by offering 25 million Rosaries for peace,” says John Menghini, Chairman of the National Prayer Day Organizing Committee.

To help participants prepare

for the event, a Web site, PrayerForPeace.org has been developed. Visitors will find a guide to praying the rosary, and learn more about the origins of the rosary and the power of this form of prayer. There is also a Resource Center, with information to help parishes, rosary groups and others organize and publicize the event.

Also, the USCCB Committee on Liturgy, headed by Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb of Mobile, Alabama, drafted a “rosary for peace” offering reflections on the five Glorious Mysteries of the rosary drawn from various Marian liturgical texts. The texts, Archbishop Lipscomb said, “have been specifically designed to foster

prayer for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin under her title ‘Queen of Peace.’”

While the goal of 25 million rosaries on the National Day of Prayer for Peace is challenging, Menghini is confident that the event will be successful.

“People know in their hearts that terrorism and war cannot be ended through additional acts of violence. Only the power of prayer, fasting and conversion of heart can bring about a just and lasting peace,” said Menghini. “Given the opportunity and encouragement, American Catholics will turn to the protection of our Blessed Mother and pray the Rosary for her intercession and maternal protection.”

## Cardinal calls Senate inaction on human cloning ban irresponsible

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Senate inaction in banning human cloning is “morally irresponsible,” said Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The cardinal asked the Senate to follow the lead of the House of Representatives, which last August passed a bill that would make human cloning illegal.

“The leadership of the Senate nonetheless has refused to take action on this measure, or even to consider a temporary moratorium on human cloning,” he said in a letter to the Senate.

“Such inaction is morally irresponsible and could result in irreversible harm to society,” he said. President Bush has said he would sign into law a bill to ban cloning.

The cardinal’s letter, dated Dec. 14, was released in Washington Dec. 17 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Nov. 25 announcement by Advanced Cell Technology, a private biotech firm in

Worcester, Mass., that it had cloned human embryos adds urgency to the issue, he said.

The cardinal opposed a Senate alternative to the House bill that would ban “reproductive cloning” while allowing cloning for medical research.

“Such legislation does not

ban human cloning, but rather prevents the further development of the cloned human being by requiring its destruction before implementation in a woman’s womb,” he said.

The Senate is not expected to begin debating a human cloning ban until February or March.

**On the cover**

*The joy experienced by Mary and Joseph on the night of the Christ’s Child’s birth is depicted in this cover art by Idaho Catholic Register artist Barbara Hamilton.*

*A glimpse of this joy brings home the true meaning of Christmas and inspires the Christian to want to sing “Glory to God” with the angels.*

*The charming line art that goes with the Christmas memories in Section B is also Hamilton’s work.*

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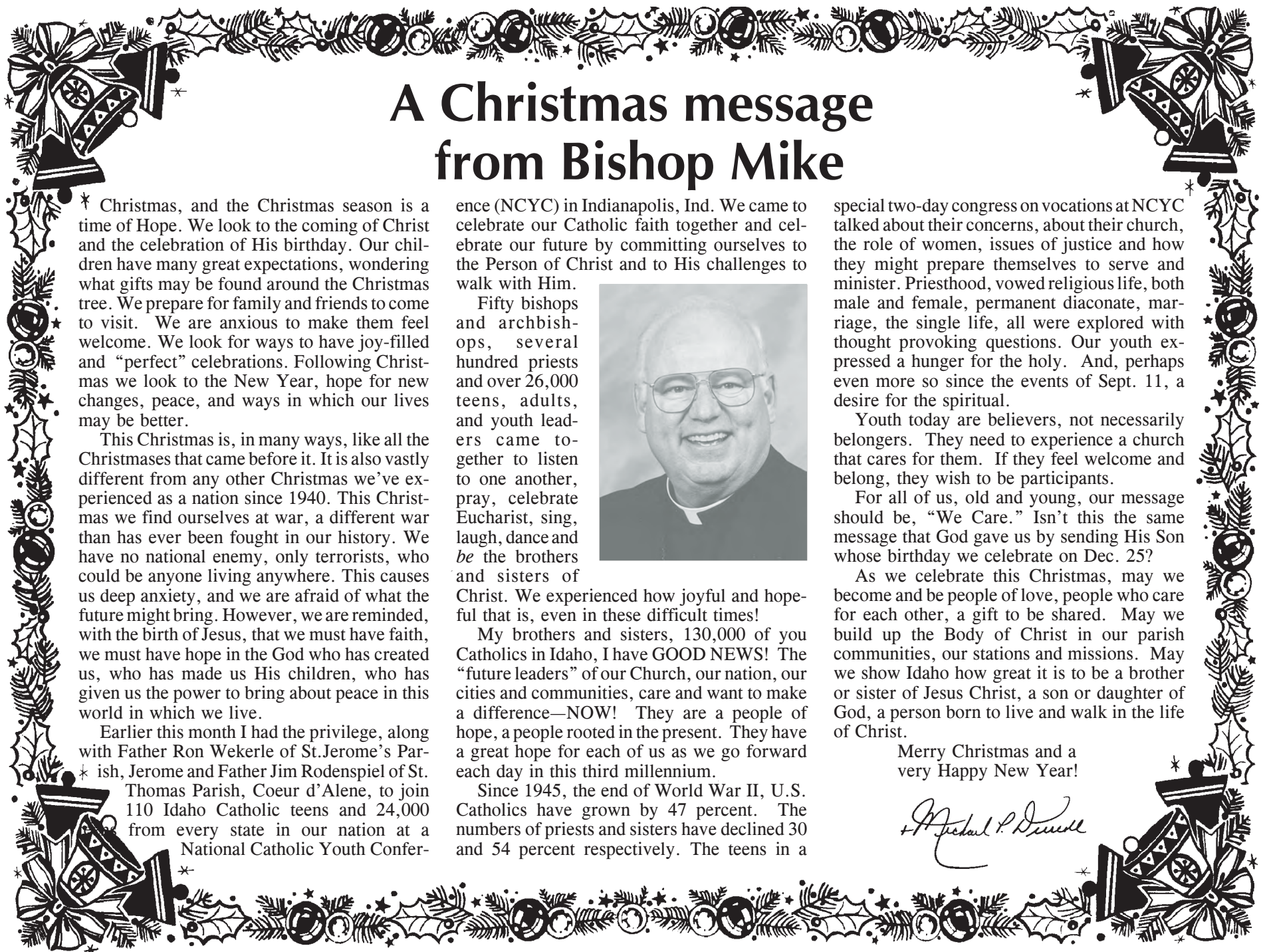
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## A Christmas message from Bishop Mike

\* Christmas, and the Christmas season is a time of Hope. We look to the coming of Christ and the celebration of His birthday. Our children have many great expectations, wondering what gifts may be found around the Christmas tree. We prepare for family and friends to come to visit. We are anxious to make them feel welcome. We look for ways to have joy-filled and "perfect" celebrations. Following Christmas we look to the New Year, hope for new changes, peace, and ways in which our lives may be better.

This Christmas is, in many ways, like all the Christmases that came before it. It is also vastly different from any other Christmas we've experienced as a nation since 1940. This Christmas we find ourselves at war, a different war than has ever been fought in our history. We have no national enemy, only terrorists, who could be anyone living anywhere. This causes us deep anxiety, and we are afraid of what the future might bring. However, we are reminded, with the birth of Jesus, that we must have faith, we must have hope in the God who has created us, who has made us His children, who has given us the power to bring about peace in this world in which we live.

Earlier this month I had the privilege, along with Father Ron Wekerle of St. Jerome's Parish, Jerome and Father Jim Rodenspiel of St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene, to join 110 Idaho Catholic teens and 24,000 from every state in our nation at a National Catholic Youth Confer-

ence (NCYC) in Indianapolis, Ind. We came to celebrate our Catholic faith together and celebrate our future by committing ourselves to the Person of Christ and to His challenges to walk with Him.

Fifty bishops and archbishops, several hundred priests and over 26,000 teens, adults, and youth leaders came together to listen to one another, pray, celebrate Eucharist, sing, laugh, dance and be the brothers and sisters of Christ. We experienced how joyful and hopeful that is, even in these difficult times!

My brothers and sisters, 130,000 of you Catholics in Idaho, I have GOOD NEWS! The "future leaders" of our Church, our nation, our cities and communities, care and want to make a difference—NOW! They are a people of hope, a people rooted in the present. They have a great hope for each of us as we go forward each day in this third millennium.

Since 1945, the end of World War II, U.S. Catholics have grown by 47 percent. The numbers of priests and sisters have declined 30 and 54 percent respectively. The teens in a



special two-day congress on vocations at NCYC talked about their concerns, about their church, the role of women, issues of justice and how they might prepare themselves to serve and minister. Priesthood, vowed religious life, both male and female, permanent diaconate, marriage, the single life, all were explored with thought provoking questions. Our youth expressed a hunger for the holy. And, perhaps even more so since the events of Sept. 11, a desire for the spiritual.

Youth today are believers, not necessarily belongers. They need to experience a church that cares for them. If they feel welcome and belong, they wish to be participants.

For all of us, old and young, our message should be, "We Care." Isn't this the same message that God gave us by sending His Son whose birthday we celebrate on Dec. 25?

As we celebrate this Christmas, may we become and be people of love, people who care for each other, a gift to be shared. May we build up the Body of Christ in our parish communities, our stations and missions. May we show Idaho how great it is to be a brother or sister of Jesus Christ, a son or daughter of God, a person born to live and walk in the life of Christ.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

*Michael P. Driscoll*

## Sisters from Mexico serve St. Paul's, Nampa, community

By Colette Cowman  
ICR editor

NAMPA—Two Missionary Sisters of the Rosary of Fatima from Mexico have recently arrived in Nampa to work with the people of St. Paul's Parish, Nampa.

So far, they have discovered that they love the St. Paul's community, that Idaho is "very pretty but very cold" and that they do not like sauerkraut.

Sister Evangelina Samaniego and Sister Neida Perez, were interviewed with their pastor, Father Jerry Funke translating, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Boise, where they had come to meet Bishop Michael Driscoll and take him to lunch.

Father Funke said the Sisters came to Nampa after he requested help from their community through a fellow member on the Regional Office of Hispanic Affairs, Region 12 Board. Sister Diana Quintania, a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Rosary of Fatima, works in the Archdiocese of Portland, Ore.

"I kept teasing her about sending some sisters to Idaho," said Father Funke. After Sister Ramona Negrette announced her plans for retirement last spring, he mentioned to Sister Diana again about Sisters coming to Idaho. It so happened that the superior of the community was in the United States and was tentatively looking for another mission in which her Sisters could serve. After some discussion between the com-



**JOINING THE PARISH STAFF**—Sister Neida Perez, left, and Sister Evangelina Samaniego, Missionary Sisters of the Rosary of Fatima, are shown here with Father Jerry Funke, pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Nampa. The Sisters, who are from Mexico, are working at St. Paul's among members of the Hispanic community. (ICR photo by Colette Cowman)

munity and Father Funke, it was decided that the community would send two Sisters to Nampa. The commitment is for one year at a time. At the end of

each year, the placement will be re-evaluated.

The Sisters said their community's special apostolate is evangelization and catechesis.

At St. Paul's they are working with Spanish-speaking youth, doing adult education and working with small faith communities. They are teaching religious education to the younger children, making home visits and doing some counseling.

The people, they said, are responding very positively. They said the community has been very attentive and they have felt very welcomed.

Their greatest hope for their ministry is "to be able to plant seeds in the people—seeds of faith that will endure long after we are gone."

Sister Neida said she especially wants to work with the Mexican migrant people so that, although they are far from their native homes, they will know that God is with them. With that knowledge, they will continue to improve their lives and grow in faith.

Sister Evangelina said she hopes in the future "we will be able to share faith, not only with those who speak Spanish, but those who speak English too."

The Sisters are both taking English as a Second Language at the Nampa Boise State University campus. They are also working on learning to drive and getting their Idaho driver's licenses.

Sisters Neida and Evangelina wear the habit of their community—white dresses, stockings and shoes and a navy veil and sweater.

Father Funke said that the

sisters did not feel they needed coats after they arrived until the first snow storm. It didn't take long for them to agree to let parishioners take them to purchase warm coats and boots.

The Sisters had never experienced snow, and they had never been where it is cold. Father Funke said on one of the first really cold days in November, they were invited to some peoples' home for a house blessing. The refreshments were set up in an unheated shed, and Sister Neida noticed that she could see her breath.

"She was fascinated," he said. "She said, 'Oh, I'm smoking.'"

The food in the U.S. is also a new experience for the Sisters.

Coming from the Prairie, Father Funke decided to fix the Sisters a German meal of sauerkraut and sausage one day recently.

"They like the sausage, but they don't like sauerkraut," he said.

The Sisters were looking forward to the Dec. 12 celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Although they come from the native town of Juan Diego, the man to whom Our Lady appeared in the 1500s, they didn't feel they would miss being in Mexico.

They were already helping the community prepare for the Mañanitas, and besides, they are used to celebrating with whatever community they happen to be with each year.



# Giving Birth to God

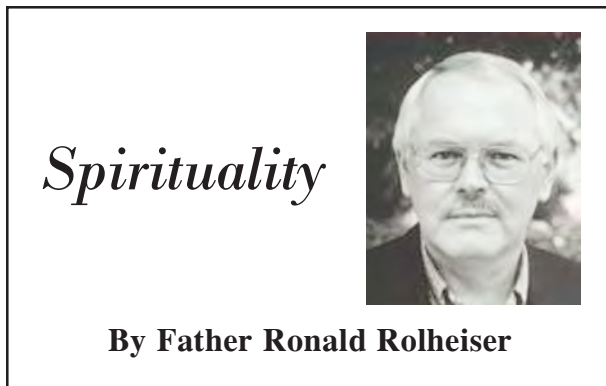
I did my doctoral thesis on the classical, philosophical proofs for the existence of God. The concept had always intrigued me: "Can you prove that God exists?" After researching the thought of Aquinas, Anselm, Descartes, Leibnitz, and Spinoza (all of whom assert that you can "prove" the existence of God through rational argument) what was the conclusion? Can you prove that God exists?

No, at least not in a way that would compel anyone to make an act of faith on the basis of a mathematical or scientific argument. God can't be proven in that way, albeit these "proofs" point to some important things. The existence of God can't be empirically proven because God doesn't work that way. God doesn't appear in the world as the conclusion to a mathematical equation. God, as we know through the way Christ was born, comes into our lives at the end of a gestation process.

That also describes how faith is born in our lives. God never dynamites his way into to our lives with a force so powerful that we can't resist. The divine never takes us by storm. No. God always enters the world in the same way that Jesus did on the first Christmas. God is gestated in a womb and appears as a helpless infant that has to be picked up, nurtured, and coaxed into adulthood. The presence of God in our world, at least within the dynamics of the incarnation, depends upon a certain human consent and cooperation.

For God to take on real flesh and power in the world we must first do something. What? The answer to that lies in the way Jesus was born. Mary, Jesus' mother, shows us a certain blueprint, a pattern for how God is born into our world and how faith is born in our lives. What's the pattern?

When we look at how Mary gave birth to Jesus, we see that there are four moments in the process: Impregnation by the Holy Spirit; gestation of God within one's



## Spirituality

By Father Ronald Rolheiser

body and soul; the stretching and agony of giving birth; and the nurturing of an infant into adulthood.

What's implied in each of these? Impregnation by the Holy Spirit: Mary, we are told, became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. What an extraordinary notion! This doesn't just mean that Jesus didn't have a human father, but also that Mary so let the seed of God's spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, long-suffering, fidelity, mildness, faith, and chastity) take root in her that it began to grow into actual flesh.

Gestation of God within one's body: As we know, pregnancy is not followed immediately by childbirth. A long, slow process first occurs, gestation. In the silent recesses of her heart and body (and surely not without the normal morning-sickness that accompanies pregnancy) an umbilical cord began to grow between Mary and that new life. Her flesh began to give physical sustenance to the life of God and this steadily grew into a child which, at a point, as in all pregnancies, demanded to be born into the world.

The agony of giving birth: Only with much groaning and stretching of the flesh can a child emerge into this

world. It is always excruciatingly painful to birth something to the outside world, to take what's precious inside and give it birth outside. Mary, despite all the over-pious treatises that would make Jesus' birth something unnatural, experienced the normal birth-pains common to all mothers. Nothing secretly gestated is born into the world without pain, Jesus included.

Nurturing an infant into adulthood: Annie Dillard once suggested that we always find God in our lives as Jesus was found in Bethlehem on Christmas, a helpless infant in the straw who must be picked up and nurtured into adulthood: "God's works are as good as we make them. That God is helpless, our baby to bear, self-abandoned on the doorstep of time, wondered at by cattle and oxen." Mary gave birth to the baby, Jesus, but what she ultimately gave the world was the adult, Christ. Like all mothers she had to spend years nursing, cajoling, teaching, and nurturing an infant into adulthood.

In that pattern, the incarnation, in looking at how Mary gave birth to Christ, we are given a blueprint that invites imitation not admiration. Mary is the model of faith. What she did each of us too is called upon to do, namely, give birth to God in our lives. Christmas is for marvelling at what once took place, but it's also for imitation, for continuing to give God flesh in the world. How do you prove to anyone, yourself included, that God exists? You don't. The object of our faith and worship doesn't appear as a compelling proof at the end of a rational experiment. God has to be gestated into the world in the same way as Mary did all those years ago at the first Christmas.

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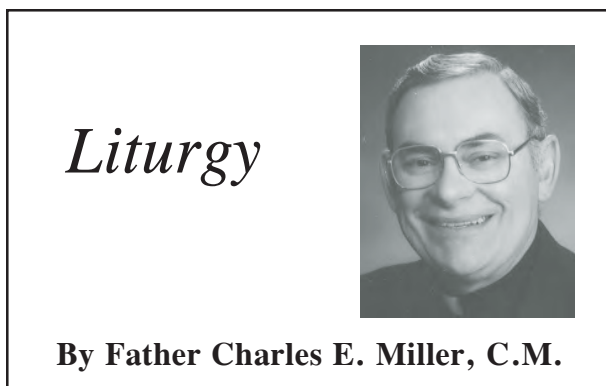
# Bethlehem is still with us

Christmas is a wonderful day. It is favored with some of the most beautiful music ever composed. The marvelous carols we hear during this season help to stir up within us the Christmas spirit. Christmas trees, decorations and lights, the sending and receiving of cards and gifts—all add to the festive mood of hope and vitality.

But a funny thing happens on Dec. 26. We awaken to the same old world. Trees and decorations suddenly appear limp. The only cards we receive are from people who were late because, to their embarrassment, they had forgotten all about us until they received our card. Abruptly all the carols come to an end, and usually so does the Christmas spirit.

Even on Christmas day itself some people sense a touch of melancholy because of the passing of each second means that we are inescapably moving away from an event which contains a special meaning. We know that we will have to return to business as usual, and there is a sadness that the joy and good will of Christmas cannot somehow last throughout the year. Is there another day that is filled with more emotion for a greater number of people than Christmas?

Christmas is so significant to us that few cities hold as much meaning for us as Bethlehem. The name does not recall the reality of a town on the other side of the earth



## Liturgy

By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.

where peace is shattered and promises are broken. When we hear the word, "Bethlehem," we are lifted above a world of sin to a one of goodness and love.

Father John W. Lynch wrote of Bethlehem in his poem "A Woman Wrapped in Silence" that "It is a name which drifts to us from our remembered years, and holds within the sound and lilt of it a sweetness that we may not drone away; its syllables are stars, and songs, the good simplicity of shepherds, and the word is linked to all the innocence we've saved."

The greatest significance of the name of this little

town is found in its literal meaning. "Bethlehem" in Hebrew means "House of Bread."

Among many ancient people bread was a symbol of all the good things needed to sustain life since it was the fundamental source of nourishment. That is why Jesus taught us to pray for our daily bread. Even we speak of a person who earns a living for the family as the "breadwinner." A "house of bread" is a home where a person can be fed, and warmed and comforted.

Jesus chose bread together with wine to be the elements of the Holy Eucharist. Having taken human nature from his mother and been nourished at her breast, he wished through his humanity to nourish us by transforming bread and wine into his body and blood. The Eucharist sustains our spiritual lives. It helps us to grow more like the giver, Christ himself. It repairs the wounds of sin. It gives joy to the heart of believers.

The beauty and meaning of Christmas need not end on Dec. 26. During every celebration of the Mass the church becomes a house of bread where we are fed, warmed and comforted. Bethlehem is not far away. It can be found in every Catholic Church.

*Father Miller is professor of homiletics at St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, Calif., Archdiocese of Los Angeles.*

## Question Corner

### What Is 'Little Christmas'?

By Father John Dietzen

**Q. Why is the feast of Epiphany called "Little Christmas"? The dictionary refers to Epiphany as celebrated on Jan. 6, but it doesn't always fall on the same date. Explain?**

A. The feast of Epiphany (Greek word for manifestation) is the last day of the Christmas season in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, which may be one reason for the "Little Christmas" designation. Today its primary focus for us is the coming of the magi to the infant Jesus, symbolizing the revelation of his coming to the gentile world as well as to the Jews.

A related but surely greater reason, however, is that it is the last day of the popular Christian custom celebrating the 12 days of Christmas. The custom originated in England during the time between 1558 and 1829 when Catholics

were forbidden to practice any outward expressions of their faith, including Christmas.

Some propose that each part of the popular carol with that name was code for some aspect of Catholic doctrine. Seven swans a-swimming, for example, denoted the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Four calling birds were the four Gospels, and so on.

Also, gifts of some sort apparently were offered on the 12th day, Jan. 6. The king or queen of England traditionally makes an offering of gold, incense and myrrh to the royal chapel on that day. All these together prompt the designation of Epiphany as "Little Christmas."

Epiphany is a much older feast in the church than Christmas, ranked with Easter and Pentecost as the three major feasts of the

year. For a long time, particularly in the East, the day celebrated the three major manifestations of our Lord: The coming of the magi, the baptism of Jesus at the Jordan and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Traces

of all three remain today in our Epiphany liturgy.

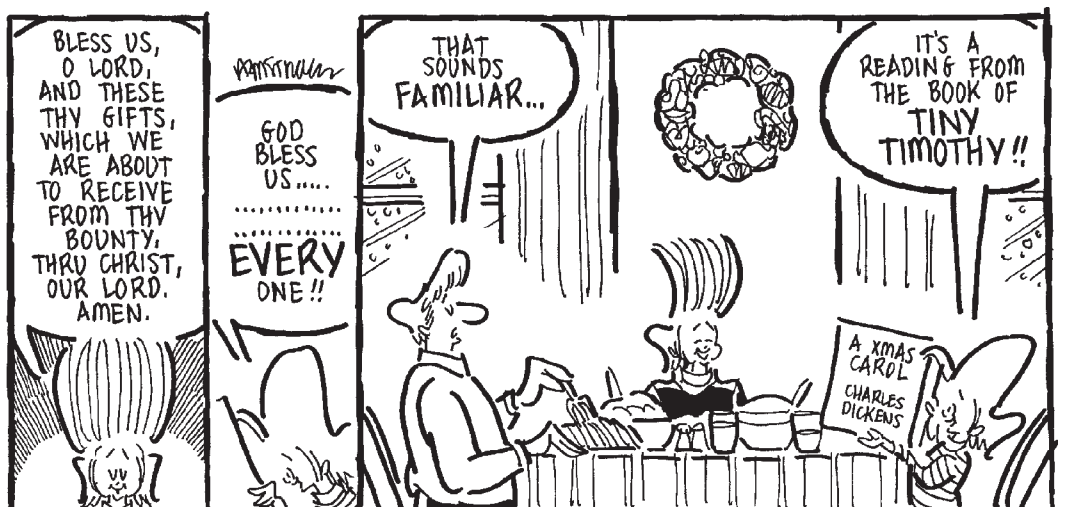
Nearly all the Eastern churches eventually came to celebrate the birth of the Savior on Dec. 25. The Armenian church still observes it, along with Epiphany,

on Jan. 6.

In the United States and some other countries, Epiphany is now observed on the Sunday between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8, which explains the difference in dates.

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SAINTLY ANTHONY by Mark Armstrong





# Staying connected

We always look forward to Cousin Lynn's Christmas card from Hawaii.

Lynn went to Hawaii for a vacation after she graduated from college in the sixties. Instead of returning from vacation, she called home and asked her Mom to send the rest of her belongings. She had decided to make Hawaii her home. People did things like that back then. In our family, we still refer to her as "Baby Lynn," even though this year we learn that she will retire from teaching. She and her husband are going into tree farming on the island of Kauai. Does anybody ever really retire any more? Anyway, we always look forward to her card and the spark of connection when it arrives.

In fact, this very problem of maintaining connections caused me to begin an experiment last June. First, I bought a spiral notebook. It is gold in color with a picture of one of Michelangelo's angels on the cover. This book became my prayer journal. I began keeping this journal in desperation because of my poor memory.

You see, with plenty of good intentions, I often promised to pray for people. Usually, I prayed for a little while, but when more requests came some of my good intentions got lost in the shuffle. Now after several months, I have twelve pages filled in my



notebook.

These pages read like a litany of life. Births, adoptions, projects, accidents, illnesses, new beginnings, parents' pleas for children, travels, jobs and a few people I just don't know how to deal with any other way have been committed to this journal. I have also drawn stars around the names of three good women on my list who passed away.

The other side to this journal business is that it has become an ongoing source of strength for me. Instead of stumbling along in the back ranks of life trying to keep up, the journal lets me stand in the front row in

the fight against all that is wrong in the lives of others. Sometimes, if the day gets away from me, and I can't meditate on the needs of each individual, I hold the names in this book up to the Lord and ask him to do the right thing for each one. At the end of a long day, I often feel like the prophet in Isaiah 26:9 who said, "My soul yearns for you in the night, my spirit within me earnestly seeks you."

In his book, "The Gift of Peace," Joseph Cardinal Bernardin said, "I go back to the one word: connected. Without prayer, you cannot be connected or you cannot remain united with the Lord. It's absolutely essential."

During Advent we especially long for connection while we sometimes feel as though we are on a train, slamming down the tracks at full throttle. There is no way to stop it and no way to jump off. This simple notebook allows me to stand behind my gift of prayer and it gifts me with a firm connection to the Father. Thankfully, the only thing I must remember now is where I keep my journal.

Deacon Jim and Ann Cavera, Diocese of Evansville, Ind., have co-authored "The Second Half," a column for Catholics over age 50, for almost five years. Jim's background is in social work. Ann's is in education.

## Readers Write

### You bet I would!

Editor, of the ICR:

Drew Torpey asked an excellent question, "Would you take Jesus to see Harry Potter?" You bet I would. I would plant him, with a king size popcorn, between my 9 and 11 year olds. They would be interrupting each other trying to explain Quidich to him.

Within minutes of the opening credits my 6 year old would worm his way between Jesus and the popcorn. So he could hide his head in Jesus' chest at the scary parts. By the end of the movie Jesus would have popcorn in his beard, and a smile on his face.

The movie is about a mother who loved her son enough to die for him. It is her sacrifice, not magic, that protects Harry Potter from evil. Jesus may want to bring his Mom to this movie. That is, if she hasn't already read the book.

Mary Haley  
Idaho Falls

### 'Must read'

Editor, the ICR:

I always enjoy receiving and reading ICR's Christmas issue. It is one of my "must-read's" during the holiday time.

Karla Rinckwald  
Hailey

### Read the book

Editor, the ICR:

Subject: Would you take Jesus to see Harry Potter? (ICR 12/07/01)

Yes, I would take Jesus as well as the Holy Family to see "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

I would suggest you read the book and see the movie and don't be such an insensitive muggle.

J.Martin Brennan  
Boise

### 'Unmask evil'

Editor, The ICR:

It's interesting how the media (TV particularly) is used to desensitize the populous to things we know instinctively to be wrong.

Whilst erosion of Christian

morality is perhaps old news, I've noticed recently a lot of references to suspicious practices discreetly inserted into anything from sit-coms to drama series and even children's programs-in all cases an effort has been made to either trivialise, (e.g. ouija boards to contact ghosts for a bit of fun), or present such things as psychic phenomena as having a positive effect, (a clairvoyant assisted rescue of an accident victim).

Clearly this desensitisation coupled with man's natural curiosity leads many Christians astray. For example, I read recently about the upsurge of such practices in Italy and the lengthening cues of victims seeking help with the resultant psychological problems and in many instances requests for prayer for deliverance.

This is hardly suprising in that as prayer is communication with God, where we may seek discernment from the Holy Spirit, these practices of divination mentioned above seek knowledge from a different source and engaging in them opens those involved up to communion in the demonic realm with disastrous consequences.

Whilst the church's teaching is clear on this subject, I think we need to "unmask evil" in its increasingly subtle myriad of disguises. Even Halloween has been hi-jacked!

Stephen Clark  
Manchester UK

### Play after every storm

Editor, the ICR:

As we start another year of this uncertain new millennium, it's easy to feel worried, scared and pessimistic. But instead I feel a great sense of hope. Why? Because I know and trust the spirit of ordinary Americans.

We here in this country don't like to be told we "can't." When life pushes us down, we push back and raise ourselves up. I can think of no better example of that than the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2002 Na-

tional Goodwill Ambassador, Mattie Stepanek.

Mattie's body is severely weakened by a neuromuscular disease, but his spirit is extraordinarily strong. He's written two books of inspirational poetry which have spent weeks on the best-seller lists. Mattie would compel our hearts under any circumstances, but at this time of national crisis his message of peace and love has special resonance. He helps us realize the potential of every human being to give something of

precious value to others.

It's imperative that we keep pushing back against the neuromuscular diseases that would rob us of people like Mattie. And during this holiday season, it's also important to heed the Mattie's life philosophy:

"Remember to play after every storm."

Americans will weather this storm as we've weathered all others: By giving generously of ourselves, by fighting oppression in all its forms - and by pushing back against those

forces that tell us we "can't."

May God bless all of us with a wonderful new year.

Jerry Lewis  
National Chairman  
Muscular Dystrophy  
Association

## LETTERS

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## Open lives to Christmas graces

### READINGS

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

SECOND READING: Romans 1: 1-7

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 1: 18-24

Have you ever asked God for a sign? Many of us have, especially when we are trying to discover what God's will might be.

King Ahaz, on the contrary, hadn't asked for one, nor did he want one. "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!

"There's reasons for everything," as my first pastor frequently used to say. Ahaz wanted to keep God off at arm's length—further if possible—so that he could reign as he saw fit without any need to depend on God. He wouldn't listen to the prophets. The only ones he seemed to be paying attention to were his military advisors. Their advice was to make alliances and fight. "God will be with us," they assured him.

God's attitude was expressed through the prophet Isaiah's words Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? As an aside, we "weary" God when we refuse to listen to Him.

Isaiah's prophecy was that a child would be born to the Davidic line. This child would enjoy the blessings of God.

Although this prophecy was not originally understood in reference to a future messiah or savior, the early church saw how perfectly it described God's Son made man. "Therefore the LORD himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel. That name means "God is with us." In Jesus, God is with us in a special and unique way.

In our gospel passage, we hear once again that Jesus was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and that furthermore, you

### Scripture Speaks Today



By Father William Gould

are to name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

People through the ages have demanded that God give us a sign to prove that He is real, that He loves us, and that He is present and active in our world as well as in our own lives. Jesus Christ, born of a virgin through the power of the Holy Spirit, is that sign. He is not just a sign given in the past, but a living sign that gives us grace and makes it possible for us to live faithful, devout and God-centered lives.

As St. Paul puts it, "Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Let us accept this sign who is Emmanuel. If we do so, we will open our lives to all the Christmas graces and learn from experience how "God is with us" can make a world of difference in our lives. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Gould is pastor of the Post Falls, Rathdrum, Spirit Lake cluster.



**CALENDAR**

Please submit items for this column the Friday before the desired publication date. There is no charge. Please include the name and telephone number of a contact person.

**Dec. 29: BOISE, Bishop Kelly High School** 14th Annual Alumknights 3-on-3 Hoopfest at the BK Gym, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., or until you pull your hamstring

**Jan. 6, Epiphany: IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary** Latin Mass according to 1962 Missal, 5 p.m. Father John O'Sullivan, Celebrant

**Jan. 18: BOISE, Natural Family Planning (NFP)** Classes to begin. Susan and Dave Davies, certified instructors from Couple to Couple League. For more information or to register, please call Susan or Dave at 378-1137

**Feb. 9: POCATELLO, St. Anthony** Community School 11th Annual Dinner Auction. Held at Phil Meador Courtesy Ford

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**EMMETT, Sacred Heart**, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Wednesday 6 p.m.-Thursday, Thurs 6 p.m.

**LEWISTON, St. James**, 8 a.m.-12:30, 5:30-7 p.m. every first Monday

**SANDPOINT, St. Joseph's Church**: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**TWIN FALLS, St. Edward's**: Perpetual adoration—all welcome

**CALDWELL, St. Mary's Church**, First Fri., 9:30 a.m. after Mass-7:30 p.m. Benediction

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Thomas**, CDA First Fri. Holy Hour, 7:30 a.m., exposition, rosary, consecration to Sacred Heart, Benediction/Mass

**COEUR D'ALENE, St. Pius X Chapel**, After 8:30 a.m. Mass-3 p.m. Tuesday

**COTTONWOOD, St. Mary's**: First Thurs., 7 p.m.-Sat., 8:30 a.m. Third Thurs.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.

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**BOISE, St. John's Cathedral**, Fri., 9 a.m.-noon

**BOISE, St. Mary's**: Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

**BOISE, Our Lady of the Rosary**: Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**BOISE, Sacred Heart**: Tues., Day Chapel, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**BOISE, St. Mark's**: Second and Fifth Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; First Fri., 8:30 a.m.—Sat., 7:50 a.m. Other Fri., after 5:30 p.m.

**BUHL, Immaculate Conception**: Mon., 8 a.m. through Tues., 8 a.m.

**BURLEY, Little Flower Church** First Fri., 9:30 a.m., after Mass -12 noon

**GARDEN VALLEY, St. Jude**: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m., followed by a Communion Service

**GRANGEVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul Church** Fourth Fri—Prayer for vocations, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. All other Fridays, one hour after Mass

**HAGERMAN, St. Catherines**: 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. First Sunday of the month

**IDAHO FALLS, Christ the King**: Wed., 5:30-7:15 p.m., Evening prayer 7:15-7:45 p.m.

**IDAHO FALLS, Holy Rosary**, First Sun., Adoration/Benediction, 5-6 p.m.

**LAPWAI, Sacred Heart**: 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on all Wed. and First Fri., Mass follows

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**ST. MARIES, St. Mary's**, Holy adoration, Wed., 8:30—9:30 a.m.

**SANDPOINT: St. Joseph's Church**: Every Thurs., 1-3 p.m.; First Fri.: 5-10 p.m.

**Bishop Driscoll's Schedule**

**Dec. 20:** Boise, St. Mary's Parish, Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.

**Dec. 21:** Boise, Bishop Kelly High School Faculty Christmas Breakfast, 8 a.m.

**Dec. 23:** Boise, Confession/Mass, New Prison, 6-8 p.m.

**Dec. 24:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Children's Christmas Liturgy, 4 p.m.

**Dec. 24:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Christmas Mass at Midnight

**Dec. 25:** Boise, St. John's Cathedral, Christmas Mass, 10 a.m.

**Dec. 25:** Boise, St. Mark's Church, Vietnamese Christmas Mass, 2 p.m.



**Necrology of Idaho priests and deacons**

Idaho Catholic Register readers are invited to attend Mass or pray for the souls of the bishops, priests and deacons who have served the Diocese of Boise. Following are the names and dates of death of those who died during the last weeks of December.

- Dec. 18, 1970** Rev. Bartholomew C. McCarthy
- Dec. 21, 1950** Rev. Remi Pecoul
- Dec. 23, 1947** Rev. Thomas F. English
- Dec. 26, 2000** Rev. Joseph M. Gebhart
- Dec. 27, 1925** Rev. James A. Mooney
- Dec. 28, 1937** Rev. Msgr. Remi Keyzer
- Dec. 28, 1982** Rev. Philip J. Canavan
- Dec. 28, 2000** Rev. Martin F. Hughes
- Dec. 29, 1982** Rev. John F. Rafferty
- Dec. 31, 1964** Rev. John J. Casby

**Nazareth Schedule**

- Dec. 22-31** CHRISTMAS—Closed
- Jan. 1, 2002** NEW YEAR'S DAY—Closed
- Jan. 8** WestCentral Deanery Pastoral Council
- Jan. 12-13** Corpus Christi Life-Teen
- Jan. 16** Boise Samaritan Village
- Jan. 18-20** Holy Apostles Life-Teen Parent and Young Adult Retreat
- Jan. 25-26** Sacred Heart, Emmett
- Jan. 28-29** Presbyteral Council
- Jan. 29** St. Mark's Staff
- Feb. 1-3** Sweet Adelines-TVSC
- Feb. 6** Catholic Adult Education with Father John Donoghue
- Feb. 8-10** Hispanic Marriage Encounter, Luis and Eda Elizalde, 208-482-6995
- Feb. 13** Catholic Adult Education with Father John Donoghue
- Feb. 13-14** Idaho Power
- Feb. 16** St. Mark's
- Feb. 19-21** St. Alphonsus Education Ministries

For more information regarding the retreat schedule, call 208-375-2932 or visit 4450 North Five Mile Road, Boise.

**Fifth LIMEX group begins**

BOISE—Dan McGill, the Liaison for the LIMEX (Loyola Institute of Ministry Extension) Program announced that a fifth LIMEX group will start Jan. 5 in the Eastern Deanery at Saint Bernard's Church, Blackfoot.

McGill said study groups are already underway in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston and two in Boise. Over 50 students are participating in this program.

LIMEX is an extension program of Loyola University New Orleans that offers both masters degrees and continuing education certificates in ministry. Groups meet for 12 consecutive courses, each course consisting of 10 three hour sessions. The program usually runs for four years.

"Numerous lay leaders and deacons in this

diocese have been trained through this program," said McGill.

It is still possible for masters level students to register for the new Eastern Deanery group.

"Because of the need to maintain a majority of graduate level students, certificate students will only be accepted if matched by the necessary number of graduate students," said McGill.

People interested in joining the group, which is scheduled to meet on Saturdays from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., should contact one of the two co-facilitators, Scott Pearhill, 232-1196, or Jennifer Wise, 254-3133, before Jan. 5.

For more information about LIMEX, contact McGill at the Diocese of Boise offices in Boise, 342-1311.

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## Browns, Rupert, recognized for mission medical work

By Lorraine Apple  
For the ICR

RUPERT—Dr. and Mrs. Leo Brown, St. Nicholas Parish, Rupert, were recently awarded the Father Mader Award, by the Catholic Network of Volunteer Services in recognition for their work with Mission Doctors Association.

This work, over a span of 30 years, took the couple to Zimbabwe and Papua New Guinea and on short assignments to Cameroon and most recently to Ghana.

Dr. Brown became interested in Mission Doctors following duty as a Navy doctor in Viet Nam.

"We realized how much we have in this country and we felt that it was time to give back," he said. "The Africans are so desperately poor. If we believe that Christ is our brother, and that we see Christ in everyone, then the Africans are our brothers."

The first assignment sent the couple, with their two small children to Zimbabwe. Concerns about the children adapting to life in a foreign country quickly evaporated.

"They made friends, learned new languages and customs," "Blue" Brown said, "The years in Africa gave them confidence and a sense of being a citizen of the world."

The Brown's son is a professor at the University of Illinois in Chicago, and their daughter is, as Dr. Brown likes to say, "the best looking Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air force."

In Africa, practicing medicine is so different, said Dr. Brown. The challenge is to "do your best with what you have." He said he had to do operations like an appendectomy, hernia repair, or even a cesarean with limited medical supplies and local anesthetic because the pharmacy had only basic medicines available and much of the equipment available was outdated.



**TREATING A PATIENT**—Using the primitive equipment available to them, Dr. Leo Brown, Rupert, and another doctor from the Mission Doctors Association treat a patient at a clinic in Ghana.

Although working under such conditions is hard, the Browns were rewarded with successes as in the case of a 12-year-old girl with a cleft palate, extremely thin because eating was difficult, her face misshapen. Following corrective surgery, she was handed a mirror. Mrs. Brown smiled as she remembered, "The look on her face was something to behold."

Unfortunately mission doctors are also faced with many sad cases, like the beautiful young woman who came for

treatment that required a surgical procedure and had to be turned away because she had AIDS.

"I remember the tears in her eyes when she asked, 'How can that be? I have been faithful to my husband, always.'"

Mrs. Brown said AIDS has drastically changed the customs and culture in many African countries. For example, when a child lost his parents, a member of the family or village would raise him. Now, there are so many children without parents that the once non-existent orphanages are common.

While Dr. Brown attended to patients, Blue, a registered nurse, taught nursing skills and did lab work. However, her greatest contribution was her ability to fly a plane. When Dr. Brown was doing his internship, the couple became interested in flying and eventually accumulated enough experience to qualify for bush flying. In Africa this duty was Blue's job.

"She was the captain and crew of our one plane airline," Dr. Brown said proudly.

In their time away from the mission field, the Browns have made their home in Rupert and are active members of St. Nicholas Parish. Dr. Brown was on staff as surgeon at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and a senior partner in Medical Surgical Group until his retirement. He still volunteers his services. He returned from a three-month stay in Ghana in time to accept the Mader Award.

## Kamiah, Pierce, Orofino to send youth to World Youth Day

KAMIAH—Father George King recently announced that twelve youth and their chaperones from parishes in Kamiah, Orofino and Pierce are looking forward to a trip to Canada next August to attend World Youth Day with Pope John Paul II.

To raise the money for their trip, they are sponsoring coffee hours after Masses and serving two breakfasts a month at St. Catherine's, Kamiah, according to William DeLacy, a spokesperson.

The group tentatively plans to leave for Quebec, Canada, July 17 and return July 29. They will participate in Days in the Dioceses in the Diocese of Gatineau-Hull. Activities will include a tour of historic churches in the Petite Nation region, biblical teaching by Old and New Testament experts, a visit to the Gatineau National Park and a liturgical celebration with the archbishop of the diocese. There will also be an evening of song and dance and a community supper and scenic ride on a steam train. The youth will stay with host families.

In Toronto for World Youth Day, the young people will take part in intercultural events, spend a day in a community service project and attend catechism and liturgy in English with various bishops. World Youth Day will conclude with Mass with Pope John Paul II in Downsview Park in Northern Toronto.

DeLacy said he has ordered a booklet prepared by the Toronto Catholic Church as preparation for World Youth Day.

"After the holidays I hope to start the group in an ongoing spiritual preparation for World Youth Day," he said.

Those attending World Youth Day will include:

Kyle Annen, Jessica Silva, Theresa Kirkpatrick, Orofino; Zach Volgelwede, Orofino; Ryan Medley, Wade Medley, Weipe; and Alex Hagen, Spencer Hagen, Kara Johnson and Bryan Murphy, Kamiah. Two more will make their final decision about going to WYD in the spring.



**THANKFUL**—The Silver Valley Catholic community came together in Wallace recently to celebrate their Father Mel Sprute's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and to give thanks for all their blessings. The idea was spearheaded by the youth of the community, who decorated the hall with crepe paper streamers, hung balloons and birthday and Thanksgiving posters and served beverages. The St. Alphonsus Church Hall was bulging as 150 parishioners ate turkey and pot luck together. Here some of the youth put on a skit for the party. (Photo by Diane Beuerman)



**PASTOR APPRECIATION**—Some students of St. Anthony Catholic Community School, Pocatello, pose for a photo with the priests who serve their parishes, Father Joe Muha, Father Camillus G. Temba, and Father Anthony Di Loreto. The students decorated crosses to adorn vestments for the pastors as part of Pastor Appreciation Week. Students at both St. Anthony and St. Joseph campuses participated. Tina Deguili made the vestments and coordinated the finishing touches. Principal Stephen Anderson presented the vestments to the priests at the all school Mass for All Saints Day.





BRIEFS

**Pocatello Hispanic community plans Evangelization Retreat Feb. 16-17**

POCATELLO—St. Anthony of Padua Hispanic community is organizing another evangelization retreat for Hispanics in the Eastern Deanery Feb. 16-17 at St. John's Student Center on the Idaho State University campus, Pocatello.

Ge'La, a Hispanic speaker and singer from Ontario, Calif., will help facilitate the retreat.

Local priests will celebrate Mass during the retreat and hear confessions.

**Bishop Kelly Boosters plan Pasta Festa Jan. 13**

BOISE—The Bishop Kelly High School Boosters will again host Pasta Festa, an all-you-can-eat family-style Italian dinner, Jan. 13 at the school, 7009 Franklin Road, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds will help fill fund requests from various teachers, departments, clubs and programs within the school.

Cost for the dinner is \$6 a person or \$30 a family, with free admission for children under 5 years old.

Featuring "Broschi's Best" sauce, the menu includes pasta, salad, and bread. This year a vegetarian version of the sauce will also be available. Booster club members will also serve beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert for an additional charge.

**Chubbuck, Pocatello community to start Landings for returning Catholics**

POCATELLO—The Catholic churches in Chubbuck and Pocatello will start a third session of a program called Landings in January.

Landings is "a safe harbor or landing place for returning Catholics to explore their faith and their future with the church."

Returning Catholics will meet with a group of active Catholics at nine weekly sessions, ending with a retreat.

"This program has proven to be rewarding both for the team members and the returning Catholics," said Caryl Murphy, a spokesperson. "Landings has awakened the Spirit in all of us."

For more information call St. Anthony's Parish, Pocatello, (208) 232-1196.

**Corpus Christi Parish announces Christmas services**

PAYETTE—Corpus Christi Parish, Payette and New Plymouth, will have a reconciliation service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 in the Payette church.

Christmas Eve the Masses are at 7 p.m. in English in Payette and 9 p.m. in Spanish in Payette. Midnight Mass will take place in New Plymouth.

Christmas Day Mass is at 10:30 a.m. in Payette.

**Homeless Persons' Memorial Day set for Dec. 21 at Idaho Statehouse**

BOISE—A Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is planned for Friday, Dec. 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the State Capitol Building steps.

The event will honor those who have died from homelessness and those who die a little bit each day. It will also call the community to action to end homelessness in the Treasure Valley.

There will be a remembrance walk around the Statehouse followed by speakers, music, and a short service.

A meal will be shared and warm clothing and blankets made available in the 8th Street parking lot.

For more information call 345-2820.

**Walt and Arlene Ellis to mark 60th anniversary**

BOISE—Walt and Arlene Ellis will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 29.



Walt and Arlene Ellis

The Ellis' have been members of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise, for over 40 years. They have been involved in various ministries over the years, especially visiting the

Life Care Center as Eucharistic ministers twice a week for over 17 years.

Their daughter Pamela Wahborg will come from Phoenix, Ariz.,

and join their other daughter, Sister Arlene Ellis, Hailey, for a family celebration.

**Garden Valley parishioners feel Advent wreath is good trade**

By Colette Cowman  
Idaho Register editor

GARDEN VALLEY—The Advent wreath that now stands before the altar at St. Jude's, Garden Valley, is so beautiful that parishioners and pastor, Father Marcellus Fernandez, say they can't take their eyes off of it.

The wreath was made by the father of a family the Garden Valley Catholic community reached out to during last winter.

Last fall, members of the parish became aware of a local, non-Catholic family in need.

At Christmas, St. Jude members purchased food and toys and gathered some cash and smuggled the goods into the mother's car while she was at work.

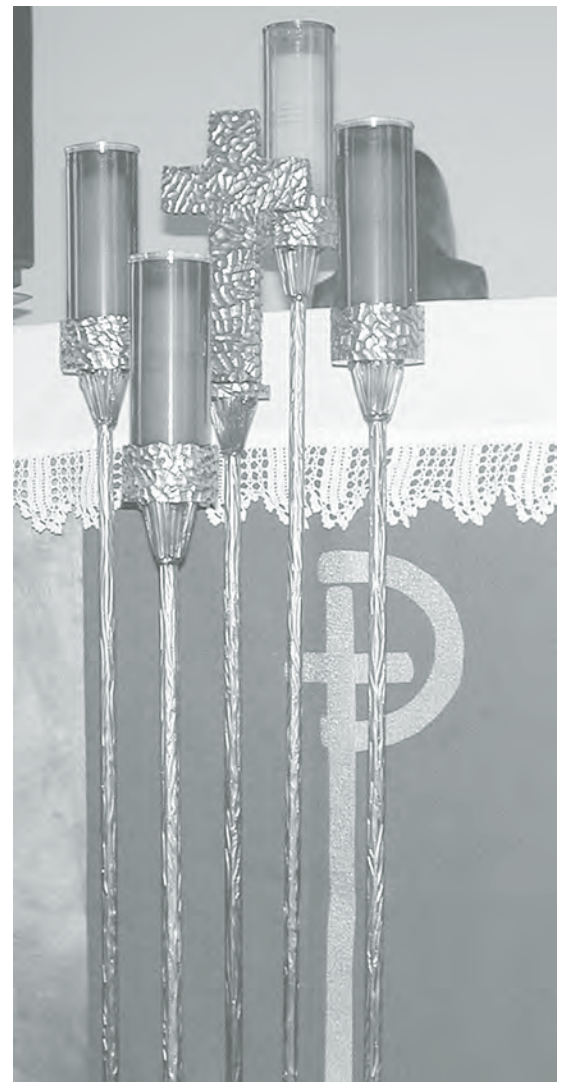
"One of our members watched as the mother found the treasure and burst into tears," said Elizabeth Dunn, a St. Jude member. "The mother eventually figured out that it was our parish that had provided the goods and was very grateful."

"The family, God bless them, turned around and shared some of that bounty with another family they knew was in need," she said.

Parishioners knew the father, mother and three children still needed help for a while to get back on their feet. The mother was even thinking of taking a night job in Horseshoe Bend. The father, a talented artist and metalworker, had been having health problems.

"We approached them with a way to help them without hurting their dignity," Dunn said. "We agreed that for five months we would provide them with cash at the first of each month. In return, we asked that the father make something for our church. The advent wreath is the first of two items he will make for us. The second item is a votive candle stand."

St. Jude's new Advent wreath is made out of hammered and cut steel. The parish provided the money for the materials, but the father created the work of art which features candle holders at different levels with a hammered steel cross in the middle.



**WORK OF ART**—This Advent wreath at St. Jude's Station, Garden Valley, was made by an artist whose family was befriended by the Catholic community. He made it in trade for assistance the community gave his family last winter. (Photo by Elizabeth Dunn)

**Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls Knights give checks to assist TESH Inc.**

COEUR D'ALENE—Three checks totaling more than \$2,300 were presented to TESH Inc. recently by the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls councils of the Knights of Columbus.

Jim Brannan, St. Pius X, and Ted Carniero, St. Thomas, Coeur d'Alene, and Bob Hoffman, St. George's, Post Falls, made the presentation to TESH Executive Director Ken Korczyk. They later toured the facilities with Rod Cava, a long-time employee, as their guide.

KC members collected the funds earlier this fall in their

"Tootsie Roll" drive at the area's markets.

The Knights of Columbus from the three parishes have supported TESH for many years. The organization provides employment training to mentally and physically challenged people in North Idaho. It also provides living quarters for those who are capable of living away from home.

TESH has facilities in Kellogg, Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene. It currently employs about 90 full or part time people,

with an annual payroll of \$1.3 million.

All money collected by the Knights in their fall drive is divided between TESH and the local branch of Special Olympics, with each council deciding on how its totals are to be divided.

"We were pleased that this year's drive was so successful," said Grand Knight Brannan, St. Pius Council, "especially since it followed so closely the New York disaster." He said the drive was the most successful in many years.



**BENEFITS MANY**—After presenting checks totaling more than \$2,300 to TESH Executive Director Ken Korczyk, right, members of the three Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls

Knights of Columbus councils, from left, back row, Ted Carniero, Jim Brannan and Bob Hoffman are shown with the TESH facility tour guide, Rod Cava, front.







**DINNER THEATER**—Youth from Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise, left, act in the play “And So They Had None” by Robert Alan Ward as part of their annual dinner theater. The dinner



theater took place recently at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall. Between scenes of the satire on the foibles that plague humanity, other members of the youth group, like Brittany and Lyndsey

Muntifering, right, served courses of the meal. Youth Minister Jim Robinson said the event raised about \$2,000 to fund youth programs in the parish. (ICR photos by Colette Cowman)

## Holy Family School students feel the giving spirit

COEUR D’ALENE—The students at Holy Family Catholic School, Coeur d’Alene, are moving into the holidays in a true giving spirit.

The HF Student Council and leadership classes organized the school’s annual food drive again this year during the week of Nov. 13-16. Last year, the students donated 460 pounds of food. They increased their goal to 700

pounds of food this year.

“Our student council and leadership students aimed high this year because we realized that with so many generous donations going to the Sept. 11 funds, some of the local food banks may be suffering,” said Chris Lyon, staff coordinator for the student council and teacher for the leadership class.

The students, together with

parent volunteer, Jim Benson, delivered the food to the Community Action Agency Food Bank on Friday before Thanksgiving. They said they were astounded as they watched their donation weigh in at over 702 pounds of food. A \$25 gift certificate to Safeway was also donated.

Lyon was very proud of the students as they brought in their

bags of canned and boxed goods for those in need.

“We tried to stress to the students that they be the givers of the food, not their parents,” she said. They could earn money by doing extra chores at home, or think of other creative ways to earn the money.”

Before the food was brought to the agency, the entire student body participated in a special blessing over the food asking

God to bless it and all those who would receive it, and let them know that this has been a labor of love for them. This blessing also included several readings, including a Letter of Paul urging us to share what we have, especially with those who are in need.

“This is a very special time for us as a school because it is a real opportunity for us to live our mission as givers in the community,” Lyon said.



**HELPING HANDS**—St. Mark’s School seventh and eighth graders, from left, Niko Lostra, Stephen French, Nate Hampel and Brigand Jaskowiak help pass out food boxes at the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Basket Program in Boise. With dona-

tions from individuals and families in parishes and several businesses and volunteers from throughout the community, more than 1,000 families received food for the holidays. (Photo by Clif Hampel)

## Pocatello school sports flag of student, staff faces

By Margaret Prince  
For the ICR

POCATELLO—After the terror of Sept. 11, teachers at St. Anthony Community School, Pocatello, created a visual reminder of the importance of each individual in our country.

Titled “Peace! Let it begin with me,” the display consists of a huge flag made of the faces of students, faculty and staff. It hangs on a main school hallway where people pass by often.

“We made a large flag by using small flags with a picture of each child, faculty and staff member,” said Mary Spiker, a St. Anthony’s kindergarten teacher.

Spiker and Mary Harris, another kindergarten teacher, spearheaded the idea for the flag.

“The children love the flag,” said Harris. “They look for their own picture as well as teachers’ and friends’ pictures.”

## St. Mark’s students tells about her ‘Butterfly Blessings’ in Betania

By Marie Harding  
8th Grade, St. Mark’s School

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This essay was submitted by Cynthia Julian, St. Mark’s School eighth grade teacher. It was written by one of her students in response to an English assignment. Julian felt the essay was “exceptional” and wanted to share it with ICR readers.

Being in Venezuela was a total culture shock. Everything that I was accustomed to in America had absolutely no place here.

It was extremely humid compared to the desert of Idaho. The authentic dishes that I was served were so foreign that my body could not tolerate them even the slightest bit. I was forced to survive on the little provisions I had brought with me, assorted candy and chocolate Ensure.

The language was Spanish, something I knew nothing about and didn’t have a clue as to how to communicate by using it.

In the midst of all the chaos I found comfort and pleasure in the land itself. It was abundantly covered with a large variety of exotic plants and animals. Venezuela was nothing at all like where I’d come from. I was on a religious pilgrimage. Our 29-member group was on its way to the holy site of Betania. This little hide-away has a very special story behind it,

which played a significant role in that day’s events. Jesus, one of our tour guides, told the story to us on the bus ride to Betania.

He explained that his mother-in-law, Maria Esperanza, was a devout Catholic, mother, and prophet called by God. She led a very spiritual life and was searching for a suitable place to live where she and her family could be close to God.

Maria prayed in a constant vigil for guidance and, soon after, received an answer. The Virgin Mary had appeared to Maria and given her the message that when she arrived at the land where God wanted her to be she would show herself in the form of a magnificent blue butterfly as a sign from Him. When Maria reached the fertile land that is now present day Betania, Mary appeared to her, as she said she would. This was where Maria and her family were meant to live.

She then first built her house on this holyland. Afterwards, she took this land, founded it under the name of Betania, and opened it and all its riches to the public. Maria wanted Betania to be a place of quiet reflection, prayer, and worship. Now, people of all race and religion come here to be spiritually cleansed and drawn closer to the Lord and Mary.

“My mother-in-law has accomplished so much in the name of the Lord,” said Jesus as he ended his story.

Later that day we celebrated Mass in an open-air church. I sat there soaking wet from one of the daily showers that I had just delighted in earlier. Despite feeling extremely uncomfortable, other various objects, movements, and sounds were constantly distracting me—the squeaking of my sandals against the shining, pearly white marble floor, the birds’ annoying squawking and flapping throughout the towering rafters, and the relentless low murmur of the other visitors. Then came the greatest distraction of all.

Just as the Father was blessing the Eucharist, the same blue butterfly from the story fluttered above and around the altar and us. At that moment I knew that I had been blessed by Mary and was in the presence of the Holy Mother and Father. A powerful surge of refreshing air swept across my body as I inhaled its great holiness. I knew that such an event was a very special occurrence.

Some people chose to take a couple of snap shots. Others just oooooed and awwwed. But I sat quietly knowing that now was not the time for either of those other reactions. It was a time to absorb the presence of the Spirit and then continue in the celebration of the Mass. However, I did not underestimate that the vision of Mary was an extreme gift from above.





## Idaho Catholic Youth 2001-2002

### Idaho youth find friendship, stronger faith at NCYC

By Jennifer Del Vecchio  
Catholic News Service,  
and Colette Cowman

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Catholic Youth Conference ended much the way it began.

After three days of taking part in what organizers said was the largest Catholic youth conference in U.S. history, teen-agers were still clapping Dec. 9 for Jesus, shouting "Amen" and getting to know one another by celebrating their Catholic identity in Indianapolis.

The 26th biennial conference sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry drew almost 24,000 teenagers and adult chaperons—more than 120 of which were from Idaho—Dec. 6-9 to Indianapolis to hear about vocations and how, as the young church, they can be an example of hope.

The conference, hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at the RCA Dome and Indiana Convention Center, also brought 48 bishops from across the nation to celebrate the Catholic faith with the youths and 1,500 volunteers, staff and exhibitors. The theme of the conference was "Hope at the Crossroads."

Bishop Michael Driscoll, Father Ron Wekerle, a member of the Diocese of Boise vocations team, and Father James



**SOUTHERN DEANERY NCYC DELEGATES—Posing for a group photo and doing the "potato wave" at Union Station in Indianapolis are members of Idaho's Southern Deanery delegates to the National Catholic Youth Convention.**

Rodenspiel, pastor of St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene, were among the clergy at NCYC.

Bishop Driscoll, who participated in the Youth Congress on Vocations that was part of NCYC, said the whole experience was "marvelous."

"It gives me great hope for the future of our church," he said. "After Sept. 11, everyone, including our youth, is more conscious and reevaluating their own lives. They are not so concerned

with the material things in life. There is a whole different sense about the future.

"The kids are really thinking about these things and praying about what God wants them to do with their lives," said Bishop Driscoll.

Brian May, Jerome, and Annie Newlan, Twin Falls, were Idaho's delegates for the congress.

Bishop Driscoll was the celebrant for the special regional

Mass for the Northwest youth because his diocese had the most delegates.

For Justin Capaul, St. Thomas Parish, Coeur d'Alene, this year's convention was the third NCYC he has attended.

"Every year they keep getting better," he said. "The best part about NCYC is seeing 24,000 young people all together in one place for the same reason—Jesus Christ."

Capaul said he knows that in everyday life people can get ridiculed for what they believe.

"People are harassed, neglected and sometimes even hurt for believing what they believe—no matter what religion," he said. "But get 24,000 kids all in the same building singing, praying and worshipping one God and it is amazing. The chills that go

through you when the building is rocking is awesome."

Capaul said that it is not just the convention itself that he loves, but the time spent with youth at the hotel and elsewhere.

"You trade state pins, you talk and tell each other about where you are from. Everyone is best friends," he said.

He said at the end of the convention everyone is pumped up for God for the next week, month or year.

"It boosts your faith and adds to your memories," Capaul said. "It is awesome."

Bishop Driscoll said he can testify to the enthusiasm the youth have.

"They become quite the evangelizers," he said describing how the Idaho group was singing "Our God is an Awesome God" in the airport while waiting for a plane.

One of the highlights of the convention was the literacy campaign in which the youth participated.

Teenagers swung hammers and banged nails to build bookcases, and they each brought books to donate.

Some 18,000 books will be given to children across Indiana and 100 bookcases will be delivered full of books to Habitat for Humanity homes and Catholic Social Services in the state.

Two of the top NCYC speakers were MTV's Matt Smith and Miss America 2001, Angela Perez Baraquio. They told the teens that their Catholic faith kept them focused on Christ amid a whirlwind of television lights, people putting them on a pedestal and the intense scrutiny of being known to so many.

### NCYC delegates from Twin Falls suffer injuries in car crash

TWIN FALLS—The ride home was not a fitting end to a perfect weekend at the National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC) in Indianapolis for four Twin Falls youth and their chaperon, Barbara Miciak.

After flying into Boise from Indianapolis about 9:30 p.m. Dec. 9, the Twin Falls delegates from St. Edward's Parish, Twin Falls, started their drive home. Near King Hill, they hit a deer on the freeway.

The buck came through the windshield and the vehicle rolled three times. Chris Melni, one of the youth, was ejected from the vehicle and received head and internal injuries. He was life flighted to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Although his condition was grave right after the accident, he had what many believe was a "miraculous recovery," and was able to go home to Twin Falls Dec. 17.

Miciak, who was driving, lost a finger in the accident and has a fracture in her neck. She was to have more surgery Dec. 19 and had hopes of being released before Dec. 22.

Medical personnel were concerned that Mary Alice Lopez had a neck injury, but after

thorough testing, she was released from the hospital.

Youths Tim McKinley and Jack Mikesell were taken to Magic Valley Hospital, Twin Falls, treated for scrapes and bruises and released.

Bishop Michael Driscoll, who had also been at the NCYC, received a call in the early morning hours Dec. 10 to go to St. Alphonsus to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to Melni and Miciak. He was able to meet and comfort family members and friends.

Ken Cook, Diocese of Boise coordinator of youth ministry, said prayer support for those injured came from people all over the Twin Falls area, the Diocesan Pastoral Center and throughout the diocese, as well as from people in Alaska, California and other points in the U.S.

"As soon as people heard about it, I was receiving emails with promises of prayer and sacrifices for Chris and Barb's recovery," he said.

Cook was at the hospital each day with Melni and Miciak.



**HOW WAS NCYC? —Danielle Hafliager gives a thumbs up as she and Darci Ward and Diana Hafliager, Twin Falls, do an "interview" out in front of the RCA Dome about what they thought of the National Catholic Youth Convention.**



# Idahoan describes demonstration against SOA

By Rich Wekerle  
For the ICR

COLUMBUS, Ga.—This time there were no expectations. This time we knew it would be different.

In the 12 years since the protest began there had never been a situation like this. Would the protest go on as usual? Would those who are opposed to the existence of this school come out in force again, and in what kind of numbers? Would those who believe that what we demonstrate for is somehow unpatriotic convince others that we should cease and desist this year?

There was uncertainty until Saturday morning on the first day of the two day annual protest, when 10,000 committed Americans gathered in the local Columbus stadium and under the Jesuit Tent to listen to the various accounts of the ongoing crimes continually committed by the graduates of this infamous School of the Americas (SOA). That was when we realized that indeed the protest was on, and it would show our commitment to close the SOA.

The SOA located on the Fort Benning Army base is a combat and counterinsurgency school run by the Department of Defense, and its mission is the training of the military of the countries of Central and South America. The SOA has been in this business for over 50 years and has trained many soldiers who have been accused of countless killings and other viola-

tions of human rights. The accusers have been the U.N. Human Rights Commission, members of the U.S. House of Representatives and other human rights organizations both within and without South America. There have been no trials of the accused, since they have been protected by the unjust regimes under which they serve.

The Columbus, Ga., city government along with lawyers for the U.S. Army tried unsuccessfully to deny a permit for the demonstration to take place. The city granted the use of the local stadium but denied the demonstration permit, which was needed to approach the entrance to the Fort Benning base. In prior years this permit had been granted without any problem. This year due to increased security, they would not. On Friday morning the application was placed before the U.S. circuit court judge, and his decision was explicit. He stated that the SOA protesters could not be denied a permit, that in all the years that the demonstrations were held that there had never been any problems associated with the demonstrators and the nonviolent character of the march evidenced our peaceful intentions.

Led by Father Roy Bourgeois, SOAW founder and Maryknoll priest from Bolivia, the march was on!

At the entrance to Fort Benning things had changed



**SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS—** Demonstrators who participated in the Nov. 16-18 march against the School of the Americas place momentos in the fence and pray outside Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., where

the school is located. The School of the Americas is known to train soldiers from South America who have been accused of countless killings and other violations of human rights. (Photo by Rich Wekerle)

from prior years. Where once there was an unlocked road and the infamous line that marked the boundary of the base, there was now a funeral procession onto the base. Instead it was decided that we would march to the fence and there place our signs, our letters of protest, our crosses and coffins offered in witness to those slain. And it

did not end there, because what followed was a daylong street demonstration by all 10,000 participants who sang, prayed and cried for those sacrificed. We demanded the SOA be closed.

It was a very moving day to see so many people from so many backgrounds and persuasions turn out at this most diffi-

cult time. For us from Idaho who attended, Sister Bernie Ternes, OSB, Sister Maria Elena Schaefer, OSB, Rick Beebe and I, this memorable occasion of nonviolent protest in action will serve to reenergize us for a battle yet to be won.

*Wekerle is a member of St. Augustine's Catholic Center, Moscow.*

## Mental illness teen support group starts

BOISE—The Boise affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is sponsoring a new support group for teens with mental health problems on Tuesday nights at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 518 North 8<sup>th</sup>, Boise.

The effort is funded through a grant from Risen Christ Catholic Community, Boise.

Parents must pre-register their teens by calling NAMI at 376-4304. There is no charge.

Andrew Layman, a licensed clinical social worker with experience facilitating both inpatient and outpatient mental health groups for youth, is facilitator for the group.

## St. Edward's students decorate festival tree

TWIN FALLS—This year St. Edward's Catholic School, Twin Falls, donated a decorated tree to the Festival of Trees in Twin Falls.

The Festival of Trees raises money for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation. This year's proceeds will benefit area Quick Response Units and the Magic Valley Heart Fund.

The tree was decorated to the theme of "Gifts of Prayer to the World." Each student made an ornament, and then each child's prayer for the world was attached to the ornament.

The pre-kindergarten class cast their praying hands in plaster then painted them silver. Fabric doves represented kindergarten. First graders created a mini prayer book and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade embellished wooden scrolls. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade contributed prayer chaplets that they had prayed on, 4<sup>th</sup> grade wrapped little presents, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

made candleholders, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade decorated stars.

The tree was silver, blue, and green and was wrapped with a silver banner that said "Lord hear our prayer."

Several teachers, parents, businesses and PTO members helped by donating their time and materials for this project.

"The students wanted to show the community their heartfelt intentions that truly represent our very loving and supportive spirit that we have at our school," said Principal Luke Schroeder. "The Festival of Trees awarded our tree a blue ribbon for best-decorated tree for a children's group (12 years and under). The praying hands and the precious prayers caught the attention of everyone."

Ron and Debby Miciak purchased the tree and then donated it back to the school; their wish was that each child receives the ornament that they had made.



**A WINNER—**This Christmas tree, decorated by students from St. Edward's Catholic School, Twin Falls, for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees featured prayers from each child, praying hands, fabric doves, mini prayerbooks, wooden scrolls, prayer chaplets, little presents, candleholders and stars. It received a blue ribbon. (Photo by Luke Schroeder)

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## El Evangelio

### Maria modelo del Adviento

Por Padre Enrique Terriquez



La persona que mejor ha vivido el Adviento, como fiel y ardiente espera de Jesús Salvador, en medio de la oscuridad de la fe y de las pruebas de la condición humana, ha sido la Virgen María.

“Ella es nuestra compañera en la ruta de nuestra esperanza. Nos ha sido dada como Madre para alimentar esa esperanza con su intercesión y con su presencia misteriosa en nuestra vida. Nos ha sido dada como modelo de la Iglesia que ama, espera y sufre, en la carne de los cristianos.” (Documentos de Puebla 282,286).

Este 12 de Diciembre pasado hemos celebrado la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe que no es únicamente la fiesta de los Hispano-Mexicanos, sino

de toda América y finalmente de toda la Iglesia Católica. En esta fiesta de la Virgen de color morena, vemos a María como alguien de nuestra raza, y no sólo por su color que la identifica con una raza en especial, sino a alguien que participó de la condición humana, a quien Dios no dispensó de las búsquedas y cruces de todos los mortales. La misma Anunciación requirió de ella todo el valor de su entrega por la forma en que iba a concebir al mismo Hijo de Dios.

El Evangelio de este cuarto Domingo de Adviento nos habla muy claro de esta condición humana de su maternidad; Dios quiso venir a nosotros en la humildad de un hogar que pasó por todos los tragos amargos, así como malos entendidos (entre otras pruebas) de cualquier familia, superadas sólo por la fidelidad de María y José así como de su espera de Jesús que venía, de su silenciosa colaboración de Dios en el proceso de la Encarnación y de la

Redención. José desaparece muy pronto de la escena en los Evangelios, para quedarnos solo con María quien aparece de vez en cuando acompañando a Jesús en su vida pública, y de una manera muy señalada al pie de la cruz donde se consumaba el misterio de nuestra redención.

La vida oculta de Jesús en el hogar de Nazareth junto a María y José parece ser la enseñanza más extraordinaria que “Emanuel” el Dios que se hizo carne, quiso darnos. Porque así vemos al Dios en su misión extraordinaria de la salvación, participando en la vida de una familia ordinaria, en un pueblo pobre y oscuro. “¿Acaso puede salir algo bueno de Nazaret?” (Juan 2, 46)

José y María son signo de la esperanza cristiana, que nos anima a vivir la realidad de la vida humana en sus tareas más ordinarias. Toda esta respuesta de fe y esperanza de María y José nacieron de la fe y esperanza que Dios tiene en todos nosotros los humanos. ¿Cómo es

posible que una muchacha, una adolescente, pudiera responder tan decididamente a Dios, poniéndose totalmente a su servicio como esclava? ¿Cómo es posible que José no denunciara a su prometida quien por seguro le había fallado? José fué capaz de recibir a su amada quien esperaba un hijo fuera de su amor comprometido, y descubrir al Dios que ya se gestaba en el vientre de su prometida y que venía a desposarse con la humanidad infiel. La obra de la redención dió principio en esta pareja maravillosa.

Que María y José nos den un poco de su gran fe y esperanza para descubrir al Dios que viene a salvarnos en nuestras propias circunstancias, llenas también de problemas y angustias.

¡Que nazca nuestro Dios Salvador en nuestros corazones abiertos a toda entrega y sacrificio!

*El Padre Terriquez es miembro del Equipo Pastoral de la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Valle, Caldwell.*



## Un Mensaje de Navidad de Nuestro Obispo

Las fiestas de Navidad y la Noche de Navidad son un tiempo de esperanza.

Esperamos la venida de Jesús y celebramos su nacimiento. Los niños se llenan de alegría en la espera de sus regalos que ponemos alrededor del árbol de Navidad. Y nos preparamos con esmero para recibir cariñosamente las visitas y familiares, cuidando detalles para tener alegres y perfectas fiestas.

Seguido a la Navidad nos encontramos con el Año Nuevo, con sus esperanzas de cambios sobretodo de paz y de mejores vidas.

Navidad es como todas las Navidades anteriores que hemos celebrado antes. Pero ciertamente, debido a lo que hemos vivido como Nación será distinta tal como fue en 1940. Estas Navidades nos encuentra en guerra, muy diferente por cierto, a otras que hemos tenido que soportar. No es contra otra nación, sino contra terroristas que pudieran estar viviendo entre nosotros, lo que causa profundas ansiedades y nos llena de temores por lo que pueda deparar el futuro.

Sin embargo, el Nacimiento de Jesús nos pide la fe y la esperanza en Dios que nos ha creado, que nos ha hecho sus hijos y que nos capacita para poder ser instrumentos de paz en el mundo.

A comienzos de mes tuve la gracia de compartir con los Padres Ron Wekerle de la Parroquia de San Jerome y con el Padre Jim Rodenspiel de la Parroquia de Santo Tomas en Couer d'Alene en la reunión donde asistieron 110 jóvenes católicos de Idaho con 24.000 jóvenes de todas las diócesis de la nación a la Conferencia Nacional de la Juventud en Indianapolis, Indiana.

Nos reunimos para celebrar

nuestra fe católica y celebrar nuestro futuro consagrándonos a la Persona de Jesús y aceptar los desafíos de caminar en su senda.

Cincuenta Obispos y Arzobispos, varios cientos de sacerdotes y 26,000 participantes entre jóvenes, adultos y líderes juveniles, nos reunimos para escucharnos mutuamente, para rezar y celebrar la Santa Misa, contagiarnos de la alegría juvenil, de sus danzas y experimentar que somos una familia de hermanos en Cristo. Pudimos experimentar la alegría y esperanza aún en estos tiempos difíciles.

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas, a Ustedes los 130,000 católicos de Idaho les anuncio **la gran Noticia**. Los futuros líderes de la Iglesia, de nuestra Nación, de la ciudad y de las comunidades se están exigiendo para hacer las cosas distintas... **Ahora!** Son gente de esperanza, un pueblo que abre los ojos al presente... y ellos cuentan con cada uno de nosotros, al adentrarnos en el nuevo milenio.

Desde 1945, al final de la Segunda Guerra Mundial los Católicos en U.S.A. hemos crecido un 47%. Sin embargo, el número de sacerdotes y religiosas ha decrecido en un 30 y 54 por

cientos respectivamente.

Los jóvenes están consciente de esta necesidad y por dos días hablaron acerca de las vocaciones, de su Iglesia, del papel de la mujer, lo concerniente a la justicia, y de cómo se pueden preparar ellos mismos para servir en la Iglesia.

Se preguntaron acerca del sacerdocio, de la vida religiosa consagrada de hombre y mujeres, de los diáconos permanente, de los que escogen el matrimonio, de los que viven en solteros, en un abierto horizonte de posibilidades. Nuestros jóvenes están sedientos de lo sagrado. Y esperan a partir del 11 de Septiembre, mejores respuestas espirituales en sus vidas. Lo jóvenes de hoy son creyentes y no debemos considerarlos como un agregado de nuestras comunidades. Deben experimentar que la Iglesia los requiere y los recibe. En la medida que sean aceptados van a participar.

Para todos nosotros, jóvenes o de mayor edad, nuestro mensaje deberá ser: “Cuidemos de ellos.” ¿Y no es acaso el mismo mensaje que se oye desde hace 2000 años en el cumpleaños del Hijo que celebramos cada 25 de Diciembre?

Al celebrar estas Navidades pido que seamos cada día más gente que ama, que se preocupa por el otro, que sabe compartir los dones recibidos.

Que el Cuerpo de Cristo sea formado en nuestras Parroquias, en nuestras Estaciones y en nuestras Misiones. Mostremos a Idaho cuán grandioso es ser hermano y hermana de Jesucristo, hijos e hijas de Dios, nacidos para vivir la vida de Cristo.

Felices Navidades y un Feliz Año Nuevo.

*Michael P. Dowell*







**EL ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL—** Por primera vez se llevó a cabo una convención del Encuentro Matrimonial de Boise. Fue organizado por la familia Elizalde y el padre Oscar Jaramillo, y Equipo Coordinador. El encuentro, gracias a Dios, tuvo mucho éxito. Fue con motivo de seguir

enriqueciendo nuestra relación de pareja y de la vida familiar. Felicidades a las 40 parejas que aceptaron vivir esta experiencia, que Dios los bendiga siempre. Para más información para vivir un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial llamar a la familia Elizalde al tel: 208-482-6995.

## ¿Tendrá alma una copia humana? Sí, dicen los teólogos

WASHINGTON (CNS) — La Biblia habla de Dios cuando le enviaba su soplo a la nariz de Adán, haciendo la vida humana parte de su creación. Relata cómo Dios después hizo a Eva y le dijo a la pareja que fueran fecundos y se multiplicaran.

El "Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica" dice que desde entonces Dios le ha estado directamente infundiendo a cada ser humano generado por sus padres una alma inmortal.

¿Qué significa ahora que la posibilidad de copiar abre la puerta a la producción de seres humanos sin fertilización? ¿Tienen alma? Si la respuesta es afirmativa, ¿en qué momento entra el alma en estos cuerpos que nunca fueron concebidos por la fusión de espermatozoides y cigote?

Un punto para empezar a buscar respuestas es que los representantes oficiales católicos han claramente condenado la fabricación de copias de células humanas

como una actividad inmoral y al mismo tiempo haciendo notar que cualquier ser así creado sería completamente humano.

El Vaticano ha tomado delantera en este asunto con una declaración publicada un día después de que la compañía Advanced Cell Technology en Worcester, Mass., dio a conocer que sus científicos habían copiado el primer embrión humano. El Vaticano en su declaración del 26 de noviembre decía que era "más allá de toda duda... que nos encontramos ante embriones humanos y no células." Se encontró la vida humana "en el primer instante de existencia del embrión mismo," se decía.

Varios teólogos que se especializan en asuntos bioéticos, a los que consultó el Servicio Católico de Noticias, dijeron que si la copia de células humanas tuviera éxito, produciría seres con alma,

iguales en dignidad y derechos a los que gozan los seres humanos creados por fertilización. El hecho de que falta la fertilización no cambiaría básicamente las enseñanzas de la Iglesia, aunque requeriría una vuelta a pensar y nueva forma de terminología que considerara los nuevos desarrollos biológicos, dijeron.

Ya hay muchos casos en los que seres humanos son creados de forma juzgada como inmoral por la Iglesia, pero en los cuales el estado de humano de la gente así producida se reconoce claramente, dijo John Haas, director del Centro Católico Nacional de Bioética en Boston. Citó preñeces que resultan de adulterio, fertilizaciones "in vitro" o laboratorio, e inseminación artificial.

"La opinión pública debería empezar a discutir cómo se pueden proteger los derechos de estas réplicas humanas," dijo Haas.

## Comunidad Hispana de Pocatello programa Retiro de Evangelización el 16 y 17 de Febrero

POCATELLO—La Comunidad Hispana de San Anthony está organizando un nuevo retiro de evangelización para Hispanos del Decanato Este. Será los días 16 y 17 de Febrero en el Centro de Estudios Saint John, en el campus de la Universidad Estatal de Pocatello.

Ge'La, oradora hispana y cantante proveniente de Ontario California será la orientadora del retiro. La Santa Misa y confesiones durante el retiro serán atendidas por sacerdotes del lugar.

## Cantante cristiana dice que los cánticos de Navidad la llevan de nuevo a su infancia

DETROIT (CNS) — Jaci Velásquez cuenta con dos discos de platino y uno de oro, ha sido nominada para el premio American Music, ha tenido 16 No. 1 sencillos, ganado siete premios Dove, y anda de gira para promover su "Christmas" y "Navidad" — su nueva grabación de festividades lanzada en inglés y en español.

Ella también es modelo y vocera de una campaña de una compañía multimillonaria de cuidado del cabello, y tiene contratos de grabaciones para música cristiana y secular. Y solamente tiene 22 años.

"Eso suena tan viejo, ¿verdad?" dijo con una sonrisa en una entrevista con *The Michigan Catholic*, periódico arquidiocesano de Detroit.

Entre sus canciones favoritas de las festividades están "Blanca Navidad" y "No Sería Navidad."

"Esas canciones me llevan a la época en que yo era niña y veía 'Holiday Inn' con mi papá," Velásquez dijo. "Me gusta entonar canciones de amor de una forma pura e idealista porque en estos tiempos se canta en forma muy vulgar."

Otro proyecto del que ella ha sido parte es el de reunir dinero para las víctimas de los ataques terroristas del 11 de septiembre.



Jaci Velásquez

Se unió a otros artistas latinos, incluyendo a Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, Gloria Estefan y Shakira, para grabar el disco "El último Adiós" como tributo sencillo.

Velásquez sabía que la carrera elegida a su temprana edad le acarriaría mucho trabajo.

"He tenido muchas responsabilidades desde que tenía 15 años, probablemente más de lo que debería haber tenido a los 18 ó 19, yo creo," dijo. "Pero la Biblia dice que, 'Al que mucho se le ha dado, mucho se le exigirá.' Cuando Dios pone en la vida algo tan precioso, 'El nos da los instrumentos que se necesitan para cuidarlo y guardarlo.'"

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# Daniela Foundation provides for Romanian orphans

By Mike Farruggia  
For the Idaho Catholic Register

What do a Catholic nurse, an Evangelical Romanian nurse and a nondenominational Calvary Chapel nurse have in common besides nursing? —A Romanian Orphanage for children who live in the sewers of Bucharest.

Four years ago, Niculina Bistriceanu, a nurse I work with who is from Romania, asked me to help her set up an orphanage on her family's property in Romania since she did not know how.

She explained that prior to the fall of communism, Romanians were rewarded for having large families. After the fall of communism, Romania fell into a great depression. Most of the people worked for the government and were now unemployed. They did not have the means to support their large families. As a result of this turmoil many families were homeless and many children were abandoned.

The children sought refuge in the sewers and would come out of the sewers during the day and beg for food. They would build fires in the streets to stay warm, and at night they would go back into the sewers. These children were prime targets for being assaulted and abused. Many of them became addicted to drugs. They would sniff solvents as a way to take away the hunger. To survive, they would turn to prostitution, theft, or



**HAPPY CAMPERS**—Romanian orphans in Bucharest show their smiles as they hold up the bread they have received through the efforts of the Daniela Foundation, headquartered in Boise. Many of the children live in the sewers. Daniela Foundation Board

commit other crimes.

I agreed to help Niculina, and we set up a meeting to explore the options. I encouraged her and her husband, George, to team up with an existing missionary organization, rather than establishing their own. They agreed, so we set out to find a missionary for the orphanage.

A few weeks later I was returning home from a business trip with a few other nurses. I asked a fellow nurse, Debbie Chapman, what she had planned

for the weekend. She said she was going to a mission meeting at her church, Calvary Chapel in Boise.

"We have a missionary going to Romania, and we are looking for property to set up an orphanage," she said. I was shocked. I told Debbie the story of what had transpired so far regarding Niculina's desire to set up an orphanage on her family's land in Romania.

I shared this encounter with Niculina, and she was surprised. Niculina and George were go-

ing to Romania, so we set up a meeting with Shawn Hubbs, the Christian missionary, for after they returned. Unfortunately, the day prior to the meeting, Daniela, Niculina's 15-year-old daughter, was killed in a car accident. Our meeting would wait for another time.

Niculina was devastated and overwhelmed with grief and took time off from work. A month later she came to work to request more time off. She told me she needed to be away a little longer. I told her that I knew she wanted to be away forever. What Niculina did not know is that I too had lost a child.

I spent time consoling Niculina and suggested the orphanage foundation be named in memory of her daughter. Niculina agreed, so we met with the Hubb family and discussed the plans for the orphanage.

The Hubbs went to Romania in 1998. Although they have

not been able to set up housing for the orphans yet, through the Daniela Foundation, they arranged to serve the children one hot meal a week, give them a break from the cold when they need it and supply them with clothing.

They started out with 40 orphans, and now there are about 150 who go to the property for help. The children now receive two hot meals a week.

At Christmas the first year the Hubbs were in Romania, two Small Faith Communities, one from St. Mark's Parish, Boise, and one from Holy Apostles Parish, Meridian, bought clothing and a small gift for each child. A year later the number of children had grown to 80.

Last year my small faith group at St. Mark's was asked to buy the children boots. The thought of buying 80 pair of boots was overwhelming, so I shared this need at the Small Faith Group facilitators meeting. Within one week the Small Faith Communities at St. Mark's had come together to provide each child with a pair of boots, socks, gloves and winter hats, along with funds to cover the shipping costs.

This year the focus is on raising the funds through the Daniela Foundation to equip the orphanage kitchen so they can feed the children who go there a daily hot meal. Step by step, the foundation intends to build an orphanage.

Donations may be made to the Calvary Chapel, Daniela Foundation, Calvary Chapel, 123 Auto Drive, Boise, ID 83709

Farruggia and his family are members of Saint Marks Parish, Boise. He serves on the parish council. Mike and Mary are active in the "Journey with the Spirit" Small Faith Community. He is the associate chief for Nursing Education at the Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center in Boise.

## Catechist workshops planned in February

Lee Nagel, director of Total Catholic Education in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., will give a mid-year Catechetical Day in Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls in early February.

Plans also call for catechetical workshops for the Spanish speaking. Details will be announced in January.

The workshops are sponsored by the Diocese of Boise and are open to all interested persons.

Nagel will do a workshop for religious education leaders Feb. 1 at Risen Christ Parish, Boise, from 9 a.m. to noon with lunch following. The workshop is entitled "Stirring the Embers."

He will give a workshop for catechists called "Tricks, Gimmicks and Tools of the

Catechetical Trade from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 1 at St. Mark's Parish, Boise.

The same workshop for catechists will take place Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Twin Falls, and Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish, Idaho Falls.

Those who will present the workshops in Spanish are Sister Nieda Perez, O.R.F. and Sister Evangelina Samaniego Gonzales, O.R.F., Nampa, and Sister Marie Elena Schaefer, OSB, Rupert.

For more information, read the Jan. 11 edition of the *Idaho Catholic Register* or call Sister Clarissa Goeckner, OSB., at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in January, (208) 342-1311.



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# Angel ornaments made to comfort families hurt by 9-11

**By Amisu M. Estrada**  
WARRENVILLE, Ill. (CNS) — Armed with an angel cookie cutter, poster board, glue and glitter, Warrenville resident Donna Paver is trying to help a shattered nation heal from the wounds inflicted by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Paver has been making “Angels of Remembrance” ornaments.

She said the effort began as a simple children’s project with a goal of making enough angel Christmas ornaments to send to all the families who lost loved ones Sept. 11.

“I came up with the idea because I felt helpless; with the holidays coming, I wanted to make (the families) smile,” said Paver, a nurse by training who admits she’s not artistic by nature.

Her cherubs, measuring 5 inches by 3/4 inch, come in four designs. There’s a profile of an angel praying as well as glittering archangels, dreamy cherubs and simple seraphs in a rainbow of shades.

“Painting, gluing, coloring — it’s really up to the kids,” Paver told the Catholic Explorer, newspaper of the Joliet Diocese. After the angels are decorated and a prayer is pasted on the back, they are shipped back to Paver for a gold heart to be attached with the name of a victim and the date of the attack.

People around the country learned of her ornament project when a story appeared on WGN-TV, a Chicago station available on cable systems across the country. As a result she was flooded with e-mails from people who wanted to help.

“People all over the world want to do this, we are not turning anyone away, we have plenty of places to send (the angels). We have had handicapped people call who can’t get out of the house, so we brought them (angel) supplies,” Paver said.

She has received requests for 21,000 of the celestial cut-outs.

“Rockefeller Center in New York requested 7,000 angels for a permanent memorial and another 300 ceramic ones to put on their outdoor Christmas tree,” Paver said. The tree or-

## Velasquez loves singing about love

DETROIT (CNS) — Jaci Velasquez has two platinum records and a gold, has been nominated for an American Music Award, has had 16 No. 1 singles, earned seven Dove awards, and is now on tour for “Christmas” and “Navidad” — her new holiday recordings released in English and Spanish. She’s also a model and spokeswoman for a multimillion-dollar hair care campaign and has recording contracts for Christian and secular music. And she just turned 22.

“I love singing songs about love in a pure and idealistic way because it’s sung about these days in such nasty ways,” she said.

naments were removed by the families of the Sept. 11 victims during a Nov. 28 lighting ceremony, she added.

Paver has had lots of help from a cadre of her own angels. Area stores have donated crafting materials; the owner of a local graphics created a die-cut mold of an angel to speed up the cutting process; an international direct-selling corporation has paid the packing and shipping

costs, and numerous schools, community organizations, government entities and Boy and Girl Scout troops have made thousands of the angels.

Helping Paver get the ornaments to families has been cyberangels.org, a New York-based organization. Cyber-angels was founded in 1995 to assist people who need help online, but since Sept. 11 the all-volunteer organization has

been involved with families affected by the terrorist attacks.

“All of us wanted to move rubble and rip up pieces of concrete to help others — these (projects) are the little things that are moving rubble,” said Parry Aftab, executive director.

She noted that right after Sept. 11 her organization “stepped in to protect families who were putting up posters

with phone numbers and personal information” by instead putting up posters with her group’s information as a way to reach those families.

“Each family was assigned one of our 10,000 cyberangel volunteers to help them with whatever they needed, including funeral arrangements,” Aftab added. It has been through that network the group has been distributing Paver’s ornaments.

## Diocesan Pastoral Center Staff Christmas Greetings



# Christmas Memories

## The precious Christmas orange

**Marilyn Rotert Koch  
St. Pius X Parish**

I'd like to tell you the story of what seeing an orange at Christmastime means to me—how it takes me back to when I was a little girl growing up on our farm on the plains of Nebraska.

I was born and raised in a typical two-story farmhouse without indoor plumbing, central heat or electricity. We kept warm by a gas heater in the dining room and a coal and wood cook stove in the kitchen. Our bedrooms in the upstairs part of the house stayed very cold in the wintertime. Sometimes snow even seeped inside through the win-

dow, and I often remember waking up to snowdrifts piled high inside our bedroom just underneath the windowsill. It wasn't until I was 12 years old that we finally got electricity and an indoor bathroom.

Christmas was celebrated a lot differently in those days than it's celebrated today. Rarely did we receive store bought presents, and the highlight of the Christmas Season came when my sisters and brothers and I traveled the four miles into town on the Saturday afternoon that Santa Claus came to town. He gave each of us a small brown bag of candy and nuts



with a real orange on top. Since we did not have food that we didn't grow ourselves on the farm, an

orange was a once a year treat.

I can still remember how I savored that or-

ange—slowly peeling away at it every so often and just taking one slice at a time, until eventually I'd have saved it for so long that it became moldy and I'd have to throw it away. I could never quite bring myself to eat it all before that fateful day came. I wanted it to last forever.

A few years ago, when my little grandson, Gus, would come to me before Christmas with his long wish list of toys he wanted me to buy for him, I started telling him this story of my Christmas orange. And now, every year for my birthday on Dec. 10 my grand-

son presents me with a Tobler's Chocolate Orange wrapped in tin foil that is painted to look like the outside of an orange. And every year I get to peel away a little bit of that foil, take a slice of my new Christmas orange, and remember what it felt like to savor a thing as simple as an orange at Christmastime. My new chocolate orange doesn't go moldy anymore, so if I'm lucky, I can make it last all year, almost until my next birthday comes along...

...Some childhood wishes really do come true!

## A special needs brother remembered this time of year

**By Eda-Ann Elizalde  
St. Hubert's Parish  
Homedale**

I had a brother with special needs. At the age of 40, with Downs Syndrome and Diabetes, he was a special gift from above. Only I

didn't see it that way until he passed away.

During the last seven months of his life, my husband and I started helping out my dad more often by taking my brother to dialysis. We would also bring him

home with us to spend a day or two with our children so that my dad could rest and have some time to himself. My brother had been going to treatments the last three years of his life.

During this time we shared happy moments with my brother. We played cards. Some way or another he would end up winning, even if it meant cheating. He made us laugh.

Our youngest son

loved playing cars and trucks with him, and our oldest son loved taking care of him. These moments I take to heart.

Then there were the sad moments, which were about the last three months of my brother's life. I noticed how he looked more tired and weaker as the days passed by, how he was deteriorating little by little, how he complained of how tired he was. The sadness in his eyes told me he was suffering.

I remember when he told me that he had a dream about our mother and that he was going to heaven with her. I didn't see it then, but I understand now that he was preparing us for his death.

My brother suffered a lot, not only with his illness, but in his heart. He lived through criti-

cism, gossip and humiliation. There were times when he was humiliated by kids, but what hurt me the most was when it was adults laughing and pointing a finger at him.

These experiences I take to heart too, because it has changed the way I live my life. I have also taught our children to love, respect, and care for those that are gifted like my brother.

We as parents can make a difference in this work by teaching our children how to accept and love one another.

I give thanks to God for giving me the opportunity to spend the last moments with my brother. I was at his bedside when he passed away last year on Dec. 14.

God bless him!

## 'Fabulous' Christmas memories of many years gone by

**By Julia Kertz Grant  
St. John's Cathedral Parish  
Boise, ID**

These are just some of the many fabulous Christmas memories I have of years gone by:

\*\*My parent's favorite Christmas decorations are the 30 years of pictures of their children with Santa that sit on the piano. Last year (2000) I arrived home in St. Louis late on Christmas Eve. No Santa to be found. It looked like it would be the first year without a Kertz kid Santa photo. However, four days after Christmas, at my wedding reception, Santa made a surprise visit.

A photo captured Santa with the Kertz kids, including the newest addition to the family, Thomas Grant. This year (2001) Thomas and I intend to make a photo with Santa, one of our family traditions.

\*\*Marathon family slide shows with my dad narrating on Christmas afternoon with a fire in the fireplace, the tree glowing in the background, and the projection screen in the foreground.

\*\*5a.m. Christmas Day morning trips to a parish in the city of St. Louis to fix breakfast, visit with, and be the first to wish the homeless of the area a Merry Christmas.

\*\*When I was 10, my mom gave birth to my youngest sister four days before Christmas. At that time I had an 8 year old sister and a 5 year old brother. We were expecting mom and baby to arrive home from the hospital on Christmas Day and were told we couldn't open any gifts until they arrived. It ended up being 1p.m. on Christmas Day before gifts were opened. Everyone's patience level was tested that Christmas.



Christmas 1950

# Holy Child seals bring several special prizes

By Eva Pera  
Holy Apostles, Meridian

Nov. 19, 2001—I was cleaning my desk today and found two things that reminded me of Christmas 1950. *The Idaho Catholic Register* of Dec. 15, 2000, which had an article that I sent in last year about this time “Yugoslavian traditions are family treasures” and some old Holy Childhood Christmas seals. This put me in the reflective mood of daydreaming about years ago.

The year 1950 was the year we arrived in the United States of America. We lived with my mother’s first cousin who sponsored us. We lived with Uncle Steve and his wife, Aunt Ella, in San Francisco. These were not rich people. Aunt Ella borrowed the \$1,300 from her brother so we could come to an unknown country to meet unknown relatives who trusted in God and us that they would be paid back some day. Faith, hope and love really are wonderful presents.

We were poor and in debt, but I did not know those facts. I, as a sixth grader at St. Anthony’s Catholic School, was a giver of gifts. It was not a poor Christmas but one with happy thoughts and memories.

We sold Holy Childhood Christmas seals at school. I could barely speak English, but I was determined to help the



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poor children in other lands, and I was also going to help myself by getting special prizes. I was walking on Mission Street and asking everyone I met to buy Christmas seals and help the poor children and me. My English got better too because some people questioned my effort, but many bought the Christmas seals and I became the top-seller. Sister Mary Patrick asked how I was able to sell so many and I explained. Now I can look back on this happy incident and smile with joy.

The extra special prize I won was a wooden cross that looked like the wayside crosses you see along the roads in Germany. This was the special gift

for my parents. (In the 1990’s, as I was emptying my parents’ house after they had both died—I found that cross was still part of their valued possessions.) The little child Jesus made out of white

plastic was for Aunt Ella and there was another one for my sister, Anna.

Many years later I became the CCD coordinator in our parish and you guessed it—we sold Christmas seals by the thousands. The kids loved the dual purpose too. We were the top sellers for years in our archdiocese. I am sure that there are still some ornaments in many families that were Holy Childhood prizes.

I don’t know if they still have those wonderful seals and gifts that made Christmas for me in 1950, but the need to help poor children is still with us even in the year 2001. Propagation of the Faith has helped children in all countries. Their motto, “Children Helping Children” is so great. It still touches my heart.

Christmas is my favorite time of the year because of the joy that shows in people’s smiles—the joy of giving, loving and sharing.

## Three ways to put Christ in your Christmas

By Jeanette Land

When you begin to prepare your home for Christmas this year, in addition to the usual decorations, be sure to include a poinsettia plant or two, the holly and the hay. Hay?

Hay. By the handful! Do as the Ukrainian Catholics do: Gather in hay in memory of

Bethlehem’s stable, where the newborn Christ Child slept on the hay that was used as bedding and fodder for the cattle sheltered there. Then, on Christmas Eve, they place handfuls of hay both on and under their tables and cover it with white linen cloths.

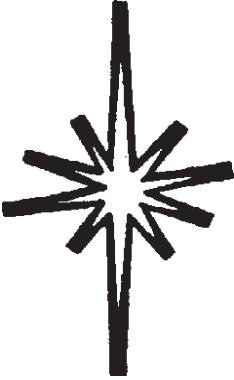
If hay is not available or does not suit your situ-

ation, you still can use the basic idea and adapt it to your needs. Cut yellow and brown construction paper into strips, then cover your homemade “hay” with a white linen handkerchief and put it in a prominent place.

Holly provides the traditional red and green colors associated with the Christmas Season. Its

red berries are said to symbolize the drops of precious blood shed for us by Jesus on Calvary. Its evergreen leaves represent eternal life and God’s everlasting love.

Some scholars believe the word holly originally meant holy. Since holly leaves have prickly (See, ‘Christ in Christmas,’ p. 5-B)



### My Christmas Song

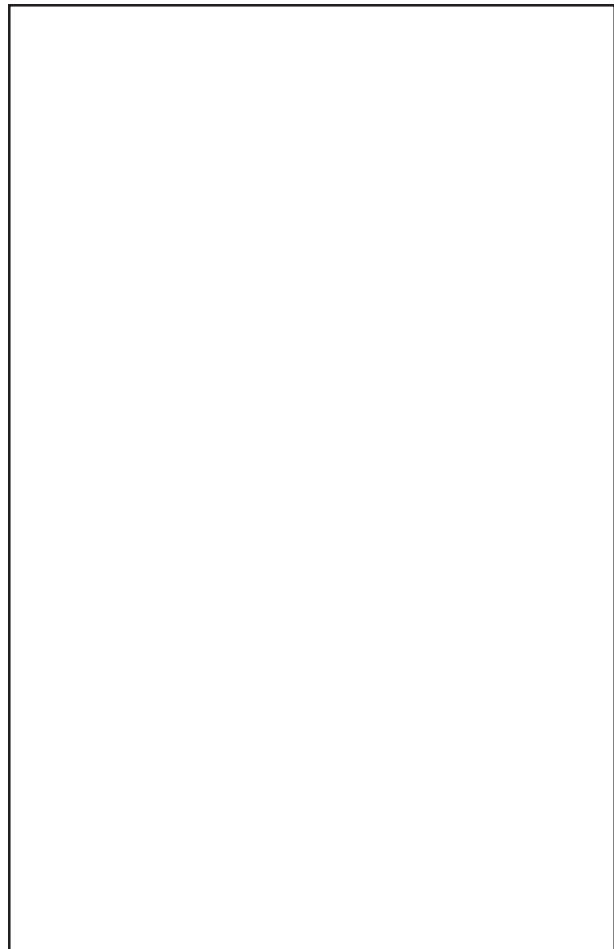
I love to glorify the Lord’s incarnation,  
Which has brought me into his redemption.  
The Lord is always wonderful,  
Because He can sanctify my soul.

May the Lord bless my life with graces,  
So that I can consolidate my faith.  
May the Lord lead me to His Kingdom,  
To benefit from his wisdom.

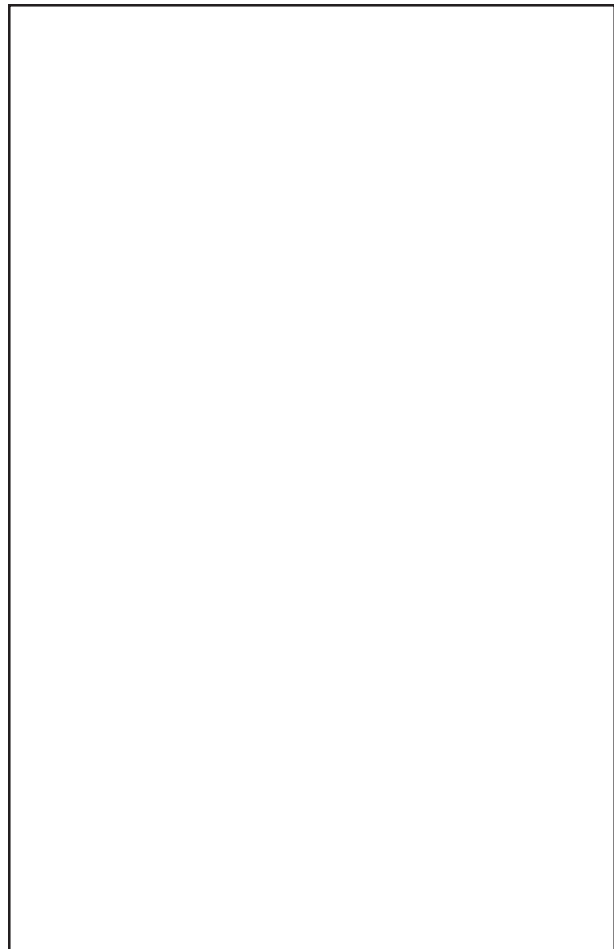
In that way, in the Christmas night:  
I can sing my favorite song  
I love to cherish the hymn of peace  
In the human heart as well as in the world.

I love my God for his Holiness.  
I worship the Lord for his wisdom.  
I will try to build his kingdom.  
That is the treasure of my true happiness.

Thuyen Van Luong  
St. Mark’s Church  
Boise



*I have filler for here  
New Years!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*



# The Christmas tree surprise for Mama

By Shannon Sorensen  
Uriona

Holy Apostles, Meridian

Ever since I can remember my Mama made the very best Christmas my parents could afford. She came from a very large family and never had very much for Christmas, maybe one present and oranges and nuts.

My first Christmas when I was 9 months old Daddy couldn't afford a camera with flash so they just sat me and the Christmas tree out in the snow so there would be a photo record.

No matter how poor we were my parents always made our Christmas special and fun. Mama always did something for a surprise. She loved to sew for my sister and me. We received little baby dolls on bunk beds with all the hand sewn clothes and blankets.

One year Santa left a note in Mama's sewing drawer telling us that there wasn't enough time to finish the doll clothes and maybe our Mama could. Mama was neat as a pin

about her things and Santa really left everything messed up. She was very annoyed. I know now it was done on purpose, so we could believe in the spirit of Christmas.

Our decorated trees were beautiful. Mama would put the trees on a table in front of our big picture window and we would go running outside to see the warm glow of the colored lights inside. I still have to do this, and I'm 60 years old.

I remember this one special Christmas when I was 10. My sister and I asked when we were going to get the tree up. We wanted it up as early as we could. We couldn't wait. We kept asking every day for several days. My mother must have been very tired of hearing this, and she said kiddingly, "We won't have a tree this year."

Well my heart just fell. Mama seemed so sad about not having a tree. I felt like I had to fix this somehow. For several days I put a plan together to find a tree. I was going to



surprise my Mother and Dad.

They had always given to us, and now we had to give to them. It was very cold with a lot of snow on the ground. Where would I find a tree?

My sister and I were making snow angels in

the front yard when I saw a tree. It was a little blue spruce Mama had planted when we had moved into this house. It was about three feet tall and perfect.

Mama and Daddy went Christmas shopping for a couple of hours, and we had our chance. My sister

was in on the plan. We took the old butcher knife from the kitchen drawer. The tree was difficult and slow to cut with the knife. We found an old coffee can, put the tree in and steadied it with rocks like mama had done with her trees.

We had to hurry to decorate it before Mama and Daddy got home. We hid in our room just in case they came home early. We had colored string that we strung on wooden spools, and we made a colored paper chain we had learned to make at school. There was a star we made from foil for the top.

We put the tree on top of the TV and got a sheet just like Mama would have and wrapped it around the trunk and covered the coffee can. Oh it was so beautiful! We had never given such a special gift before.

The car lights flashed in the window, and Mama and Daddy were home. Finally they were in the kitchen, and they could tell we were excited about something. We told them

to close their eyes and we took our parents hands and led them to our gift. We told them to open their eyes and we waited...

I remember my mother clasping her hands and with a real expression of surprise on her face... telling us how beautiful it was. We were overjoyed.

Dad asked us where we got the tree and I was honest and told them it was out in the yard. I knew they weren't very happy about us cutting the tree but Mama never scolded me. She knew she had carried her Christmas teasing too far. My Mother always kept secrets at Christmas but she never kidded about not having a Christmas tree again. She knew that tree was a gift from our hearts.

When Mama got sick and couldn't decorate anymore, my husband and I would create Christmas trees out of tumble weeds, put them on her patio and decorated them with red lights until they glowed. Mama always had the gift of a tree and knew it was a gift of love.

## A time to reach out to our Muslim brothers and sisters

By Rita George  
Tvrkovic

Catholic News Service

This Christmas we may want to make a special effort to remember our Muslim brothers and sisters, who have just finished observing their holy month of Ramadan (Nov. 16-Dec. 16 this year).

Christmas celebrates the coming of Jesus, our peace. This year, our longing for Christ's peace has a special urgency due to the events of recent months.

But do we spend Christ-

mas praying only with or for Catholics? Or might our prayer for peace extend to other Christians or to those who don't celebrate Christmas — Jews, Muslims, Hindus, others?

As we make the rounds this season, caroling and visiting old friends, perhaps we should also try to make some new ones — to get to know our interreligious neighbors and keep them in our prayers.

Why reach out to Muslims during the Christmas season? What is Ramadan,

anyway?

Ramadan is the month when the Qur'an (Koran), the Muslim holy book, was first revealed to Muhammad. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset. This fast involves abstaining from all food, drink, marital relations, swearing, and immoral behavior. The goal is to develop God-consciousness, gratitude and compassion — goals also shared by Christians and Jews when they fast.

Since the Islamic calen-

dar is lunar, Ramadan takes place during different seasons of the year. Right now Ramadan occurs in late fall, but in a few years it will be in the middle of the summer — which makes for a longer and more challenging fast!

Not only do Muslims fast during Ramadan, but they also spend more time in prayer. Many Muslims recite the entire Qur'an (some from memory), reading a portion each day of the month. Muslims also are encouraged to give their

required annual "zakat" or charity at this time.

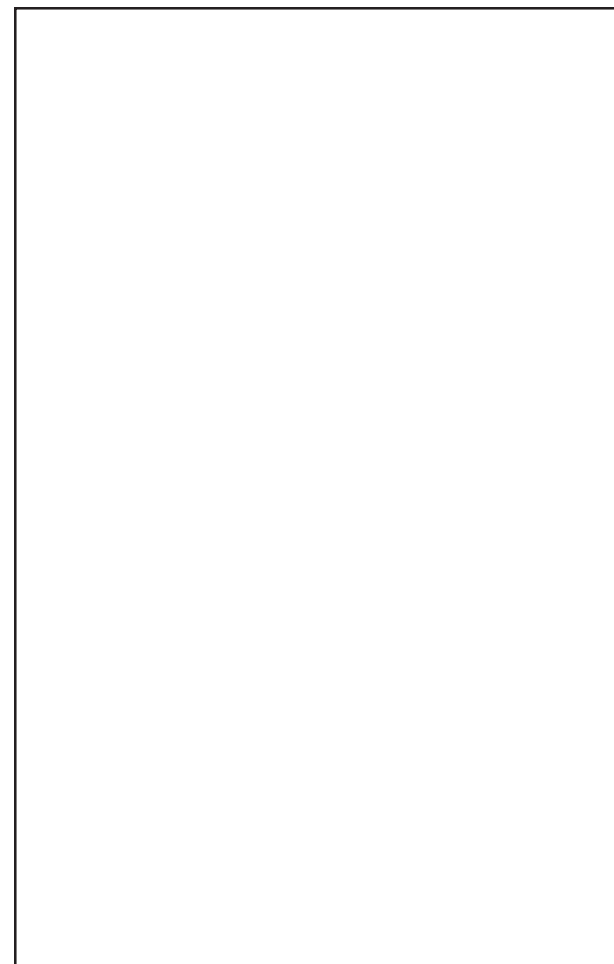
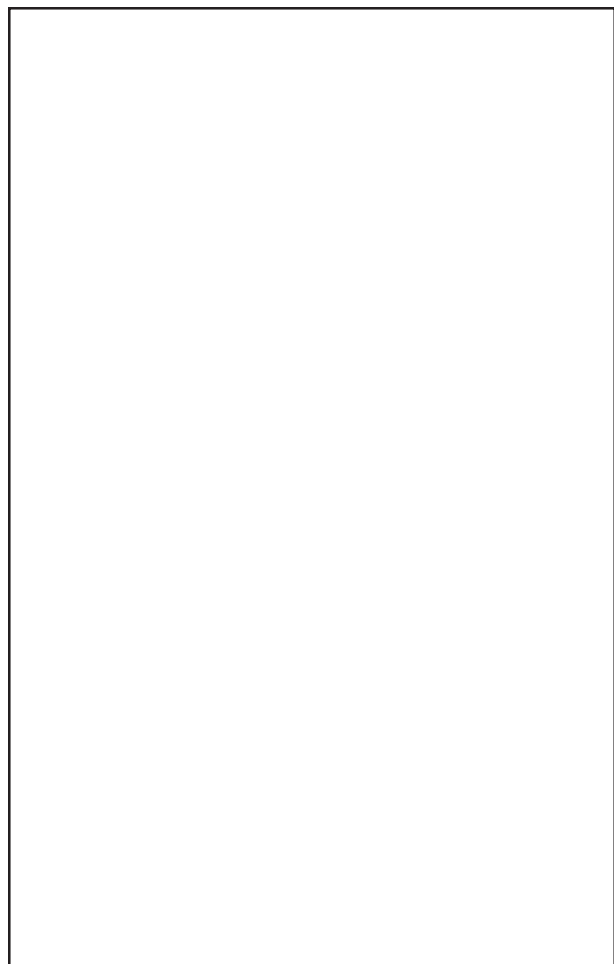
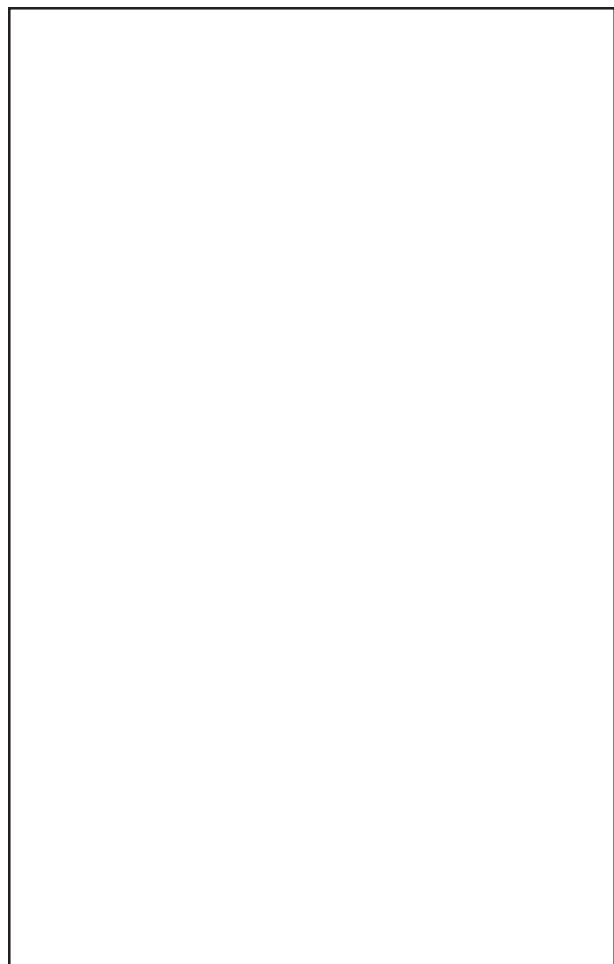
Each evening as the sun sets, families and friends gather to break the fast with a festive meal, called an "iftar." New clothes are worn and presents are given, especially during the feast that marks the end of Ramadan, "Id al-Fitr." The celebration of Ramadan can thus look a little like Christmas too.

Christians and Muslims, while different in many respects, share a great deal. As the church reminds us,

Muslims "adore the one God, who is living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, creator of heaven and earth."

By reaching out to our Muslim neighbors, we not only deepen our knowledge of the Islamic faith, but of our own. And by reaching out, we can begin to see each other as neighbors, not strangers.

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# Memories keep us company in later years

By Barbara Hamilton

*A few years ago I shared a Christmas memory that was about a very personal spiritual gift I was given. Whether or not to share that memory was a question for me. It was so precious that I was afraid to "lose" it, or it would become ordinary. I was wrong. By sharing that memory, it became more real.*

*As I have had the privilege of working with the memories from our subscribers, I am given a special gift every year. Each memory touches my heart and deepens the meaning of Christmas. Your stories add reverence for our faith with love and humor and triumph connecting me to a faith community beyond*

*my experience.*

*Your sharing also helps me to look for the memories that are being made today so I will remember them as I become older.*

When I was a young child, we were three—my mother, my grandmother and myself.

One year, my mother found a small tree and spray painted it blue. She set it in the window and put blue lights on it with cobalt blue ornaments and silver tinsel. I remember thinking my Mom had created the most beautiful tree in town.

My grandmother baked our bread. She would use our kitchen table to roll out the dough and make what seemed like a mountain of bread and rolls.

My favorite part was when I could "help" her, and she rewarded me by letting me take the remainder of the dough and cut it into shapes to coat with sugar and cinnamon. I could hardly wait for them to rise and bake so I could devour them.

My grandmother told me stories about her childhood and she sewed many doll clothes. Her talents were many but her patience was her greatest gift to me. When it gave out, I knew I had really been wrong.

My Mom re-married and I had a younger sister. Christmas was much more fun!

My grandmother was even busier then, because she had two dolls to sew for. When we



entered her room, she had to quickly hide her projects.

When she was older we would stay in her room on Christmas Eve. She colored with us, read to us and then turned out the lights to look out the window for Santa. Each year, we were certain we had surely heard his reindeer and bells as she tucked us into bed!

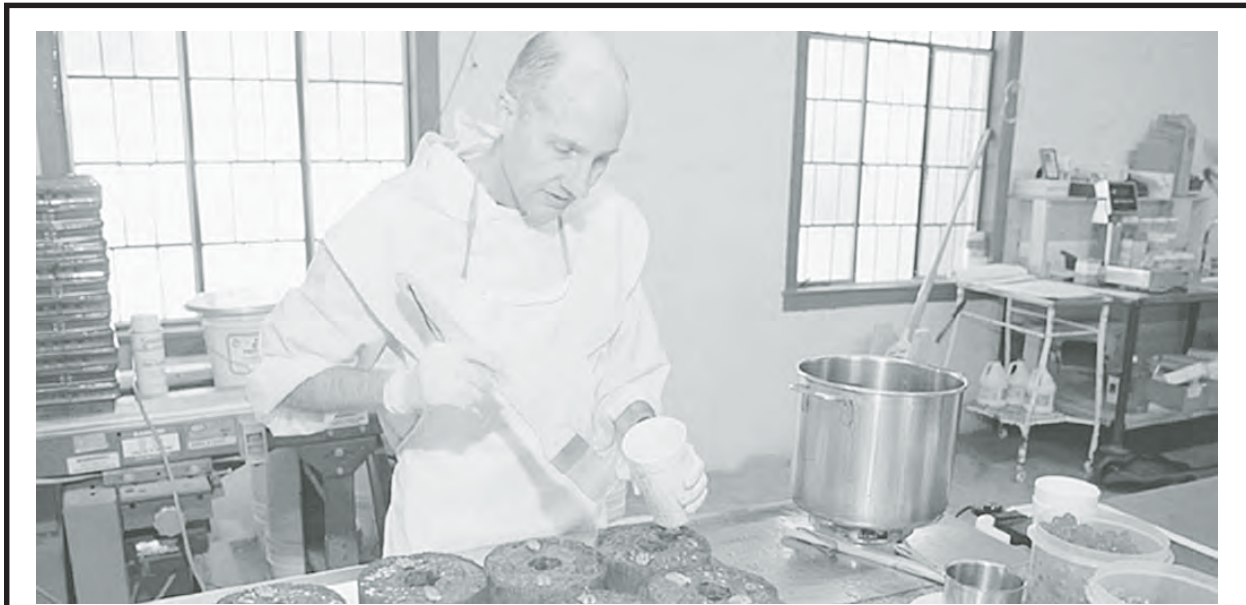
Memories in my heart include my first son born at Christmas time and the Christmas Day my three boys re-wrapped some of their gifts to share with a child in the neighborhood who had received no Christmas presents. I love placing the ornaments my boys have made over the years

on my Christmas tree.

Now I have the added memories of grandchildren. A few years ago I was kept home by the flu on Christmas. My five-year-old grandson telephoned singing "Jingle Bells" to me from across town. No one knew he had called me. It was his gift to me.

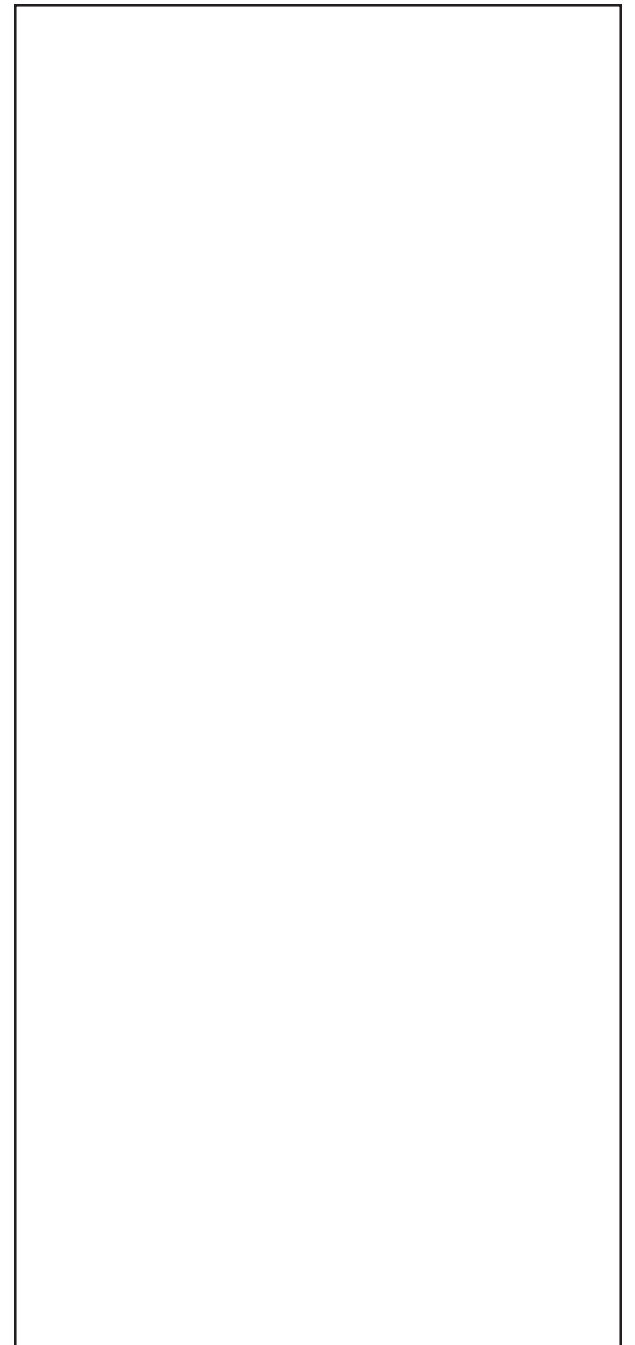
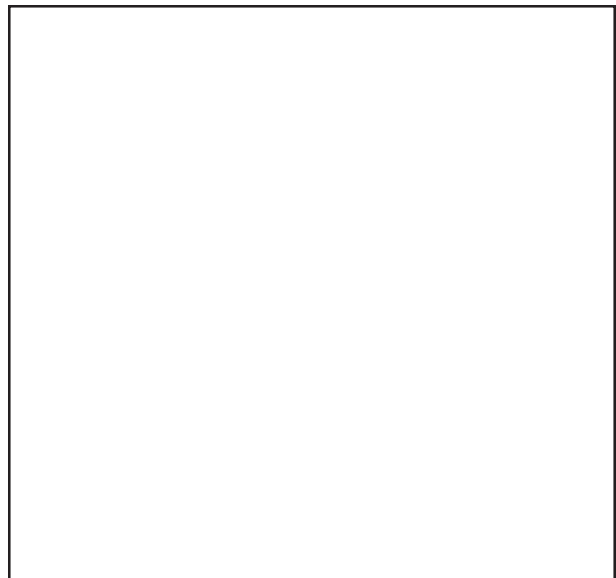
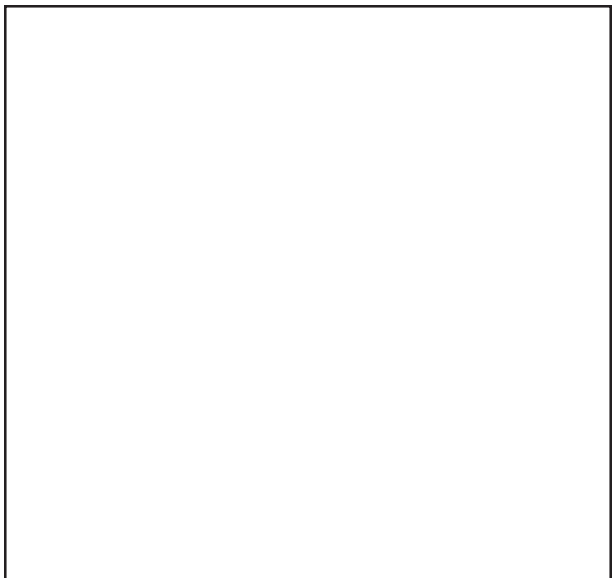
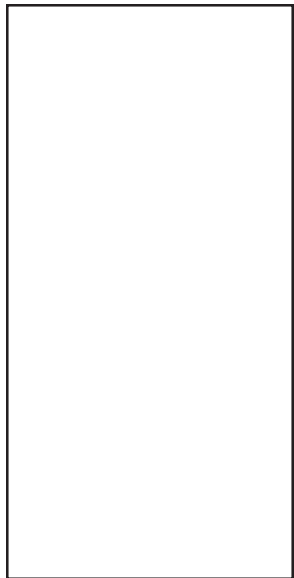
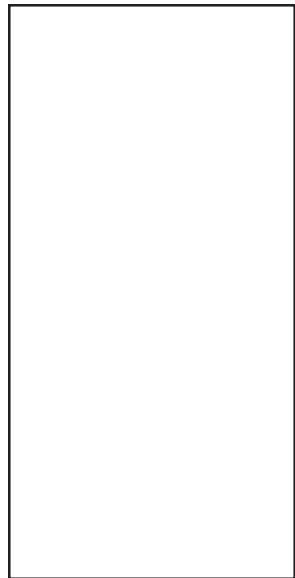
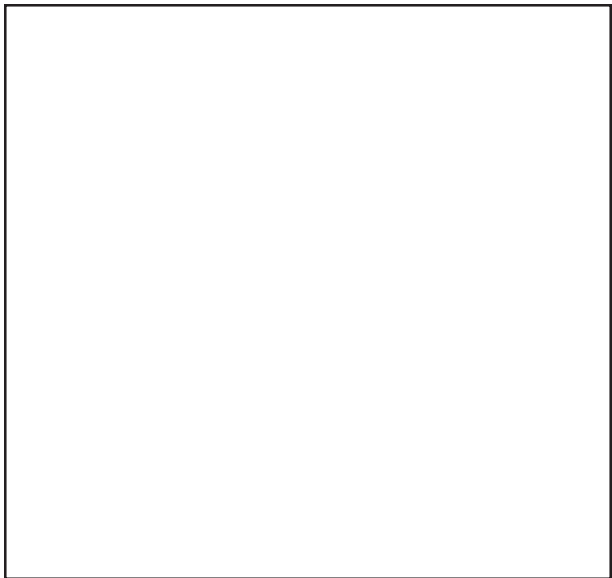
A friend of mine died this year. She was 86 years young. She was in the hospital at Christmas and I was really concerned that she might be lonely. When I went to see her she said "Oh no, I am not lonely, I have wonderful memories to keep me company!"

*Hamilton is a member of Sacred Heart Parish, Boise.*



**FRUITCAKES**—Trappist Father Steven Scherrer brushes apricot glaze on fruitcakes at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit bakery in

Conyers, Ga. The monastery produces about 12,000 cakes a year, feeding the holiday needs of fruitcake lovers across the nation. (CNS photo)



# A Blessing for Natasha

By Peggy Duarte  
St. Mark's Parish,  
Boise

One year old Natasha received her 2001 Christmas presents early. The natural course from her injury would have been death. Only God knew He would and could gift her by continuing her earthly life.

Her other gift came in the form of a blessing on Sept. 12, 2001. The day before, the Sept. 11 terrorist attack had brought death and destruction to innocent people. Watching Natasha, I thought how the violent terrorist crime was so like the violent crime that had left her injured. Because of a violent adult she had been shaken. Her brain had slammed into her skull causing permanent injury, just as three airplanes had slammed into the Pentagon and two World Trade Center buildings.

Natasha had three strokes. Her life and her body would never be the same again. Our country, our lives would never be the same again. On that day of grief and despair, God sent us a eucharistic minister. The minister only had Natasha's name but did not know why she was a patient. The eucharistic minister and I, her grandmother, looked upon the injured baby; the left side of her body unresponsive, her eyes half opened with dilated pupils were blind, and her head swollen from surgery. We cried.



The physical therapist happened to be there for Natasha's therapy session. The therapist held Natasha in a sitting position in the crib. Her swollen head drooped to her left side. Her body was limp. Her eyes half closed. The eucharistic minister began the blessing with the consecrated host. As she made the motion of the Sign of the Cross it happened. Natasha lifted her head, her eyes opened completely; she

lifted both arms as if to embrace Jesus and she smiled fully!

The therapist kept saying, "She can't do that." During that blessing I saw a body and soul embraced by God. After the blessing, Natasha was once again the blind stroke patient. On a day of grief and despair, God had graciously shown us that he will never "leave us nor forsake us." This blessing truly was a Christmas gift!

Now two months later, Natasha is home. She is blind and brain damaged; and will never be the same, just as our country will never be the same. She and we will recover. We have seen the goodness of God through the health-care and emergency workers. We have seen the second chance for our country.

*Praise God for his Blessings. Merry Christmas!*



*Madonna of the Goldfinch, by Venetian painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo. (CNS photo from National Gallery of Art.)*

## Come, Lord Jesus

*O long-awaited Jesus, come!*

*In this time of preparation;  
I long for You, Messiah, King,  
With awe-filled anticipation.*

*For You alone, Most Holy One,  
All glorious and shining Light,  
Can fill the emptiness within,  
Dispel the darkness from the night.*

*Dear Blessed Child of love and peace,  
Be born anew on Christmas Day,  
Inside the stable of my heart:  
O precious Babe, I bid You, stay!*

**By Jeanette Martino Land**

## Christ in Christmas

(Continued from p. 2-B) points, artificial leaves can be used. Why not make them? Get out the construction paper, scissors and glue, play some Christmas music, and make the project a family affair!

Poinsettia plants come

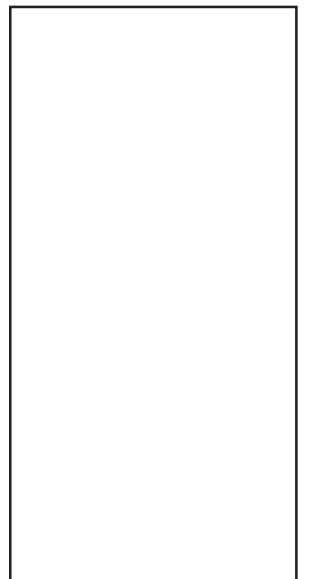
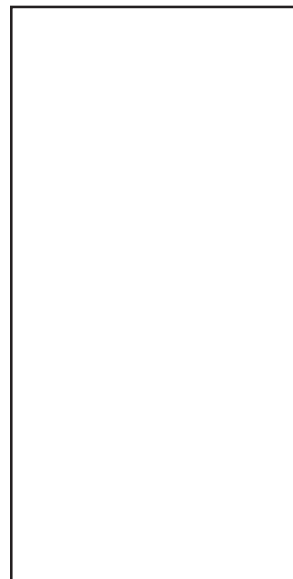
dressed in different colors: Red, pink, and white. A festive addition to the Christmas decorations, the plant undergoes a metamorphosis in the months following the holidays—a change that can serve as a lesson for us, as well.

One leaf at a time, the poinsettia's formerly bright colored leaves fade and fall off the stem, until the old leaves are replaced by new, green growth: a new plant. This can remind us that we, too, can be transformed when we turn over

a new leaf in response to Jesus' invitation to be a new creation.

Poinsettias and holly and holly—three ways to a Blessed Christmas Day!

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# Making Poteca: A tribute to my grandmother

By Karla Vollmer  
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 Hailey

It all starts with a warm kitchen. And my Grandma Hedi's kitchen was always warm. Small, with not much more space than for two or three people, her kitchen was warm and smelled like she had just finished cooking pork chops—except when she made poteca.

Traditional bread from Central Europe, poteca is made from a sweet roll dough with a walnut-raisin filling. Over the years, I've seen variations in its spelling and pronunciation, but our family always pronounced it "po-teet-za."

Every year at Christmas time, Grandma Hedi used to make eight potecas, one for each of her children. My childhood memories of Christmas Day morning consist of frantic present opening followed by a slice of poteca for a quick breakfast before going to Christmas Day Mass.

So, it all starts with a warm kitchen to make my grandmother's poteca. You mix up the dough and then you knead it by hand. You need strong hands. My grandmother had strong, able hands—hands that had worked hard on farms and ranches, hands that had knit and crocheted dozens of baby blankets for her grandchildren, hands that could knead dough until it was elastic and smooth and silky.

Then you let the dough rise in your warm kitchen. (That's why your kitchen has to be warm.) It's just like life—any time you need to grow, to rise to an oc-



casation you might not feel ready for, it's easier to do when a warm environment surrounds you.

After about an hour and a half, you punch down the dough and let it rise again, but for not as long. Then you roll the poteca dough out paper-thin. It becomes this big unwieldy square of dough that tears too easily and is hard to handle. But if you're patient and gentle, you can do it.

That's like life, too. Grandma Hedi was widowed when she still had her three youngest boys at home. Life was unwieldy

and ragged at times. But she had the gentle support of family, friends and the church around her, and with patience, the boys grew into young men.

When the dough is rolled out, you spread the walnut-raisin filling over it. Before adding butter and sugar and the other ingredients for the filling, the walnuts and raisins must be ground fine, like powder. Making eight potecas before Cuisinarts were around meant that my grandmother had lots of grinding to do. I remember that on most Christmas mornings my

brother, sister and I would complain that Grandma Hedi had been too skimpy with the filling in our poteca. How ungrateful we were, I think now. I'm glad Grandma Hedi never knew how we complained. But if she had, I hope she would have taken our complaints and our whines—hard, dry things that they were—and ground them down until they were soft like powder.

Forgiveness is like making that walnut-raisin filling: we have to break down the things that are hard and hurtful in our lives—the harsh words, the

disappointments—until they are ready to be mixed in with the smooth, sweet part of our lives. The result is a flavorful filling that is rich and mellow.

Once you've spread the poteca filling over the dough, you roll it up like a jellyroll and pinch the edges shut—so none of that good filling escapes. You can shape the jellyroll into a circle like a crown or a snail. Lay it in a pan and let it rise again in your warm kitchen until it is almost double in size.

After you bake the poteca and let it cool, keep it well covered until Christmas morning. When you cut into it on that special morning, you will see a swirl of dark filling spiraling through layers of light airy bread. Take a bite. When you taste that mildly sweet bread mingled with the nutty moist filling, you will be tasting a gift I received every year as a child: the gift of a grandmother's love.

## GRANDMA HEDI'S POTECA (po-teet-za)

### Sweet Roll Dough:

- 1 package of yeast
- ¼ c. warm water
- ¾ c. lukewarm milk
- ¼ c. sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- ¼ c. soft shortening
- 3½ to 3¾ c. flour

In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add milk, sugar, salt, egg, shortening and half of the flour. Mix with spoon un-

til smooth. Add enough remaining flour to handle easily; mix by hand. Turn onto lightly floured board; knead until smooth and elastic (about 5 minutes).

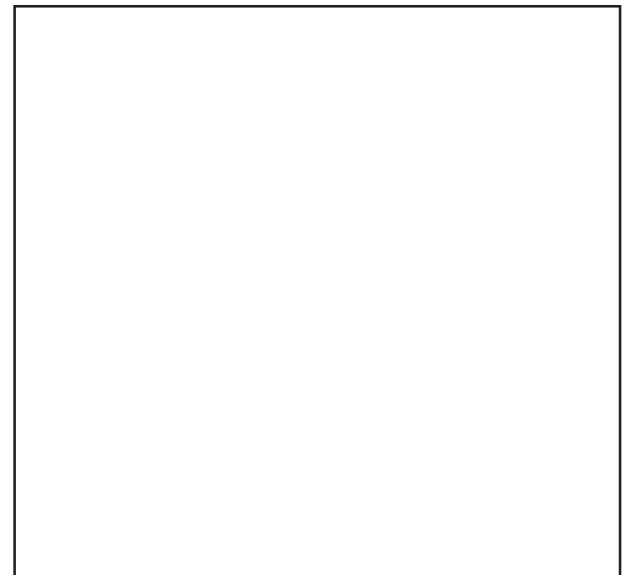
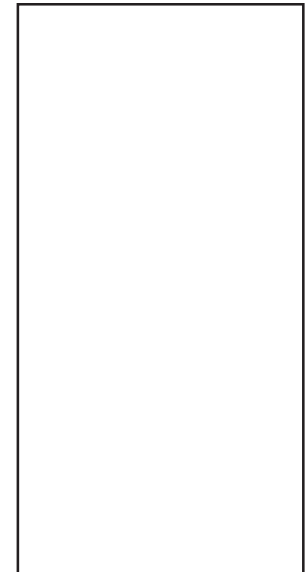
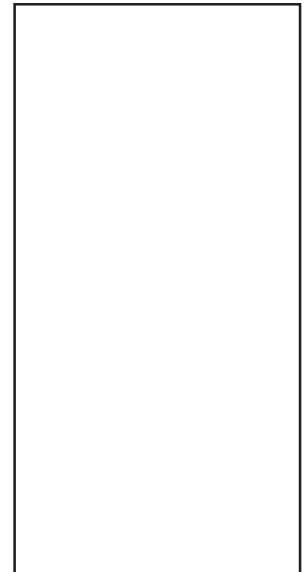
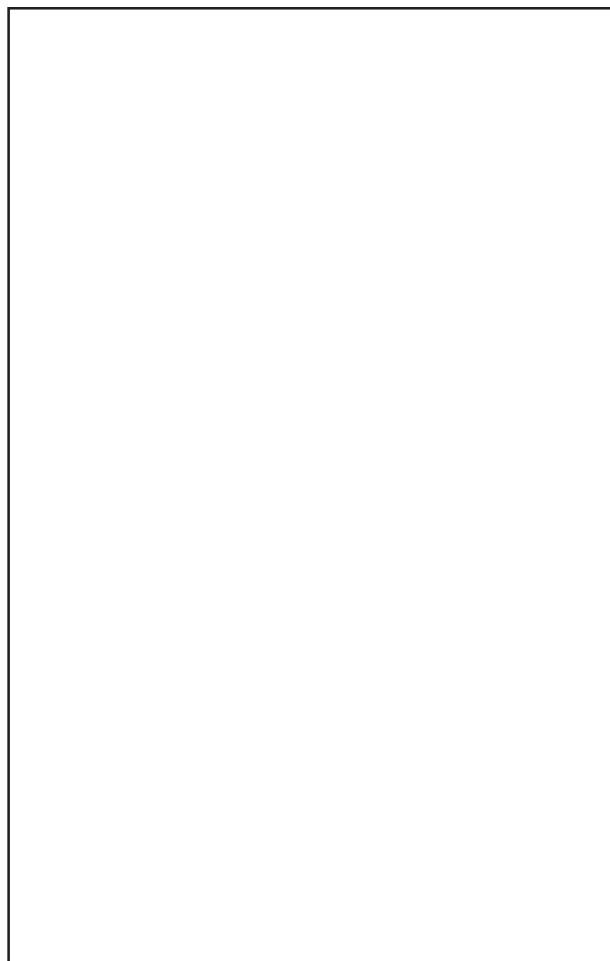
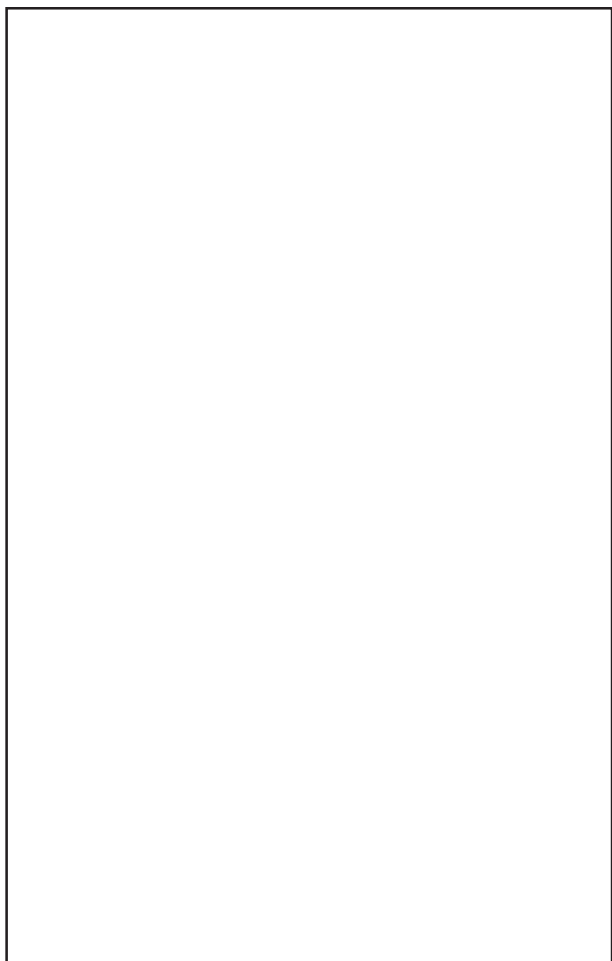
Round up the dough in a greased bowl; bring greased side up. Cover with damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (85 degrees) until double (about 1½ hours). Punch down. Let rise again for about 30 minutes (one of my aunts claims it's only necessary to let the dough rest for 15 minutes after the first rising). In either case, next you...

Place dough on large floured cloth and roll out almost paper thin into an oblong 30" by 20" and spread walnut filling below over dough; bring to edges. Starting at the wide side of the oblong, lift cloth and let dough roll up like a jelly roll. Seal well by pinching edges and ends into dough. Place in a greased oblong pan, at least 13 x 9: or on a greased baking sheet in a snail or crown shape. Let rise until almost double, about 1 hour. Bake in a 325-degree oven for 40 to 45 minutes until brown.

### Walnut Filling

Mix together:

- ¼ c. soft butter
- ½ c. brown sugar
- 1 egg
- ¼ c. milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon lemon flavoring
- ½ pound GROUND (not chopped) walnuts—use food processor or grinder
- ¼ cup GROUND raisins



# Birthday party for Jesus delights challenged son

**By B. J. Burns  
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Twin Falls**

The year my son Chris was 6, was the best Christmas ever in our family.

Chris was born with Down syndrome and autism, and his first few Christmases were sad days in our home. One of the characteristics of Chris' disorders is an inability to tolerate changes in routine. Chris liked to have the same things happen at the same time every day. When he was little, any deviation from his routine would trigger ear splitting temper tantrums and frightening self-abuse.

For Chris, Christmas morning was a true nightmare of unexpected activities and unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells. He was terrified of Santa Claus and the unfamiliar ritual of open-

ing presents was a form of torture to him. He had no interest in new toys because he hated changes and wanted to play with the same few toys over and over.

For Chris' first few Christmases, we opened most of his presents for him. He ignored them and us. When we tried to persuade him to actually open a present, he screamed, banged his head and bit his hands. As soon as possible, he ran off to ride his rocking horse and listen to music. I spent the day fighting back tears. It was hard to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child while grieving for my own little boy who couldn't open a present or even eat a candy cane.

When Chris started school, he liked the birthday parties for all the children. He still was un-

interested in gifts, but he liked the cake and candles, and he loved the birthday song, which he would sing over and over while laughing and clapping his hands.

Chris' love for birthday parties gave me an idea. As Christmas approached, I started telling him about Jesus' birthday. I told Chris that we would have a birthday party for Jesus.

I bought a chocolate cake, Chris' favorite. We wrote "Happy Birthday, Jesus" on the cake and covered it with as many candles as it would hold. Although there were not enough candles to represent the actual years since our Lord's birth, Chris was delighted. He blew out the candles and sang the birthday song all day long.

We didn't open any presents that day, but it was the best Christmas ever, thanks to Chris, who even at age 6, understood better than any of us the true meaning of Christmas.

## Christmas should give rise to peace, pope tells musicians

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II told Cranberries' lead singer Dolores O'Riordan, pop singer Terence Trent D'Arby and classical crooner Russell Watson that he hoped their Christmas carols would bring joy, serenity and peace to their listeners.

The pope met the three artists and the rest of the international cast of the 2001 "Christmas Concert in the Vatican" Dec. 14, the day before the concert was to be taped with an audience of 7,000 people in the

Vatican audience hall.

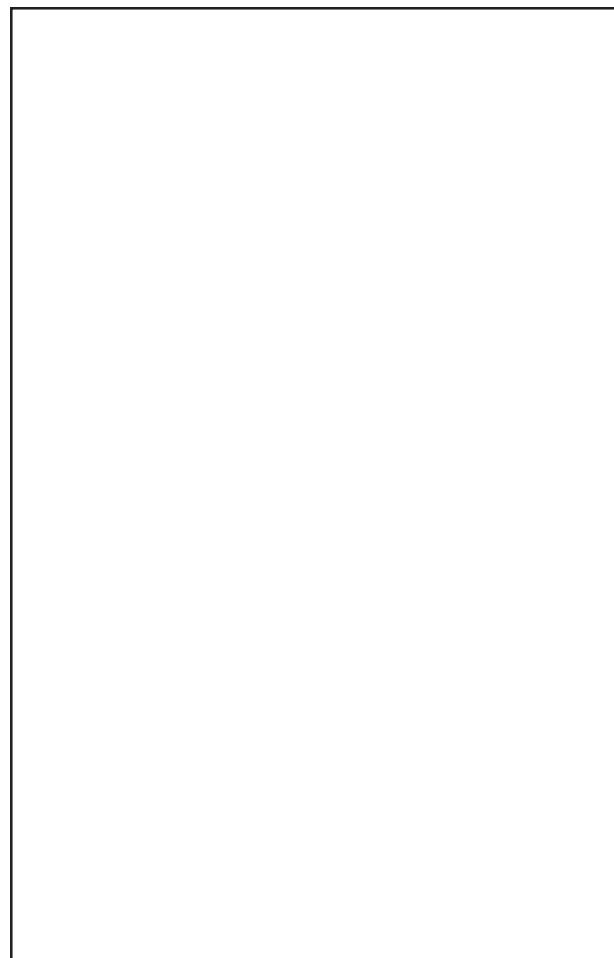
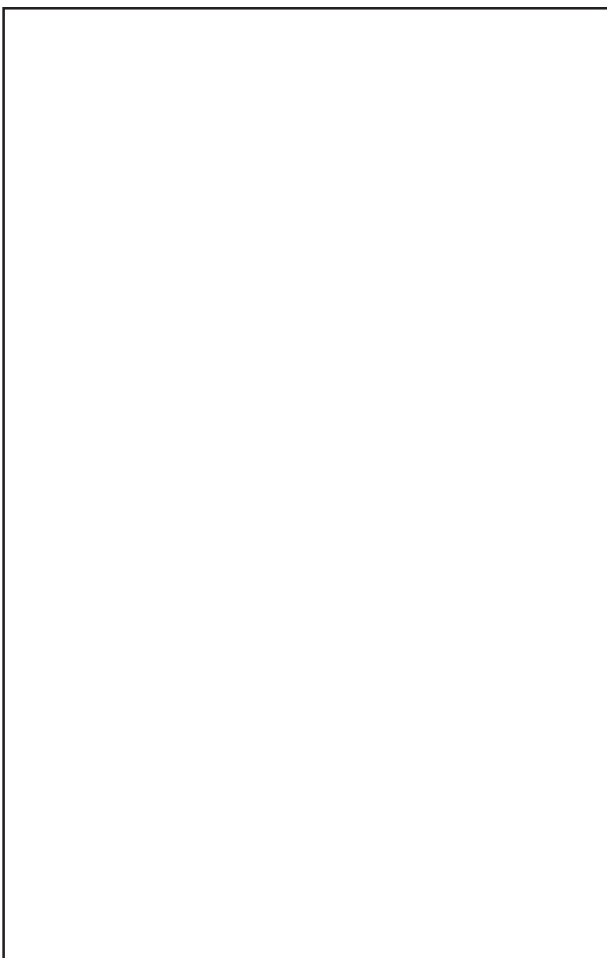
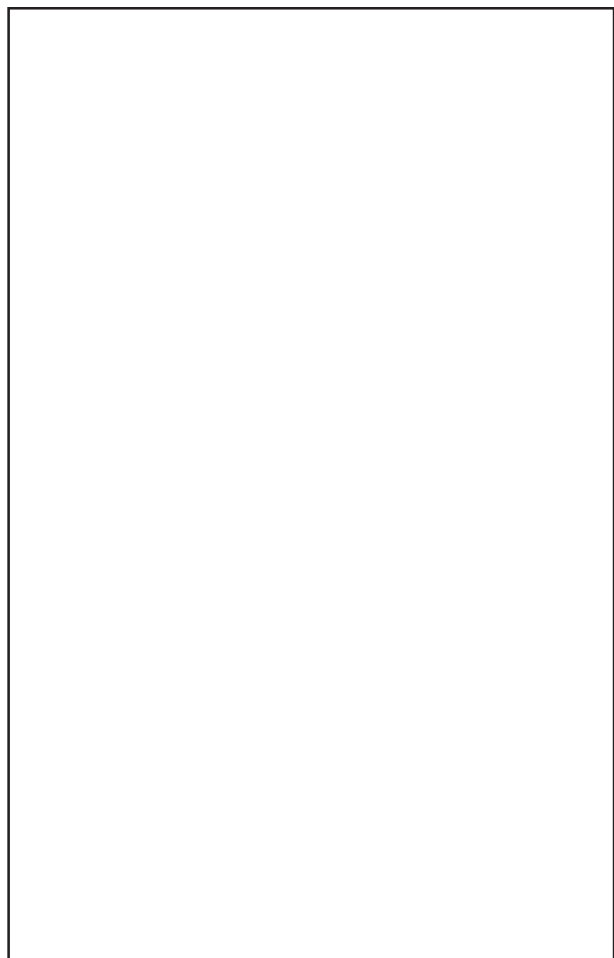
"Christmas is the joyful remembering of something which happened in the course of a night some 2,000 years ago and which continues to move and to awe believers," he said.

"God became a baby to be closer to people of every age, showing them his infinite tenderness," he said. "May this great Christian feast be a favorable occasion for everyone to discover and experience how much God loves humanity, each person and all people."



**ICON FOR CHRISTMAS**—An icon of Mary and the Christ child by contemporary artist Katherine Osenga shows the Virgin receiving the word of God both as Scripture and as her son.

The painting is titled "The Madonna of the Word." Osenga, Richmond, Calif., has exhibited her religious icons in schools, churches and community centers in the U.S. and abroad. (CNS photo)





# Pray for our soldiers and their safe return

**By C.L. Chehey  
St. Jerome, Riggins**

My fondest Christmas memory occurred in 1943. I was 10 years old and our country was in the middle of WWII.

On Christmas Eve our family drove home from

the city. It was crystal clear out and extremely cold. I remember going into our warm house and hearing Frank Sinatra on the radio.

My sister and I hung our stockings by the tree, which my folks had cut.

It was then off to bed and up about 6 a.m. as I recall, to open our presents.

Then we went to Christmas Day Mass at 10 o'clock. I will never forget my dad, a WWI veteran, saying "Don't for-

get to pray for all the servicemen who are overseas fighting for our freedom and their safe return."

I was the oldest altar boy, so I got to carry the Readings. The younger altar boy got to ring the bell and turn the com-

munion rail cloth over before the people knelt to receive communion. I held the patten for Father. It was always considered a huge responsibility to hold the patten in case a host was dropped.

In mid-afternoon, my mother had a great dinner for all, and the older people talked of the war and when it might end.

My grandparents left to be home by dark and our very simple Christmas, by today's standards, was over.

Between that Christmas and the next one, three of the servicemen from our little town of 400 were killed in action—two brothers who were Catho-

lic. My dad went to see their widowed father after the news came and when he returned, he didn't say a lot. The Christmas of '43 is so vividly imprinted in me even today because of our father telling us to pray for our soldiers and their safe return.

All of the people at that Christmas, except my sister and I, are gone now.

But the memory of them is as clear as if it happened yesterday. Christmas is more complicated now with enormous material prosperity but at every Christmas since, I recall the simplicity and beauty of '43 and always pray that our nation could still be that way.

## Believers must reflect signs of Christ's love to others, pope says

**By Cindy Wooden  
VATICAN CITY**

(CNS) — Blessing Nativity scene statues of the Baby Jesus, Pope John Paul II said those who believe in him must bring concrete signs of his love to all they meet.

"Humanity today yearns most of all for joy and peace," he said Dec. 16 before reciting the Angelus at midday in St. Peter's Square.

Hundreds of children came to the square carrying the Baby Jesus figures they would place in Nativity scenes in their homes,

schools and parishes.

Blessing the figures, Pope John Paul told the children he prayed "for peace and serenity for you and your families."

The joy that marks the liturgy of the third Sunday of Advent "has a precise motive: The Lord is near," he said.

In Christ, the pope said, God is near to each person.

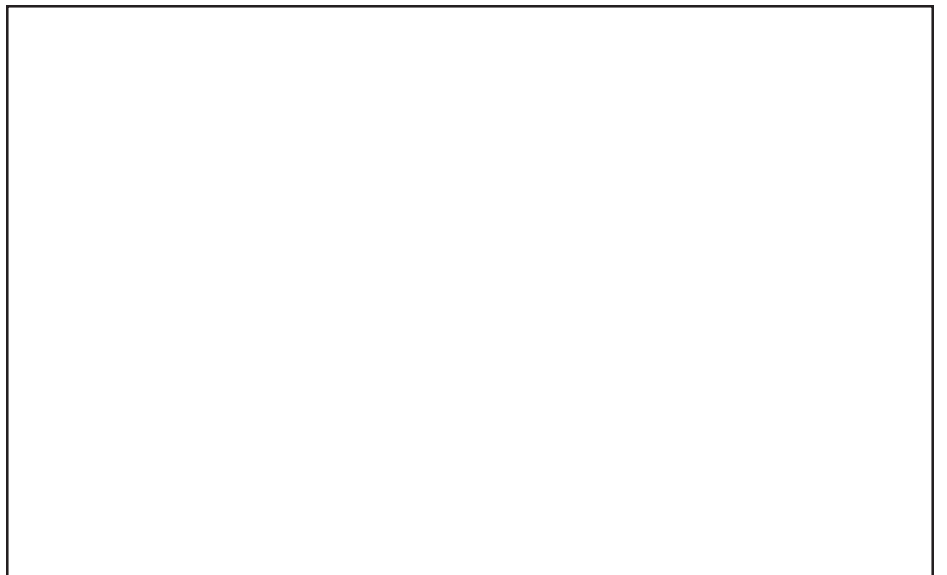
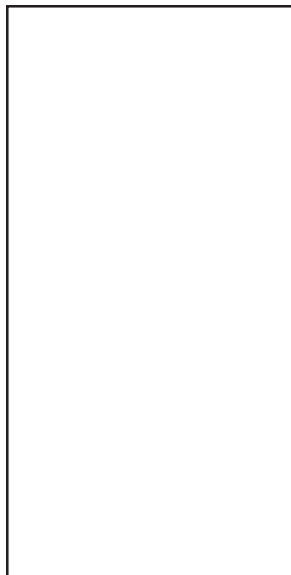
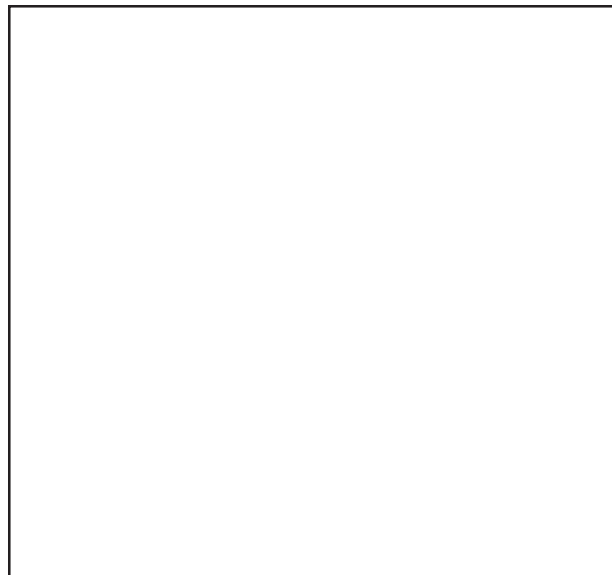
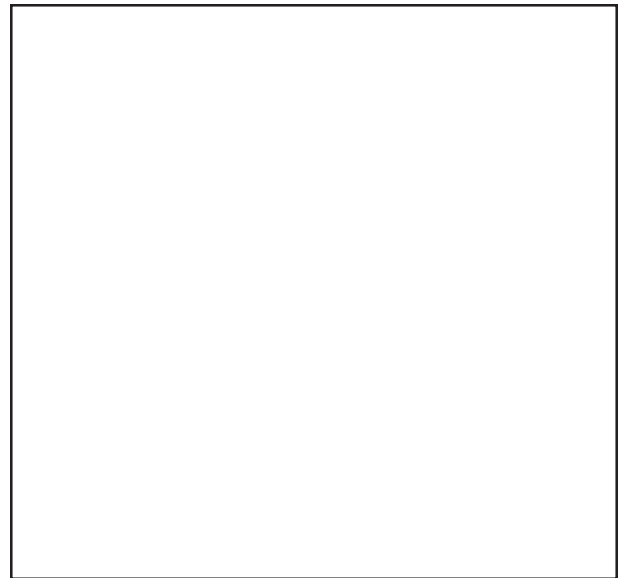
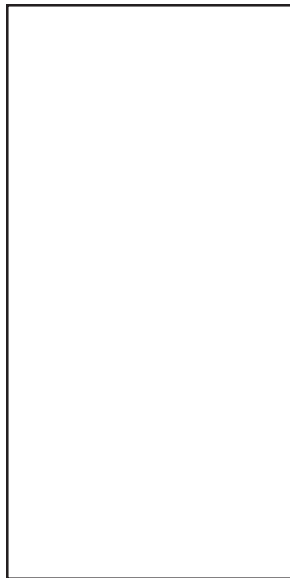
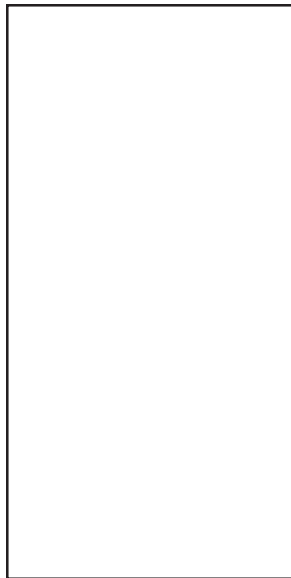
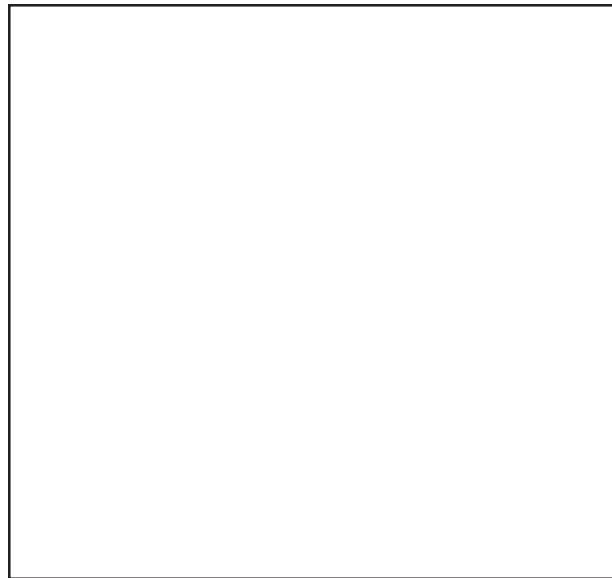
"Like an expert mother, the church knows better than any other institution the dif-

(See, 'Christ's Love,' page 15)



**DECORATING IN AFGHANISTAN—Staff Sgt. Dan Hottle, Kansas City, Mo., brings a bit of holiday spirit to a warehouse taken over by U.S. Marines at Camp Rhino in Afghanistan**

**Dec. 13. He discovered the Christmas tree in a shipment of ready-to-eat meals for the troops. (CNS photo)**



# What will Christmas be like this year without Carole?

**By Theresa Wessels  
St. Stanislaus Parish, Lewiston**  
After my sister, Carole, died my mom found a poem that begins "when tomorrow starts without me..." One of those tomorrows will be this first Christmas without Carole.

*"...but then her spirit touches me, and I'm filled with a sense of hope as I accept her lasting gift to me—the gift of her life in the way she died."*

I can't help thinking about this Christmas to come without thinking about all the Christmases with Carole in the past. I grew up in a large Catholic family with nine brothers and sisters. We celebrated Christmas in a traditional and big way. Mom spent weeks making gifts, sewing doll clothes, and baking cookies. She laid awake at night thinking of the perfect gifts for each of us.

As we grew older and had our own families, we always found a way to celebrate together. Carole often had time off from work around the holidays so she helped my mother cook, clean, decorate and bake. She wrapped most of the gifts, which was a daunting task as our family grew to over 40 people. Some of the rest of us slacked off because we knew Carole would be there to help Mom with all the preparations. We often took advantage of her generosity, but especially at Christmas time.

I always look forward to going back home to Cottonwood for Christmas. The smells of cook-

ies baking, the sight of the manger, the sounds of Christmas music fill my senses as I walk in the door. I even enjoy the pleasant chaos of trying to feed 30 people at a sit-down dinner.

I feel child-like in my anticipation of the gift sharing. I remember the joy I felt when Carole drew my name because I knew it would be a special handmade gift. One Christmas she made pillows for my living room in colors to match my new chairs. Another year she embroidered a wall hanging that reads, "The most beautiful things in the world are not seen or touched. They are felt with the heart." It is the spirit of Carole's heart that lives on as I prepare for this first Christmas without her.

Now I'm laying awake at night wondering what our Christmas celebration will be like without Carole. My heart fills with sadness and grief, but then her spirit touches me and I'm filled with a sense of hope as I accept her lasting gift to me—the gift of her life in the way she died.

Perhaps this Christmas won't be so bad after all because of the memories of Carole's generosity, the lasting gift of her life, and the knowledge that she is spending this Christmas with Jesus.

# Family always manages Christmas

**By Jeanne Schrempp  
Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Lewiston**

My most memorable Christmas was like many people's childhood memories.

The first is my dad keeping a motherless family of nine together, along with his sister, my Aunt Martha. I can still smell the oatmeal cooking from the top of the stairs, not my "fave," but a must before we mushed (no pun intended) down the lane to catch the bus for Guardian Angel School in Colton, Wash.

The Sisters were considerate of my sister's and me, knowing we were helping Dad raise the six (of mine) younger siblings, sometimes not expecting us on Monday morning, because it was washday!

After Mom passed at age 43, a fellow Dad knew spent a lot of time at our house. Seems like Tom was our "sugar" Daddy, bringing us candy and canned milk. I thought that was quite a treat. Don't know why. Guess it

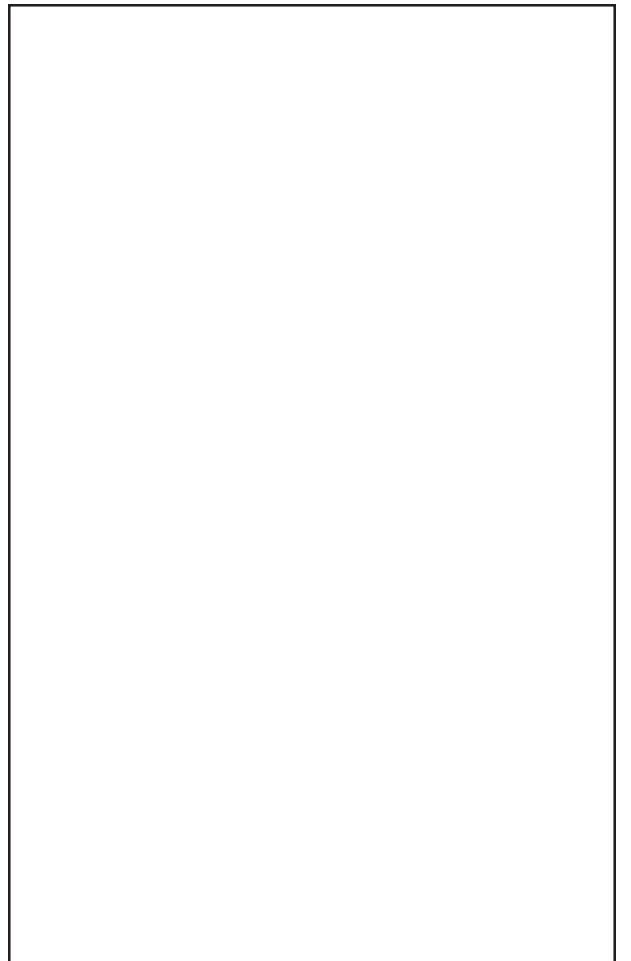
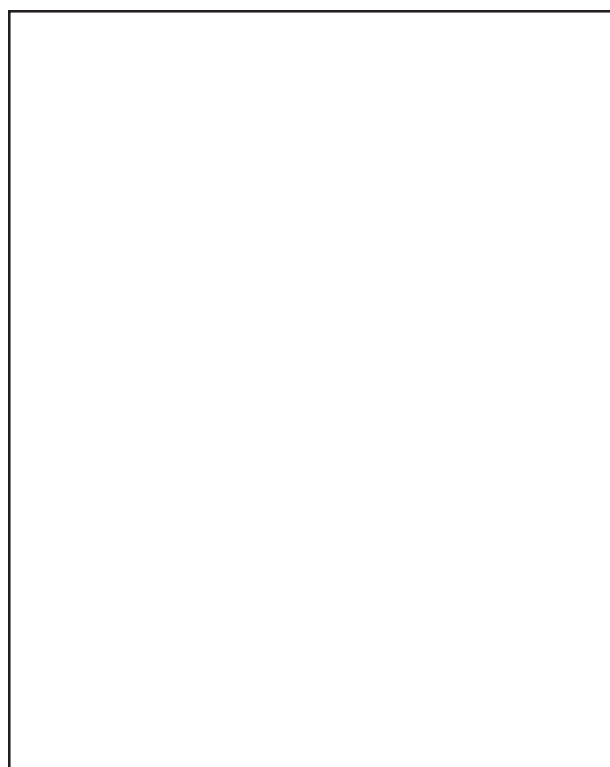
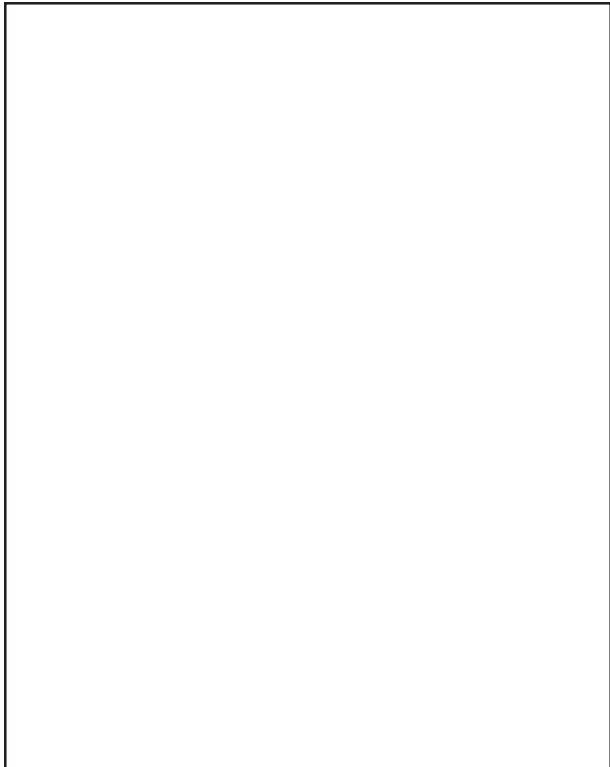
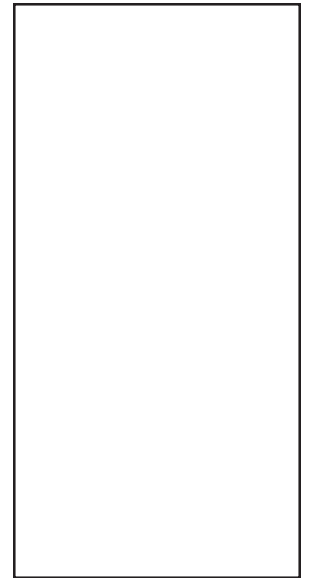
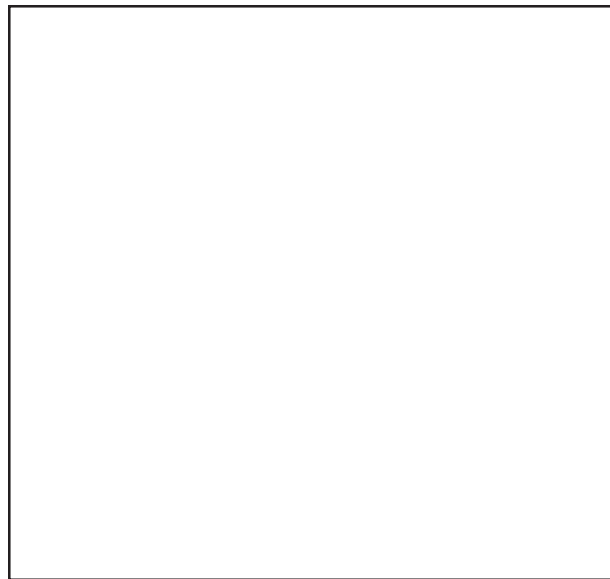
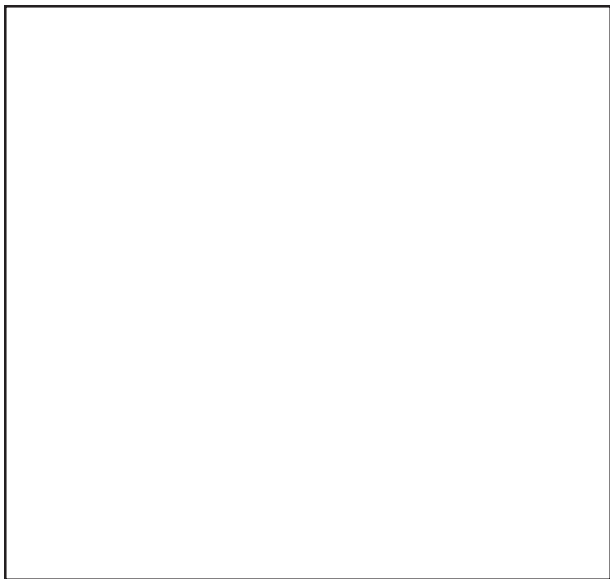
was just something different. He was a big help to Dad. The whole family was very fond of him. He took it "very hard" when Mom died.

We went to midnight Mass when my sister was old enough to drive. I sang in the choir. Once Father Meyers, who also married Jerry and me in 1950, gave me the solo part of "Gesu Bambino." That was special.

Getting back to the "memorable" part, we always managed to put a Christmas together, with help from friends, neighbors and family, who all seemed to look out for us. God bless them all.

We've been members of Our Lady of Lourdes for 51 years. Guess we're pioneer members! The bishop sends us the "cream of the crop" for our pastors. The present is Father Les Kish. Thank you Father Les!

God willing and the "creek doesn't rise" we'll thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on us again this year.







**Fiction story**

# The perfect Mary

**By Janaan Manternach  
Catholic News Service**

December usually was Carrie's happiest month. She loved the decorating her family did. She felt grown up as she helped get ready for their annual Christmas party, and she usually spent a lot of time making and buying small gifts.

But this year she worried about her dad every morning when he went to work at the Pentagon. And she felt a sadness mixed with guilt because her best friend, Liz, had lost her father in the terrorist attack. She was so happy that her dad was still alive but Liz's wasn't, and it hurt.

Both she and Liz went to the same Catholic school. One day Liz was crying in the bathroom and told Carrie to go away when she tried to help. Carrie left, but she felt like crying too. Even harder was that Liz didn't seem interested in doing homework with her anymore. Carrie was beginning to wonder if their friendship had died too.

She talked to her mother about her feelings and

worries. Her mother seemed to understand, but her suggestion to be patient and to continue being friends with Liz in every way she could didn't seem to help. Liz simply couldn't or wouldn't respond.

Carrie decided she had to put her mind on happier times. One of the best times at school every December was the Christmas play. All the kids from first to fifth grade were in it. The fifth grade was always the class that acted out the story of Jesus' birth, while the children in the other grades sang in the choir, greeted the parents when they arrived and served the punch and cookies afterward.

During other Decembers Carrie and Liz often had talked about who they would be in the play when it was their turn. Both hoped to be Mary, although they knew it would be one or the other or neither of them. It was fun to think and talk about it, and they promised not to be jealous.

Carrie noticed that practicing for the play hadn't started yet, but since Sept. 11 everything seemed to

be taking longer. She wondered if they were even going to have the Christmas play this year. This added to her worries. Was everything changing?

Then an announcement came over the loudspeaker at school. The casting of the fifth grade for the Christmas play would take place on Monday, and children in the other grades who wanted to be in the choir would start practicing on Monday.

Carrie felt a surge of excitement. She noticed that Liz perked up a bit too. Carrie knew immediately that more than anything else she wanted Liz to be Mary, but would she even volunteer for the part? She told Liz how she felt, but Liz just seemed sadder.

The casting was always fun and easy. Most of the class quickly volunteered to be angels, shepherds and kings. Others lined up to be sheep, the donkey and other animals. The tallest boy usually was chosen to be Joseph. Mary was always the last one picked.

During other years all the girls clamored to be

Mary, but none seemed to want to be her this year. The teacher seemed puzzled and wasn't quite sure what was going on. Then she noticed that everyone was looking at Liz. It seemed, amazingly, that everyone wanted her to be chosen.

The teacher hardly could believe what she was seeing, but quickly took the cue and asked Liz if she would be Mary. Liz didn't move. She put her head down so no one could see that she was crying.

The teacher went over to Liz, took her hands into hers and gently asked her again. Liz slowly looked up and through her tears said, "Yes."

Instantly everyone clapped! Liz wasn't sure what she should do but then she slowly looked around, smiled and mouthed the words, "Thank you."

It was the best Christmas play ever. Liz was perfect as Mary, and afterward many of the parents gathered around Liz and her mother, and promised to be there for them during this awful time.

# Thank you Baby of the Crib

By Neville Stiles

"When you apply for a job one day," Uncle Hendry told the little boy John, 6 years old, "be neat and tidy, civil and well spoken."

It was a lesson the little boy remembered all his life and when he was down and out on the road at the age of 21 the advice came to mind.

"I must get a job and soon," he said to Ben, the old tramp at the night shelter. "Or else it's just a down road path for me to skid row. Yes I want to try for a job as soon as possible."

"It's Christmas," said old Ben with a toothless smile. "No one will take you on this time of the year except maybe for a gardening job."

"We'll see. I'll say a little prayer to the child of the crib like my Uncle Hendry taught me."

That night on the road to Cape Town, he knelt amongst a few bushes on the side of the road and said a prayer. "Dear Jesus, I promise you I will serve you for the rest of my life if you give me a job this Christmas. What's more I'll stop drinking and swearing."

He couldn't help but think of happier Christmases past.

He remembered his mom saying, "Christmas is the most wonderful day ever. Love the little child of the crib as he loves you. Yes he loves you so very, very much it hurts your heart when you think of it."

Yes, he had always loved the Child of the Crib. "Read the Sermon on the Mount, Son," said his dad. "You can't go wrong. It's a difficult world you are growing up in. My only advice Son, if it's worth anything, is 'everything in moderation.' Do you hear, Son?"

He was 12 when Uncle Hendry showed him how to mend his clothes. "You'll need to know this John," he said. "You never know what's in the store for you. And if you haven't got an iron to iron your clothes, remember to lay them flat—a pavement will do or a flat piece of concrete—and stroke with your hand until the creases are out."

It was Christmas Eve when he arrived in Cape Town. "Try the ships," said a fellow wayfarer. "But I think it's a waste of time. You'll never get a job this Christmas. Things are tight."

It was in a churchyard that he found a tap that didn't have a lock on it. "An onion bag if you haven't got soap," he dad had said. "And scrub like mad until you are clean. It will hurt your flesh, but you'll be clean."

A few bushes shielded the tap and he also rinsed his clothes and scrubbed with an onion bag. When they were dry, the creases stroked out, he brought out needle and thread and began to mend. He also washed his boots and brought out white string and made shoelaces. "Always pick up string," his dad had said. "You never know when it will come in handy."

He mended a flapping sole of a shoe neatly with thin wire he had also picked up. "This is the way you do it son," Uncle Hendry said. "A man must fix his shoes, that's the least he must be able to do."

Hair combed and washed and neatly dressed, John presented himself to different ships with no luck. At a coaster the engineer offered him a meal.

"Thanks," said John and smiled. Oh he was hungry. He ate a hearty meal. "Can I wash the

pots," he asked and was rewarded with a smile. First he scraped them clean, eating what normally gets thrown away. "Remember," his dad had said. "Food is from God. Treat it with respect."

"My name is Bruno Hansen," said the engineer. "Come, I want to show you something in my cabin."

There on a dresser was a shoebox crib with the paper figures of Mary, Joseph, the Child Jesus and the Three wisemen."

"I don't care what other people do," his dad had said. "When you see the Child of the Crib, bend your knees slightly and quickly in a reverent bow, and always say a prayer for me. So you hear,

Son?"

Bruno Hansen was smiling and shaking his hand. "The job is yours. We need a greaser and we sail tonight. You know what got you the job John?," he asked patting the crib reverently. "Such respect. A little bow to the Child Jesus. How wonderful! Happy, happy Christmas! Poor you are, but so neat and tidy. You're the man for this Thesens coaster."

"And a happy Christmas to you sir," said John. "Would there be time to go to midnight Mass and say a deep heartfelt thank you to the Baby of the Crib? If not, He'd understand."

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for December 30, 2001

Matthew 13:13-15, 19-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Holy Family Sunday, December 30, 2002, Cycle A, the flight from Herod to Egypt. The word clues are left to right in the order in which they appear in the reading.

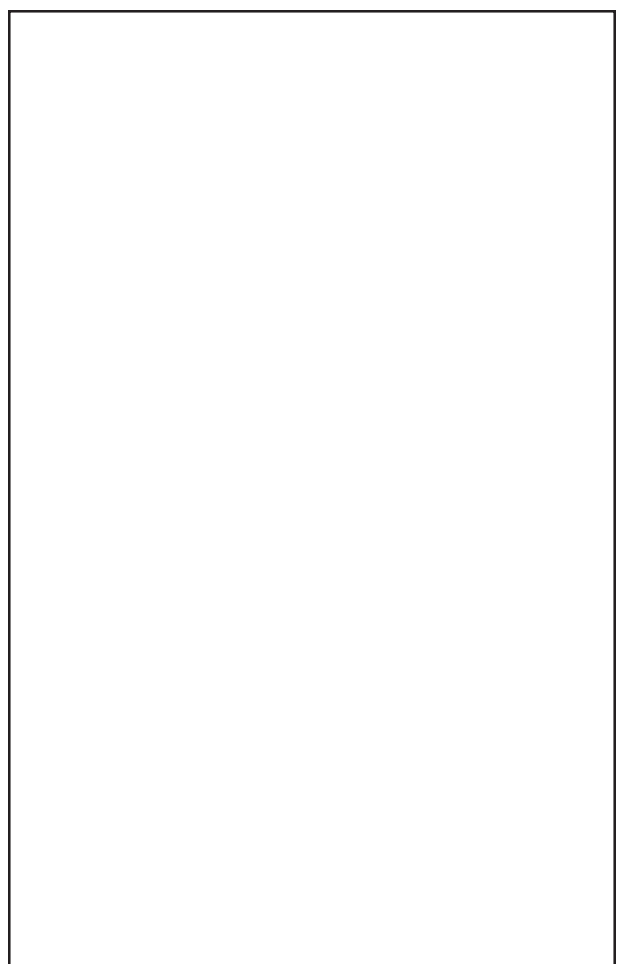
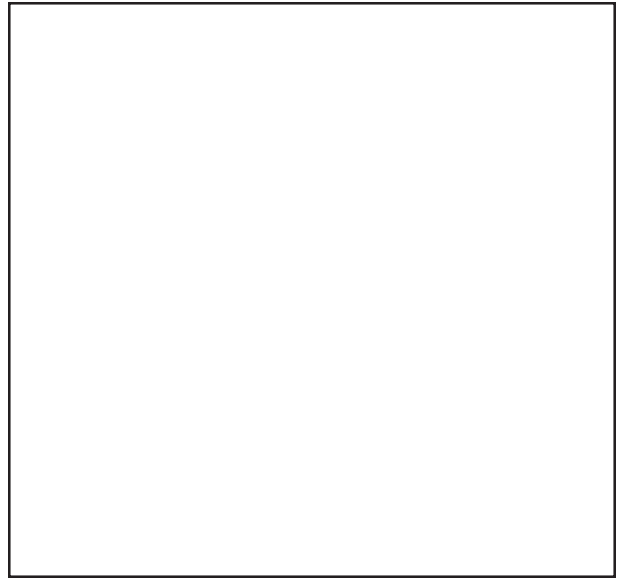
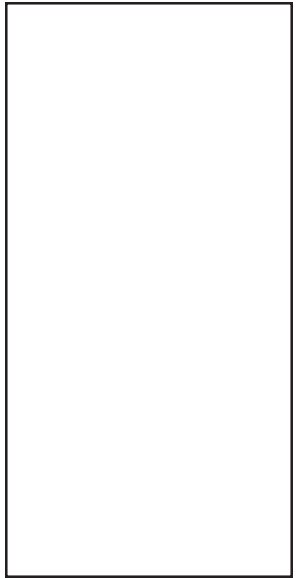
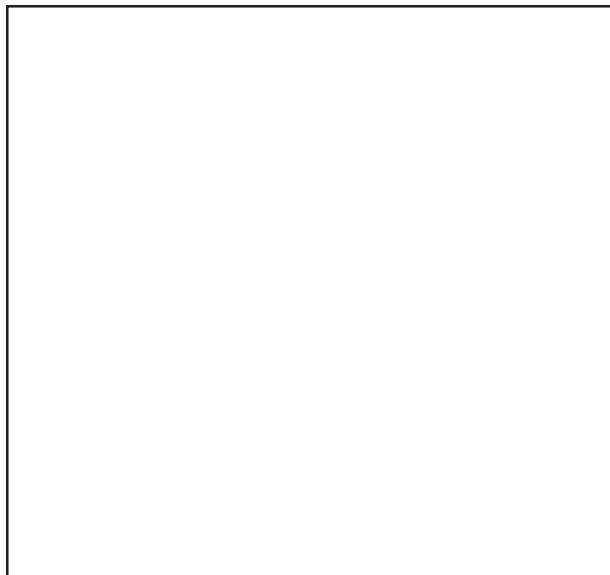
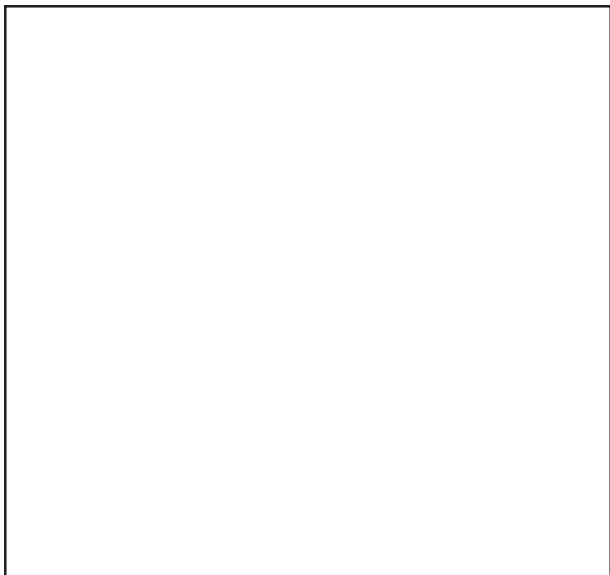
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# A perfect day in a perfect world at Grandma's

By Phil Auth  
St. Edward's Parish  
Twin Falls

It was two weeks 'till Christmas, a Saturday morning. Grandma had invited my little brother and I to help her put out the Christmas decorations, and do a bit of pre-holiday baking.

It was always a treat to go to grandmas, made more special for the freshly fallen pot loads of central Illinois snow glistening in the warm morning sun—perfect snowman snow, and plenty of it. Grandma's favorite time of the year was Christmas, so it was okay with her if we made a mess of the back yard creating our rendition of frosty the snowman, complete with real coal eye balls.

Deep in the dungeon dark and cold attic, lit by a single small bulb were a half dozen apple crates carefully packed away 12 months ago. Treasure chests full of decorations more exciting than Spanish doubloons could ever be.

A couple of them contained a winter wonderland of brightly colored porcelain miniatures. It was our task to arrange them on the dining room sideboard, around a piece of mirrored glass that represented a frozen pond. Little people, little



houses, little trees and little animals must be carefully placed amidst shreds of combed cotton. The smell of the oven and the sound of Christmas music played over and over on the Victrola only enlivened a child's imagination of what a perfect world looks like around the frozen pond.

In another corner of another room, a large end table would soon be transformed into another miniature world. This world though was not from the 20<sup>th</sup> century but the first century. Care-

fully wrapped in old newspapers, another set of ancient figurines awaited their rising from the apple crate. Shepherds and sheep, cherubs and cows, and a trinity of very special people would retell my brother and I the ancient story better than any book might. But first the table needed transforming into a hillside with stacks of books and then covered with snow, or if you prefer, a white sheet, draped ever so carefully.

It was hard to wait until dark, when the single tiny light bulb would set off the straw in the stable

with its amber hues. If you looked very carefully you could even see the plaster people moving ever so slightly. Such is

the imagination of a child.

The final bit of fanfare on this special day was perhaps grandma's favorite. At center stage stood a barren and naked tree, awaiting its proper adornment. Two more apple crates were dedicated to this endeavor, brimming over with fragile glass ornaments. "Be careful!" says the sign on the box. Slowly the tree took shape, each item placed just right. Finally the big one right on the very top.

But we were not finished. The icing on the cake was high art. One did not simply toss the lead tinsel about, but gently hung its strands on the tips of the boughs, a few at a time.

Night finally came and it was easy for a little child to fall asleep listening to the warm and gentle hum of the coal furnace watching the tin-

sel toss sparkles of multicolored light about the room. But grandma had another plan, as if in payment for our diligence. Her 16-mm movie projector swept a silent panorama of brilliant light onto a screen that no TV could yet duplicate. Amidst hot cocoa and peppermint candy, "The Night Before Christmas" plays in her makeshift home theater for the 10<sup>th</sup> showing. But it was no less exciting for that in the mind and imagination of children who must now live with sputnik and atomic bombs.

Finally falling fast asleep on the floor to the gentle clickity click of film sprockets and shutters, two children ended a perfect day in a perfect world where both grandma and imagination reign, in a forever moment in time.

## Detroit cardinal gives St. Nicholas' relics to Greek Orthodox leader, Bishop Nicholas

TROY, Mich. (CNS) — The observance of the Dec. 6 feast of St. Nicholas was particularly special this year for two faith communities — the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit and the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Detroit.

On the eve of the feast day, Detroit Cardinal Adam J. Maida presented Greek Orthodox Bishop Nicholas of Detroit with a silver box containing what are believed to be relics of St. Nicholas of Myra, patron saint of children and the basis of the Santa Claus legend.

"This is a gift that is a tremendous surprise and one that brings great joy to us," Bishop Nicholas said during a Dec. 5 service at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Troy. "It is meaningful, not only for the celebration of St. Nicholas, but because it is a visible gesture of friendship that exists between the Roman Catholic Archdio-

cese and the Greek Orthodox Diocese," he said.

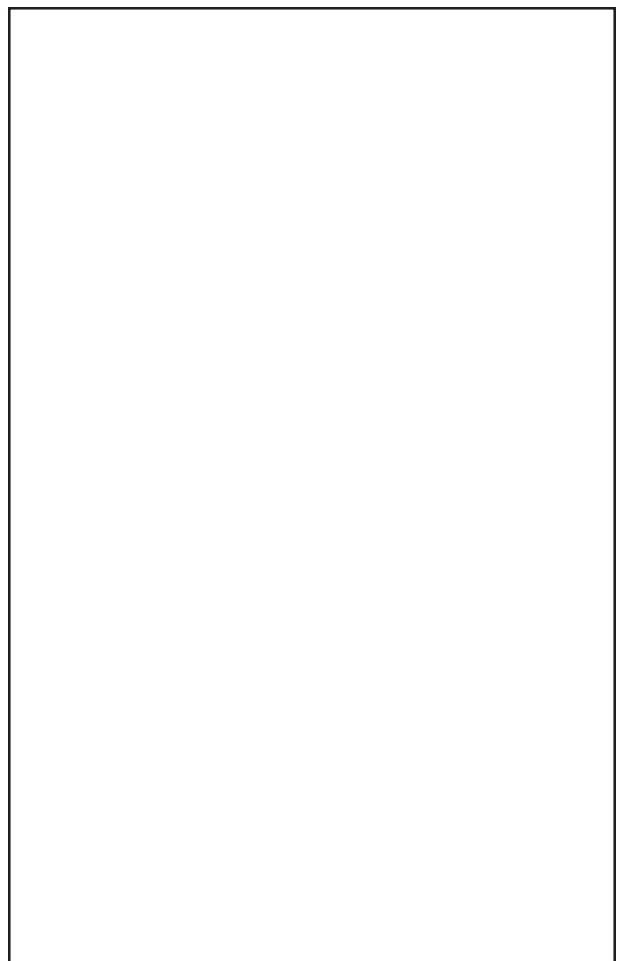
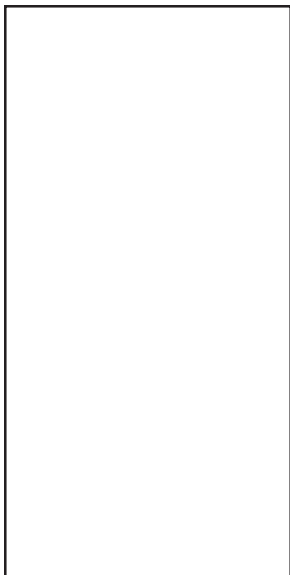
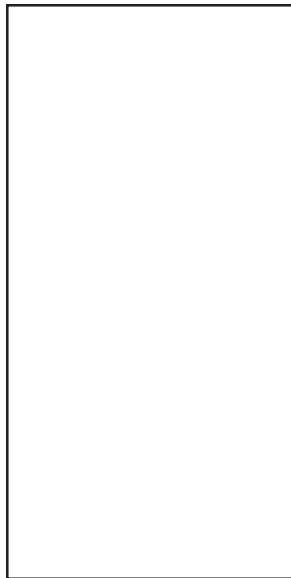
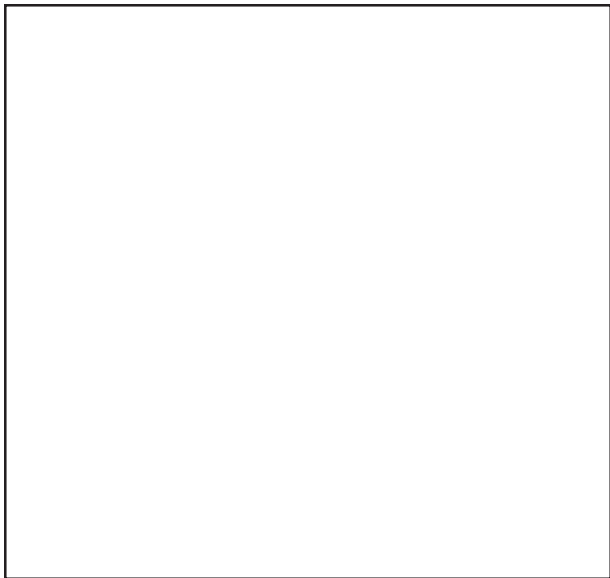
Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Allen H. Vigneron, on behalf of Cardinal Maida, obtained the relics from the Vatican, where the collection has been preserved since the fall of Constantinople in 1453. The relics are described as bone fragments.

"I had become friends with Bishop Nicholas after his installation," said Bishop Vigneron. Since that time, he said, he often has thought of the Greek Orthodox leader particularly when

the church celebrates the Greek saints.

"It's like we're brothers," he said. "It's sad that we have so much in common, that we're not able to share holy Communion."

Last year, Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, head of the Greek Orthodox Church, visited Detroit and developed a friendship with Cardinal Maida. In September, Pope John Paul II visited Armenia and met with Orthodox Church leaders, calling the trip a step toward unifying the Christian Church.



# Warm memories of childhood remain

**By Louise Becker  
St. Elizabeth's Parish  
Gooding**

Every year during Advent, my thoughts reflect on my childhood. I looked forward to Christmas because it was a special time to be with family and friends just as I do today.

I grew up on the Kalispel Indian Reservation, 55 miles north of Spokane in Pend Oreille County in Washington State. The beautiful Pend Oreille River flows beside the small reservation. Our Catholic Church was located in the "village" near the river. In later years it was moved to higher ground because of the floodplain.

The Jesuit priests from Spokane came to the reservation for Mass twice a month but a priest always came for Christmas Midnight Mass. I loved our little church, "Our Lady of Sorrows."

I don't remember exactly how old I was when my grandfather started the tradition, or when he stopped, of taking us to Mass on the horse drawn wagon. One Christmas eve he announced that we would no longer be able to have Roxie and Duke pull the wagon to church as they were getting too old. Of course we were all disappointed, but we understood.

"Selah" (grandfather) would place tufts of hay on the wagon bed and



spread my grandmother's quilts over the hay, making it nice and cozy. He

always tied jingle bells onto the horses' harnesses. The sounds of

*"After Mass, the men always had a big bonfire where we sang Christmas carols in our Indian language and wished everyone a joyous holiday season."*

the trotting hooves in rhythm with the bells are sounds I can still remember. I also remember the crispness of the night air to and from church, which was approximately eight miles.

After Mass, the men always had a big bonfire where we sang Christmas carols in our Indian language and wished everyone a joyous holiday season. Almost the entire reservation would take part in Mass and the

tradition of gathering around the bonfire. The priests and scholastics always brought sacks of candy, fruit and nuts to everyone.

Over half a century has passed. Time has changed traditions, but the warm memories of my childhood will remain with me forever.

*Becker dedicated this story to her granddaughter, Elissa Flandro, a 7th grade student at St. Joseph's School, Boise*

# Sister Josephine Marie remembers snow in Boise

**By Sister Josephine Marie Mariano, CSC  
former teacher and administrator at  
St. Teresa's Academy, and  
Bishop Kelly High School, Boise**

I always enjoy reading the ICR, especially the Christmas edition. Last year I was pleasantly surprised at the number of responses by mail or email to my memories of St. Teresa's and Boise in the

40's, 50's and 60's. These are a few "snow" memories. Does any reader remember sledding down Capital Boulevard when the traffic was slow and police were busy elsewhere? Did



**The old St. Teresa's Academy, Boise, in winter**

you take part in snowball fights on the Veteran's grounds?

Were you one of the joyful skiers who welcomed additional lifts to

Bogus Basin? Steeper, faster, smoother?

The few times we had heavy frost, I recall getting out the attic windows at Saint Teresa's Academy

and knocking down huge icicles before someone was decapitated by one. Was there a Christmas Crib by the Capitol, and did the Baby Jesus just disappear one year?

Were you old enough to be a roving caroler down Boise streets, stopping in for a cup of hot chocolate? Was it at Bishop Kelly High School that we had homeroom door decorating contests? Did you enjoy the elegant window and store decorations at The Mode and C.C. Anderson's? I hope so.

Blessed Christmas, and Peace to you.

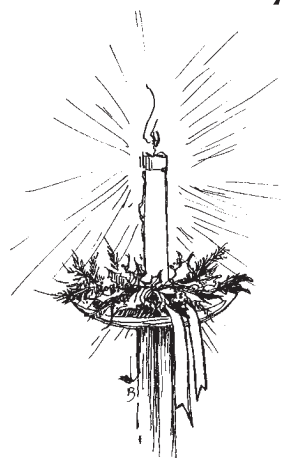
## A special moment at Mass etched in memory forever

**By Sister Margaret Johnson, OSU  
St. Mary's, Moscow**

There was one Christmas in which Christ became so tangibly present to me at Mass. It was my first year in college in New Rochelle, N. Y.

That Christmas Eve it started snowing very hard. In fact it was a blizzard. Lightning even accompanied the snow.

By 11:30 p.m., even though the snow had stopped, the electricity was still off on the campus. The chapel where we were to have Mass was made of stone in the style of a castle. In order to lighten the chapel, candles of all sizes and shapes were placed in the pews and on the altar. Even though the glow of the candles gave off eerie



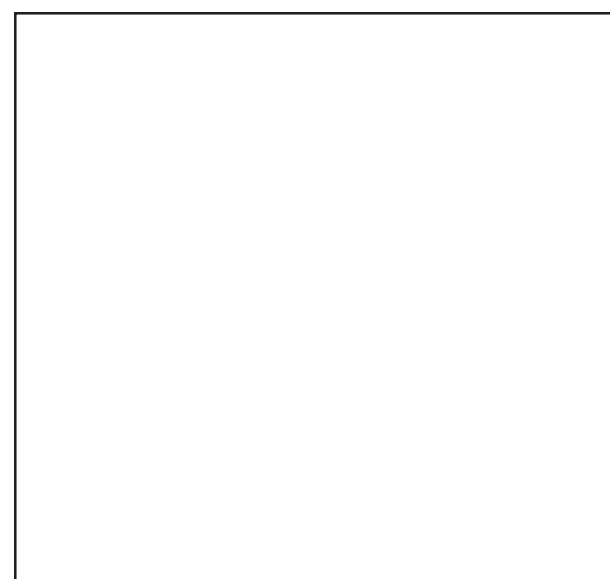
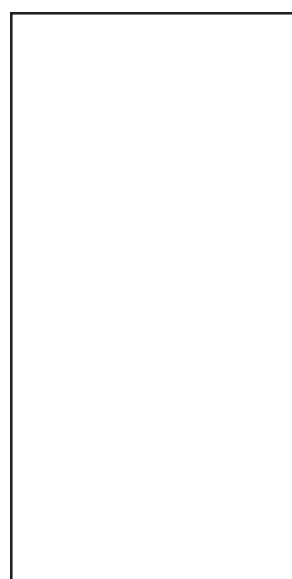
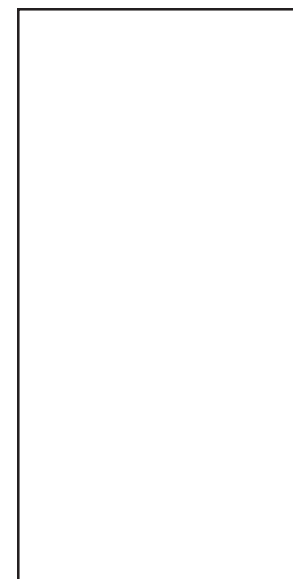
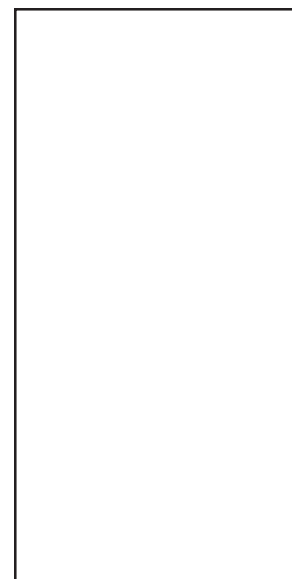
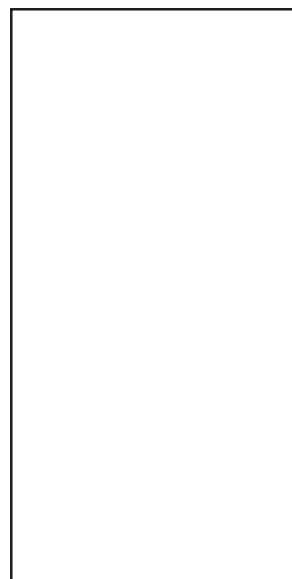
shadows in the chapel, it was like being in the catacombs of yore.

In spite of no light, everyone was in a very festive mood. I remember the celebrant saying to try to do the best we could with singing, since we had no organ.

Mass proceeded as usual until the Consecration. The priest had just said the words of consecration over the bread and held Jesus

up and the lights went on (as if on cue). It was possible to hear the audible gasps from those of us in the congregation.

It was a special moment filled with mystery and beauty. That moment I tangibly experienced Jesus as the "Light of the World." It is one that is etched in my memory forever.





# 'It's Christmas every day in life as a Benedictine'

**Sister Petronilla Lieser, OSB St. Theresa's, Orofino**

I am happy to share about my peaceful Christmases in the past.

I spent Christmas at St. Gertrude's Convent in 1938, my first Christmas at the Convent. What a delight. There was the singing of the sisters in German, reminding me of my German home in Montana. There were

more German Sisters in those days. We originated from Switzerland.

My next few Christmases were at St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood. Twenty Sisters were employed there. What a lovely Christmas with Father Eitel saying Mass in a wheelchair.

Four years my home was at St. Paul's in Nampa with Father Paulin as pastor. There were nine teaching sisters and I was the cook.

God be praised!

I worked 15 years in charge of St. Gertrude's Academy kitchen. All those years I spent the holidays with unforgettable impressions at Christmas. From 1969 to 1984 I was in charge of the St. Mary's Hospital kitchen—more Christmas spirit than I imagined. Even if Father McQuade couldn't sing, the sisters sang with their angelic voices—touching indeed.

In 1984 I began parish work with Father George King in Kellogg. You can imagine what a thrill, even had a Christmas play with the C.C.D. children.

I also had Christmas plays with the children in Pierce. A lady fixed angel wings so that was special for them since angels put a person into the spirit.

So now, I am a nun 61-years and am looking forward to Christ-

mas. Bishop Michael Driscoll asked me to pray for vocations. I have prayed two hours every second Friday of the month for this intention.

Christmas is that time of the year I am especially grateful to my dear parents for the many Christmases in Idaho because I learned how to make sacrifices which makes for deep happy Christmas every day in my life as a Benedictine.



Sister Petronilla



**NATIONAL TREE**—The national Christmas tree, decked in red, white and blue, glows in front of the White House. President George W. Bush dedicated the tree

Dec. 6 to those killed in the Sept. 11 terror attacks and to U.S. military members who have died in the line of duty.

## Stormy road trip, hospitality at diner make Christmas

**By Phil Auth St. Edward's, Twin Falls**

Our firstborn was barely a month out of the womb. On Dec. 22 we were about to embark on a 1500-mile cross-country trip from Illinois to Idaho to be with my family for the Christmas holidays.

The weather forecast for Wyoming didn't look all too good. It would take 30 hours of nonstop driving in our 1960 VW bug. The lights were dim, the windshield wipers were mostly for decoration, and the heater was a joke. Its 150,000 miles had taken their toll, but it did get good gas mileage!

We put in some extra blankets, a bag full of food, and a few gifts, and started off. All went

well until we entered Rawlins, Wyo. About midnight it started snowing. As we passed the last truck stop on the way out of town the snow began to blow. There was no traffic on either side of the road. The lights of the town vanished into the deepening night, and the blowing turned into a white out storm. We slowed to 45 mph, then 35, then 25, still nothing of a road to steer, save the faint glint of occasional reflectors. I had never encountered a storm with such fury in Illinois. It was time for macho ego to give way to protecting the life of a mother and child.

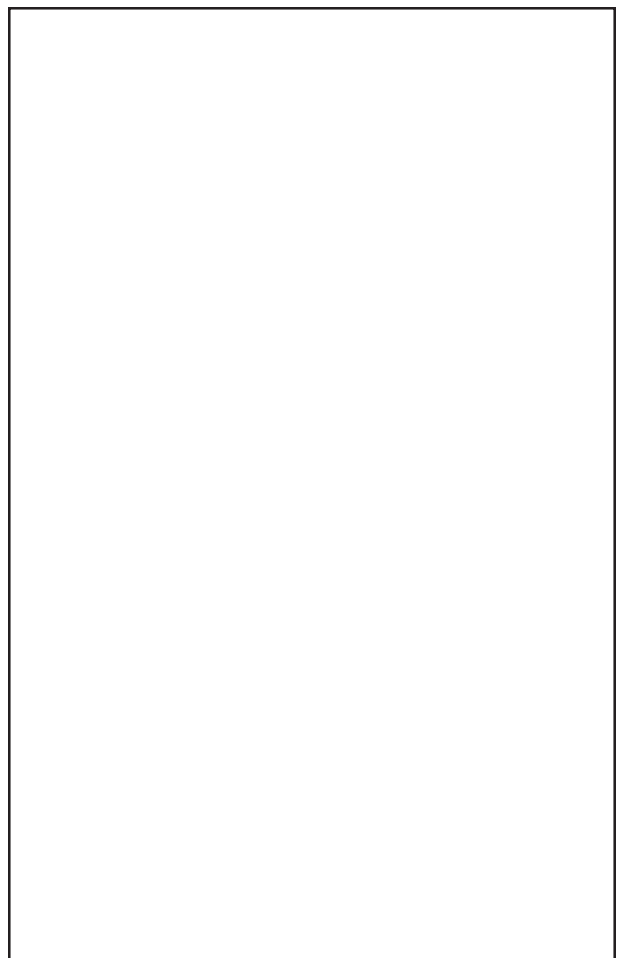
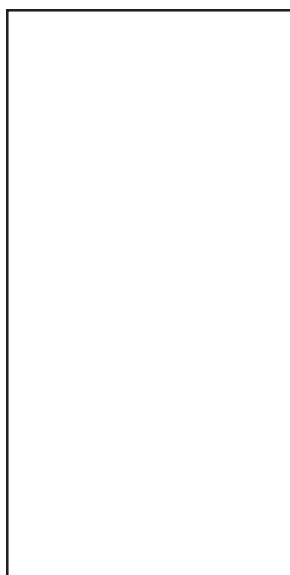
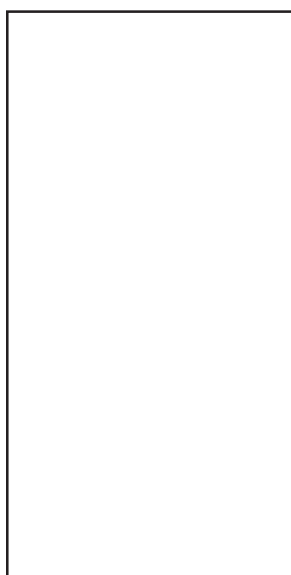
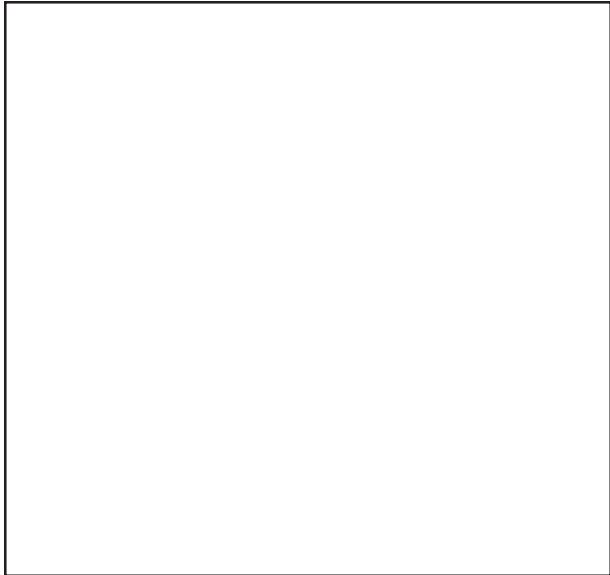
We crept along until we finally found a turn around, praying as we went. At once the grip of the storm lessened as we were now traveling with the wind. Our spirits lightened as the faint glow of the star above the truckstop shown over the horizon to the north. A beacon of hope showed

in the desolate gloom.

We had no money for a room, so we asked if we could spend the night in the café booth. The waitress was nice enough to oblige, doubtless she had hosted many a weary snowbound travelers. Perhaps she felt sorry for the nursing baby, now wide-awake thanks to the bright lights of the diner.

It was a long night, dozing between post of hot coffee, and waiting. Finally about 7 a.m. word came. The highway was reopened. As we crossed the wide open nothingness of central Wyoming, we were treated to a dazzling display of God's winter wonderland glistening crisply in the early morning sunlight, made more poignant considering the night before.

We were warmly greeted when we arrived in Twin Falls, but nothing could ever compare to the hospitality the lady at the diner gave us the night before.



# Primped, poised choir girls ring out 'Adeste Fideles'

By Rita Harkins  
Glancey  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary Parish, Boise

Entering the hushed, darkened church in the pre-dawn hour so long ago, we seventh and eighth graders stifled our giggling excitement. We climbed single file up the curved narrow stairway, our wobbling high heels clacking against worn, oak steps and rustling taffeta skirts swish-

ing against the plastered walls broke the stillness of that early hour. "Quickly, quietly," whispered Sister Theresa, her white head-dress dimpled by robust cheeks. Automatically lifting her black, floor-length skirts, she ushered her charges through the door. "Find your places," she urged while handing out hymnals.

Once in our appointed spots on the tiered

benches behind the organ, we smoothed our skirts and adjusted our hats. Winter coats were left in the convent dining room, but a head covering—silk scarves, velvet clutches, knitted tams or even a lace veil—were essential in the pre-Vatican II church of the late 1940s.

Finally primped and poised, we took a deep breath, opened our songbooks and waited for our cue. Here at the far end of the church, so high above hundreds of the faithful crowding into seats for the first Mass of this special day, the pungent incense and fresh-cut evergreens filled our senses, while the panorama of this sacred time spread before us.

The main altar was ablaze with red and white poinsettias, and the life-sized crèche covered St. Joseph's side altar. Candles flickered before stained glass saints as the celebrant and his acolytes entered from the sacristy.

Father bowed at the foot of the altar while family and friends, waiting expectedly in their pews, listened for the first notes of their daughters. Finally, the organ's sonorous crescendo announced the start of the 5 a.m. Christmas Mass, and two dozen soprano voices rang out, "Adeste Fideles."



## Angel—never seen, but always heralding Christ's birth

By Szabina Revelle  
Our Lady of the  
Rosary Parish, Boise

My favorite memory of Christmas is about the angel — the angel we never saw but always believed in and waited for. It has to do with the way we celebrated Christmas when I was a child.

My family is Hungarian, and although I grew up in the United States, our Christmas traditions came with us from Hungary. Santa Claus did not bring our gifts on Christmas morning. We didn't even know who he was, though we were very familiar with Mikulás who filled our boots with surprises that we found in the morning on Dec. 6.

On Christmas Eve, the clear, sweet sound of a tiny silver bell called us from our beds where we had been since the early evening. By that wonderful sound we knew that the angel had come. The angel heralded the birth of Christ by bringing us our Christmas tree.



When we raced out of our bedrooms into the darkened living room, we saw our beautiful tree. It was gigantic and sparkled as the tiny colored lights reflected in each glass ornament and strand of tinsel. The room, so ordinary before, glowed and smelled strongly of pine. The presents wrapped lovingly in colorful paper were piled neatly under the tree.

With the eagerness and excitement that only children have, we quickly searched under the tree, not for a specific present, but for the tiny porcelain figure of the baby Jesus with the angel standing by his manger. It was always there. Before opening presents we knelt around the tree, holding hands as we sang and prayed our thanks.

Even now I catch myself looking for the little porcelain figure of Jesus and the angel, though I know it is under my parents' tree hundreds of miles away.

## Christ's love

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difficulties and sufferings inherent in human living. She knows well that in the lives of many peoples and persons, sadness prevails over joy and anxiety over hope," the pope said.

It is particularly to those people that the church and its members reach out with the news of Christmas joy, he said.

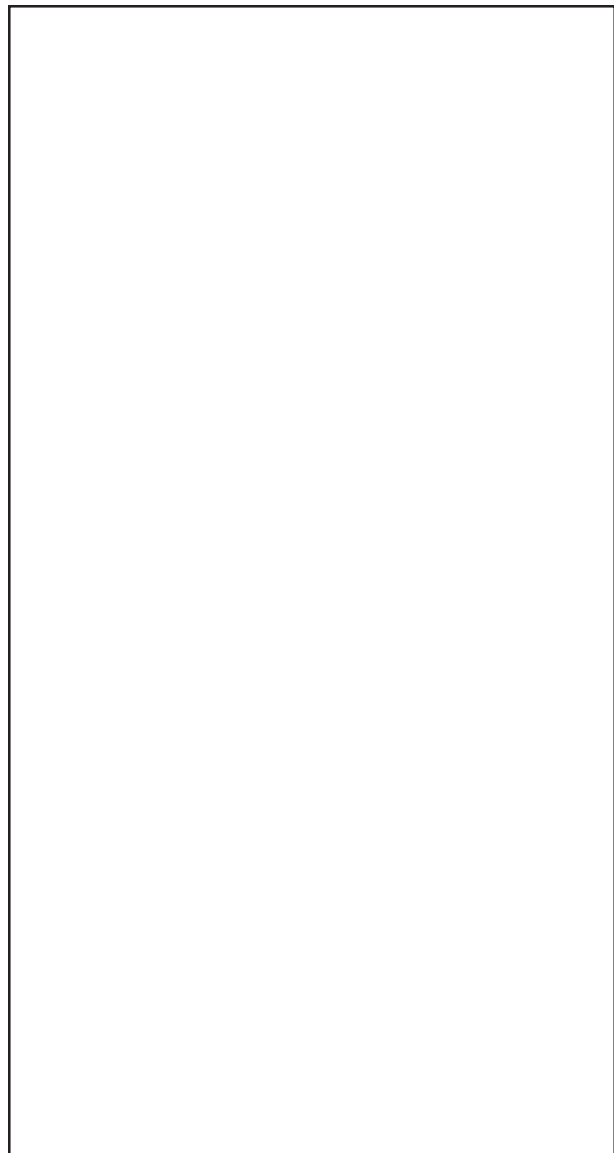
"Joy is the heart of the Gospel of Christmas," he said.

Christ came to free men and women, to ransom them from the power of evil and death, he added.

"From this deep and total liberation flows the joy which Christ gives his friends, a joy which, like his peace, is different from the superficial, fleeting joy the world gives," he said.

But when one is hurting, he said, it is hard to recognize the great gifts of Christ, so it is up to the church and its members to make God's love visible.

"We who believe, with the eloquence of concrete signs of love, must become the prophetic ferment of a world reconciled by love and enlivened by divine joy," he said.





# Midnight Mass seemed magical on a wintery night

By Maryann Hardesty  
St. Mark's Parish,  
Boise

When I was younger, I lived in Long Beach, Calif., and every year we would go to the local mountains, Big Bear, to enjoy a white Christmas.

The days and weeks before we would go would be spent anticipating the holiday and "praying for snow." We stayed at the same cabin each year. It was very small and quaint, and I remember the smell of wet gloves drying on the heater.

In the days prior to Christmas, we would shop for gifts, and set up the tree in the little cabin with great excitement.

I can remember so clearly many, many hours spent with my dad (now deceased) sitting in the car, or on a bench in the tiny town, watching people hustle and bustle and trying to guess what they were up to. I still enjoy doing that these days.

Mom and I would often walk into town, and on the way home, she would show me how to make "Snow Angels." We would try to make them without stepping on their wings when we got up.

Yet the most special memory was Christmas Mass.

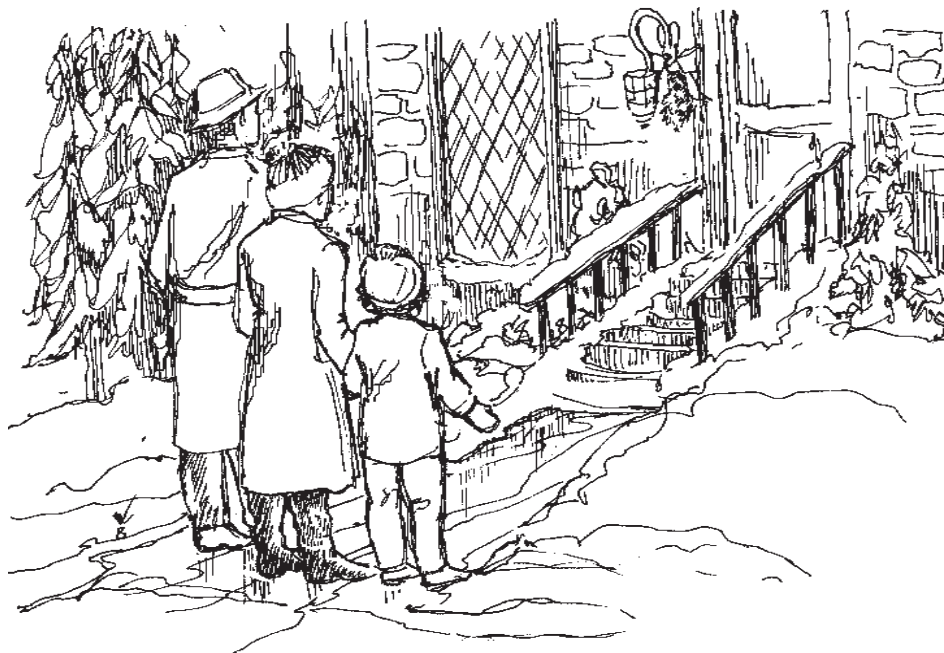
We always went to Midnight Mass, stomping through the snow, crispy

and cold, across the street to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. It seemed magical to be there on a cold wintry night. It was easy to imagine Mary and Joseph as they made their way to Bethlehem under the stars. I always felt so close to my parents as we shared Holy Mass.

Money was never plentiful growing up, but I am so blest that my parents gave me such a wonderful gift as my faith and memories of Christmas in Big Bear.

To mom, who is visiting Boise this year for Christmas:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and Merry Christmas.



# Grandmother's wake up helped child feel loved

By Jan Rubero  
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I have very fond memories of Christmases when I was a little girl in Vacherie, La. Going to Midnight Mass with my grandmother was always

a very special event. Some of the family would choose to go to Mass on Christmas Day, but I always preferred Midnight Mass.

Our house was adjacent to that of my grandmother and great-grandmother, and I would spend

the first part of Christmas Eve sleeping at their house. When it was time to get ready for Mass, my grandmother would lovingly and gently wake me up. I remember waking from a very deep sleep with my face being softly

washed with a nice warm cloth by my grandmother.

She didn't drive, so my Dad would drive us to Mass, where I would sit with them waiting in a darkened church for the procession to begin.

Lots of little girls dressed in crisp white dresses with angels wings tipped in fluttering gold trim and gold wreaths on their heads glittering in

the candlelight would walk toward the crib, singing "what lovely infant can this be that in the little crib I see, so sweetly on the straw it lies, it must have come from paradise, it must have come from paradise." Then a child dressed as Joseph and one as Mary, would carry the baby Jesus to his place in the crib and the altar boys and our pastor would follow.

Then the beautiful Mass celebration would begin

with the church filled to capacity and incense burning at every turn.

Although I was never chosen to be an angel in those many Christmas Eve processions, each year my grandmother made me feel special by the way she would help me wake up and get ready to go to Mass on that very special night of nights. Christmas continues to be my very favorite season of the year.

# Mission parishes have simple Christmas wishes

CHICAGO (CNS) — Basic liturgical items, vestments, textbooks and other such "luxuries" are on the Christmas wish lists of the poorest Catholic parishes in mission dioceses in the United States and its territories.

Chicago-based Catholic Extension, the largest funder of missionary work in America, solicited Christmas requests from those serving in the parishes.

"We take for granted that American parishes have basic necessities," Richard Ritter, vice presi-

dent of Catholic Extension, said in a statement. "We're counting on our Catholic friends to help their poorer brothers and sisters in Christ."

He cited examples of the parishes' simple wishes:

— Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Eldorado, Texas, in the San Angelo Diocese, needs money to buy nine new children's altar server robes at \$35 each to replace 30-year-old ones.

— St. Aloysius Parish in Lisbon, N.D., in the

Fargo Diocese, needs 15 yards of material to make altar cloths.

— St. Peter's Parish in Shoshone, Idaho, in the Boise Diocese, wants to build a handicap ramp for the parish hall.

— The Diocese of the Caroline Islands, a U.S. territory in Micronesia, would like two fiberglass motorboats to help priests reach parishioners living on the tiny, scattered islands across 350 nautical miles.

"We even have a request for a baptismal font from a parish that has been using a salad bowl," noted JoAnn Marciszewski, Catholic Extension's director of annual giving.

The full Christmas wish list collected by Catholic Extension is on the organization's Web site at [www.catholic-extension.org](http://www.catholic-extension.org) or can be obtained by calling (888) 4R-FAITH, Ext. 6047.

## 'See, I didn't drop Him!'

Louise Newman

Holy Rosary Parish, Idaho Falls

A memory I treasure at Christmas time is Midnight Mass 1967.

Msgr. C. M. Verhoeven was pastor. Every year John and I were asked by Monsignor to put up the crib. It had to be something different every year.

In 1967, he decided to have a child carry Baby Jesus up the aisle, placing Him in a crib. He asked my 7 year old daughter Kate. He wanted her to wear a white dress, so home I go, hoping her first communion dress would still fit her.

It came time for the procession. Monsignor gave Kate the Baby Jesus, telling her in his gruff voice not to drop him. He then went on to ask was she sure she was big enough to carry the infant. She was sure and excited.

As they reached the altar, Kate placed the Baby Jesus in the crib, returning to Monsignor saying out loud "See I didn't drop Him." Monsignor just smiled in that secret way of his.

I still think about this every Christmas.

# New Years — Be true in 2002!

By Jeanette Martino  
Land

What are you doing on New Year's Eve? Going to a party or hosting one at home? Preparing in some way to welcome 2002 with a toast? Looking forward to a better year ahead?

However you choose to spend the last night of 2001, perhaps you can include time for a new ritual this year: a ritual between you and God.

Consider a "letting go ritual." A "roast" that precedes the toast. A ceremony of conscience and commitment to the coming year.

Let me explain. Instead of writing down resolutions to keep, why not "burn up" what you need to be rid of and repent for in the year just ending?

For example, examine your life in the past year, especially how you were affected by the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Write down the times you've been angry, resentful, bitter, held grudges. Put on paper any fears, worries, impossible situations, unhappy events that need to be erased from your life.

List the times you've neglected to respond to God's opportunities to visit the sick, help your neighbor, listen to a loved one, share someone's grief.

Then, if you have a fireplace, scatter these pieces of paper on top of

the logs, ready to be consumed by the flames. If you don't have a fireplace, drop your slips of paper into a fireproof bowl, lined with foil. Set the bowl in your sink and light a match to the paper. As the paper burns and the smoke rises heavenward, prayerfully release these burdens and let go of them.

In this process of repenting and letting go, you become free to forgive yourself and forgive others. You allow yourself to become better, not bitter. Then, talk to God about any healing you need, any changes you may need to make. Listen to Him with an open mind and heart.

You may want to do this individually, as a couple, or as a family. Even the younger members can let go of their sibling squabbles and rivalries, of their selfishness and lack of cooperation.

In thanksgiving, recommit yourself and your loved ones to the Lord. Decide to be true-to Him and to yourself-in 2002! With a firm purpose and a steadfast heart, dedicate the New Year to Him. Then, you will experience the best year ever—a year filled with God's peace, joy, and love. Happy New Year in the Lord!

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# Sister's Christmas play turns into family tradition

By Mary Margaret Draper  
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I love family get-togethers, and being a bossy older sister. One year, I was convinced by siblings that we should put on a play at Christmas for our parents. The stars of the show would be the "grandchildren."

I had written a play for Sunday school, and it has been used at several churches my daughter and I have attended. The most memorable one was at the children's Mass at St. Matthews in Eagle. My daughter, Renee Hankel, was chosen as Mary (I think because we could provide a real baby Jesus).

Her cousin Tonya Baldwin played the Christ Child to perfection, except for the black patent leather shoes that the parish could see when "Baby Jesus" kicked off the blanket.

What made this play unique was "Joseph" did not show, so the director grabbed another cousin, JT Waters to serve. We had the entire holy family!

My Grandmother and Aunt were visiting from Denver, and their proud faces were a true Christmas gift.

Through the following years we would dig through the "dress-up" box and make capes for the three kings, (a Burger King crown works well for headgear), scarves for the shepherds, graduation robes for the angels and so on.

The Baldwin branch of the family loves to get their animals involved, so one year we had a "dachshund" wool-covered sheep and a "golden retriever" as one of the kings.

Every time a new cousin was born, that child was enlisted to be the baby. Nick Reed was probably the most

memorable as he had on tuxedo pajamas as swaddling clothes.

This year, the kids are turning the tables and want the grown-ups to put on the play. It may be the most challenging year for casting "Baby Jesus." Happy Holidays!



# Humor

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When we share our sense of humor with our children, it reassures them. When we laugh with them, they feel safe. One of my favorite pictures of Jesus shows Jesus surrounded by a group of children, and he's laughing.

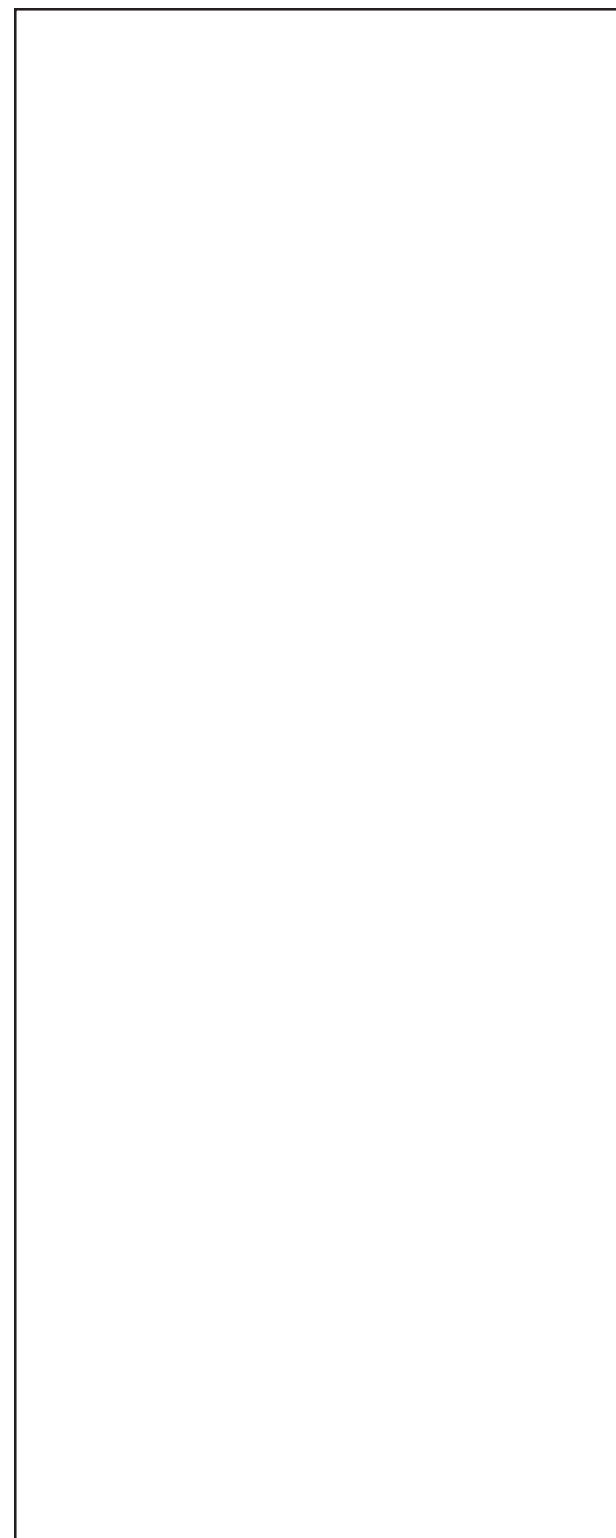
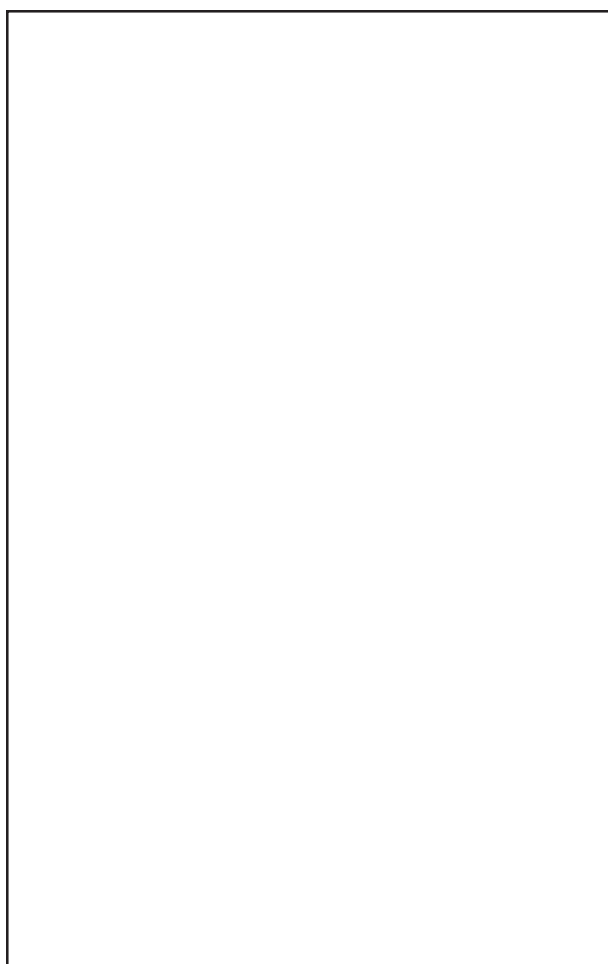
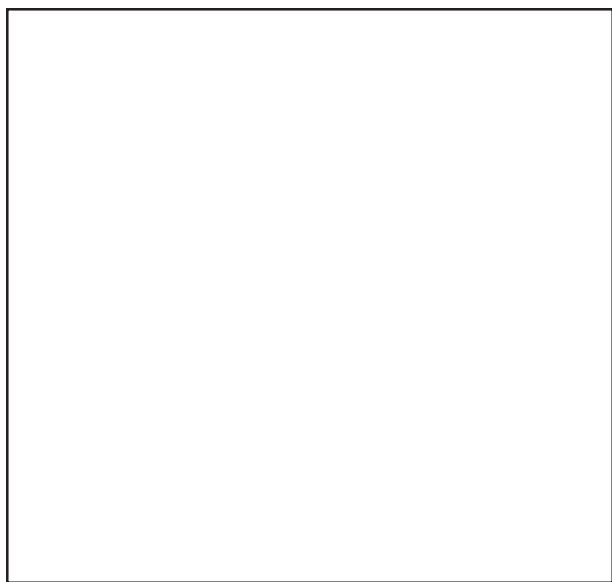
So, take some time with your kids. Tell them a joke. Do something outrageous and out of character. Act silly at the dinner table, even if it means you get sent to bed with-

out dessert.

We have to remember that to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. There is a time to cry and a time to laugh.

And one way to spread God's grace to those around us is by putting some humor back in their lives. It'll be like a Christmas gift that you don't mind if they return.

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# There's help for dealing with grief during the holidays

By Kathrynne Skonicki

ROMEDEVILLE, Ill. (CNS) — Father Ed Grotovsky, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Manteno, was a husband, father and then widower before he was ordained a priest in 1994. He remembers his first holiday as a widower after he lost his wife of 24 years as "horrible, just horrible."

He tried Christmas shopping for four children ages 12 to 21 but could not seem to buy anything. He recalled thinking, "If Mary Ann (his wife) were here, I wouldn't have to do this."

In the final week before Christmas, he felt a change. "Once I began doing what I came to the mall to do, my spirits lifted and I wasn't concentrating on myself, but thinking about my four children and the joy I wanted to bring them," he said. "It is important not to pity ourselves during the holiday season by keeping what used to be in front of ourselves."

Father Grotovsky offered this advice for comfort-givers: "If a friend or relative has lost a loved one and this is their first Christmas season, the most important thing we can do is listen."

He told Catholic Explorer, newspaper of the Joliet Diocese, that sharing stories of the deceased person assures the family that just because the person is gone,

it doesn't erase the memories.

When the cause of death was suicide, the survivors may feel guilt, shame and embarrassment as well as grief, said Father Charles Rubey, founder of an organization called Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide, a Chicago-based program of Catholic Charities.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of being open," he said. "Ignoring the elephant in the room" does not help in this situation.

Father Rubey endorses starting some new rituals to honor those who have passed away. "I'm a great believer in rituals. People who have died due to suicide or other means should be remembered in some way," he said.

Carol Etscheid, bereavement coordinator at Joliet Area Community Hospice, also recommended starting new holiday traditions that honor the deceased and also let survivors celebrate. Her program has helped 600 families from five Illinois counties who lost loved ones this year.

She suggested these holiday traditions:

- Light a candle each morning and extinguish it in the evening throughout the holiday season.
- Create a special toast to the deceased loved one.
- Place a single flower on the table in honor of the

presence of the loved one.

— Observe a moment of silence or recite a prayer before the meal or at another time.

— Review the family photo album with other family members.

— Share favorite stories about the loved one.

— Plant a tree in the yard.

— Draw a picture, place it inside a helium balloon and let it fly up to heaven.

Charlotte Hrubes, director of Joyful Again!, a ministry for widows and widowers, offered these suggestions to people who are trying to survive the holidays without a loved one:

— Take it easy. Allow time to grieve, to stay healthy and do whatever you feel like doing. Delegation or omission of traditions is not necessarily a bad thing.

— Keep in touch. When the entire family is together and laughing, the holidays can be fun. It is when everyone's gone and the house is quiet that the loneliness sets in, said Hrubes. "Little telephone calls are better than one big event."

— Make a phone call to the bereaved on New Year's Eve. That night is traditionally thought of as one for couples and can be depressing for the widowed even if they celebrated the holiday quietly.

## Our daughter: The wisdom of Bethelhem at our house

By Daniel and Joy Lizarraga

Catholic News Service

Our first child was born in 1996 on Christmas Eve. While this event in and of itself testified to the grace and blessing bestowed on us by the Author of Life, it was also the answer to a prayer for wisdom. Thus, we named our daughter Sofia Belem (the Wisdom of Bethlehem), expecting but not fully knowing how her life would call us to a continued sense of conversion and of God's love.

Our beautiful child would help us to create a sacred space for healing and compassion in our

life, but we were unaware of how that would happen.

Shortly after her birth, our daughter began to have health complications, and we, as first-time parents, experienced a sense of fear and helplessness. While we have been able to treat some of her symptoms with medication, we are left without a cause for her multiple disabilities. Through times of testing and treatment, we have experienced a myriad of emotions, struggling with how to approach God in prayer (praying for a miracle cure vs. resignation and ac-

ceptance of her condition). But all of this slowly has brought about healing of heart and soul for us, and has allowed us to become more open to the call to love (and be loved!), and to trust the Lord in a special way.

Perhaps this experience, even beyond an actual medical cure for our daughter, reflects the miraculous wisdom of Bethlehem.

Caught up in doctor visits and the sacrifices surrounding Sofia's disabilities and daily care, it is not always easy to see how she points us to the incarnation of love and

hope. Only with time have we slowly begun to learn the value and importance of bodily "presence": Sometimes it seems she desires little else than to have us sit beside her and listen to the unspoken joy in the silence of our being together. Undoubtedly, for our family, this reminds us of the true wisdom of Bethlehem revealed in the gift of the divine Savior.

In addition to the conversion and spiritual growth that we experience within ourselves, we also have developed deeper ties to others with disabilities. This "community" was not one that we (or anyone else) chose to be a part of, and on occasion we have resented our "automatic membership" in this special group. But "membership does have its privileges."

For us, the privilege

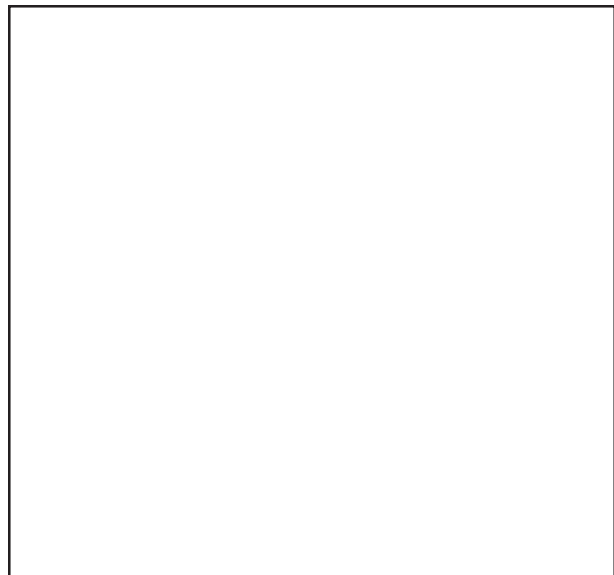
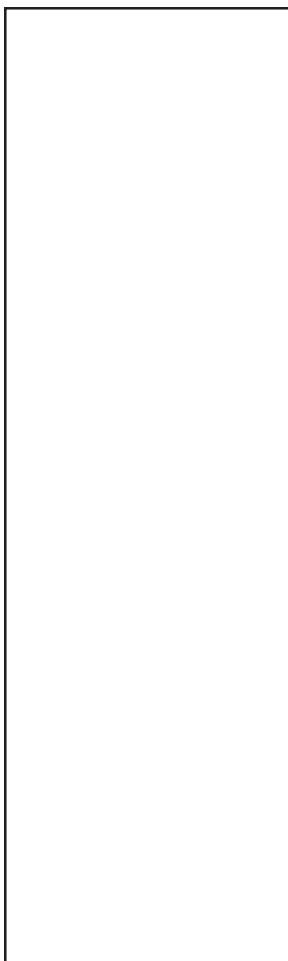
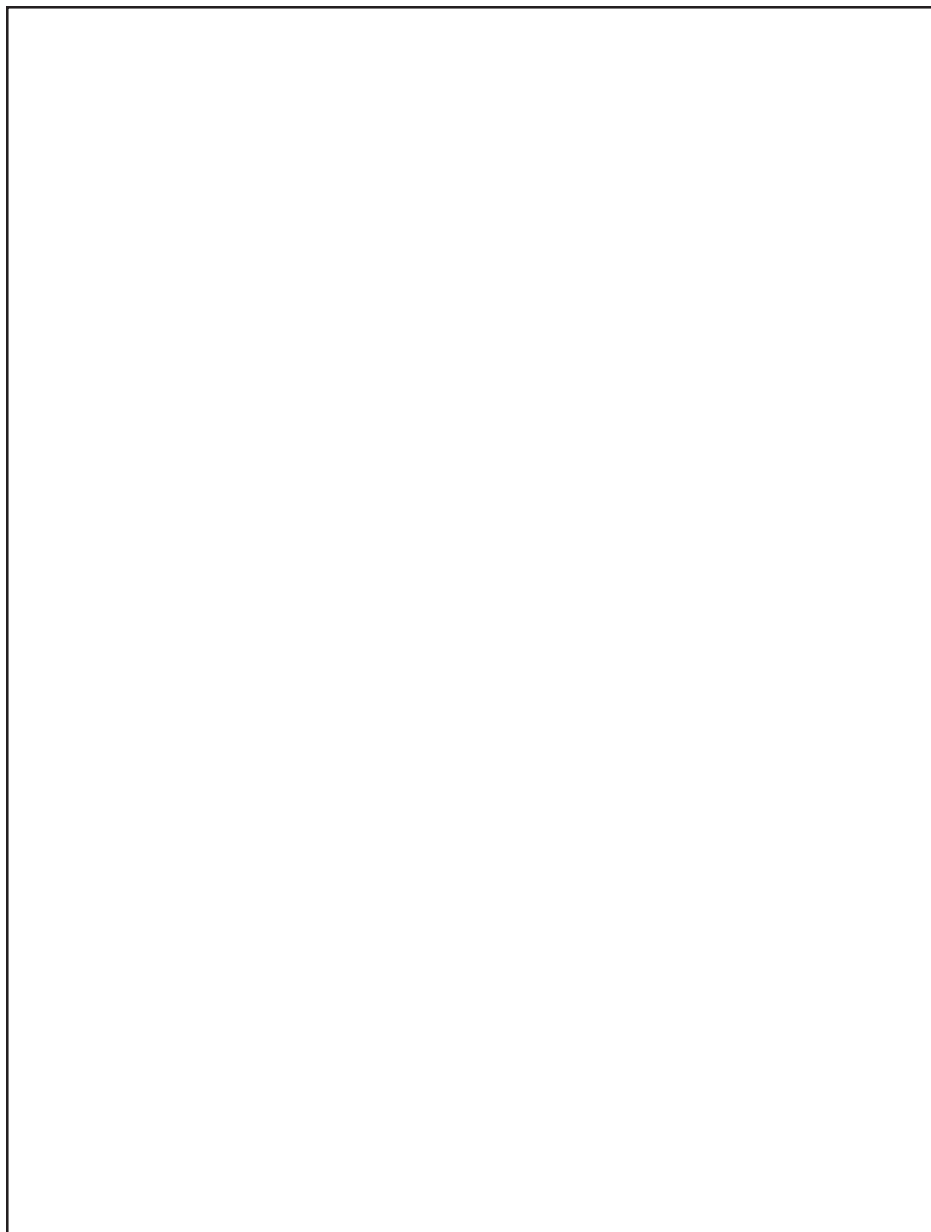
has been in sharing the joys and sufferings as well as the solidarity that we experience with our family, friends and, in a global sense, the rest of humanity. Early on in Sofia's life, our 4-year-old nephew in another state across the country said that while he had not yet met his cousin, he "knew her in my prayers." We often are reminded by this innocent expression that divine love unites us and manifests itself just as simply as does a divine Savior born in a stable and in complete obscurity.

Through our daughter, we continue to experience a tremendous sense of hope

that fills us as we receive our third child into this post-Sept. 11 world. The wisdom of Bethlehem whispers in ways that are surprising and unfamiliar.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we always have the grace to hear the Lord's call, the courage to respond to it in our lives and the wisdom to know that God is always with us.

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Elaborate ceremonies of Jubilee gone

Pope's Christmas schedule returns to tradition

By Cindy Wooden  
VATICAN CITY  
(CNS) — Pope John Paul II's Christmas season calendar marks a return to tradition simply by leaving out the elaborate ceremonies involved in opening and closing the Holy Year 2000.

The pope's yuletide schedule, released Dec. 7 by the Vatican, contains only one minor change

from previous, non-jubilee papal holiday celebrations: His Dec. 31 service of thanksgiving will be held in St. Peter's Basilica rather than in a Jesuit parish church in Rome.

The papal events, according to the Vatican, include:

— A Dec. 22 greeting to Vatican officials, car-

dinals living in Rome, members of the papal household and representatives of the clergy of Rome. The pope's speech for the annual meeting usually includes a review of the year in the life of the church.

— Celebrating mid-night Mass Dec. 24 in St. Peter's Basilica.

— Giving a speech and

the traditional blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and to the world) from the balcony of the basilica at noon Christmas Day.

— Reciting the Angelus Dec. 26, the feast of St. Stephen, rather than holding his normal weekly general audience.

— Celebrating evening prayer and offering prayers of thanks for the past year at a 6 p.m. ser-

vice in St. Peter's Basilica Dec. 31.

— Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Jan. 1, feast of Mary, mother of God, and World Peace Day.

— Ordaining new bishops during the celebration of Mass in the basilica Jan. 6, feast of the Epiphany.

— Addressing a gathering of diplomats accred-

ited to the Vatican Jan. 10.

— Baptizing infants during the celebration of Mass in the Sistine Chapel Jan. 13, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Vatican schedule ends with a notation that Pope John Paul will go to Assisi Jan. 24 for a "day of prayer for peace in the world."

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Spread God's grace — Put some humor back into your lives

By Jeffrey Brooks  
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Have you ever laughed so hard you cried? Have you ever cried so hard you laughed? Can you tell which is which? Do I ask too many questions? Do you find yourself answering them? Can someone please stop me?

My real question is whether, in these times of fear and anxiety, we should try to make each other laugh. I think we should, but first we have to look at why we laugh.

For me, laughter is a release. Have you ever been at a scary movie, and when something frightening happens you chuckle? Have you ever laughed a little too long and loudly when you were trying to make an impression on someone? Have you laughed at yourself, even when you were alone?

I'm asking questions again, aren't I?

Don't answer, at least not out loud. A sense of humor can be a release from a variety of emotions — joy, fear, antici-

pation, defensiveness — deep inside us that need a pressure valve. Oh, and isn't it great when a whole group of people feel that release at the same time?

Laughter is contagious. You can watch a comedian on television, and while you may think his material is funny, you may not laugh out loud. If you were to go to a live performance and see the same comic doing the same material, you'd laugh like crazy.

Why is that?

I believe it's because when we laugh with others, it bonds us. It makes us feel that it's OK to let go, to open up to each other and share our mutual joy. In that way, I guess laughter is a lot like prayer. It seems to work better in a group setting. "Wherever two or more are gathered ..."

But something else happens when we laugh or pray as a group: We gain strength.

Right now more than at almost any time in history, we need to show that we remain strong. We need to show that we can

still smile.

I remember a movie once where the good guy was in a terrible battle with the bad guy. Just when it seemed the hero was defeated, do you

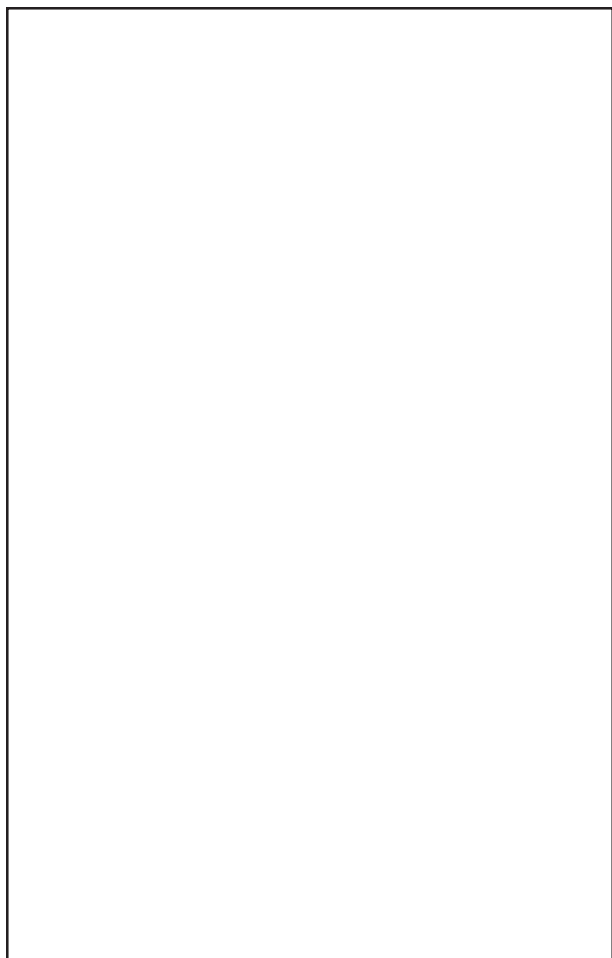
know what he did? (If you've seen the movie, don't tell. You'll spoil it for everyone else.)

Anyway, the good guy turned to the villain and smiled. Then he laughed.

In that moment you knew everything was going to turnaround and be all right.

It made me forget about all the bad things that had happened in the movie — (like paying \$20 for a

bucket of popcorn and a box of Jujubes). When good turned and laughed at evil, it felt safe. That's important right now, especially for our children. (See, 'Humor,' p. 17)





## Christmas ads and art

