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## Year for Priests

In commemoration of the Year for Priests, the chancery staff held a meal of appreciation for the priests in the diocese Thursday, May 13, 2010. Prior to the meal, the attending priests and chancery staff prayed the Midday Prayer taken from the Liturgy of the Hours. During the meal, a Powerpoint display of photos of the priests ran on a screen, and at the end of the celebration, priests received green stoles, for use in Ordinary Time, with their name and date of ordination embroidered upon them. They each also received from the staff a letter of thanksgiving for their love and service.

### As Year for Priests nears close, pope says priests must be shepherds

By Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the Year for Priests draws to a close, Pope Benedict XVI said a priest's foremost role is to be a shepherd to his flock, and he asked the faithful to support their priests in their task of bringing people closer to God.

At his regular weekly audience in St. Peter's Square May 26, the pope said

priests should follow Jesus, who he called the "supreme shepherd of souls," in their mission to "take care of the people of God, be teachers of the faith, animating and sustaining the community of Christians."

The pope quoted St. Augustine in pointing out that "it is a labor of love to graze the flocks of the Lord," and that love should act as the "supreme guide in conduct for the ministers of God."

By following this guide, the pope said, a priest should show "unconditional love, be full of joy and open to all; be attentive to those around him, gentle to children, to the weak and to the simple; and show the infinite mercy of God with encouraging words of hope."

Because of the world wars and the rise of dictatorial leaders in Europe in the last century, the pope said, many people today still have a deep mistrust of authority of all types. The church, he said, is called to offer an authority based on service, "not in its own right but in the name of Jesus, who in the name of the Father received all authority in heaven and on earth."

Each priest in turn receives that re-

sponsibility, the pope said. "The spiritual authority conferred in Holy Orders should be matched by the priest's interior fidelity to his pastoral mission and his personal readiness to follow obediently the lead of Christ," he said.

In living for the benefit of his flock, the priest-shepherd must dedicate himself totally, "often going against the current, and remembering that he who is big must act like the smallest, and he who governs must act like the servant."

The pope said that leading others does not mean domination but is rather illustrated in the humble act of Jesus Christ's washing of the feet of the apostles and in the wood of the cross.

The pope asked the faithful to "support your priests in their ministry of leading men and women to God, bearing witness to the truth of the Gospel and its message for hope." Pope Benedict also asked for prayers "for my own ministry of governance in the church."

The pope called the special year for

See *As Year for Priests nears close*, p. 11

### Some in church give 'helping hand' to secularism, pope says

By John Thavis  
 Catholic News Service

FATIMA, Portugal (CNS) — In a strongly worded talk to Portuguese bishops, Pope Benedict XVI denounced what he called a "silence of the faith" in the face of widespread attacks on religious values.

Particularly in politics and in the mass media, some Christians have quietly consented as new barriers to the faith are constructed, he said May 13.

"Authentic witnesses to Jesus Christ are needed, above all in those human situations where the silence of the faith is most widely and deeply felt: among politicians, intellectuals, communications professionals who profess and who promote a monocultural ideal, with disdain for the religious and contemplative dimension of life," he said.

"In such circles are found some believers who are ashamed of their beliefs and who even give a helping hand to this type of secularism," he said.

He said the changes in contemporary society require a "new missionary vigor" by mature lay Christians, and bishops themselves should show that they will not be "gagged" when it comes to announcing the church's moral teachings.

The pope made his remarks at his final major event in Fatima, where earlier in the day he celebrated Mass for half a million people, then met with Catholic pastoral workers.

The pope did not mention specific political issues in his address, but Portuguese church leaders have been distressed at the liberalization of abortion laws in 2007 and

the recent legislative approval of a same-sex marriage bill.

Some commentators have criticized the bishops of Portugal for failing to take a harder and more public line against those developments.

The pope said bishops must redouble their efforts at a time when Catholicism is no longer seen as the common patrimony of Portuguese society. But he said that in convincing others, witness is more important than words.

"Simply proclaiming the message does not penetrate to the depths of people's hearts, it does not touch their freedom, it does not change their lives. What attracts is, above all, the encounter with believing persons who, through their faith, draw others to the grace of Christ by bearing witness to him," he said.

The pope asked the bishops to give special attention to lay movements that have arisen in recent decades — an important development that occurred in "a moment of weariness in the church," he said.

The bishop's role is to welcome these new expressions of vitality in the church, while helping the movements to "find the right way, making some corrections with understanding" and showing "a certain openness and a willingness to learn," he said.

In the northern city of Porto May 14, in the final big event of the trip, the pope told 200,000 people at a Mass that their duty as followers of Christ was to announce his Gospel in every sector of society.

See *Some in church give*, p. 16

### Newly designed Catholic Lighthouse Web page

By Cynthia Brewer

Can't find your copy of *The Catholic Lighthouse* that just came in the mail? Did your clutter-free spouse toss it before you had a chance to file it in your stack?

No worries. Just go to the Diocese of Victoria Web site and pull up the most recent *Lighthouse* issue, or even an archived issue from a year ago.

We've cleaned up our Web page to make it more user friendly. One may go to <http://www.victoriadiocese.org> and click on Lighthouse Newspaper in the blue column on the left, or go directly to the paper by typing <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/lighthouse/lighthouse.htm>, and then please save this address in your favorites.

Once on our Web page, you'll see it's been reorganized with important *Lighthouse* business information links on the top of the page: staff contacts, subscriptions, advertising rates, publication and deadline

dates, directory updates, and contents.

Next is the "Extra, Extra: Read All About It" section with the most recent local, national and world Catholic News since our last printing. Click on "Today's Catholic News" to go directly to the Catholic News Service daily news, as well as the top stories for the past month. Click on Local Diocesan News to see "Extra" news that was unable to fit within the 20 pages of the print issue of *The Catholic Lighthouse*.

Below the "EXTRA" news, is the copy of the most recently published issue of *The Catholic Lighthouse*. If you can't remember the date of your favorite parish festival, just go to "Events" on page 19 to see the list of current happenings, such as picnics and retreats. Or to share a story with a friend, send the link via e-mail.

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## Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

June	
6	10:00 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. John Bosco Church, Vanderbilt
8	10:30 a.m., Opening and blessing of renovations at Presidio La Bahia, Goliad
13-19	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Spring Assembly, St. Petersburg, Florida
20	8:30 a.m., Confirmation Mass, St. Mary's Church, Praha
22	3:00 p.m., Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery 4:30 p.m., Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery
July	
8	6:30 p.m., Bishop's Charity Banquet, Victoria Country Club
10	10:00 a.m., Diaconal Ordination of Lawrence Hoelscher, St. Philip's Church, El Campo

### Official Appointments By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Effective May 23, 2010, the **Rev. Gabriel Maison** is appointed Parochial Administrator of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Praha, while remaining in his assignment as Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Moulton.

Effective July 7, 2010:

The **Rev. Tommy Chen** is relieved of his assignment at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church, Shiner, and appointed Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville, and its mission parishes/churches.

The **Rev. Michael Rother** is relieved of his assignment at Sacred Heart Church, Hallettsville, and appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria.

The **Rev. David W. Berger** is relieved of his assignment at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, Victoria, and appointed Parochial Vicar at St. Rose of Lima Church, Schulenburg, and its mission parishes/churches.

## OCYP holds workshop for Youth Protection trainers

The Office of Child and Youth Protection hosted a workshop for all current and potential safe environment trainers at the Spiritual Renewal Center.

The workshops were held on Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 21. The Most Reverend David Fellhauer began Tuesday's workshop with a Mass thanking the entire diocese for the hard work and dedication that has gone into implementing the safe environment program. On Wednesday, Father Ty Bazar, pastor of St. Patrick's in Bloomington and Father Samuel Appiasi of St. Peter's in Blessing, assisted by Deacon Linard Harper from St. Joseph's Parish and School in Yoakum, also began the workshop with Mass. Father Bazar stressed the importance of the program, the scorn that is sometimes endured by our priests and others who belong to the Catholic Church. Father Bazar reminds us that

protocols are in place, and without these, the children may have never had a voice.

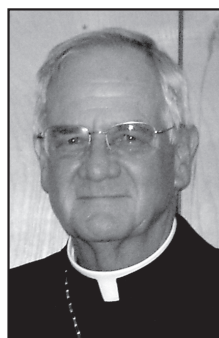
Each trainer and site administrator was given updated information regarding safe environment policies and procedures. Most importantly, upcoming audit information was discussed. The Diocese of Victoria will be part of a full on-site audit during the next few months. Each parish and school representative will return to their prospective parish/school and ensure that they are compliant with the policies and procedures of the safe environment program. Parish and school self-audit materials were distributed.

Following the updates and audit information, the director for the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Debbie Vanelli, along with associate director, Jose Ortega, reviewed and answered questions regard-

*See OCYP holds workshop, p. 8*

## National CDA Chaplain's Message

### Being Open to Changes in Worship



This article appeared in Spring 2010 "Share" magazine, a quarterly published by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It is reprinted with permission. It is written by Bishop David Fellhauer, who is the National Chaplain of the Catholic Daughters since Mrs. Libby Ramirez is the CDA National Regent. Her post ends July 2010.

Dear Catholic Daughters:

Our diocese like many others is currently scheduling workshops to prepare for the new English translation of the Roman Missal, which we will all be experiencing probably sometime next year. The translation will take a little getting used to, and it may not totally please everyone. It will adhere more faithfully and accurately to the original Latin text, without omissions, additions, and paraphrases. It will follow to some extent the style of the original Latin and occasionally will sound a bit stilted. We will be hearing English that is more formal and less "everyday," different from what we have been used to.

Translating a text from one language and culture to another is a complex art and science. The translators of the Missal have taken into account the history of the ancient text (a history of which we are often largely unaware), and in some instances they have made clearer the many biblical allusions in the text of the Roman Missal. To say it again, not everyone, at least at first, will welcome this new translation; but many will do so, even while taking issue with one or another word or phrase.

Among the numerous changes, small and large, in the new text, I'd like to mention three in particular. The first is the response of the assembly to the priest's greeting, "The Lord be with you." Instead of answering "and also with you," the people will say, "and with your spirit." This is, of course, the literal translation of the Latin *et cum spiritu tuo*, the original and ancient phrase of the liturgy. This response, by the way, has already been retained in all the major vernacular translations except the English. Our English greeting, "and also with you," does not do full justice to the original, even though the precise meaning of "your spirit" may not be totally clear.

The celebrant's "The Lord be with you" and the response of the assembly is more than just a personal and polite exchange of greetings. The celebrant is praying that the Lord be truly present within the gathered assembly. The assembly is acknowledging that the celebrant is not merely representing himself during the sacred liturgy, but that he genuinely represents Christ who is most truly present and in whose name the priest pronounces the sacred words and performs the sacred actions of the Mass. The response, "and with your spirit," is addressed only to an ordained minister. Thus the word spirit in this context is connected with the conferral of Holy Orders and may possibly refer to the gift of the Spirit received at ordination.

The second change I would mention is found in the so-called Nicene Creed, professed by people and priest after the Gospel in many Masses. Currently we pray, "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ [...], one in being with the Father." The revised translation is "consubstantial with the Father," a transliteration of the Latin *consustantialem*, which means having the same substance as the Father. While one may argue that "one in being" and "having the same substance" are equivalent, the Holy See considers it preferable, and probably more accurate, to use the Latin term.

Third and last, there is a change in the formula for the consecration of the wine. Presently the priest proclaims, "this is the cup of my blood [...]. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven." The new translation will retain the original Latin, "for many" [*pro multis*]. Theologically it is correct to say that Christ died for all, but it is the phrase "for many" which is found in the Gospels according to Matthew and Mark. And so the new wording conforms to the biblical text.

There is much more to be said, of course, about the revised English translation, and perhaps not everyone will find the topic as interesting as I. But the new wording will be at the center of our prayer and worship for years to come, and I believe that we do best to try to welcome and appreciate it, aware of the fact, as the saying goes, that every translation limps.

God's blessings on you all.  
Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
Bishop of Victoria, Texas  
National Chaplain, CDA

## DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

### 2010 DSA

Diocesan Goal:	\$1,349,808.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$ 509,015.25
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 418,842.25
Number of Parish Families Participating:	3,140

### Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal:	\$ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals:	\$12,983,688.50
Parish Contribution Totals:	\$ 7,575,015.78
Number of Parish Families Participating:	6,751

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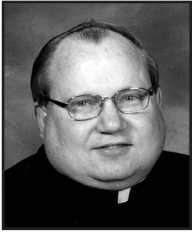
## Year for Priests Interviews with priests in the Diocese of Victoria

## In Memory of ...

### From softball umpire to world traveling priest

**Rev. Michael William Petering – Edna**

Rev. Michael Petering is pastor at St. Agnes Parish in Edna. Below is his "Year for Priests" interview.



*What is the date and place of your birth?* March 8, 1954, in Alice, Texas

*What are your parents' names and where do they live?* Edwin Petering of Bay City, Texas, and Joyce Petering (deceased)

*What are your siblings' names and where do they live:* Carol Petering of Beaumont and Kathryn Denton of Bellaire, Texas.

*What is the name and location of your home parish?* Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bay City

*What schools did you attend and when?* Elementary school: St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Alice, Texas, grades 1 and 2; Holy Cross Catholic School in Bay City, grades 3 – 6; High School: Bay City High School, 1969 – 1972; College: Wharton County Junior College, associate degree, 1974; University of Dallas in Irving, B. A. degree, 1994; University of St. Thomas in Houston (M. Div. degree 1999; Seminary: Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, 1990 – 1994, Saint Mary Seminary in Houston, 1994 – 1999

*Date and place ordained and by whom:* I was ordained a deacon on November 11, 1998, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Houston by Bishop David Fellhauer and ordained a priest on May 15, 1999, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bay City by Bishop David Fellhauer.

*If ordained in another diocese, when were you incardinated into the Diocese of Victoria:* N/A

*Assignments:* 1999 – 2002, parochial vicar at St. Philip the Apostle Church in El Campo; 2002 – 2007, parochial administrator of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Meyersville and St. Aloysius Church

in Westhoff; 2007 – present, pastor of St. Agnes Church in Edna.

*Receipt and date of papal dignities:* none

*Published works:* none

*What are your hobbies or special interests:* I collect assorted artifacts shaped like ducks.

*When was the first time you thought of the priesthood?* Many years ago .....

*Who influenced or inspired you?* The priests I have known over the years

*What would people be surprised to know about you?* I have traveled to 18 countries.

*What is your favorite Scripture passage?* "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26).

*How did you come to know Jesus?* **By going to church with my family every Sunday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*What was your background before the seminary (things you did, jobs, etc.)?* I worked for Groce-Wearden Co. and Scrivner, Inc. from 1974 to 1990. I was a softball umpire from 1976 to 1990 and a volleyball official from 1980 to 1989.

*What are some of your favorite experiences/joys/surprises since becoming a priest?* Meeting so many wonderful people

*What was the last book you read?* "Patton: A Genius for War" by Carlo D'Este

*What is your favorite spiritual book?* "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen

*What is your favorite movie?* "The Alamo" (2004) directed by John Lee Hancock

### Discerning while calculating (numbers, that is)

**Rev. Michael John Rother – Hallettsville**

Rev. Michael John Rother is parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish and School and St. Mary's in Hallettsville; Ascension of Our Lord Church, Moravia; and St. John the Baptist Church, St. John. Below is his "Year for Priests" interview.



*What is the date and place of your birth?* November 13, 1975, in Palacios, Texas

*What are your parents' names and where do they live?* Bernard and Madeline Rother of Palacios

*What are your siblings' names and where do they live:* Troy Rother, College Station

*What is the name and location of your home parish?* St. Anthony of Padua, Palacios

*What schools did you attend and when?* High School: Palacios High, 1994; College: Wharton County Junior College, transferred 1996; Texas A&M Univ., Bachelor's of Administration in Accounting, 1999; and Seminary: Holy Trinity Seminary/Univ. of Dallas, transferred 2002; St. Mary Seminary/Univ. of St. Thomas, Masters of Divinity, 2007

*Date and place ordained and by whom:* June 9, 2007, at St. Anthony of Padua in Palacios by Bishop David Fellhauer

*If ordained in another diocese, when were you incardinated into the Diocese of Victoria:* N/A

*Assignments:* July 2007 – present, parochial vicar at the following: Sacred Heart, Hallettsville; St. Mary, St. Mary; Ascension of Our Lord, Moravia; and St. John the Baptist, St. John; 4th Degree Knight of Columbus; and KJT member

*Receipt and date of papal dignities:* none

*Published works:* none

*What are your hobbies or special interests:* keeping two fish aquariums, cooking, making rosaries, playing the guitar, outdoor activities and sports (especially basketball)

*When was the first time you thought of the priesthood?* Jr. High to High School

*Who influenced or inspired you?* First my parents, for teaching me a respect for priests and the priesthood. Second, the priests at St. Anthony and St. Mary at Texas A&M, as well as the ones in Palacios.

*What would people be surprised to know about you?* I can count to 100 in four languages: English (of course), Spanish, Italian, and Vietnamese.

*What is your favorite Scripture passage?* Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21. More

### Fr. Dominic's and Fr. Augustine's father

Stephen Coffi, age 81, passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2010, in Dwomo, Ghana, in West Africa, after suffering a stroke in April.

He was born in 1929. He was a cocoa farmer by trade and enjoyed fishing in the river to provide a meal for his family. Stephen and his loving wife, Cecilia, had seven children and 16 grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia, and five children: Father Dominic Antwi-

Boasiako, pastor of Holy Family Church, Wharton, and St. Joseph's Mission, Boling; Father Augustine Nsiah-Asante, parochial vicar at St. Philip the Apostle, El Campo; Sister Beatrice Coffi, Theophilus and Elizabeth, along with one brother, Kobina Forbena.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister and two children, Emmanuel, the youngest of the seven, and Martha, a daughter.

### Ken Besetzny, former diocesan employee

Kenneth E. Besetzny, 56, who was the Family Life director for the Diocese of Victoria in the late 1980's, passed away March 6, 2010, at his home in Red Wing, Minn., after a struggle with cancer.



He was born Jan. 6, 1954, in Hallettsville, Texas, to Edgar and Lillian Bludau Besetzny. He graduated from Bishop Forest Catholic High School, Schulenburg. He attended the Pontifical North American College, Rome, completing a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He attended the Oblate Seminary School of Theology in San Antonio. While working in the Diocese of Victoria as Family Life director, he attended St. Mary's University completing a master's in marriage and family therapy. In 1994, he moved to Ames, Iowa, working at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Kenneth married Corene Frideres-Schaller on April 28, 1995. Their marriage was blessed on July 25 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Rochester, Minn. They lived in Rochester for a short time before accepting a position at the Church of St. Joseph in Red Wing.

Working behind the scenes, Kenneth had insight and fortitude in developing the leadership structure for the parish of St. Joseph. He was instrumental in starting the Hispanic Catholic Ministry and brought Catholic Charities to Red Wing. He was liaison between the Friendship

House and the parish and a member of the advisory board of the Community Care Fund. A proponent of ecumenical efforts, he facilitated the development of Red Wing Faith in Action. He was heavily involved in social justice and charity issues facing the local community.

He was an avid reader; enjoyed hiking, biking, and traveling. He refurbished homes and helped others with home improvements.

He is survived by his wife, Corene, of Red Wing; his mother, Lillian, of Schulenburg; three step-children, Sean Bakken of St. Joseph, Mo., Sabrina (Aaron) Fleischer of Kansas City, Sara Bakken of Ames, Iowa; nine siblings, Harvey (Cathy) Besetzny, Andy (Tammy) Besetzny, Mark (Linda) Besetzny, Diane (Milton) Holub, Theresa (Byron) Eckhardt, Ralph (Bonnie) Besetzny, Mary (James) Akers, Joanie (Stuart) Kriskche, all of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar.

Mass of the Resurrection was March 13, at the Church of St. Joseph. Memorials are preferred to Hispanic Ministry or Community Care Fund, c/o CSJ, 426 W. 8th St., Red Wing, MN 55066; Faith in Action or Fairview Red Wing Hospice at 1407 W. 4th St., Red Wing, MN 55066.

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## Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is \$15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

As of May 17, 2010

<b>— General Seminary Burse</b>		TOTALS
Previously reported	\$96,734.00	
Gift from Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union	1,000.00	
In memory of Frances Pekar Hermes by M/M J.O. Hermes	30.00	
In memory of Richard S. Willis by M/M Fred Fischer Jr.	25.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,789.00</b>	

<b>— Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch Seminary Burse</b>	
Previously reported	\$3,685.00
In memory of Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch by:	
M/M Joseph Neskora	300.00
Kupcak Family Reunion	50.00
M/M Gary Cerny	100.00
Gift to burse by Raphael's Refuge Board of Directors	130.00
In memory of Vaclav G. "Jim" Kalina by:	
Georgia Cerny	10.00
Stazy Hajek	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,280.00</b>

<b>— Catholic Daughters of America Our Lady Queen of Peace Court #1374</b>	
Previously reported	\$4,687.72
In memory of Theresa Bender by CDA Court #1374	55.00
In memory of Dorothy Marek by CDA Court #1374	55.00
In memory of Elnora Goetsch by CDA Court #1374	85.00
Gift to burse by CDA Court #1374	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,942.72</b>

<b>— Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #4</b>	
Previously reported	\$12,659.00
Gift in honor of Fr. John Peters 36th anniversary of priesthood	10.00
Gift in honor of anniversary of death of John & Tillie Peters	10.00
In memory of Kenneth Besetzny by George and Irene Knebel	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,729.00</b>

<b>— Josephat R. Janak Seminary Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$1,578.77
In honor of Fr. Gary Janak's 22nd Anniversary of Priesthood by:	
Larry and Delores Dornak	20.00
M/M Jimmie Triska	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,648.77</b>

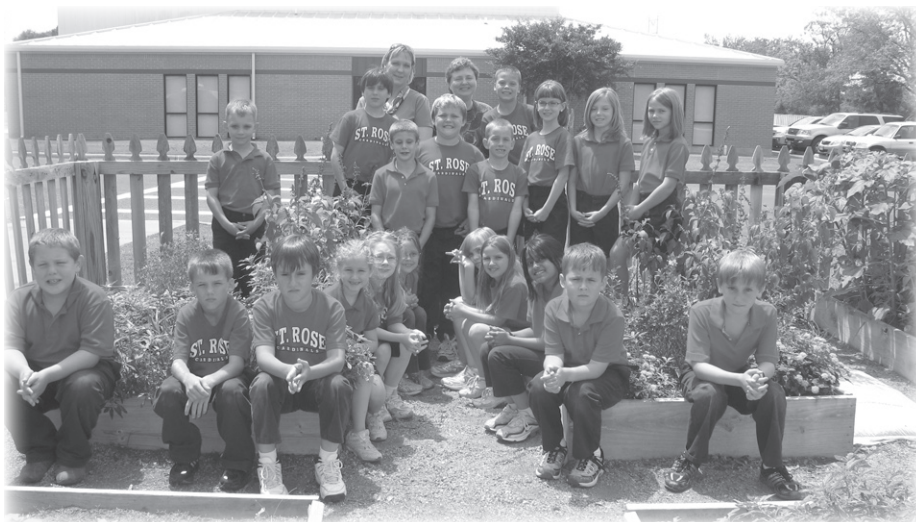
<b>— Rev. Jerome J. Stryk Seminary</b>	
Previously reported	\$11,834.50
In memory of Gerald Kalina by:	
Mrs. Celine Kalina	50.00
Mrs. Julia Stryk	10.00
M/M Andrew Stryk	100.00
Louis Stryk	100.00
Lad & Helen Muras	50.00
Georgia Cerny	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,154.50</b>

<b>— St. John the Baptist Church, St. John In Memory of Rev. Brian Crookes Seminary Burse #2</b>	
Previously reported	\$4,711.00
In memory of Kenneth Besetzny by Al and Donna Hermis	25.00
In memory of Anton J. Orsak by Ervin and Bernice Neskora	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,746.00</b>

<b>— St. Patrick Church, Bloomington Seminary Burse NEW BURSE</b>	
Gift to burse by St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington	\$1,000.00
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**BUTTERFLIES FOR GOD ON EARTH DAY**—The second and third grade classes at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg took part in their annual butterfly garden project this year with the help of the Schulenburg Garden Club. The club gave a wonderful presentation to the classes and then donated a variety of plants that attract caterpillars, which then turn into butterflies. The students have been caring for the garden, as well as observing it for caterpillars and butterflies each day. This is always a rewarding project to do with the students. Creating the flower garden was a gift to God for Earth Day.

### Vocation camp for young men to be held

Diocesan Vocation Camp for Young Men, ages 15 – 21 will be held July 18 – 21. Life Awareness Retreat – Girls Vacation Camp will be held July 23 – 25. For more information or to register, please contact (361) 573-0828, ext. 32 or 50.

*To All Of Our Readers: Have A Safe And Blessed Summer Vacation!*

## New formation adviser appointed to Holy Trinity Seminary

DALLAS—The Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell, bishop of Dallas, has appointed Rev. James Vásquez, a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, to the formation faculty of Holy Trinity Seminary effective July 1, 2010. The Most Reverend W. Michael Mulvey, bishop of Corpus Christi, has released Father Vásquez to serve at Holy Trinity Seminary in this capacity.

Father James Vásquez, 32 years old, is the sixth of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. José Vásquez. Father Vásquez, whose parents are Mexican immigrants, was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas; he is bilingual. After graduation from a local public high school, Father Vásquez entered the seminary under



Rev. James Vasquez

the sponsorship of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He attended and graduated from college seminary in 2000 with a B.A. in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn. He then completed his graduate studies in theology with an M. Div. from the University of St. Thomas while completing his priestly formation at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. On June 24, 2006, he was ordained to the priesthood in Corpus Christi Cathedral by the Most Reverend Edmond Carmody, then the bishop of Corpus Christi.

Since Father Vásquez's ordination he has served as the director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. In addition to this position, he has most

recently served as a member of the faculty of John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi. His past parochial assignments include Corpus Christi Cathedral and most recently Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Corpus Christi.

Father Michael Olson, the rector of Holy Trinity Seminary, stated that he is most grateful for the generosity of Bishop Mulvey in permitting Father Vásquez to come to Dallas to work in this very important and rewarding ministry of priestly formation.

Father Olson added, "I am overjoyed to welcome Father Vásquez to the formation faculty of Holy Trinity Seminary. I have personally known Father Vásquez since the fall of 2001; he is a very talented and faithful priest and a man of solid character. I am very grateful for his willingness to serve in the work of priestly formation."

## New Priests

About 440 men will be ordained to the priesthood this year in the United States.

average age **33**

**70%** are white, **13%** are Latino

born outside the U.S. **31%**

convert to Catholicism **10%**

**32%** have experience working in business, finance or computer professions

**12%** have experience as an educator

**59%** name music, reading and movies as popular pastime activities

Responses received from 339 of 440 potential ordinands.

Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate

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## Discerning while calculating (numbers, that is)

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brings them through the sacraments. I also enjoy spending time with the people as they call upon me to celebrate, as well as when they call me in their need. I am able to experience life with them.

*What was the last book you read?* "The Lovely Bones" by Alice Sebold

*What is your favorite spiritual book?* "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen

*What is your favorite movie?* "Life is Beautiful" (Italian with English subtitles)

*Who is a hero to you?* Father Stanley Rother. I didn't know him, but have read and heard his story from many points of view.

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## Twenty Something

By Christina Capecchi  
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### Milestones and inch-stones: the reason we celebrate

I have been anticipating my birthday with the vigor and vigilance of an 8-year-old. For months I've pondered what I will eat and where I will shop and how I will dress. I've dedicated an entire weekend to Favorite Things. I've even devised a wish list.

It felt awfully indulgent at first, but then I considered how novel the impulse is and vowed to nurture it. If so many birthdays have slipped by quietly, the desire to celebrate this one — just another notch along my twenties — may be worth heeding.

The past year seems to merit celebration. I experienced the highs and the lows more acutely: late nights, early mornings, and a few leisurely weekends that rolled by with no plans and great fun.

I bought more flowers, whose bloom I studied and relished like never before.

I settled into a home perched beside an old oak, and just as I am looking up at its winding branches silhouetted against the sky, so too am I sinking roots.

The early spring hydrated my brittle parts. I have marveled over the way humidity heals, relaxing the tightly-wound bands in my chest. I am laughing more readily, and when anger flashes, I seem to have greater odds of holding my tongue.

This year I worked harder, prayed harder and loved harder — which probably means I lived better. So if I feel older, that may be why. And it's worth toasting.

We're in the season that celebrates landmarks with wedding bells and graduation parties, and we are following the script, sending cards with doves and eagles, starbursts and fireworks.

But my desire to celebrate is not about milestones: It's about inch-stones, the small steps that take courage, the times you hold your breath and tip toe along. Scootches, not leaps.

Recognizing an inch-stone is like catching a butterfly; it requires attentiveness and good timing and brings a sense of wonder, allowing us to feel the warm breeze of the Holy Spirit and see God's hand in our lives.

We're usually too busy to notice an inch-stone passing by, so when we do, and we feel that desire to celebrate, we should honor it.

I know a widower who is raising nine kids, and he celebrates every Sunday with Mass and brunch. He fries bacon, plays rock, and everyone dances.

A reporter friend won a blogging award exactly one year after being laid off from

her local newspaper. She celebrated by blogging and bragging and exercising. Another reporter signed with a book agent and then took a celebratory hike, unplugging from her computer for an entire day.

My longtime softball coach self-published his father's biography. His kids threw him a book launch party, sharing their takeaways over red wine.

When we celebrate these moments, we mark time together. We echo Mary's Magnificat. Our gratitude becomes poetry and, in turn, praise. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord," we sing. "The mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

It was Mary, after all, our most gracious advocate, who prompted Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, pointing out, "There is no wine." She wanted the celebration to continue, and so did her son. Today we remember that impulse, the second luminous mystery of the Rosary.

Mary suffered and she celebrated, because joy involves grief in a well-lived life.

That's what I'm striving for this birthday, why I keep a bottle of champagne in the fridge. I'm ready at a moment's notice.

*Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. She can be reached at [www.ReadChristina.com](http://www.ReadChristina.com).*

### Newly designed Catholic Lighthouse Web page

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Catholic News Service's "Movie Reviews," "Word to Life" column on the Sunday Readings, and the latest Catholic news.

To keep Catholics up-to-date with how their faith can influence the world around them, please visit the Texas Catholic Conference information, which includes updates on the Catholic Church in Texas, the US, and the world, as well as information and action alerts pertaining to our public policy priorities. Under National and World Church, one may click onto the link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site or go directly to the Vatican Web site.

I hope you will utilize *The Catholic Lighthouse* Web page to take advantage of keeping informed of "All things Catholic" — from following the pope, to learning what the bishops are saying to Washington, to being aware of movie ratings and what Church personnel think of them before you go, to taking a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel.

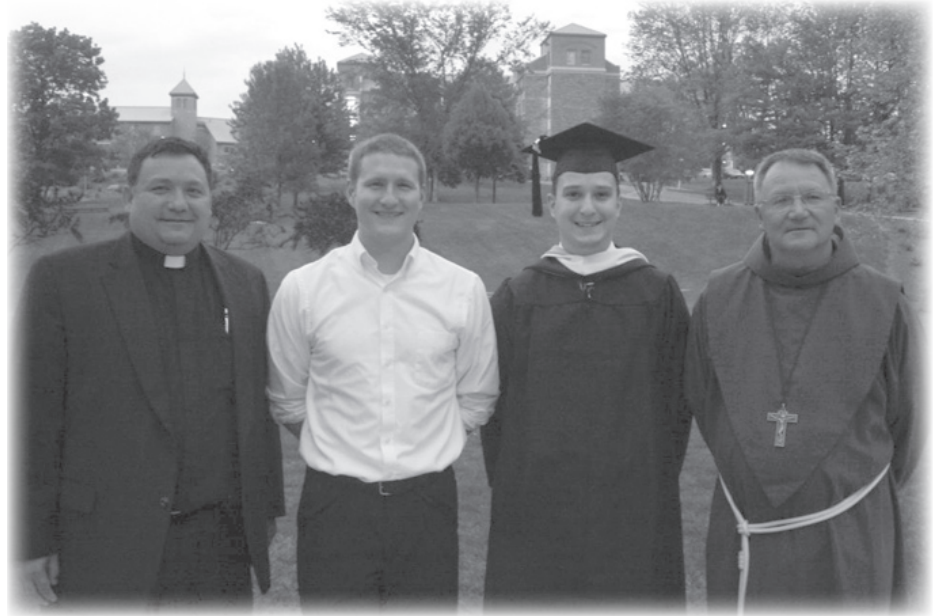
It's all there. I hope you enjoy!

### EXTRA, EXTRA on Internet:

Office of Child and Youth Protection training workshop, 8th-grade Religion Awards, JCDA activities, etc., may be found at <http://www.victoriadiocese.org/lighthouse/lighthouse.htm>

### Single women invited for Come & See Week

Indiana—Come & See Week - The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, would like to invite single Catholic women 18-40 who have ever considered being a nun, to come live the life with us for a weeklong experience June 25 - July 1. This Come & See Week will give participants an in-depth look at our life. Those who come will experience our prayer, work and recreation. There will also be a retreat day for personal prayer and faith sharing. For more information or to register online, visit [www.thedome.org/JoinUs](http://www.thedome.org/JoinUs), call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at (800) 734-9999, or e-mail [vocation@thedome.org](mailto:vocation@thedome.org).



**TWO SEMINARIANS GRADUATE WITH BACHELOR DEGREES**—Jacob Koether and Scott Hill, Diocese of Victoria seminarians, both from Holy Cross Parish in Bay City and both attending Franciscan University of Steubenville (Ohio), graduated with bachelor of arts degrees. Jacob graduated with a BA in philosophy and catechetics, while Scott graduated with a BA in philosophy. This fall, both will be Theology 1 students at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston. Pictured above, at Steubenville, are Father Dan Morales, Diocese of Victoria director of vocations; Jacob Koether; Scott Hill; and Father Ken Cienik, S.A., director of the pre-theologate program at Franciscan University. Congratulations to our seminarians!

### Employment Non-Discrimination Act seen jeopardizing religious freedom

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A letter from the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated the bishops' opposition to the Employment Non-Discrimination Act because of the bill's potential to "jeopardize our religious freedom to live our faith and moral tenets in today's society."

The bishops added that the measure, known as ENDA, could be used to justify legal protection for same-sex marriage, based on similar state-based nondiscrimination laws.

The bill would add sexual orientation to the list of individual characteristics that would bar employers from discriminating against.

"We cannot support any bill — such as ENDA in its current form — that would legally affirm and specially protect any sexual conduct outside of marriage," said the letter, dated May 19 and sent to individual members of Congress.

The bishops restated "two basic tenets" of the church — that "persons with a homosexual inclination" must be treated with "respect, compassion and sensitivity" and

that under no circumstances can homosexual acts be approved.


The letter was signed by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage; Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; and Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine.

They said the church is "ardently opposed to all unjust discrimination" against people based on sexual orientation, but said the church also teaches sex outside of traditional marriage between a man and a woman is morally wrong.


The letter referred to one section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which said that "no one should be an object of scorn, hatred, or violence for any reason, including sexual inclination," and that the church stood committed to avoid "every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard." But Catholic teaching cannot be "equated with 'unjust discrimination,'" it added.

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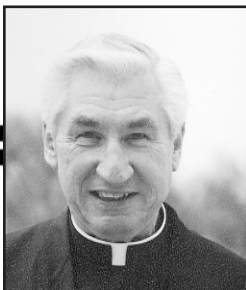
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## FAITH POINT



By Rev. Msgr. James C. Brunner  
Vicar General, Diocese of Victoria

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### Safe Sex, Anyone?

It is safe to say that much “safe-sex” education in the US is basically training in correct condom use. In June 2000, four federal agencies, US Agency for International Development, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health cooperated in a study on the effectiveness of condoms in preventing spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). A group of 28 researchers from the four agencies did a comprehensive study of 138 peer-reviewed papers on the eight most prevalent sexually transmitted diseases: HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, chancroid, trichomoniasis, genital herpes, and human papillomavirus (HPV). The US Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of their findings July 20, 2001.

The importance of the study can be seen from a summary paragraph from the report:

“Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), including HIV, are common, important, and preventable causes of morbidity, mortality, disability, lost-productivity, and health care costs. In the United States, more than 65 million individuals are living with an STD, the majority of which are incurable viral infections. Approximately 15 million new sexually transmitted infections occur annually in the U.S. In the United States, approximately 493,000 individuals have died from AIDS, and 800,000-900,000 people are living with HIV disease. Many sexually transmitted infections can cause adverse pregnancy outcomes including miscarriages, stillbirths, intrauterine growth restriction and perinatal (mother-to-infant) infections. Some STDs can cause infertility or lead to ectopic pregnancy among women and one, the human papillomavirus, can cause cervical and anogenital cancer. Furthermore, other STDs facilitate HIV transmission.”

The outcome of the study on the effectiveness of condoms? Although the researchers did not use these words, a fair summary would be: “Condoms don’t work very well in preventing transmission of STDs.”

When used “correctly and consistently” condoms reduced heterosexual HIV infection rates by 85 percent. There is no information on homosexual infection rates where, reportedly, condom failure is much higher.

The researchers triumphantly reported “strong evidence for the effectiveness of condoms in reducing sexually transmitted HIV.” Excuse me for not sharing their enthusiasm. Eighty-five percent is admittedly better than zero, but that still leaves 15% unprotected from a deadly and currently incurable disease. That is approximately the percentage of protection from death in Russian roulette.

For those who may not know what Russian roulette is, it is a “game” where one puts one bullet into the chamber of a

revolver and leaves the other five empty. Then the idiot gamster rolls the chamber, points the gun to his head, and pulls the trigger, hoping to find an empty chamber where the weapon will click harmlessly. Otherwise the person loses the game because he blows his head off. The fact that in Russian roulette there is only a one-in-six chance of death does not give much motivation for playing it or recommending it to others.

**The two diseases for which condoms offer partial protection constitute only two percent of all heterosexual STD cases in the US. That means that they are no protection for the other 98 percent of cases.**

Anyone seriously interested in preserving life would advise against playing the game at all. Why is not the same advice given to the sexually active where the odds of survival are roughly the same? Advising them to use condoms “correctly and consistently” is equivalent to saying, “Don’t accept less than 85% protection in sex.” Why not the 100% protection offered by abstinence?

The study found that condoms were effective in reducing the risk of gonorrhea in men but not in women.

The protective value of condoms relative to other STDs was virtually zero. For example, the report stated, “For HPV, the panel concluded that there was no epidemiological evidence that condom use reduced the risk of HPV.” The same was true for herpes, Chlamydia, chancroid, trichomoniasis and syphilis.

Twenty million Americans are infected with HPV, making it the most common STD in the US. Its primary symptom is genital warts, which are often pre-cancerous growths. It is the cause of nearly all cervical cancer. Annually 15,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 5,000 women die from this disease.

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Correct and consistent condom usage is the “safe-sex” educators’ primary, if not their only, tool.

Indeed, they rhapsodize about condoms with teachers telling students to “eroticize condom use with partner ... use condoms as a method of foreplay ... act sexy/sensual when putting the condom on....”

A report that absolutely gutted the effectiveness of their main tool and undermined the foundation of their careers, crusades, lives, and livelihoods should compel them to re-evaluate their program and offer different advice on sexual activity. In preaching use of condoms for safe sex they are worse than snake oil salesmen because they know that their product is almost worthless for most STDs. Approving casual sex with a condom is destructive. The 2001 study wrote, “...(T)he absence of definitive conclusions reflected inadequacies of the evidence available and should not be interpreted as proof of the adequacy or inadequacy of the condom to reduce the risks of STDs....” Translation: “We cannot find any evidence in 138 peer-reviewed medical studies that what we are selling

has little more than zero value except for 85% of HIV transmission and some protection against gonorrhea in men. We know that a lot of things that condoms fail to protect against can hurt and even kill you. However, we hope that condoms will prove

to be effective if we search long and hard enough. Meanwhile, use those condoms and enjoy yourselves. It is intolerable that religious bluenoses who advocate abstinence are right.” Millions of living and breathing human beings are lulled into believing that latex can save them from death and disease. At least they were living and breathing before acting on the bad advice.

Violations of chastity are violations of genuine love. True love would never endanger the beloved. Sex outside marriage puts the so-called beloved at risk either of pregnancy or disease not to mention divine condemnation. True love wants the best for the other person. Sex undertaken for the purpose of mere sexual pleasure is a use of the other person and not a true act of love. Women should never believe that

their acceptance is dependent on extending sexual favors. Refusing to engage in casual sex is a way of culling out persons whose only interest is to use the other. The other is an image and likeness of God and must never become an object of use.

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Do you want a safe-sex routine that really works? Here is the secret formula (secret because it is mainly hidden in safe-sex education presentations): Remain abstinent until marriage so that you will not be affected by an STD. Marry a non-infected partner. Practice fidelity in marriage. Follow that advice and you will never acquire an STD from your sexual activity nor will you pass one along to your children.

Also learn that Christian morality is not an arbitrary and capricious set of rules designed to stymie your pleasure. It is an expression of a loving Father concerned about your physical as well as your spiritual well being. Sound morality is good medicine and good social policy. It enhances the present life as well as eternal life.

*With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,  
The Diocese of Victoria,  
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*Lawrence Earl Hoelscher*

*Cordially invites you to his ordination to the  
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Through the imposition of hands and  
the invocation of the Holy Spirit by  
The Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer, J.C.D., Ph.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas*

*Saturday,  
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10:30 a.m.*

*St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
304 West Church Street  
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Larry Hoelscher was instituted an Acolyte at St. Philip the Apostle Church in El Campo on Dec. 6. He will be ordained to the diaconate as a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Victoria July 10, 2010. His wife, Patricia, and he have three adult children.

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## Diocese of Victoria

### Twenty-third Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry

#### Emerging Trends in Catholic Youth Ministry: The Pain and the Promise



Have you noticed the changes in young people over the past ten years? Adolescents seem to be in another world most of the time. Keynote presenter Mr. Robert (Bob) McCarty recently stated, "Our pastoral ministry with young people in schools and in parish religious education programs has been greatly affected by the post modern context." In his keynote address, McCarty will identify several critical factors impacting our ministry to youth, characteristics of millennial spirituality, and elements of a new map for effectively responding to young people throughout their lifelong, faith journey.

The Diocese of Victoria will sponsor the Twenty-third Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry at Holy Family Parish in Victoria on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The one-day congress is for all adults. A multitude of workshops will be presented throughout the day.

Catholic vendors will also be available.

#### Summer: A Time to Explore, Grow, and Learn

Do something special this summer. Attend a Pastoral Institute class. The Diocese of Victoria through the Pastoral Institute Short-Term Program is offering theological and catechetical classes in parishes throughout the diocese. All classes except the Church class will be using the Echoes of Faith Plus program, which is a basic level video-assisted resource for the formation and enrichment of catechists in parishes and Catholic schools. The five theology modules (classes) are excellent for adult faith formation and enrichment. Each module has a companion booklet (\$4.00), which contains a CD of the material covered in the class. Companion booklets are available at the Diocesan Catechetical Office and at the class sites.

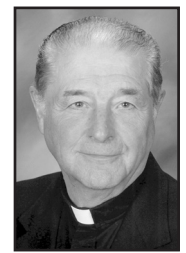
Take time this summer to attend the class or classes being offered in your parish or neighboring parishes. Catholics are often accused of not knowing their faith or not being able to fully explain their beliefs when asked by non-Catholics or others. These classes are offered every summer because recent Church documents remind us that, as Catholics, learning and growing in our faith is a life-long journey. To register, please e-mail [calvarez@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:calvarez@victoriadiocese.org) or call (361) 573-0828.

#### Pastoral Institute Summer Short-term Classes

June 2 & 9	The Learner	6 - 9 pm	St. John/Moravia (Rectory)
June 8	Person of the Catechist	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Sts. Peter & Paul/Meyersville
June 9, 16, & 23	Understanding the Revised Roman Missal (non-Echoes)	6:30 - 8:30 pm	St. Patrick/Bloomington (Heritage Rm)
June 12	Church	9 am - 3 pm	OL of Sorrows/Victoria * (CCD center)
June 14 & 21	The Scriptures	6 - 9 pm	St. Mary/Victoria (activity center)
June 16	Person of the Catechist	6 - 9 pm	Sts. Peter & Paul/Plum
June 16 & 30	I Believe/We Believe	6 - 9 pm	St. John/Moravia (rectory)
June 17	Methods 7/8	6 - 8 pm	OL of Sorrows/Victoria (CCD center)
June 19	Methods 3/4	10 am - 12 pm	OL of Sorrows/Victoria (CCD center)
June 19	Methods 5/6	10 am - 12 pm	OL of Sorrows/Victoria (CCD center)
June 22	Catholic Morality	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	St. Anthony/Palacios **
June 22 & 24	Sacraments	6 - 9 pm	Our Lady of Victory/Victoria (RE building)
June 23 & 30	Prayer and Spirituality	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Sacred Heart/Hallettsville
June 26	The Scriptures	9 am - 3 pm	OL of Lourdes/Victoria * (RE building)
June 29	Prayer & Spirituality	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	St. Anthony/Palacios**
June 29	Getting Started as a Catechist	6 - 9 pm	Chancery/Victoria
June 30	Roles of the Catechist	6 - 9 pm	Chancery/Victoria
July 1	Person of the Catechist	6 - 9 pm	Chancery/Victoria
July 6 & 8	Prayer & Spirituality	6:30 - 9:30 pm	St. Anthony/Columbus (cafeteria)
July 7	Methods 1 & 2	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Holy Family/Victoria (RE building)
July 7	Methods 3 & 4	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Holy Family/Victoria (RE building)
July 7	Methods 5 & 6	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Holy Family/Victoria (RE building)
July 7	Methods 7 & 8	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Holy Family/Victoria (RE building)
July 8 & 15	Catholic Morality	6 - 9 pm	OL of Sorrows/Victoria (CCD center)
July 8 & 15	The Learner	6:30 - 9:30 pm	Holy Cross/E. Bernard (RE building)
July 10	Roles of the Catechist	9 am - 12:00 pm	St. John/Hungerford
July 13 & 14	Sacraments	6 - 9 pm	Holy Rosary/Hostyn
July 13 & 15	Church	6 - 9 pm	St. Joseph, Yoakum
July 14 & 21	The Scriptures	5:30 - 8:30 pm	Sacred Heart/Hallettsville
July 19 & 21	Liturgy	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Chancery/Victoria
July 20 & 22	The Learner	6:30 - 9:30 pm	St. Anthony/Columbus (cafeteria)
July 21	Methods 7 & 8	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Sacred Heart/Flatonia
July 24	Methods 1 & 2	9:30 - 11:30 am	St. John/Hungerford
July 27 & 29	I Believe, We Believe	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Chancery/Victoria
July 28	Methods 5 & 6	6:30 - 8:30 pm	Sacred Heart/Flatonia
July 28 & 29	Prayer & Spirituality	6 - 9 pm	St. Agnes/Edna
August 3 & 5	Liturgy	6:30 - 9:30 pm	St. Philip/El Campo
August 3 & 10	I Believe/We Believe	6 - 9 pm	Sts. Cyril & Methodius/Shiner (activity center)
August 4	Roles of the Catechist	6 - 9 pm	St. Agnes/Edna
August 4	Methods 1 & 2	7 - 9 pm	St. Philip/El Campo
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August 4	Methods 7 & 8	7 - 9 pm	St. Philip/El Campo
			* Bring a sack lunch      ** Lunch provided

### Question Corner

By Father John Dietzen  
Catholic News Service



#### Authentic and superstitious devotions

*Q. I am a former Protestant, now Catholic for 10 years. I've come to realize there are fundamentalists and zealots in every denomination. Somehow, this seems connected to a rejection of grace, when these groups apparently thrive on the feeling they have it right and one can "earn" a special position with God only by adopting their ideas, which typically involve a bunch of legalistic requirements.*

*Recently, in the Easter season, I*

*saw a film and was honestly mortified. It described the graces one receives on Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter) as essentially an eighth sacrament, how people must say certain prayers exactly in a specific format to receive the graces of God's mercy.*

*When do promoters of these "devotions" go too far and become just another extreme group? (New York)*

A. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for Catholics (or people of other faiths for that matter) to become so enamored with a particular expression of faith that they want to freeze it and make it, as you say, an eighth sacrament, nearly necessary for salvation for everyone else. That's understandable perhaps, given human nature, but spiritually unhealthy at the very least.

Some structured forms of prayer have become accepted by long tradition in the church. Even these, however, need to be understood correctly or they might become seen as a sort of magic.

Novenas are a good illustration. Nine consecutive days of prayer as a sign of faith and expression of persevering trust in God's love can be an excellent way of laying our petitions, praise and thanksgiving before the Lord.

We do not, however, attribute anything miraculous or automatic in the number nine. When we become wrapped up in pious specifics, they become hard to distinguish from plain superstition.

According to one popular devotion, for example, we are told that "families who keep a holy hour of reconciliation on Thursdays and Fridays will receive a special grace through which (Mary) will free a member of their family from purgatory within eight days, if one of them keeps one day of fasting on bread and water."

Those who fast thus on Mondays will free a priest from purgatory. Those "who say one Hail Mary during November will free 10 souls from the place of suffering." (Another common element in most of these unusual devotions is their eccentric fascination with purgatory.)

Nothing in Catholic tradition or teaching gives basis or credence to this brand of spirituality.

At what point does this expression of "religion" cease to be spiritually authentic and healthy? St. Thomas Aquinas says it is when one carries religion too far, giving more importance to external details of religious observance than to what is going on in the heart (*Summa Theologiae* II-II, 93, 2).

In other words, it happens when we no longer understand our relationship with God as an interpersonal one of trust, love and caring, and begin to treat God as some "thing," a guaranteed source of magic if only he is invoked and manipulated with proper invocations and rituals.

What you experienced is one more indication that we Catholics need to examine carefully and intelligently whatever affects our faith, no matter how spiritual and devout the source appears to be.

(A free brochure in English or Spanish, answering questions Catholics ask about baptism practices and sponsors, is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3315, Peoria, IL 61612.)

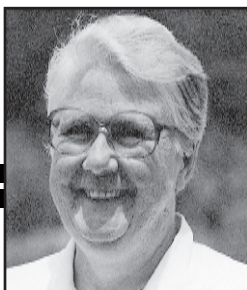
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## SISTERLY THOUGHTS

By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS



### Soul Work – Striving for that Gold!

Last month we looked at some ways that we can strive for spiritual gold—the prize that we hope to claim as we come to the finish line of earthly life. We saw how body works—the corporal works of mercy that are done on behalf of our brothers and sisters—are also actually done to Jesus. At the Last Judgment, we will know that we have achieved that spiritual gold when we hear the words, “Come into the Kingdom ... for when I was hungry, you ...”

However, we are more than our bodies with their bodily needs. We are composed of body and soul. Therefore let us include some soul work—the spiritual works of mercy—in our training for our quest for spiritual gold.

Our first exercise is the spiritual work of instructing the ignorant. Now this exercise is not only for the professional teachers among us; rather all of us are called to this task. How often do we teach through our example and our patiently facing of the challenges that life presents? How often do we utilize opportunities to help little ones with their homework or to answer their curious questions? Do we volunteer to work in our parishes and communities with young people, with adult literacy, and other educational projects? Do we take advantage of opportunities to share our knowledge with our peers, neighbors, or co-workers?

Our exercise of the spiritual works of admonishing the sinner and counseling the doubtful might be limited by our lack of specialized training; however we can be helpful through our example of living a Christian lifestyle and utilizing the Sacraments. We can also help through our non-judgmental listening and by our Christian

support and encouragement.

Perhaps the most difficult exercises of the spiritual works are those of forgiving offences willingly and bearing wrongs patiently. Do we carry grudges that destroy relationships with others—even our loved ones? Do we even run the risk of jeopardizing our own health and the happiness of those about us by harboring resentments? If so, let us ask the forgiving Jesus to give us the grace to forgive, and if possible, reconcile with those who may have hurt us. As far as bearing wrongs patiently, we might want to try to remedy a wrongful situation; however, if we cannot, then we must resign ourselves, and ask God to help us face and endure the hardships that life presents.

We all have opportunities to comfort the sorrowful (or afflicted) through our efforts to alleviate their sufferings by offering aid and support. Also, our physical presence, a simple message, or a promise to pray for them can let those who suffer know that they are not forgotten. Our offering of prayer for them leads us to our final spiritual exercise: to pray for the living and the dead. There is no limit to this exercise: we can pray at liturgical services, at community prayers, in our families and in the depth of our hearts. Short little prayers, called aspirations, for others can be a part of our life. These aspirations “pierce the heavens like arrows”. If we develop this attitude of prayer, we can be said to be “praying always”. What a wonderful way to become spiritually “fit” and on the way to achieving that spiritual gold.

During this month of June, let us salute all fathers who are called to be the spiritual leaders in their families. Happy Fathers’ Day!

### OCYP holds workshop for Youth Protection trainers

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ing the newly promulgated Policy and Procedure Resource Manual for Youth Ministry and Catechetical Programs. Sample quizzes depicting real life situations were administered and reviewed. The manual provides an overview of youth ministry, visions and goals of catechesis, pastoral care, diocesan policies and procedures, housing policies and procedures, travel policies and procedures and forms required by the diocese. The manual is available through the Youth Office and it may be downloaded via the diocesan Web-site at [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org).

Following the rules, regulations, poli-

cies and procedure overviews, Melissa Perales, director for the Office of Child and Youth Protection, introduced presenters from the areas’ child protection agencies: The Hope of South Texas, Mid-Coast Crisis Center-Family Violence Programs, Mid-Coast Crisis Center-Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, Escape School Abduction Prevention Program, and our new presenter, The Harbor, from Port Lavaca. Each gave details concerning the mission and goals of their program.

To see full story, please go to: “Extra, Extra: Read All About It” at [www.victoriadiocese.org/lighthouse/lighthouse.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/lighthouse/lighthouse.htm).



KJT members present donation to the American Legion. Pictured (front row, from left) KJT youth Rhett Ahrens, Isaac Prihoda and Nickolas Prihoda; (back, from left) KJT representatives Matthew Prihoda, James Prihoda, Ty Ahrens and JoAnna Rogers holding son Paul Lee Rogers; and Legion officers James Brossmann, first vice commander; James Hatfield, commander; Bob Heinrich, executive committee member; Louis Nitschke, chaplain; and Jim Chapman and Willy Schmidt, executive committee members. *Sticker photo by Lisa Mederos*

### Legion building fund receives donation from KJT

LA GRANGE—St. Augustine KJT Society 129 of La Grange, Texas, presented a \$1,700 check to the American Legion rebuilding fund at the Legion’s meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The check represents \$1,450 in proceeds raised at a turkey shoot the society held on April 18 and a matching grant of \$250 received from the KJT home office. Special acknowledgment goes to the prize donors for the turkey shoot.

The KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) was founded in July 1889 by some 150 Catholic immigrants in Bluff, Texas (now Hostyn). Today, the fraternal benefit society has over 18,000 members. Open to all Christians, the society provides insurance, annuities, IRAs, home and farm loans, and other benefits to members, as well as sponsoring KJT family day, a youth camp and scholarships.

### Grand re-opening, formal blessing of renovated Presidio Museum set for June 8

GOLIAD—Politicians, historians, archeologists, re-enactors, news media and tourists will gather in Goliad Tuesday, June 8, for the grand re-opening, ribbon cutting and formal blessing of the Presidio La Bahia Museum, over which nine flags have flown.

Bishop David Fellhauer of the Diocese of Victoria, which owns the 289-year-old National Historic Landmark, will formally bless the museum. It was fully renovated at a cost of more than \$500,000 during the past 3½ years. See <http://www.presidiolabahia.org/>

Activities begin with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m. at the museum entrance. Newton M. Warzecha, director of the Presidio since 1991, and museum designer Drew Patterson of Drew Patterson Studios, Austin, will comment on the re-design before the blessing and re-opening to the public.

A recently acquired, 250-year-old bronze cannon will salute the occasion. Lunch will be served on the Quadrangle grounds to invited guests and to visitors who have made advance reservations by calling 361-645-3742 or writing [presidiolabahia@goliad.net](mailto:presidiolabahia@goliad.net). The Presidio is one mile south of Goliad on U.S. Hwy. 183 (77A).

Sally and David Johnson of Goliad,

directors of the Presidio La Bahia Foundation, are sponsoring the lunch. The company’s barbecue team, the Farm Industrial Good Guys, will prepare the food.

The walled bastion, a crucial structure in Spanish, Mexican and Texas colonial histories, was re-located to its hilltop site beside the San Antonio River in 1749. In 1836 it became central to the bloodiest chapter of the Texas Revolution – “The Goliad Massacre.” The Mexican Army executed 342 Texians who had surrendered after the nearby Battle of Coleto Creek.

“Thanks to the generosity of members of The Presidio La Bahia Foundation, its advisory board, the Friends of the Fort and numerous individuals and area foundations,” the Presidio, museum and portions of Our Lady of Loreto Chapel have undergone the most extensive refurbishing in more than half a century,” said Warzecha, also president of the foundation.

The fort features eight-foot stone walls, parapets, historic cannons and contains the chapel with its bell tower, ancient religious statue and stunning fresco. All were restored to their 1836 appearance in the mid-1960s with funds from the Kathryn Stoner O’Connor Foundation.

“The exhibits have been re-designed with new, museum-quality cases and lighting, and all interiors have been repainted; murals and decorations refreshed; the floors repaired and re-sealed; and the gift shop expanded,” Warzecha emphasized.

“The soldiers’ barracks have been upgraded and the entry and museum are now more wheelchair accessible. ‘The Quarters,’ which formally housed officers and later priests, can accommodate four persons for overnight stays in one of the most historic – and eerie – lodgings in America.”

A recent four-minute video of the Presidio La Bahia de Goliad, its story and Living History Program, can be accessed at: <http://www.kiiitv.com/news/86213732.html>. A March feature news release and 10 color digital images with captions are at: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/Texas-Revolution/Massacre-Re-enactment/prweb3715064.htm>. Go to *The Catholic Lighthouse* Web site, click on June issue, and go to this story on page 8 and click on links.

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### Reporting Abuse

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- Call the Chancery at (361) 573-0828 and ask to speak with the bishop or the chancellor;
- or
- Call Rev. Gary Janak (979) 543-3770 or Sr. Emilie Eilers (361) 575-7111, Coordinators of Pastoral Care and Outreach;
- or
- Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer  
Diocese of Victoria  
P.O. Box 4070  
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Mark your letter “Personal and Confidential”

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.

If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact: Rev. Gary Janak at (979) 543-3770.





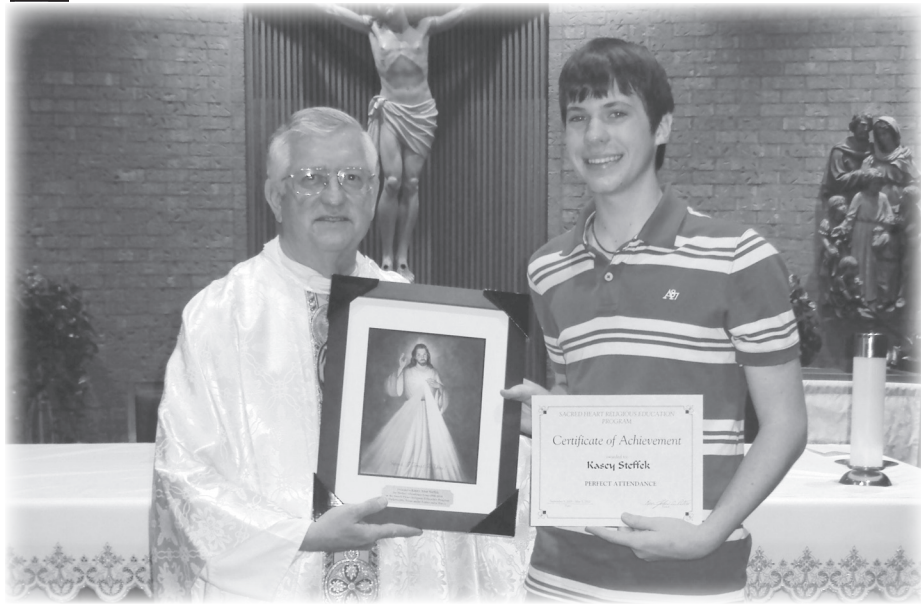
## Youth Calendar of Events

- June 6 — Rocky Mountain High parent/ participants meeting - 3:00 p.m at the Chancery in Victoria
- June 13-15 — 1st Session - Camp David Junior High Camp
- June 16 — Camp David Elementary Camp
- June 16 - 18 — 2nd Session - Camp David Junior High Camp
- June 28 - July 1 — Discipleship Week
- July 3-11 — Rocky Mountain High, Colorado
- July 18-21 — Diocesan Vocation Camp for Young Men ages 15-21 (or those who will be sophomores in high school) will be held July 18-21.
- July 23-25 — Life Awareness Retreat — Girls Vocation Camp



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For more information on any of these events, please contact:  
Debbie Vanelli or José Ortega at the Office of Youth Ministry  
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dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org or jortega@victoriadiocese.org  
Web site: [www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice)



**PERFECT CCD ATTENDANCE SINCE KINDERGARTEN**—Kasey Steffek, a junior in the CCD program of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville, was recognized at the May 5, 2010, Mass for having accomplished a Perfect Attendance Record for the past 12 years of CCD, from Kindergarten to 11th grade (the last year of instruction). Along with a plaque inscribed with his accomplishment, he also received a certificate and framed picture of the Divine Mercy. Kasey, pictured above with his pastor, Father John Peters, is a junior at Hallettsville High School and is the son of Ricky and Barbara Steffek. Congratulations to Kasey and his supportive family.

## Coming of Age

By Karen Osborne  
Catholic News Service



### Easy ways to beat summer boredom

Summer is straight ahead, with long, gorgeous days of fun in the sun, of ice cream and sleeping in, of hanging out with friends — and moments of utter boredom.

At the beginning, summer stretches out in front of you like a world waiting to be conquered. But boredom does end up creeping into the picture after awhile.

Maybe your parents can't or won't drive you places, your friends are at camp or busy, or there's nothing on television. The boredom creeps in like an insidious thief, stealing your fun and your summer. What then?

Here are some ways to fill some of the boring hours with activities that will make you feel good about yourself, help you get into college, earn a little pocket change and even provide you with a little fun along the way.

One easy way to beat summer boredom is to get a part-time job. While it doesn't sound like the most glamorous way to spend your two months of freedom, it has two major upsides: It keeps you busy and it gives you money to spend.

Working at your favorite store can get you sweet discounts on clothes, books, music, movies and video games. You could also try an outdoor job as a lifeguard or a park landscaper.

Many kids' summer recreation programs hire teens who know how to play sports or operate computers or have a

number of other talents. This is a great way to get experience while having fun doing what you love.

You can also be your own boss by starting a neighborhood business that cares for yards, maintains neighbors' pools or babysits.

Many parents who work during the day are desperate for help with their children during the summer. They would love the trusted help of someone they know.

These activities rarely interfere with summer parties or gatherings with friends.

You could try something new or start a hobby you've always wanted to try but never had the time during the frenetic, responsibility-filled school year.

I spent a few summers doing theater. One of my friends used the summer to learn how to play the guitar; this was something she always wanted to do. Another friend took a summer class in karate. One even hung out with a summer softball league because she was too focused on other things during the school year to participate in sports.

Who knows? This could be the summer you discover a new passion or a possible career you never knew existed.

Try a new home-based hobby such as writing, making models, cooking/baking or engaging in crafts or photography. You can pick up these hobbies easily at home when the boredom pangs come on and put them

### Important! Summer Trip Regulations

Please remember the travel requirements in the diocesan Policy and Procedure Resource Manual (see page 59-62 of the manual) before planning your summer youth events.

Itineraries and chaperone lists are due to the Office of Youth Ministry and the Office of Child and Youth Protection two weeks prior to a trip.

For out of state travel - please remember that a notarized permission form is required - copies are available in both PDF and Word on the Diocese of Victoria Web site in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry section.

Just a reminder - The diocesan insurance states that 15 Passenger Vans MAY NOT be used to transport young people or adults.

aside when your friends call.

Make a low-budget action movie with your friends, paint a mural or take a camping trip. Make a pact to visit all of the free summer music festivals or state parks you can, or beat your favorite video games. Do whatever keeps you safe, together and having fun!

Many community agencies find that summer is the perfect time to fix up their buildings or expand their programs, and charities welcome the help of enthusiastic teens with new ideas.

Grab a few friends and call a charity you like or one that would benefit from your talents. Find out how you could help.

Make this summer the most amazing, fun-filled and productive summer ever. Reinvention, advancing your dreams, discovering your talents and becoming the independent and awesome person you were meant to be is all up to you.

Have fun!

### Sacred Heart band, tennis and art do well in 2010 TAPPS

**HALLETTSVILLE**—The Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Hallettsville participated in the TAPPS State Instrumental Music Contest April 16, 2010, at Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton, Texas. The band received a 2nd Division in the concert competition and a 2nd Division in the sight-reading competition.

The Sacred Heart Jazz combo also received a 2nd Division rating at the state contest.

At the state competition, points are awarded for 1st Division ratings on solos and ensembles, as well as 1st Division ratings in concert and sight reading and jazz band. The points are totaled, and the school with the most points is awarded Overall State Champion in their classification. The Sacred Heart Indian Band won the Overall State Champion for Class 2A. This is the sixth time for the band to win the state championship.

The Hallettsville Sacred Heart tennis team had a strong showing at the TAPPS state tournament with the girls' team placing second overall behind Marble Falls Faith Academy.

In the TAPPS State Art Contest, Ethan Svetlik placed 1st in On-site Photography, 2nd in Applied Design and 3rd in Sculpture.

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### Our Lady of the Gulf Church 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing



This year's event will be held **Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** at the well-manicured Colony Creek Country Club in Victoria, Texas. Registration begins at 8am, with tee-off at 9am.

**Format 4-person team scramble with a modified handicap.**

Team Level: (make checks payable to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church)  
**Bishop's Team** -- \$600.00 includes round of golf with Bishop David Fellhauer, photos, mulligans, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch, and special ditty bags.  
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**Parishioner's Team** -- \$400.00 includes round of golf, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch, and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and lunch directly after golf.

To help us properly plan for this event, please contact Mike Elgin via email @ [mikeelgin112@gmail.com](mailto:mikeelgin112@gmail.com) or contact the church office @ 552-6140 before July 10<sup>th</sup>.

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St. Roberto Bellarmine Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2275 of El Campo, JCDA members, and Knights of Columbus celebrate 25 years of service to the parish Saturday, April 17. (Below) Bishop David Fellhauer congratulates Court Regent Terri Beltran on the court's Silver Anniversary. (Below, right) CDA State Regent Sheila Martinka presents a 25-year certificate to Court Regent Beltran.

## El Campo Court #2275 celebrates 25 years

EL CAMPO—San Roberto Bellarmine Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2275 in El Campo celebrated their silver anniversary on Saturday, April 17, 2010; their actual installation date was April 15, 1985.

The anniversary opened with a Mass officiated by CDA National Chaplain and Victoria Diocese Bishop David E. Fellhauer and concelebrated with Rev. John Peters, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hallettsville, and Rev. Lawrence Matula, pastor of St. Roberto.

Members of the 4th Degree Knights, under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Gerry Mikeska, Assembly 1131, led the procession. They were Sir Knights Felix T. Garcia, Fred Cswaykus, Sebero M. Bustamante, Hector Gutierrez, David Rodriguez and Ray Viktorin, all from El Campo.

CDA member Lori Martinez served as lector; Marris Martinez, cross bearer; Hailey Flores and Skye Quintero, altar

servers; Alice Quintero, Adelma Martinez and Anita Guerra, color guard; Mercy Arismendez and Lorine Molina, CDA banner; Helen Escobar and Josephine Soliz, greeters; Carol Diaz, photographer; Carmen Dominguez, anniversary coordinator; and gift bearers were Regent Terri Beltran, V-Regent Elma Escobar, Vicky Limas, secretary; Rebecca Estrada, treasurer; and Ofelia Torres, fin. Secretary.

CDA members Maria Delgado and Eva Molina along with Rosie Fuentes, Lisa Hernandez, Josie Ramos, Carmen Kocurek, J. C. Kocurek, Gilberto Vela, Mary Ellen Benavidez, Senae Davidson and Gilbert Delgado sang in the choir. Dolly Aguilar and Mary Arredondo of "Weddings by Mary & Dolly" decorated the hall. Several CDA members donated door prizes.

Special guests were CDA State Regent Sheila Martinka, Carolyn Rapsilver, CDA state treasurer; Carol Snowbarger, CDA state convention chairman; Felicia Garcia, JCDA state reporter; Lydia Martinez, district deputy #13, Floresville; Carmen Longoria, DD#34, Wharton; Elsie Meyers, DD#14, Edna; Regent Patricia Rega, Court St. Therese of Liseux #2211, Sugarland; Grand Knight David Rodriguez, San Roberto Bellarmine; and Mayor Phillip Spenrath of El Campo.

Rev. Jacinto Olguin, presently serving at St. Patrick's Parish in Laredo, sent a congratulatory e-mail saying, "On March 25, 1984, as pastor of San Roberto Bellarmine, in El Campo, Texas, I was invited by Ms. Beatriz Treviño to make a Lenten talk to the Catholic Daughters of America at the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. It was then I got the idea to establish a court of the Catholic Daughters at San Roberto. I mentioned it to Mrs. Treviño and she told me to speak to Ms. Loretta Knebel, who was state regent at the time. On September 23, 1984, I spoke with Ms. Knebel and she advised me to get 30 ladies, who were interested in forming this group, from San Roberto. I made an announcement in the bulletin and invited the women, among them Olga Baisa, Carmelita Nuñez and Margarita Bustamante. On January 1985, I spoke to Ms. Knebel again and she set a date to begin a Catholic Daughters group established at San Roberto on April 15, 1985. The court started with 27 members with Olga Ochoa as regent."

Charter members that are still active in the court are Dahlia Aguilar, Dorothy De LaO, Elma Escobar, Sylvia Falcon, Rosie Fuentes, Lori Martinez, Eva Molina and Ofelia Torres. The court has had five regents in their history: Olga Ochoa, Sylvia Falcon, Dorothy DeLaO, Elma Escobar and Terri Beltran.

They have had two district deputies, the late Olga Ochoa, and Terri Beltran, and one state chairman, Terri Beltran, who serves as the state youth/JCDA chairman.

Several recognitions were presented to Regent Terri Beltran and to the court as follows: "Proclamation" from Governor Rick Perry, presented by Rev. Lawrence Matula; "Proclamation declaring Catholic Daughters Association Day" on April 17 from Mayor Phillip Spenrath, and a certificate in recognition of 25 years of support from CDA State Regent Sheila Martinka.

A meal was served to the approximately 125 people in attendance. Special thanks go to HEB for providing cookie ingredients. Members who helped bake the cookies were Carmen Dominguez, Virginia Cruz, Josephine Soliz, Helen Escobar, Alice Quintero, Mary Ortiz, Terri Beltran, Jennifer Limas and Skye Quintero. The court appreciates everyone who worked together in donations or service to make this day special.



**VOLUNTEERS HONORED**—The Thirteenth Annual Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards were presented recently in Shiner by the Office of Catholic Schools. A dinner was served, followed by the presentation of the awards. Making the presentations were Bishop David E. Fellhauer, John Quarry, school superintendent, and Janie Carrales. The recipients of the award for the year 2010 were (in no particular order) Mary Ann Mathews, Holy Cross School, Bay City; Bill Beck, Nazareth Academy, Victoria; Dr. William and Melissa Crowley, Our Lady of the Gulf School, Port Lavaca; Regina Janak, Our Lady of Victory School, Victoria; Thomas and Sharon Wick, Sacred Heart Elementary School, Hallettsville; Andrew and Pamela Kutac, Sacred Heart High School, Hallettsville; Scott and Diane Matus, St. Anthony School, Columbus; John E. Mason, St. Joseph High School, Victoria; Mary McQuillen, St. Joseph School, Yoakum; Celia O'Neal, St. Michael School, Cuero; Roy and Melanie Ulrich, St. Michael School, Weimar; Keri Graff, St. Philip School, El Campo; Mike and Colette Surman, St. Rose of Lima School, Schulenburg; Tricia Kapavik, St. Ludmila School, Shiner; and Jeff Siegel, St. Paul High School, Shiner.

## St. Patrick's Parish in Bloomington celebrates 50 years

By Rev. Ty Bazar and  
edited by Cynthia Brewer

The parish of St. Patrick's in Bloomington celebrated the 50th anniversary of the solemn dedication of the church, Saturday, May 1, 2010, with a 10:00 a.m. Mass presided by the Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer. Concelebrating with the bishop was St. Patrick's pastor, Rev. Ty Bazar, and former pastors, Rev. Monsignor Michael Harrold and Rev. Gerard Cernoch.

The celebration of the parish anniversary actually began September 15, 2009, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, which was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the parish. However, the history of the Catholic faith in Bloomington actually dates back to 1915 when the Rev. Peter M. Baque began traveling every other Saturday from his assigned parish, St. Agnes, in Edna, Texas, to hold a Mass in the Sleckta home.

As Mass attendance increased in 1916,

the faithful held Mass at the local funeral parlor; a short time later they moved to a former two-room schoolhouse; then to a pool hall; and later back to the funeral parlor. In 1919, the funeral parlor was bought from J.E. Ryan of Victoria with help from the Catholic Church Extension Society and remodeled into a church by the Warburton and Skarda families. The church was dedicated in honor of the Sacred Heart on January 13, 1920, by Bishop Arthur J. Drossaerts, the first archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio.

The building was used until 1942 when it had to be abandoned after being severely damaged by a hurricane. During that year Bloomington was officially attached as a mission of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Victoria. A new building was erected at the corner of Third and Rail streets. The new twenty-four by fifty-foot structure, built for \$2,900 and considered "much too large for the congregation," was soon

crowded beyond capacity. The Sacred Heart mission church in Bloomington was served from 1942 to 1959 by the Trinitarian Fathers stationed at Our Lady of Sorrows in Victoria.

On September 15, 1959, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the original Sacred Heart Mission was established as St. Patrick's Parish.

Patrick Welder donated the building of a new church complex on a five-acre tract of land located on Highway 185 in honor of his parents. The church dedication stone reads: "Dedicated to God: erected in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Welder by their son, Patrick 1960." Archbishop Robert E. Lucey solemnly dedicated the church May 1, 1960. The first pastor was the Reverend Gino Bernasconi (d. 2006).

Other pastors who have served the parish include Rev. Lawrence Steubben (1969-

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(above) Spanish mission-style St. Patrick's Church

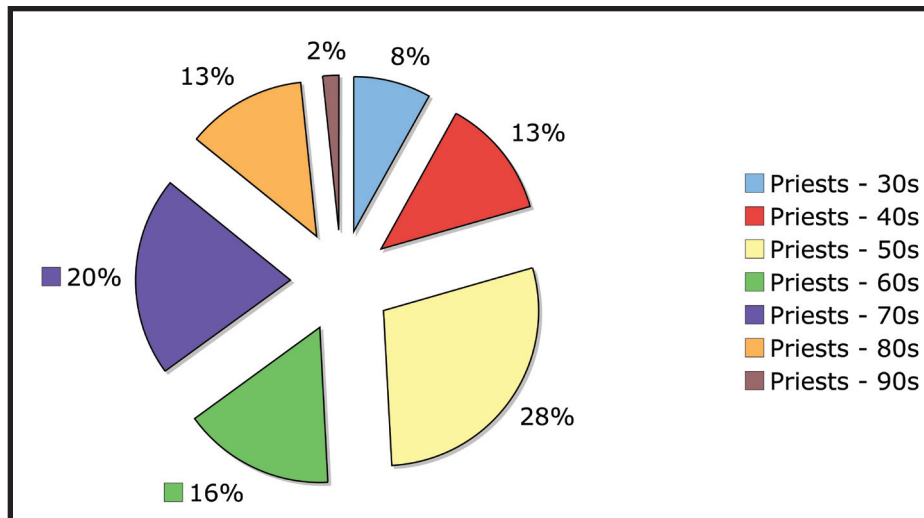
(left) Mosaic stained glass of St. Patrick greets parishioners



Bishop David Fellhauer says Mass with Fr. Bazar, pastor (l); and former pastors, Fr. Cernoch and Msgr. Harrold



(bottom) Clergy greet parishioners after anniversary Mass



**AGES OF PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA**—This is a graphic of the ages of the priests in the Diocese of Victoria, as of 2010. The majority of priests, 28 percent, in the diocese are in their 50s, 20 percent in their 70s, and 16 percent in their 60s. Priests in their 40s and 80s are tied at 13 percent. The smallest group, at 8 percent, is made up of priests in their 30s. *Graphic designed by Regina Janak*



Fr. Frank Lenz of St. Peter & Paul in Meyersville and Msgr. Arnold Anders, retired, enjoy the luncheon.

## As Year for Priests nears close, pope says priests must be shepherds

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priests last June to encourage “spiritual perfection” in clergy. The current scandal regarding priestly sexual abuse had not yet exploded in all its force, involving several European countries and the United States.

Pope Benedict did not specifically mention the issue, although he has made several declarations in recent months abhorring sexual abuse of minors and asking forgiveness from victims on some occasions.

The pope will mark the closing of the Year for Priests with a Mass at the Vatican June 11.

## St. Patrick's Parish in Bloomington celebrates 50 years

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1970), Rev. Roy Rihn (1970-1971), Rev. Monsignor Michael Harrold (1971-1978), Rev. William McNamara (1978-1981), Rev. Ricardo Garcia (1981-1982) deceased, Rev. Gerard Cernoch (1982-1986), Reverend Jacinto Olguin (1986-2000), Rev. Matthew Huehlefeld (2000-2006), and the current pastor, Rev. Ty Bazar.

The church, which seats 250 persons, is of contemporary Spanish mission-style, designed by architect Harvey P. Smith of San Antonio. The entry of the church, facing the highway contains a stained-glass mosaic of St. Patrick of Ireland, the patron saint. In 1975, a multi-purpose parish hall was added to the parish complex. In 2000, in keeping with the original master plan for the large property, a new office building with a mission-styled exterior was added to the parish complex. In preparation of its 50th anniversary, from 2008 to 2010, the parish buildings received a fresh coat of paint and the parish hall kitchen, restrooms, barbecue shed and pits were renovated.

In 1994, through the generosity of James Skarda, the old Sacred Heart Mission was renovated at its former site into a meeting hall. It still stands today, but not in Bloomington, rather, in Port Lavaca, at our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School, where it serves as a schoolroom. The parish gave the structure to Our Lady of the Gulf in 2003.

The year 2010 marks the 98th year of Catholicism in Bloomington. The parish numbers over 330 registered families, and the religious education program educates over 200 students. Parishioners come from Bloomington, Placedo, Da Costa, Crescent Valley, and even Victoria. The parish has contributed one vocation to the permanent diaconate when Fred Soto was ordained a deacon August 15, 1987. Parish organizations include the Knights of Columbus Council 10751, established in 1990; Court St. Patrick #2494 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, established in 2001; and the Guadalupañas.

The anniversary Mass was followed by a catered lunch in the parish hall, which included a slide show presentation of the past fifty years. A special presentation was made to Bishop Fellhauer in the amount of \$1000 to the Diocesan Seminary Burse to be opened as St. Patrick's Seminary Burse

in honor of the parish anniversary and the ‘Year for Priests.’ In gratitude for their years of pastoral care, framed and inscribed wooden medallion St. James crosses, which once adorned church pews, were presented to the former pastors, who were present.

They were also presented with fiftieth anniversary pictorial directories. A framed St. James cross was also presented to Mrs. Dorothy Kocian in memory of the late Edward Kocian, who served the parish during

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## Book dedicated to father to be June puzzle prize

In honor of Fathers' Day, *The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth* will be the June Family Puzzle Contest Prize.

Miracles do happen! Eighty-two percent of Americans believe in miracles, according to a FOX News poll. Author David Beato believes that rate should go up to 100.

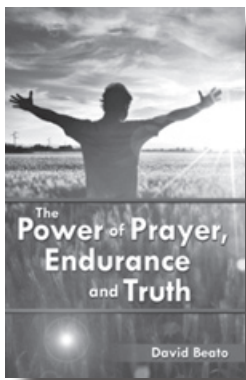
"There is no doubt in my mind that miracles are real," states Mr. Beato, a devout Catholic and author of the new memoir *The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth*.

"I have witnessed many miracles myself – and so can all who are willing to keep their hearts and minds open to the possibility."

Growing up in a poor farming family in Italy during World War II, David Beato was told he would never amount to anything. Shy and timid, he was a perfect target for the neighborhood bullies and his spiteful older brothers alike.

Fortunately, he had his two heroes – his father and God – to save him.

Fortified by the Bible verse that told him if he fought for God, God would fight for him (Sirach 4:28) and by the example set by his father, who valued hard work and honesty, David learned not to listen to those who wanted him to fail and instead forged his own path out of obscurity.



Immigrating to America, David found success in the construction industry and worked hard to build a good life for himself and his family. Despite numerous tests of his faith – including the death of his beloved son, professional setbacks and betrayal by deceptive family members – he achieved more than anyone ever thought he would. Now, he shares his story to inspire others to follow the path of righteousness and faith.

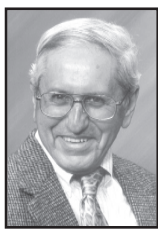
Dedicated to his father, David says in his book, "His inspiration and guidance in my life, both while he was living and after his passing, showed me the way to lead a good life."

David is currently a well-known real estate developer in southwestern Pennsylvania, where he lives with his wife. He has one son and two daughters who are all college educated and married. His greatest joy is spending time with his children and grandchildren.

*The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth* by David Beato is published by Trastevere Publishing and is available for purchase at Web sites. The 256-page paperback sells for \$15.95. Or, for a chance to win a copy of the book, turn in the completed Word Circle Puzzle to *The Catholic Lighthouse* by June 25.

## Seeking Life

By Moises Sandoval  
Catholic News Service



## My tribute to three father figures

As Father's Day approaches I think about my father, dead now for 27 years, and the role he played in my life.

He was a very strict farmer who worked my brothers and me so hard our legs trembled with fatigue at the end of the day. If we were slow to learn how to harness a team of horses or to stack the sheaves of wheat or corn, he was all too prone to whip us.

We were therefore happy to see him leave when he went to Wyoming to work as a track laborer to supplement the family's income. We did not appreciate his sacrifices for our welfare until much later.

Though we were very poor, I always received what I needed to learn. Since typewriters fascinated me, Dad and Mom somehow found a toy typewriter I used to do my homework.

Later they got a vintage Underwood from my grandfather. When the principal at our school said I could skip the fifth grade if I went to summer school in Las Vegas, N.M., Dad did without my help so I could go.

We were too far away from the nearest high school when I graduated from the eighth grade. So Dad and Mom moved the family to Colorado. Since I was the oldest of 10 children, I had to defer college for three years to help the family. But when I was 21, Dad said, "You have helped us enough."

Fatherhood refers not only to biology but also to relationships.

With their help, example, interest in my future and friendship, two other men fulfilled the role of father in my life. One

was Father Roy Figlino, our pastor at St. Augustine in Brighton, Colo., and the other was Jeremiah L. O'Sullivan, the dean of the College of Journalism at Marquette University.

Father Figlino and I were friends for half a century, from my days as an altar boy in the 1940s until the 1990s when he retired.

In these days of so much scandal, I find it necessary to say that Father Figlino was a very proper priest with the altar boys. His only touch, besides a handshake, was a punch on the shoulder.

Like Dad, he had little patience with less than optimal performance. He always told us we were capable and demanded we do our best.

In 1990 when I published a book on the history of the Hispanic church, he wrote me a letter congratulating me, saying how proud he was of our family. I sent a copy of my book and he reciprocated with a check for \$50, which I passed on to the Maryknoll missions in his name.

Jeremiah O'Sullivan took an interest in me from the day I arrived at Marquette with barely enough money to pay tuition.

We had similar backgrounds, coming from poor families, his rooted in Kansas. He arranged for me to live at the home of a widow, the mother of an alumnus, in exchange for doing house chores.

He helped me find a part-time job as a reporter for a daily newspaper. If I did not do well on some course he called me in for a pep talk.

When I married, Dad and Mom lacked the means to come, but Jeremiah O'Sullivan was at the wedding Mass to wish us well.

Every man can fulfill the role of father for a young person who can benefit from his faith, experience, counsel and friendship. I give thanks to God for what my father, Roy Figlino and Jeremiah O'Sullivan did for me.



## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 13, 2010

Luke 7:36-50

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the repentant woman and her jar of oil. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Winner of May Puzzle Contest is on page 13.

## Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



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## Catholic By Grace

By Denise E. Bossert  
catholicbygrace.blogspot.com



### Evangelizing on the Internet superhighways

Ms. Bossert entered the Catholic Church in 2005. She began writing for diocesan papers during her conversion and has been published in 37 diocesan newspapers. She is a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary in New Melle, Missouri.

My mother turns 67 in a few weeks. She created a Facebook page the other day. She's not the typical age for joining the digital world, but I understand her decision to embrace technology. Five of her ten grandchildren are on Facebook, and their lives have become so busy the only way to keep up with them is to go where they hang out.

And so that's what she did.

As Catholics, we could learn some things from grandmothers who tackle new social media for the sole purpose of connecting with the grandchildren they love.

I'm intrigued by the dynamic duo that we find in Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. The first one called us to the New Evangelization and the second one continues that call by directing us to go where the crowds gather. It's no longer Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). It's no longer the highways and byways (Luke 14:23). Now, the crowds meet on the Internet superhighways. Facebook. My Space. Twitter. The blogosphere. Podcasts.

Pope Benedict understands this. That's why his Message on World Day of Communications 2010 encouraged priests to get on Facebook. That's why he has encouraged the faithful to have a presence on the Internet. Basically, he has asked all of us to go where the people gather.

In his 2009 message, the Holy Father called this generation the digital generation and highlighted the "extraordinary potential of the new technologies" which permits us to communicate almost instantaneously with anyone in the world. What we can do with our laptops and iphones is quite amazing.

But to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). And that is certainly true with the gift of the new media. Do you have access to the Internet? Are you on Facebook? Do you have a blog? Well, that's a little like giving one of those early Apostles a private jet and letting him loose on the world. The possibilities are endless.

The Holy Father concluded his Communications Day message by turning his attention to young Catholics. He encouraged them to share their faith in the digital world. If you are already part of this digital generation, then his message is for you in particular, because you "have an almost spontaneous affinity for the new means of communication," Pope Benedict says. And for this reason, you must "take

responsibility for the evangelization" and spread the Good News to a "digital continent."

Don't be afraid to put up a status now and then that shares a little of the love you have for your Catholic faith. Don't shy away from writing a post on your blog that indicates that you love Jesus Christ and His Church. Tweet about it. Let it be a natural part of your communication with the Internet community that surrounds you. Consider it your digital continent and you are the one being sent to spread the Good News.

It's quite easy, really. How about this for a status: "On my way to Mass . . . my favorite part of the week."

Or, "Wondering if I have any Facebook friends who are thinking about the Catholic faith. Would love to sponsor you. Call or text."

It isn't easy to be salt of the earth to this digital continent. One of the hardest things about Facebook and other social media is that you can't wear more than one mask. You can't be one thing to your friends and another thing altogether to your grandmother. Everyone sees your status. Anyone can read your tweets.

It's a good time to begin reconciling the image you present to the world with the real person you are inside. If you are a Catholic who loves the faith, let it show.

Go into all the world, including the digital continent, and share the good news.

### A Prayer before Logging onto the Internet and the Catholic Online Forum



Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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### Teach Children to Stay Safe on Social Networks

AUSTIN—As social networking attracts new audiences, online security is a growing concern for parents. According to iStrategy Labs, the number of Facebook users age 13 to 18 increased by 88 percent in 2009 to 10.7 million. While Facebook and MySpace require all users to be at least 13 years old, some sites do not have minimum age requirements. Social networking sites can be used in a safe manner, but they can also be exploited.

"Some children are more familiar with computers and the Internet than their parents," said Carrie A. Hurt, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal and Southwest Texas. "However, it's important to remember that children may not understand the various threats that lurk online. Parents need to educate their children on how to play it safe online."

BBB offers the following tips for parents to help keep their kids safe on social networks:

Explain the difference between sharing and over sharing. While social networking is about

connecting with people, kids should never share personal information such as phone numbers, addresses, bank account numbers, passwords or their Social Security number. Talk about what constitutes inappropriate photos or language and stress the fact that, once something is posted, it can never fully be taken back, even if deleted.

Join them online. Parents should set up their own account in the same social networks as their children. This will help better understand what social networking is all about. Parents can also "Friend" their child and keep an unobtrusive eye on what they are doing.

"Never talk to strangers" applies online too. One of the first rules kids learn is to never talk to strangers. Parents should remind children that the rule holds true when online. Even though chatting with a stranger online can seem harmless, the relationship can evolve and grow until the stranger has earned a child's trust, and can then exploit it.

Set strict privacy settings. Most social networking sites let users determine who they want to share information with. Advise children about restricting

### Sunday Readings from June 13 to July 18

June 13 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 Galatians 2:16, 19-21 Luke 7:36—8:3
June 20 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Galatians 3:26-29 Luke 9:18-24
June 27 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 Luke 9:51-62
July 4 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 66:10-14c Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
July 11 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37
July 18 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

All daily and Sunday readings, as well as a reflection video, are available in text or audio at:

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### Family Puzzle Contest Winners

The next Family Puzzle Contest winner will win "The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth" by David Beato and published by Trastevere Publishing. See book review on page 12.

The winner of the May Family Puzzle Contest and "A Spiritual Companion to Infertility," by Julie Irwin Zimmerman and published by acta Publications, is Bernice Vasek of St John's Parish in St. John.

There was no youth contestant or winner this month.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please send completed puzzle and contest form to The Catholic Lighthouse, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, by June 25 for a chance to win "The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth." Youth 18 years of age and under will have the opportunity to receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop (youth, please state age).



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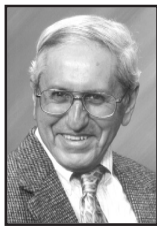
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## Buscando Vida

Por Moises Sandoval  
Servicio Noticiero Católico



### Mi homenaje a tres figuras del padre

Al acercarse el día del padre pienso de mi padre, fallecido ya 27 años, y el papel que jugó en mi vida.

Era un campesino muy rígido quien nos trabajaba a mi y a mis hermanos tan duro que nuestras piernas temblaban de fatiga al terminar el día. Si éramos lentos en aprender como poner en arcos a un equipo de caballos o a apilar las gavillas de trigo o maíz, arriesgábamos un azoteo con las riendas.

Por lo tanto nos sentíamos alegres cuando iba a Wyoming a trabajar como obrero en el ferrocarril para aumentar los ingresos de la familia. No apreciamos hasta mucho más tarde lo que sacrificó por nosotros.

Aunque éramos muy pobres, yo recibí lo que necesitaba para superarme. Como las máquinas de escribir me encantaban, Mamá y Papa de algún modo hallaron un juguete de máquina de escribir para utilizar en mis estudios.

Después consiguieron una antigua máquina Underwood de mi abuelo. Cuando el director de nuestra escuela me dijo que podría avanzar un grado con simplemente asistir escuela de verano en Las Vegas, N.M., mi padre pasó sin mi ayuda en el rancho para que fuera.

Vivíamos muy lejos de la escuela superior cuando gradué del grado ocho. Por eso Mama y Papa mudaron la familia a Colorado. Siendo que era el mayor de 10 hijos, tuve que deferir mis estudios universitarios por tres años para ayudar a la familia. Pero cuando tenía 21 años, mi padre me dijo, "Ya nos has ayudado bastante."

La paternidad corresponde no sólo a la biología sino también las relaciones.

Con su ayuda, interés en mi futuro y amistad, dos otros hombres cumplieron el papel de padre en mi vida. Uno era el Padre Roy Figlino, el pastor en la parroquia de San Agustín en Brighton, Colo., y el otro era Jeremiah L. O'Sullivan, el decano del

Colegio de Periodismo en la Universidad de Marquette.

El Padre Figlino y yo fuimos amigos por medio siglo, desde mis días como monaguillo en los 1940 hasta los 1990 cuando ya se había jubilado.

En estos días de tanto escándalo, es necesario decir que el Padre Figlino era un sacerdote de recta moralidad. El único modo que tocaba a los monaguillos, a demás de apretón de manos, era un puñetazo al hombro.

Como mi Papa, tenía poca paciencia con nuestros fallos. Siempre nos decía que éramos capaces e insistía que hiciéramos lo mejor que podíamos.

En 1990 cuando publique un libro sobre la historia de la Iglesia hispana, escribió para felicitar me. Le envié un ejemplar del libro y él correspondió con un cheque por \$50 que pasé a las misiones de Maryknoll en su nombre.

Jeremiah O'Sullivan se interesó en mí desde el día que yo llegué a Marquette con apenas dinero suficiente para pagar la cuota.

Éramos de antecedentes similares, ambos de familias pobres, la suya de Kansas. Arregló con la madre viuda de un ex-alumno que me brindara hospedaje en cambio por hacer algunas tareas de la casa.

Me ayudó a conseguir empleo a tiempo parcial como reportero. Si no me desempeñaba bien en algún curso me citaba a su oficina para ver que pasaba.

Cuando me casé, mi padre, careciendo de los medios, no pudo venir, pero el decano O'Sullivan estaba allí presente en la Misa de boda para felicitar nos.

Cada hombre puede desempeñar el papel de padre con jóvenes que necesitan beneficiarse de su fe, ejemplo, experiencia y apoyo. Yo doy gracias a Dios por lo que mi padre, Roy Figlino, y Jeremiah O'Sullivan compartieron conmigo.

### Intenciones Del Santo Padre Benedicto XVI— Junio 2010

**El respeto de la vida humana:** Para que en todas las instituciones nacionales e internacionales se comprometan a garantizar el respeto de la vida humana, desde la concepción hasta su fin natural.

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### Mexican church backs off boycott of 2010 census

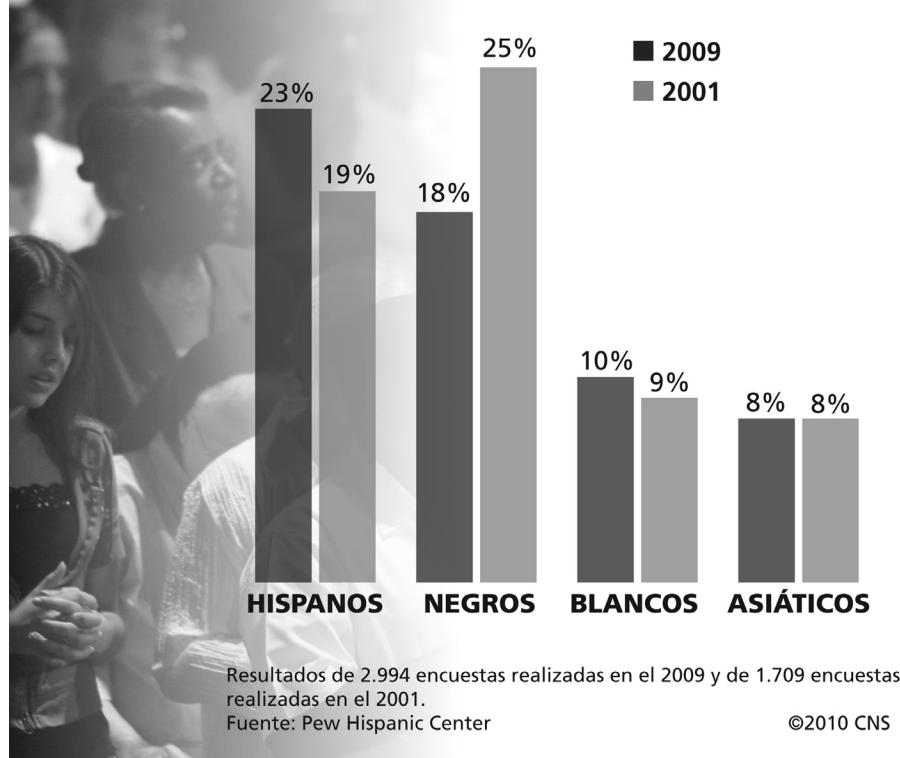
MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Catholic officials have backed off a threatened boycott of the 2010 census, which an editorial distributed by an Archdiocese of Mexico City publication said was confusing and designed by enemies of the church. A statement released May 25 by the Mexican bishops' conference and the Archdiocese of Mexico City said the editorial was based on a preliminary version of the census question pertaining to religion. The statement, signed by the conference secretary-general, Auxiliary Bishop Victor Rodriguez Gomez of Texcoco, and the archdiocesan spokesman, Father Hugo Valdemar Romero, called on Mexicans to participate in the census, which it called "a valuable tool for the development of Mexico." Church officials met with census directors from the National Statistics and Geography Institute and received assurances the data on religion would be compiled "through an open question,"

the statement said. A May 23 editorial in the archdiocesan publication *Desde la Fe* objected to the census incorrectly referring to the church as the Apostolic Reformed Roman Catholic Church, instead of the Apostolic Roman Catholic Church in Mexico — the name registered with the Interior Ministry. The mistake, the editorial alleged, jeopardized the outcome of the entire survey and was unlikely made by chance. Various dioceses have encouraged the faithful to simply tell enumerators: I'm Catholic. The census begins May 31.

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## Enfrentando la Discriminación

Porcentaje de los adultos estadounidenses que dicen que la discriminación contra estos grupos raciales o étnicos es hoy "demasiada" en la sociedad:



### Consulta Regional De Obispos Sobre Emigración Se Reunirá Junio 2-4 En Washington

WASHINGTON—Representantes de las conferencias episcopales de Estados Unidos, Canadá, México y otros países de América Latina y el Caribe se reunirán del 2 al 4 de junio en Washington para la Consulta Regional de Conferencias Episcopales sobre Emigración. El Arzobispo Antonio María Vegliò, presidente del Pontificio Consejo para la Pastoral de los Emigrantes e Itinerantes, así como el Arzobispo Pietro Sambi, nuncio apostólico en Estados Unidos, también asistirán a la consulta.

Los obispos dialogarán sobre las realidades actuales de los emigrantes en sus respectivos países. El proceso incluirá presentaciones en torno a diversas cuestiones como: condiciones actuales que afectan a la emigración tanto en países emisores como receptores; el tratamiento que se da a los emigrantes que residen o se encuentran en tránsito en sus países; el impacto en las comunidades que quedan atrás; las implicaciones que estas realidades tienen en el trabajo pastoral, de promoción y de políticas públicas, y en otros servicios por parte de la Iglesia. También hablarán de la coordinación de esfuerzos al nivel regional y de la búsqueda de modelos exitosos.

En la agenda para el 4 de junio también se encuentra un diálogo con oficiales públicos estadounidenses. Asimismo, el 3 de junio, los obispos y el personal de agencias Católicas que tratan con las realidades de las migraciones humanas en la región visitarán dos centros diferentes de cuidado pastoral y servicios para los inmigrantes en la Diócesis de Arlington, Virginia. El mismo día, los obispos tendrán un almuerzo con un grupo de niños del programa servicios a inmigrantes menores de edad que viajan sin acompañamiento de la Diócesis de Richmond, Virginia.

Las consultas surgieron de la ampliación de los encuentros regulares entre los respectivos comités/comisiones sobre emigración de las conferencias episcopales de Estados Unidos y México, los cuales comenzaron en 1999 y resultaron la histórica carta pastoral conjunta *Juntos en el Camino de la Esperanza: Ya No Somos*

Extranjeros en 2003. Desde entonces, la consulta se expandió a otras conferencias episcopales y personal asociado involucrado en trabajo de movilidad humana en Canadá y América Latina, especialmente en Centroamérica y el Caribe. Estos diálogos han servido para fortalecer la colaboración entre las conferencias episcopales participantes en lo referente a los inmigrantes, trascendiendo así las fronteras y permitiendo respuestas más integrales. En 2008, la consulta tuvo lugar en Tijuana, México, y en 2009 en San Marcos, Guatemala.

Por parte de Estados Unidos está previsto que los siguientes obispos participen en la consulta en Washington: Monseñor John C. Wester, presidente del Comité sobre Migración de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB); Mons. José H. Gómez, Arzobispo Coadjutor de Los Ángeles, presidente electo del Comité sobre Migración; Mons. Rutilio del Riego, obispo auxiliar de San Bernardino, California, y presidente del Subcomité para el Cuidado Pastoral de Emigrantes, Refugiados e Itinerantes bajo el Comité para la Diversidad Cultural en la Iglesia; y Mons. Anthony Taylor de Little Rock, Arkansas, en representación de CLINICís (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.). Asimismo, también participarán Mons. Dennis Madden, obispo auxiliar de Baltimore y Mons. John Manz, obispo auxiliar de Chicago.

Los representantes de otras conferencias episcopales incluyen a Mons. Álvaro Ramazzini (Guatemala), Mons. Arturo González (Cuba), Mons. Francois Gayot (Haití), y Mons. Bernhard Hombach (Nicaragua); Mons. Rafael Romo, arzobispo de Tijuana, así como Mons. Raúl Vera y Mons. Pedro Pablo Elizondo (México); Mons. Francois Lapierre (Canada), Mons. Pedro Hernandez (Panamá), Mons. Francisco Ozoria Acosta (República Dominicana) y Mons. Angel San Casimiro (Costa Rica); así como Mons. Maurus Muldoon y Mons. Juan José Pineda (Honduras). El Arzobispo José Domingo Ulloa (Panamá) representará a CELAM (Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano) en esta consulta.





## Act of Entrustment and Consecration of Priests to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Prayer of His Holiness Benedict XVI  
Church of the Most Holy Trinity - Fatima  
Wednesday, 12 May 2010

Immaculate Mother, in this place of grace, called together by the love of your Son Jesus the Eternal High Priest, we, sons in the Son and his priests, consecrate ourselves to your maternal Heart, in order to carry out faithfully the Father's Will.

We are mindful that, without Jesus, we can do nothing good (cf. Jn 15:5) and that only through him, with him and in him, will we be instruments of salvation for the world.

Bride of the Holy Spirit, obtain for us the inestimable gift of transformation in Christ. Through the same power of the Spirit that overshadowed you, making you the Mother of the Saviour, help us to bring Christ your Son to birth in ourselves too. May the Church be thus renewed by priests who are holy, priests transfigured by the grace of him who makes all things new.

Mother of Mercy, it was your Son Jesus who called us to become like him: light of the world and salt of the earth (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Help us, through your powerful intercession, never to fall short of this sublime vocation, nor to give way to our selfishness, to the allurements of the world and to the wiles of the Evil One.

Preserve us with your purity, guard us with your humility and enfold us with your maternal love that is reflected in so many souls consecrated to you, who have become for us true spiritual mothers.

Mother of the Church, we priests want to be pastors who do not feed themselves but rather give themselves to God for their brethren, finding their happiness in this. Not only with words, but with our lives, we want to repeat humbly, day after day, Our "here I am."

Guided by you, we want to be Apostles of Divine Mercy, glad to celebrate every day the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar and to offer to those who request it the sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Abuse scandal must inspire purification, justice, pope tells bishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The scandal of clerical abuse of minors must inspire bishops and priests to rediscover the need for penitence, purification, forgiveness and justice, Pope Benedict XVI told Italian bishops. The church's desire to engage in a new evangelization of the world "does not hide the wounds scarring the church community, (wounds) caused by the weakness and sin of some of its members," he said in an audience with members of the Italian bishops' conference May 27. While the pope did not specifically mention the crisis of sex abuse in the church, he briefly referred to it in his 20-minute speech to the bishops, who were holding their general assembly in the Vatican synod hall May 24-28. The pope said the Year for Priests, which closes with a Mass June 11, has served as a reminder for the need for deep spiritual renewal within the priesthood. The "humble and painful admission" of the sins of some of the church's members should not obscure the good and saintliness of so many others, including lay faithful and priests, he said. "That which is cause for scandal must translate for us into a reminder of the 'profound need to relearn penance, to accept purification, to learn on the one hand forgiveness but also the necessity of justice,'" he said, repeating remarks he made to journalists May 11 in reference to the clerical sex abuse scandal.

Advocate and Mediatrix of grace, you who are fully immersed in the one universal mediation of Christ, invoke upon us, from God, a heart completely renewed that loves God with all its strength and serves mankind as you did.



Repeat to the Lord your efficacious word: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3), so that the Father and the Son will send upon us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Full of wonder and gratitude at your continuing presence in our midst, in the name of all priests I too

want to cry out: "Why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43).

Our Mother for all time, do not tire of "visiting us," consoling us, sustaining us. Come to our aid and deliver us from every danger that threatens us. With this act of entrustment and consecration, we wish to welcome you more deeply, more radically, for ever and totally into our human and priestly lives.

Let your presence cause new blooms to burst forth in the desert of our loneliness, let it cause the sun to shine on our darkness, let it restore calm after the tempest, so that all mankind shall see the salvation of the Lord, who has the name and the face of Jesus, who is reflected in our hearts, for ever united to yours!

Amen!

Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict XVI to Portugal on the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Beatification of Jacinta and Francisco, Young Shepherds of Fátima.

## THE POPE SPEAKS

Pope Benedict XVI



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## At Fatima, pope asks Mary to help keep priests holy

By John Thavis  
Catholic News Service

FATIMA, Portugal (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI prayed at the site of Mary's apparitions at Fatima and entrusted the world's priests to her, saying the church needs "holy priests, transfigured by grace."

The pope prayed that Mary keep priests from the temptations of evil and "restore calm after the tempest."

While he did not explicitly refer to the priestly sex abuse crisis, the pope's remarks May 12 in some ways echoed what he said on his flight to Portugal the previous day, when he called the scandal a "terrifying" example of sins committed by the church's own ministers and urged a process of penance and purification in the church.

Pope Benedict arrived at Fatima to the cheers of more than 40,000 faithful, many of them sick or disabled, who had waited for hours at the sanctuary. Some watched from stretchers as the pope waved from a pavilion overlooking a vast plaza in front of the shrine, as cold rain showers alternated with sunshine.

After celebrating evening prayer with priests, religious and seminarians, the pope pronounced the "act of entrustment and consecration of priests to the immaculate heart of Mary." In the Year for Priests, he said, it was important to remind priests that Christ is their model of holiness.

"Help us, through your powerful inter-

cession, never to fall short of this sublime vocation, nor to give way to our selfishness, to the allurements of the world and to the wiles of the Evil One," he said.

"Let your presence cause new blooms to burst forth in the desert of our loneliness, let it cause the sun to shine on our darkness, let it restore calm after the tempest," he said. "Come to our aid and deliver us from every danger that threatens us."

At the evening prayer service in Fatima's immense and modern Church of the Most Holy Trinity, the pope spoke about the importance of the Year for Priests and his hope that the church's ordained ministers would strengthen their commitment to their vocations, above all through prayer.

He told priests that their own spiritual lives were crucial to their effectiveness in proclaiming the radical challenge of the Gospel.

"How much we need this witness today! Many of our brothers and sisters live as if there were nothing beyond this life and without concern for their eternal salvation," he said.

The pope encouraged priests to look out for one another's spiritual health and intervene when necessary.

"Be especially attentive to those situations where there is a certain weakening of priestly ideals or dedication to activities not fully consonant with what is proper for a minister of Jesus Christ. Then is the time to take a firm stand, with an attitude of warm fraternal love, as brother assisting his brother to remain on his feet," he said.

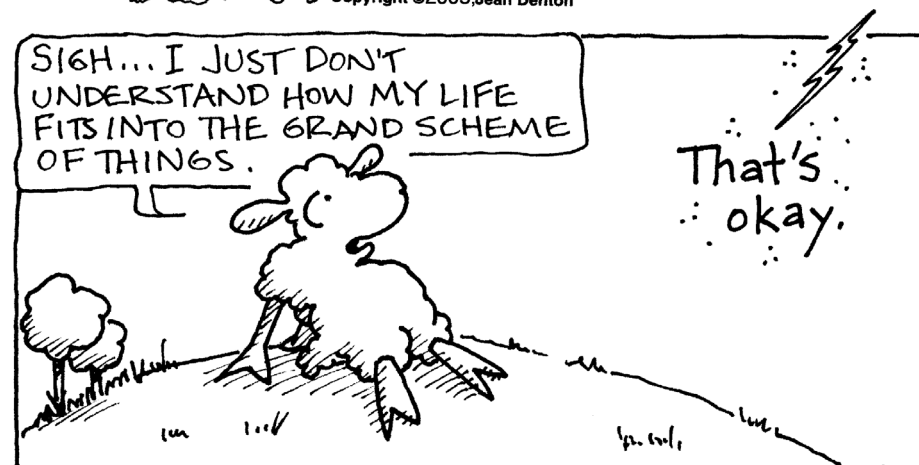
The pope also urged priests to help the church discern new vocations.

## Pope's Intentions – June 2010

**General** – Respect for Human Life: That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.

**Missionary** – The Churches in Asia : That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a "little flock" among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.

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## The Embrace

By Brother Bernard Keele

Bring me to the ascent of the heights -  
in your mystical dance.  
Pierce me through, O Spirit of God,  
with your mysterious lance.

Instill the caress of your touch,  
a night's warmth returns unseen.  
Plumb me to the depths of your embrace,  
a heart's need to intervene.

Can it be said in truth to find  
that my search will end in you?  
That life's bitter trail to take,  
finds joy when these tears are through?

Consummate my yearning for truth,  
O sweet, O sweet Divine.  
Satiating my longing for your nectar,  
that what is yours - has now become mine.

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Catholic Charities volunteer Phyllis Diecidue, center, helps register a fishing family for supplemental food assistance May 5 in St. Bernard Parish, a civil entity east of New Orleans. The volunteers were helping people affected by the oil leaking from the Deepwater Horizon wellhead in the Gulf of Mexico. (CNS photo/Peter Finney Jr., Clarion Herald)

### Maritime Mass gives special recognition to those affected by oil spill

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A Mass for mariners and people of the sea celebrated in Washington May 22 took on special significance in light of the massive oil spill endangering people's livelihoods and sea life in the Gulf of Mexico. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, the main celebrant and homilist, dedicated part of his homily to the situation. "Perhaps it takes a tragedy such as the events in the Gulf of Mexico to remind us of how life-giving the water is and how it touches all of us in one way or another" said the archbishop. Hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Apostleship of the Sea national office and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, the Mass was celebrated in the Crypt Church at

### Some in church give 'helping hand' to secularism, pope says

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"We need to overcome the temptation to limit ourselves to what we already have, or think we have, that is safely our own: that would be a slow death for the church as a presence in the world," he said.

Pope Benedict has sometimes been presumed to accept the idea of a smaller but more militant church, supposedly to strengthen the church's identity. But he made it clear in Portugal that "pruning back" is not his strategic goal.

In Porto, the pope said that to reach out more effectively, the church's traditional idea of evangelizing must change. In today's increasingly multicultural societies, he said, the church needs to be able to mix dialogue with proclamation and witness of the faith.

He said the church's missionary map is no longer geographical, however. Those awaiting the Gospel message are "not only non-Christian populations and distant lands," but entire social and cultural areas that cut across national or continental boundaries.

His words seemed to prepare the way for an announcement, expected in coming weeks, of the creation of a "Pontifical Council for New Evangelization" aimed precisely at promoting broader missionary outreach in traditionally Christian countries.



**WELL-WISHERS REACH OUT TO NEW COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES**—Well-wishers reach out to Archbishop Jose H. Gomez following a Mass of reception for the archbishop at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles May 26. The former San Antonio archbishop was welcomed as the new coadjutor of Los Angeles. As such he is the automatic successor to Cardinal Roger M. Mahony. (CNS photo/Victor Aleman, Vida Nueva)

the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Concelebrants were Scalabrinian Father Anthony Dall Balcon, Msgr. William Cuddy Jr. and Father Joseph Opalda. Since November 2005, the U.S. bishops have declared May 22 as the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea. The Mass was celebrated to commemorate merchant mariners, seafarers, fish and water workers, port personnel and others in the maritime community.

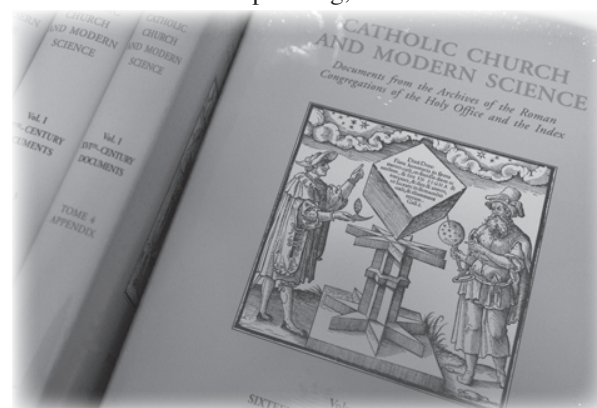
### Nun excommunicated, loses hospital post over decision on abortion

PHOENIX (CNS) — A nun who concurred in an ethics committee's decision to abort the child of a gravely ill woman at a Phoenix hospital was "automatically excommunicated by that action," according to Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix. Mercy Sister Margaret Mary McBride also was reassigned from her position as vice president of mission integration at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix after news surfaced about the abortion that took place late last year. The patient, who has not been identified, was 11 weeks pregnant and suffering from pulmonary hypertension, a condition that the hospital said carried a near-certain risk of death for the mother if the pregnancy continued. "If there had been a way to save the pregnancy and still prevent the death of the mother, we would have done it. We are convinced there was not," said a May 17 letter to Bishop Olmsted from top officials at Catholic Healthcare West, the San Francisco-based health system to which St. Joseph's belongs. But the bishop said in a May 14 statement that "the direct killing of an unborn child is always immoral, no matter the circumstances, and it cannot be permitted in any institution that claims to be authentically Catholic. We always must remember that when a difficult medical situation involves a pregnant woman, there are two patients in need of treatment and care, not merely one," Bishop Olmsted said. "The unborn child's life is just as sacred as the mother's life, and neither life can be preferred over the other."

### The Inquisition and Index: Vatican records shed light on dark legend

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Roman Inquisition and the Index of Forbidden Books obviously do not represent the brightest chapters in Catholic history, but newly

published documents from Vatican archives should help scholars distinguish between the truth and the dark legends. Hundreds of documents detailing the church's investigations of individuals and of written works during the Roman Inquisition have been published — most of them for the first time -- in a new series released by the Vatican. Reproducing records from the Inquisition's activities — records held in the formerly secret archives of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith -- the series hopes to shed light on how the Roman Inquisition really worked and to dispel age-old biases. A lack of access to the archives, which were opened to the public only in 1998, meant some scholars and historians made "sweeping generalizations without sufficient foundation" about the church's aims during the Inquisition, a former papal theologian wrote in the volume's preface. Cardinal Georges Cottier, theologian of the papal household under Pope John Paul II, wrote that by focusing only on cases in which the church acted extremely harshly -- such as the condemnation of Galileo Galilei and the burning at the stake of Giordano Bruno, some historians concluded the church was engaged in a vicious war against science. It is "misleading to see the activity ... as a struggle against science undertaken in the name of faith" when the Roman Inquisition actually was concerned more with preventing Protestant ideas from spreading, he wrote.



This is a newly published compilation of documents from the Archives of the Roman Congregation of the Holy Office and the Index from the period 1542 to 1600. The series "Catholic Church and Modern Science" aims to shed light on how the Roman Inquisition really worked and dispel age-old biases. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

### Catholic School Formation - An Invaluable Opportunity

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bigger when your roof needs to be repaired or when your minivan needs brakes. There have even been times when we didn't think highly of a particular teacher but we were dedicated to the principle that our children's education had to include their spiritual formation as well.

I don't mean to imply that our children are somehow holier than those who attend public schools. Trust me - the words "holy" and "my children" do not always belong together, and I have the gray hair to prove it. Nor do I mean to suggest that public schools kids all turn out to be atheists,

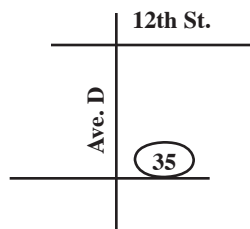
my wife is one of the most faithful Catholics I know and she only went to public schools. No, the reason why I am so grateful our kids have gone to parochial schools is because their education has been interwoven with math, English, history, prayer and the moral values of our community and Church. In their minds all those things go together naturally and that is a good thing.

More importantly, their formation while attending Catholic schools has been a continuing formation for my wife and me. Oh there was a time when I thought my faith formation was complete, hey I was an altar boy and I know the Nicene Creed, but when my daughter came home and asked me who was the patron saint of music, I was stumped. It's St Cecilia, by the way. That was an easy one; I was also stumped by "why does God allow so much suffering in the world?" "Do snakes go to heaven?" "Can we pray to grandpa?" If you know the answers to those questions without having to talk to a priest, a nun, or your spouse then you have my sincerest admiration.

As we prepare for two graduations in our house I want to thank the sisters, priests and laypeople who work to educate and help form children in our Catholic faith. The role you play in teaching your students to think of God in their studies and in their lives is invaluable to their lifelong formation as Catholics. God bless you in teaching, educating, and living your faith to your students.

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## Modern martyr: Polish priest was man of 'deep conviction, integrity'

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — When a Catholic priest who was murdered by communist agents is beatified in Warsaw June 6, it will confirm his place as one of the church's most conspicuous modern martyrs.

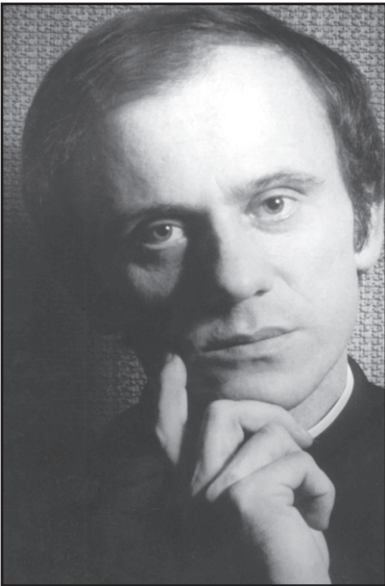
Polish church leaders hope the beatification will also recall values for which Father Jerzy Popieluszko gave his life and revive interest in a remarkable story of Christian courage and witness. "People are full of expectations here, especially those who directly experienced his work," said Archbishop Henryk Muszynski of Gniezno.

"He wasn't a forceful speaker or political activist, but someone of deep conviction and integrity. His sanctity lay in an elementary righteousness that gave people hope even in the worst situations," he said.

The bound and gagged body of 37-year-old Father Popieluszko, who was well-known in Poland for sermons defending human rights, was dredged from a reservoir on the Vistula River near Wloclawek Oct. 30, 1984, just 11 days after he was kidnapped while returning from a night Mass in Bydgoszcz.

About 400,000 people attended his funeral, and his murder was widely credited with helping discredit and undermine communist rule.

More than 110,000 people are expected



Polish Father Jerzy Popieluszko pictured in an undated file photo. (CNS file photo)

for the June 6 beatification of Father Jerzy Popieluszko. Warsaw Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz told journalists in mid-May that the open-air Mass in Pilsudski Square

would be celebrated by Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes. He said he expected 100 bishops, 1,500 priests and Father Popieluszko's mother, Marianna Popieluszko.

The archbishop said relics of Father Popieluszko, whose body was exhumed April 6-7, would be taken in procession to the capital's Wilanow suburb for interment at a still-unfinished Divine Providence Basilica, while the rest would be reburied June 13 at St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, Father Popieluszko's parish.

The church rector, Father Zygmunt Malacki, said May 13 that relics of the priest also would be sent to churches rededicated to him in other cities, and that parishes as far away as Uganda and Peru had also requested relics.

More than 80 streets and squares in Poland have been named after Father Popieluszko. Hundreds of statues and memorial tablets have been unveiled to him; some 18,000 schools, charities, youth groups and discussion clubs have been named after him.

temporary chapels for parishes. In the 11 dioceses that sustained the most damage from the Feb. 27 earthquake, 80 percent of the chapels were destroyed or left unusable. In addition, the bishops awarded more than \$400,000 for the education of women religious and clergy in 14 countries. Grants supporting indigenous faith communities in Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Venezuela were also among the projects approved for funding by the bishops.

### Pope calls for greater ethics and solidarity in world economy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for the universal recognition of a set of values aimed at promoting the common good of humanity in social and economic development projects. The pope also called on politicians and legislators to develop ethically based oversight in finance to prevent the "irresponsible speculation," which he said was the root of the current economic crisis. Pope Benedict made his remarks May 22 to members of the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation, which seeks to implement the Catholic social teaching presented in Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical, "Centesimus Annus." The pope told participants that "the common good is the end that gives meaning to progress and development," otherwise "consumerism, waste, poverty and imbalances prevail." The difficulty many people are suffering in today's economic climate "is due to a lack of trust and adequate inspiration for creative and dynamic solidarity aimed at the common good," he said. The pope said ethical values to govern the financial markets should be spelled out in an orderly way and respected and promoted by national and international institutions.



A family member of one of the 46 sailors killed on the South Korean naval vessel Cheonan cries as she touches a portrait during a funeral service at the Daejeon National Cemetery April 29. (CNS photo/Shin Hyeon-Jong, pool via Reuters)

## As Korean tensions escalate, Catholic leaders call for prayers

By Catholic News Service

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Catholic leaders have called for prayers as tensions in the Korean peninsula escalate, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News.

South Korea's president raised the stakes in the standoff by slashing trade to communist North Korea in retaliation for a torpedo attack by the North that killed 46 South Korean sailors. North Korea accused the South of a smear campaign and said May 25 that it would sever all ties with the South.

"With Christian faith, we view this as another ordeal on the way toward national reconciliation and we must keep hope. We need to pray for peace and reconciliation," said Fabiano Choi Hong-jun, chairman of the Catholic Lay Apostolate Council of Korea.

He said the tensions have thrown cold water on efforts for national reconciliation.

The sinking of the South Korean warship Cheonan March 26 in the Yellow Sea was the country's worst military loss since the 1950-53 Korean War. An international team of investigators determined a torpedo from a North Korean submarine sank the ship.

Father Raphael Seo Jong-yeob described South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's decision to enact economic reprisals against the North as "regretful," observing that the bishops' Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People had planned much aid to North Korea, but had to cancel it. He welcomed the president's decision to exclude North Korean children from the aid embargo.

South Korea has been the North's second-largest trading partner, after China.

Father Seo said North and South Korea "must continue to talk about peace and reconciliation" and that is why "prayers are needed earnestly."

## Bishops award nearly \$1 million for church rebuilding in Haiti, Chile

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Projects aimed at rebuilding church infrastructure damaged by the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile will receive nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The allocations are part of close to \$2.8 million that the bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America approved for 128 projects in 23 countries. "The projects approved by the subcommittee show the Church in action, supporting thousands of priests, sisters and laity working every day to bring the good news to some of our poorest brothers and sisters," said Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, coadjutor archbishop of Los Angeles and subcommittee chairman. In Haiti, the grants will provide temporary parish centers in 27 parishes, temporary classrooms and supplies to the national seminary and radio transmission equipment for Radio Soleil, a Catholic radio station in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital. Funds for the projects came from the special collection taken in most U.S. parishes for earthquake relief efforts. The subcommittee also approved funding for the Chilean church to build 20



ANTI-ABORTION DEMONSTRATORS RALLY IN CANADA — An estimated 12,500 anti-abortion demonstrators take part in the 12th annual National March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa May 13, 2010. The crowd celebrated the recent defeat in the Canadian Parliament of legislation that would have legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide. Those gathered also were pleased by a recent parliament vote to exclude abortion in a Canadian-led maternal and child health initiative among the Group of Eight leading industrialized nations. Currently, Canada has few restrictions on abortion. (CNS photo/Chris Wattie, Reuters)

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## Frequently Asked Questions about the Catholic Church's Position on Immigration

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### Why does the church care about immigration policies?

The Catholic Church has historically held a strong interest in immigration and how public policy affects immigrants seeking a new life in the United States. Based on Scriptural and Catholic social teachings, as well as her own experience as an immigrant Church in the United States, the Catholic Church is compelled to raise her voice on behalf of those who are marginalized and whose God-given rights are not respected.

The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants' human dignity and have kept families apart. The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized capacity, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents must wait years for a visa to be reunited. And, our nation's border enforcement strategies have been ineffective and have led to the death of thousands of migrants.

The Church has a responsibility to shine the message of God on this issue and help to build bridges between all parties so that an immigration system can be created that is just for all and serves the common good, including the legitimate security concerns of our nation.

### Does the Catholic Church support illegal immigration?

The Catholic bishops do not condone

unlawful entry or circumventions of our nation's immigration laws. The bishops believe that reforms are necessary in order for our nation's immigration system to respond to the realities of separated families and labor demands that compel people to immigrate to the United States, whether in an authorized or unauthorized fashion.

Our nation's economy demands foreign labor, yet there are insufficient visas

to meet this demand. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents face interminable separations, sometimes of

twenty years or longer, due to backlogs of available visas. U.S. immigration laws and policies need to be updated to reflect these realities.

### Does the Catholic Church support "amnesty"?

The Catholic bishops are proposing an earned legalization for those in this country in an unauthorized status and who have built up equities and are otherwise admissible. "Amnesty," as commonly understood, implies a pardon and a reward for those who did not obey immigration laws, creating inequities for those who wait for legal entry. The bishops' proposal is not an "amnesty."

The bishops' earned legalization proposal provides a window of opportunity for undocumented immigrants who are already living in our communities and contributing to our nation to come forward, pay a fine and application fee, go through rigorous criminal background checks and security screenings, demonstrate that they have paid taxes and are learning English, and obtain a visa that could lead to permanent residency, over time.



## Making A Difference

By Tony Magliano  
Catholic News Service



### America's genocide

Genocide: "The deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable" (Webster's New World Encyclopedia).

The deliberate, systematic dismembering of 1.2 million "undesirable" unborn babies annually, at the estimated 1,787 U.S. abortion mills, clearly fulfills the definition of genocide.

Abortion is genocide!

And the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform is courageously working to make that fact known to everyone. Their Genocide Awareness Project is a traveling large-scale photo exhibit that compares other forms of historical genocide — like the Holocaust of six million Jews by the Nazis and the more than 800,000 Rwandans killed during their civil war — with the modern genocide of abortion.

Because legal access to abortion is so commonplace today, the word "abortion" has lost the ability to convey its horror. To counter that, the Genocide Awareness Project travels to university campuses throughout the United States to educate students about the facts of abortion and the genocide it continues to cause.

Since words cannot adequately portray

the inhumanity of genocide, large documented pictures of victims of various forms of genocide — including real-life images of aborted babies — are put on display to give witness to the truth.

Through its extensive experiences on university campuses, the Genocide Awareness Project has learned that these graphic pictures provide the best evidence that abortion is an act of violence that kills human beings.

Recently my wife Denise and I participated in one of the project's events at the University of Delaware. It was an eye-opener!

Many students were unaware of the scientific facts. They presented the old false argument that an embryo or fetus is part of a woman's body and therefore not a human being.

But when we pointed to the amazing pictures of unborn human development, many students began to see the truth that human life is a continuum that begins at conception and moves through its various stages of life: zygote, blastocyst, embryo, fetus, newborn, toddler, pre-adolescent, adolescent, young adult, middle-aged adult and old adult.

Without a doubt, these large pictures of human development and aborted un-

### Letter to the Editor

To the Catholic Lighthouse Editor,

I am writing you this letter regarding the Arizona immigration laws. I walk into a Wal-mart, everything is oriented for the Mexicans. Any announcements are mostly Mexican and English. As a little boy, I had to learn to speak English, all I knew was the Czech language. There was no signs, no ads, nothing but English ads.

I love to fish at night, because of skin cancer I do not fish in the sun. The Mexicans have taken over the piers in Palacios, Tx. No regards for other people wanting to fish. The kids run loose, they leave their trash lying all over the piers. These are legal citizens, these people do not respect the laws I abide by. You can go to any HEB store, and notice the kids playing where people are trying to shop, they do not speak English. Their kids open cookie

and chip bags and eat right in front of me. Most of the illegals do not pay any tax on their income, they smuggle it back to Mexico. You and I are expected to obey all the laws of our country, these laws are based on the Ten Commandments. The only good and legal way for these people to live here, is to become a legal citizen. This is the way our country operates. All the illegal aliens have to be returned back to Mexico, it is the only way our country can survive. We can all pray, and ask God to give these people guidance to do the right thing. I did not bring up the drug smugglers, violence, gangs etc. You are aware of all this mess. I hope and pray that the Arizona laws work. The illegal aliens are the problem not Arizona.

God bless,  
George Svoboda  
Markham, Texas

## U.S., Mexican president meet; bishops urge them to focus on migration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the presidents of the United States and Mexico declared their intentions to work together on immigration-related problems and other issues, the bishops who head the migration committees of the two nations called on them to critically examine their immigration policies "and their adverse impact on human beings." In prepared statements at the White House Rose Garden May 19, Presidents Barack Obama and Felipe Calderon noted that in earlier talks that day, the two had paid special attention to migration issues, particularly the recently passed Arizona law which, among other provisions, requires officers to arrest those they encounter in the course of police work if they are not able to provide documentation of their legal status. Both Obama and Calderon criticized the law and said they would work to address border-related problems, including drug

and human smuggling. Other topics of the presidents' talks included trade, the environment, hemispheric cooperation and battling crime. In a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Mexican Episcopal Conference, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, who heads the U.S. bishops' migration committee, and Bishop Rafael Romo Munoz of Tijuana, Mexico, who heads the Mexican bishops' migration commission, said that while they "respect the obligation of both countries to ensure the integrity of their borders and the security of their peoples, we believe they can achieve these goals without sacrificing the basic human dignity and rights of the migrant."

### Cardinal backs bill fixing health reform law on abortion, conscience

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A bipartisan bill before the House of Representatives would bring the new health reform law "into line with policies on abortion and conscience rights that have long prevailed in other federal health programs," said the head of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. In a May 20 letter to House members, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged passage of H.R. 5111, legislation proposed by Reps. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., and Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., and co-sponsored by 91 other House members. "Efforts to ensure that our health care system serves the life, health and conscience of all will be a legislative goal of the Catholic bishops in the months to come," Cardinal DiNardo said, adding that the Pitts-Lipinski proposal makes "a significant contribution to this important task." The cardinal warned, however, that if "these genuine problems are not addressed in their own right, they will be taken up and used as ammunition by those who favor repealing (the health reform law) outright, which would eliminate the positive as well as negative aspects of the new law." In introducing the Protect Life Act April 22, Pitts noted that the legislation signed by Obama lacked "critical safeguards" that had been approved earlier by the House. "The new health care law is riddled with loopholes that allow taxpayer subsidies for coverage that includes abortion," he said. "My new bill would extend long-standing policy by preventing federal dollars from being used to pay for abortion coverage." Pitts also praised the bipartisan co-sponsorship of his bill, saying, "I never want protecting life to be a partisan issue."

born babies are powerful witnesses to the truth that human life begins at conception and that the nearly 3,500 abortions performed every day in the United States is genocide.

Sadly, many Christians — both clergy and laity — object to the graphic pictures of aborted babies. But the project's organizers explain that since educators properly insist on using shocking imagery to teach about other forms of genocide, they have the right to do the same.

From their experiences on public university campuses across the U.S., the project has learned that "when abortion is hidden, abortion is tolerated." But "when abortion is seen, everything changes!"

Surprisingly, the project is having trouble getting on Catholic university campuses. Gregory Grimm, the project's development coordinator, told me that the universities contacted to date -- the University of Notre Dame, Thomas Aquinas College, Gonzaga University and Seton Hall University -- have all denied the project's request.

With so much ignorance and misinformation about abortion in society, there is no sound intellectual or moral reason for Catholic institutions of higher learning to deny their students such an exceptional opportunity to be exposed to the truth.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and their Genocide Awareness Project exist "to make abortion impossible to ignore or trivialize." Have the courage to view a real abortion on their Web site [www.abortionno.org](http://www.abortionno.org).

And then have the integrity to get involved!





# EVENTS

## Special Collection

Peter's Pence

(Collection for the Holy Father) June 27

### Ongoing Events

**St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans** – For meeting dates call Mary Ann LeBlanc at (361) 575-1858.

**Marriage Encounter**—The Marriage Encounter Weekend is open to married couples, Catholic and non-Catholic. World-wide Marriage Encounter is designed to make good marriages even better. For more information, see [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org); or for upcoming weekends, please contact Milton and Diane Rejcek at (979) 245-0323 or at: [register@mevictoria.org](mailto:register@mevictoria.org).

**Retrouvaille** — The word Retrouvaille means 'rediscovery.' It is a program that offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Contact Gerd and Linda Conner (979) 543-3493 or (800) 470-2230 for more information. For dates in Texas, please go to [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**The Beginning Experience**—The Beginning Experience is an international ministry that helps divorced, separated and widowed individuals resolve their grief surrounding the loss of a marriage partner. It is a ministry of the San Antonio Archdiocese Family Life Office. For more information, go to their Web site: [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org); e-mail: [sanantonioobe@yahoo.com](mailto:sanantonioobe@yahoo.com); phone: (210) 734-2146.

**Natural Family Planning**—For English or bilingual sessions of the Sympto-Thermal Method (S-TM) in Palacios, call Rene and Wilma Galvan at (361) 972-5030. Available for counseling and classes. For information about the Sympto-Thermal Method in the Victoria area, contact David and Annie Coffey at [zoukoda@yahoo.com](mailto:zoukoda@yahoo.com). Introductory presentations on the Creighton Model Ovulation Method are offered in Wharton at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and in East Bernard at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Please contact Melissa Morse at (979) 335-7306 for more information. To learn more about Natural Family Planning, please go to Natural Family Planning Outreach at: [www.nfpoutreach.org](http://www.nfpoutreach.org). Natural Family Planning is the only church approved form of family planning. If unable to connect with any of these trainers, please contact Father David Berger at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral at [frdvbrgr@gmail.com](mailto:frdvbrgr@gmail.com) or (361) 575-4741.

**Goliad**—Presidio La Bahia Museum and Visitor Center — a National Historic Landmark — is the only Spanish fort in the possession of the Catholic Church in North America. A tour program is available to groups. The Presidio is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed on major holidays. Admission is \$4 (ages 12-59); \$3.50 for (60 and older and military personnel) and \$1 (ages 6- 11), with children five and younger admitted free. Group rates are available with advance reservations. A re-enactor will be available for school groups with advance reservations. The fort is handicapped accessible. For more information call (361) 645-3752 or see the Web site at [www.presidiolabaha.org](http://www.presidiolabaha.org).

**Engaged Encounter**—Register as soon as you have contacted your pastor due to limited space. *It is strongly recommended that you attend an encounter weekend four to six months prior to your wedding date.* For a registration form, contact your pastor, visit the **Web site at [www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/family/ee.htm)**, or write to: Engaged Encounter, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, Texas 77903. The weekend is held at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The dates for 2010 are: June 25-27, Sept. 24-26 and Nov. 19-21. For more info., call (361) 573-0828 ext. 30. All registrations are on a first come, first serve basis. Fee must accompany registration form.

### Picnics, Activities, etc.

#### June

**Port Lavaca**—CDA Court #2267 of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish is hosting its annual games party from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. June 6, at St. Jude's Hall. For table reservations, please call (361) 552-6844, (361) 552-3233 or (361) 987-2387.

**Victoria**—The Gabriel Project Ministry will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the educational building at Holy Family Church located at 704 Mallette Dr. The Gabriel Project Ministry serves women and their families during crisis pregnancies. For more info. call 1-866-627-9243 (MARY AID).

**East Bernard**—Annual Czech Kolache-Klobase Festival June

12 from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Hall sponsored by KJT Society #40. Admission is \$7 p/p and children 12 and under free. There will be entertainment indoors and under pavilion with water-fan cooled comfort. Starting at 11:00 a.m. there will be sausage/barbecue-chicken plate lunches available with food available throughout the day; and arts/crafts, kiddie games, cakewalk and much more family fun. For more information go to [www.kkfest.com](http://www.kkfest.com) or call (979) 335-7907.

**Bay City**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Annual Jamaica/Bazaar June 13 held on church grounds (Avenue D & 12th Street) from 11:00 a.m. to dark. Fun for all ages: live music, children's games and rides, children's ferris wheel, cakewalk and more; food booths (some open at 9:00 a.m.), Mexican food and more. Bring your chair and enjoy the day!!!!

**Schulenburg**—St. Rose of Lima will hold its annual parish picnic on June 13 at KC Hall. Masses will be held Sunday at 7:30 and 10 a.m. A meal featuring fried-chicken, sausage and all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the KC Hall. Adult plates \$7.50 p/p, children under 12, \$4.00 p/p. Drive-through adult plates will be available. Hamburgers, iced tea and other food and refreshments will be served all afternoon and evening. The biergarten will open at noon. The Shiner Hobo Band will be featured from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (outside); Mark Halata and Texavia will play from 4-8 p.m. in the hall. One of the highlights of the picnic will be the big auction starting at 1 p.m. featuring cattle, quilts, antiques and much more. Other activities at this year's picnic will include bingo in the hall, as well as amusements and games, including a country store, cakewalk, country walk, rides for children, and pull tab bingo. The sweepstakes drawing will be at 8 p.m.

**St. Mary**—St. Mary Parish Picnic June 13 at the parish hall. Mass will be celebrated at the church at 9:15 a.m. A stew and sausage dinner begins at 10:30 a.m. at \$7 p/p with dine-in or drive-thru available. There will be games, plants, cakewalk, train ride and country store. Hamburgers will be sold in the afternoon. Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Dance to live music from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with Texas Sound Czech, Tony Janak and Red Ravens.

**Victoria**—Knights of Columbus Council 1329 chicken-barbecue fund-raiser June 20 at the KC Hall. The price is \$6 per chicken. Beans and Spanish rice available for \$1.50 per pint. Sale starts at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit council's projects.

**Wharton**—The Gabriel Project Ministry Volunteer Workshop will be held Saturday, June 26, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Religious Education Building (behind the Rectory), 2011 Briar Lane, Wharton. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Come find out how you can volunteer to help women and their families during crisis pregnancies. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 24, by calling Becca (361)564-3887 or Vicki (979)532-3714.

### Upcoming Events

**St. John**—St. John Annual Parish 4th of July Picnic on the parish grounds (7026 FM 957 - 6 miles SW of Schulenburg). Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by flag raising ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 11:00 a.m. More information to come.

**Dubina**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish Picnic July 4

**Moravia**—Ascension of Our Lord Parish Picnic July 18 (located at FM 957 and FM 532) with Mass at 10:00 a.m. A stew and fried-chicken dinner begins at 11:00 a.m. at \$7 p/p for adults and plates-to-go and \$4 for children. There will be a country store, toy walk, dunking booth and cakewalk along with much more. Auction starts at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments and food available throughout the day. Music by the Ennis Czech Boys and Texas Sound Check.

**Boling**—St. Joseph Mission will hold its 42nd Annual Bazaar Aug. 1, at the Boling Community Center.

**Frelsburg**—Sts. Peter and Paul Annual Festival Aug. 1

**Yoakum**—St. Joseph Parish Picnic Aug. 1

**Palacios**—St. Anthony Shrimporee Aug. 1

**Weimar**—St. Michael Harvest Feast Aug. 8

**Praha**—St. Mary Parish Picnic Aug. 15

**High Hill**—St. Mary Catholic Church Sesquicentennial Parish Picnic - 150th Anniversary 1860-2010 to be held on Sept. 5. Chicken & Stew Dinner will be served. Visit the newly restored Queen of the Painted Churches. Flag raising ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Mass with Bishop David Fellhauer as celebrant at 10:00

a.m. with San Antonio Liederkrantz Choir, cakewalk at 11:00 a.m., Liederkrantz Performance at 12:30 p.m. The auction and horseshoe tournament begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be a souvenir booth, featuring cookbooks and stained glass art on slate, toy walk, country store, duck pond, ring toss, ball throw, train rides, bingo (Lic. # 3-00-0620320-9) 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.; nachos, hamburger stand, High Hill homemade sausage, sweepstakes drawing at 9:00 p.m. Music during the day by Texas Sound Czech and Mark Halata. Free dance at night by Texas Dream. Grand Finale with a Super Spectacular Fireworks Show at 10:00 p.m.. Come join us.

**Cuero**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 5

**Shiner**—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic Sept. 5

**Hallettsville**—Sacred Heart Festival Sept. 5

**Nada**—St. Mary Picnic Sept. 5

**Vanderbilt** — St. John Bosco Parish Picnic Sept. 5

**Inez** — St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 12

**Yorktown** — Holy Cross Festival Sept. 12

**Dallas**—Save the date for the Holy Trinity Seminary 2010 Seminarian Welcome Dinner to be held Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Fairmont Dallas. For more information, please go to <http://www.holytrinityseminary.com>.

### Masses • Retreats • Conferences

**Weimar**—State Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas Spiritual Retreat, June 26, at Father John Peters' Farm in Weimar. Registration is \$5.00 per person; registration from 9-9:30 a.m.; retreat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Speaker: Olga Samaniego, CDA State Spiritual Enhancement. Mass will be celebrated and lunch is included. Wear caps and comfortable clothes

**Indiana**—Come & See Week - The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana would like to invite single Catholic women 18-40 who have ever considered being a nun, to come live the life with us for a weeklong experience June 25 - July 1. This Come & See Week will give participants an in-depth look at our life. Those who come will experience our prayer, work and recreation. There will also be a retreat day for personal prayer and faith sharing. For more information or to register online, visit [www.thedome.org/JoinUs](http://www.thedome.org/JoinUs), call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or e-mail [vocation@thedome.org](mailto:vocation@thedome.org).

**San Antonio**—The English movement of the Cursillos of Christianity of the Archdiocese of San Antonio (CCASA) invite you to their upcoming events. All Catholic men and women who are interested in living their Catholic life more fully are invited. Women's English Cursillo; June 10, 5:30 p.m. - June 13, 5:00 p.m. closing ceremony. Men's English Cursillo September 9, 5:30 p.m. - Sept. 12, 5:00 p.m. closing ceremony. Both Cursillos will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 617 South Santa Rosa Ave. To attend, please contact (210) 492-8788; [saenglishcursillo@gmail.com](mailto:saenglishcursillo@gmail.com); or view Web site: [www.sa-cursillo.org](http://www.sa-cursillo.org).

**El Campo**—A Young Adult ACTS Retreat sponsored by the El Campo Deanery ACTS group will be held on July 15 - 18 at the J Bar J Ranch in Sealy, TX. This retreat is open to all single young adults who are 19 - 28 years old. Please call Brandon Janak at (979) 541-9952 for more information or to request an e-mail application.

**Victoria**—Missing something in your life? Do you need an uplifting experience? Why not try some PRAISE and WORSHIP. Come join Incarnate Word Prayer Group on Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Incarnate Word Auditorium. For more information call Paula at (361) 575-7120 or Sr. Louise Marie at (361) 575-7111.

**Tivoli**—Our Lady of Guadalupe Church invites you to a Healing Mass and Prayer Service every First Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Mass is followed by praise and worship/adoration, healing prayers, praying over, etc. Counseling available. For more information, please contact Rev. Gabriel P. Coelho at (361) 286-3349.

**Houston**—Coming Events at Holocaust Museum Houston - Education Center and Memorial: [www.hmh.org/pc\\_home.asp](http://www.hmh.org/pc_home.asp).

### Pilgrimages, Tours, etc.

**Victoria**—Victoria, Where Texas History Began will be open to the public through January 29, 2011. Viewing hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Coastal Bend, located on the campus of The Victoria College, at the corner of East Red River and Ben Jordan. Visit [www.museumofthecoastalbend.org](http://www.museumofthecoastalbend.org) for more information. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens, and \$2 for students ages 4 years through 8th grade. Admission is free for museum members, faculty, staff and students of The Victoria College and the University of Houston - Victoria, and for children under 4 years of age.

**Europe**—13-day Pilgrimage to Italy & France May 16 - 28, 2011, with spiritual director Father Tony Boateng-Mensah of St. Mary's in Victoria. Go to Lourdes, St. Anthony of Padua, Venice, Assisi, tomb of Padre Pio - San Giovanni Rotondo, Mass at St. Michael's Cave, hometown of Padre Pio - Pietrelcina, tour of ancient Rome, St. Peter's Basilica, papal audience, panorama of Paris, Basilica of St. Therese of Lisieux. Tour operated by Little Flower Tours & Travel, Ltd.; hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church Padre Pio Prayer Group, Victoria. For detailed itinerary/reservation form, please call Dora Silva at (361) 573-7761.

### Summer Events

**Victoria**—Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Mary's July 19 - 23, from 8:00 to 11:50 a.m., featuring *Parachute with the Angels and St. Catherine LaBouré*. To register, please call Marie Immenhauser by July 2 at (361) 572-3863.

Have an event???  
Contact us at  
(361) 573-5725 (FAX)

or e-mail: [janakr@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:janakr@victoriadiocese.org)

June 9 — MINI-DOC — Stolen Lives Regained (PL658) ~ Coalition to Abolish Slavery/Trafficking - Meet dedicated workers helping to rescue

## "The Power of LOVE" with Rev. Mike Manning

Interviews, Teachings, Ministry Mini-Docs



and restore lives of victims of human trafficking.  
June 16 — TEACHING — Faces of God (SP468) ~ Fr. Mike opens a dialog with you based on his new book, *Fifteen Faces of God*, about the layers of application and meaning in Jesus' parables.

June 23 — Peace to Iraq (PL659) ~ Fr. Yousif Habash, Sacred Heart Syriac Antiochan Rite Church. People of Iraq and Iraqi descents want nothing more than to be happy, peace-loving people.

June 30 — TEACHING — Jesus the Answer (SP469) ~ Fr. Mike explores the numerous ways people look for answers to their problems and questions - but ultimately Jesus is the answer.

July 7 — TEACHING — Deep in my Heart (SP470) ~ Fr. Mike's characteristic joy comes from deep down where he's "got that love of Jesus." And he wants everyone to have it, too!

July 14 — Blood In, Blood Out (PL660) ~ Art Blajos, Victory Outreach Minister - From painful gang-culture experience, he shares the wisdom and love of Jesus with others.

July 21 — My Awakening (PL661) ~ Erika Martinez, environment minister, Ontario, Ca. When the love of Jesus finally comes alive in your heart, you are impelled to share it!

On TBN (Trinity) channel Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. CDT; on the Net 24/7 at [www.wordnet.tv/videos.thm](http://www.wordnet.tv/videos.thm)





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#### 6th Graders:

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Ashley Andruss, Amanda Briscoe, Katie Cain, Cassie Cantu, Hannah Hartigan, Kyleigh Hoelscher, Alix Lares-Rodriguez, Kane Maertz, Colton Matus, Madison Olivarez, Andrew Ray, Sydney Sablatura, Savannah Streckfuss, Travis Summers

### St. Michael School, Cuero

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Charlie Orch, Teresa Spears, Jon Paul Williams

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#### 8th Graders:

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### Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville

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### Our Lady of the Gulf School, Port Lavaca

#### 8th Graders:

Hannah Armstrong, C.J. Carmichael, Michael Chen, Harley Desoto, Darbi Dowell, Mason Elgin, Zane Herrera, Kevin Holdgraf, Dillon Janecka, Stephanie Johnstone, Natalie Lyssy, Tristin Phillips, Hannah Rose

### St. Rose of Lima School, Schulenburg

#### 8th Graders:

Aimee Adamek, Tanner Canion, Hannah Fogle, Meagan Jurica, Haley Nidey, Jakob Rehak, Rachel Saulnier, Scott Stoner, Sarah Walker

### St. Ludmila Academy, Shiner

#### 8th Graders:

John Paul Arlinghaus, Hayley Blanton, Meagan Chumchal, Stephen Curtiss, Ben Janecek, Cecilia Leyva,

Kymerlie Malatek, Ian Maxwell, Nathan Medellin, Hunter Mraz, Hannah Novosad, Travis Raabe, Julianna Rankin, Luis Rodriquez, Kristin Schacherl, Nicolette Siegel, Samantha Siegel, Christina Squyres, Kaylee Vargo, Melanie Wagner

### Nazareth Academy, Victoria

#### 8th Graders:

Alyssa Bennett, Nathan Bennett, Dodge Bludau, Brice Driver, David Du, Tyler Engelbart, Taylor English, Sammy Garcia Jr., Jordan Gisler, Dane Guerra, Aubrey Gutierrez, Briana Gutierrez, Nadia Guzman, Shaughnessy Hall, Seth Hawes, Rachel Hennessey, Joshua Hunter, Rachel Innocenti, Caitlin Jacob, Jordan Lopez, Kimberly Parma, Alexandria Perez, Ciara Schmidt, Travis Seger, Matthew Small, Kristin Sontheimer, Jarrod Sullivan, Raven Thompson, Douglas Wall, Chloe Walther

### Our Lady of Victory School, Victoria

#### 8th Graders:

Hannah Adams, Hunter Barthels, Baxter Bradicich, Sydney Burns, Ethan Carrasco, Mariah Clay, Austyn Clements, Olivia Creager, Peyton Cuellar, Morgan DeLaGarza, Thomas Dentler, Alexander Ferrell, Tom Followwill, Brian Gann, Shelsey Gonzales, Collin Hartman, Jade Hayes, Christina Haynes, Madison Herman, Harrison High, Johanna Hoang, Cody Janak, Adam Konarik, Connally Krueger, Lauren Kurtz, Hira Malik, Vina Nguyen, Emily Omecinski, Jacob Ortmann, Jack Perry, Ryan Pozzi, Barclay Proctor, Brenden Pupi, Allyson Reithmeier, Alyssa Rodriguez, Anna Samples, Jordan Shaulis, Luke Stone, Gunnar Trampota, Brette Tucker, Claudia Valenzuela, Sarah Valenzuela, Chloe Velasco, Sarah Warner, Luke Wenske, Logan Wiggen, Denny Williams, Cameron Zafereo

### St. Michael School, Weimar

#### 8th Graders:

Mariah Carroll, Trey Davila, Seth Helmcamp, Josh King, Emily Koenig, Kendall Marak, McKenna Munsch, AnaKaren Ortiz, Corie Ritter, Greyson Ulrich, Bonnie Winkler

### St. Joseph School, Yoakum

#### 8th Graders:

Ashley Carroll, Matthew Friedel, Jenna Holik, Mindi Janak, Trey Janca, Jason Karl, Kelley Kusak, Anna Kvinta, Haley Lorke, Chris Neubauer, Sam Patek, Reagan Renken, Callie Witte

## Diocese of Victoria Catholic High School's 2010 Top Graduates

### St. Paul High Shiner



**Justin Pesek**  
Valedictorian

Parents:  
Anthony & Donna Pesek

### St. Joseph High Victoria



**Christian Maxwell**  
Valedictorian

Parents:  
Jerome & Patricia Maxwell

### Sacred Heart High Hallettsville



**Clay Bludau**  
Co-Valedictorian

Parents:  
Philip and Lea Bludau



**Brandon Pesek**  
Salutarian

Parents:  
Anthony & Donna Pesek



**Amanda Boozalis**  
Salutarian

Parents:  
George & Debbie Boozalis



**Emma Gray**  
Co-Valedictorian

Parents: Doug Gray and Sara McDaniel



**Michael Pesek**  
Historian

Parents:  
Anthony & Donna Pesek



**Audrey High**  
Historian

Parents:  
Kelly & Beth High



**Megan Pavlicek**  
Salutarian

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## Catholic School Formation - An Invaluable Opportunity

**By Andrew Rivas, Executive Director, Texas Catholic Conference**

Our eldest child is a senior in high school and our second eldest is in the eighth grade. Both girls go to Catholic schools and both are getting ready to graduate. We know that their experiences in Catholic schools will help them to be strong and faithful in whatever their future holds.

I am a product of Catholic grade schools and always wanted to give my kids the same opportunity my parents gave me. My wife went to public schools all

her life and when difficult times came her way, she was not afforded the opportunity to work through problems in the school setting through the eyes of faith. A Catholic school would have been able to give her that support, and so she was determined to place our children in Catholic schools.

In the last twelve years we've been through some lean times where we've had to make sacrifices to keep our kids in Catholic schools. Tuition, uniforms and various school fees can seem even

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