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~ "In his Will, we find his peace" ~

Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng

God's providence reigns in life of priest celebrating 25-year jubilee

By Cynthia Brewer

Who knows? If a particular movie that 12-year-old Johnson was planning to see at the local theater had been playing, we in the Diocese of Victoria may never have gotten to experience the gift of the priesthood of Father Johnson.

Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood Sunday, July 25, 2010, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Vanderbilt, the parish to which he has

been assigned since 2002.

He was ordained July 27, 1985, in Ghana, West Africa.

Bishop David E. Fellhauer presided over the Mass, which was concelebrated by Father Johnson, six priests originally from Ghana, four other diocesan priests and his former seminary teacher in Ghana, Father Robert Fisher, SVD, who is now serving in Port Lavaca.

Before the end of Mass, Father Johnson told of the story of how on one evening when he was not quite 12 years old, he went to the theater, but the movie he wanted to see wasn't playing, so he decided to go home. But on the way, he saw a group of boys being taught by an adult on the campus of St. Louis Training College.

The group was named St. Dominic Savio and they were learning about the lives of the saints. He decided to pass the time with them and became so interested in the saints that he returned to the group every day. Those days turned into four years, as he couldn't get enough of those "saintly lives."

Those years left a great impression on him. They were filled with church services and devotions; hospital and prison visitations; soccer matches and studies; and fishing and swimming.

During this time, the thought of becoming a priest developed.

"All the while the thought kept coming to me: 'Would it not be wonderful if I can give my life as a priest to help other people," he said. "So I decided to become a priest and entered the minor seminary."

"From this small group of boys, five priests have come," he said.

"God works in mysterious ways," he said. He doesn't know the reasons, but he knows one thing for sure, "That He (God) changed my focus: from living for myself in self entertainment, to living for others by helping them find their way to heaven."

"The evening that started with great disappointment (missing my movie), turned out to be the evening that fulfilled my deepest longing. Little did I know that

See In his Will, p. 16

Mexican Catholics pray for 72 migrants found massacred on ranch 100 miles south of Brownsville

By David Agren Catholic News Service

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Catholics in the northeastern Mexican state of Tamaulipas offered prayers for the 72 undocumented migrants from Central and South America whose bodies were discovered Aug. 24 in what was possibly the largest mass slaying since the country began cracking down on drug cartels and organized crime.

Father Alan Camargo, spokesman for the Diocese of Matamoros, said four priests in the municipality of San Fernando (100 miles south of Brownsville), where members of the Mexican navy discovered the bodies on a ranch, were offering pastoral support to local residents.

The residents, he added, were gathering in private homes to pray.

A secretary who answered the phone at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Fernando told Catholic News Service a Mass for the victims would be celebrated Aug. 26.

An undocumented migrant from Ecuador, who survived the massacre on a ranch near San Fernando and alerted a navy patrol, said the killings took place Aug. 24, the newspaper *Reforma* reported. He said the migrants — who were from Ecuador, Brazil, El Salvador and Honduras and included 14 women — were kidnapped and executed after being unable to pay extortion

demands and declining to join forces with a drug cartel formed by rogue soldiers known as Los Zetas.

The massacre once again highlighted the enormous risks run by undocumented migrants transiting the country in desperate attempts to reach the United States.

Human rights groups and Catholics working with migrants condemned the massacre and the Mexican government's failure to prevent such a tragedy. They said it showed the paradox of the Mexican government's posture on immigration matters: the country vigorously fights for the rights of its own migrants residing in the United States but often fails to curb the abuse and exploitation of undocumented Central and South Americans in its own territory.

"Due to the frequent testimonies of migrants victimized by kidnapping, that for the past two-and-a-half years various civil society organizations have been documenting, we can affirm that this massacre ... is not an isolated event," the Mexican bishops' migrant ministry and seven Catholic migrant and human rights groups said in a statement distributed Aug. 25 by the Miguel Agustin Pro Juarez Human Rights Center in Mexico City.

"Until this date, the response of the federal government has offered about the subject has been limited to a report sent to the Inter-American Commission on Human

See Mexican Catholics pray, p. 16



FORMER HEAD OF MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY RELEASES DOVES IN CELEBRATION OF MOTHER TERESA—Sister Nirmala Joshi, former superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, releases doves as her successor, Sister Mary Prema, looks on Aug. 26 as the nuns celebrate the 100th birth anniversary of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (CNS photo/Deshakalayan Chowdhur, pool via Reuters)

See more on Mother Teresa on page 12

Bishop Fellhauer's Schedule

September

- 5 10:00 a.m., Mass, 150th Anniversary of St. Mary Church, High Hill
- 8 11:00 a.m., Mass, St. Anthony School, Columbus, 8th grade retreat, Spiritual Renewal Center
- 12 2:00 p.m., Mass, Consecration of Associates, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
- 6:00 p.m., Mass for Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, St. Mary Church, Victoria
- 15 3:00 p.m., Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery Office
 - 4:30 p.m., Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office
- 17 8:05 a.m., School Mass, Sacred Heart Church, and blessing of Art Center and renovations of Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville
 - 7:30 p.m., Reconciliation Service, Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria
- 18 3:00 p.m., Quinceañera celebration, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
- 21 6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Council 9088, Public Servants appreciation night, Holy Family Church, Victoria
- 24 2:30 p.m., Reconciliation service, Stevenson Detention Unit, Cuero
- 9:00 a.m., Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Holy Family Church, Victoria; 4:15 p.m., Mass
- 8:00 a.m., Mass, the Stevenson Detention Unit, Cuero
- 26-27 Texas Bishops' meeting, Texas Catholic Conference General Assembly,

October

- 3 10:30 a.m., Mass, in memory of Monsignor James C. Brunner, St. Mary Church, Victoria
- 5 Clergy Fraternity Day, Yoakum dinner, Knights of Columbus Hall, Shiner

Official Appointments to the Presbyteral Council By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Vicar General: Five year term effective September 6, 2010 to September 5, 2015 Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin

Deans: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013

Rev. Msgr. Michael Harrold, Victoria Deanery

Rev. Kirby Hlavaty, Cuero Deanery

Rev. Michael Lyons, Edna Deanery

Rev. Gary W. Janak, El Campo Deanery

Rev. John C. Peters, Hallettsville Deanery Rev. Timothy Kosler, Schulenburg Deanery

Deans also serve on the Priests' Personnel Board for the duration of their appoint-

ment

Deanery Representatives: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013

Rev. Stanley DeBoe, O.SS.T., Victoria Deanery

Rev. Roger Hawes, Cuero Deanery

Rev. Michael Petering, Edna Deanery

Rev. Donald Ruppert, El Campo Deanery

Rev. Charles Sonnier, Hallettsville Deanery

Rev. Robert Guerra, Schulenburg Deanery

Bishop's Appointees: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013

Rev. David Berger

Rev. Gabriel Espinosa



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DEADLINE IS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.



Father Peter Yeboah-Amanfo was installed the pastor of St. Peter Parish in Blessing, together with its mission church, St. Robert in Markham, by Bishop David Fellhauer Sunday, August 1, 2010. Congratulations to Father Peter as he is serving as pastor for the first time in the Diocese of Victoria.



Father Bryan Heyer was installed the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Palacios by Bishop David Fellhauer Sunday, August 8, 2010. Congratulations to Father Bryan as he is serving as pastor for the first time.

Many priests rotate to new parishes this summer

To fill in the pastor positions left vacant because of the deaths of two pastors, Msgr. Edward Bartsh of St. Mary's in Praha and Msgr. James C. Brunner of St. Mary's Parish in Victoria, and the retirement from full-time ministry of Father Frank B. Lenz of Sts. Peter & Paul in Meyersville and its mission, St. Aloysius in Westhoff, and the retirement of Father Henry Rachunek of St. John the Baptist in Hungerford, Bishop David Fellhauer had to make adjustments of the available priests in the diocese.

To recap the bishop's appointments of pastors:

Father Gabriel Maison was appointed parochial administrator of St. Mary's in Praha, while remaining in his assignment as pastor of St. Joseph's in Moulton.

Father Augustine Nsiah-Asante was transferred from St. Philip the Apostle in El Campo as Parochial Vicar (PV) and appointed parochial administrator to Sts. Peter & Paul in Meyersville.

Father Charles Dwomoh was trans-

ferred from St. Anthony in Palacios and appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Hungerford.

Father Bryan Heyer was transferred as PV of Our Lady of the Gulf and its many missions, and appointed pastor of St. Anthony in Palacios.

Father Dan Morales was transferred from Our Lady of the Gulf in Port Lavaca and its missions, and appointed pastor of St. Mary's in Victoria.

Father Ty J. Bazar was transferred from St. Patrick in Bloomington and appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf in Port Lavaca and its missions.

Father Samuel Appiasi was transferred from St. Peter in Blessing and its mission, St. Robert in Markham, and appointed pastor of St. Patrick in Bloomington.

Father Peter Yeboah-Amanfo was transferred as PV of St. Rose of Lima in Schulenburg and its many missions, and appointed pastor of St. Peter in Blessing and its mission.

DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

2010 DSA

Diocesan Goal: \$1,349,808.00
Parish Pledge Totals: \$ 578,193.78
Parish Contribution Totals: \$ 527,411.92
Number of Parish Families Participating: 3,418

Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign

Diocesan Goal: \$ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals: \$12,977,681.13
Parish Contribution Totals: \$ 7,901,079.58
Number of Parish Families Participating: 6,756

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FATHER LYONS IS FAITHFUL FRIAR TO 4TH DEGREE KC ASSEMBLY—The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus El Campo Assembly #1131 held a fall out on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Ganado. A total of 19 Sir Knights were present. Father Michael Lyons, pastor of Assumption Parish, agreed to be the Faithful Friar of the assembly and made the announcement after the Mass. The assembly sends a big thank you to Father Michael! The assembly was also very fortunate to have District Master Peter Tan and District Marshall Mike Mikulenka fall out with them. Pictured, front row, l. to r., are Sir Knights Wayne Bubela, Richard Rosalez, Andy Swoboda, Gerry Mikeska, District Marshall Mike Mikulenka, Most Reverend David Fellhauer, District Master Peter Tan, Blair Couey, Joe Verver, Mike Couvillion, and David Muggee; back row, l. to r.: Sir Knights Greg Witcher, Amado Reyes, Jesus Rosalez, Matt Pena, Father Michael Lyons, Philip Webernick, James Fowler, Raymond (Bubba) Toman and

Fred Cswaykus; not pictured is Anthony (Red) Hensley who was the eucharistic

minister and usher for the Mass.



KC COUNCIL #2490 MEETS ALL GOALS OVER 5 YEARS—At the Victoria KC diocesan meeting held at the Hallettsville K of C Hall July 25, Grand Knight John Tumlinson of El Campo's KC Council #2490 was presented a plaque for the council meeting its State Charities Goal and a plaque for the council meeting its goals for the past five years. Pictured, l. to r., are District Deputy #148 Kenneth Trochta, Grand Knight John Tumlinson, and State Deputy Tony Harreth. Congratulations to the Knights!



HOLY FAMILY KC MEMBER PLACES FIRST AT STATE BOWLING TOUR-NAMENT—Sixty-four teams and over 250 brother knights participated in the 46th Annual Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament this year at the Woodlands in Texas. Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #9088 of Victoria sent one team, and that team placed 2nd out of the 64 teams. Team members included Albert Janak, Jeff Lehnert, Robert Rodriguez and Bryan Ellis. Bryan Ellis came in 1st place in the Singles Event, averaging 231 for 3 games bowled, and 1st place in All Events, averaging 213 for 9 games bowled. Pictured above is the winning team, from l. to r.: Bryan Ellis, Albert Janak, Grand Knight Dennis Lockstedt (presenting the plaque to team) and Jeff Lehnert. Not pictured: Robert Rodriguez. Inset is 1st place winner Bryan Ellis.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS APPOINT NEW OFFICERS—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Sacred Heart Court #797 in Hallettsville met on June 21, 2010, in the family center for their regular meeting and the installation of new officers. CDA officers elected for 2010-2011 are Regent Joyce Machicek, Vice-Regent Margaret Steffek, Carol Bludau, treasurer; Joyce Janak, recording secretary; and Anita Steffek, financial secretary. The installation ceremony was conducted by District Deputy Carolyn Janak and assisted by Father John Peters, pastor. A multi-district officer-training workshop was held for the newly elected officers on July 24 at the hall of St. Agnes Parish in Edna. Pictured from left are Carolyn Janak, Joyce Janak, Margaret Steffek, Joyce Machicek, Anita Steffek, Carol Bludau and Father John Peters.



KJZT #53 DONATES TO MISSIONS—KJZT #53 St. Zdislava in Wied, Texas, presented a check recently to Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS, for her African Mission in Kenya. Pictured in the IWBS Convent in Victoria, from l. to r., are Katherine Kahanek, Helen Dornak Janak, Sister Rebecca Janacek, Helen Janak and Bea Butschek.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



Sunday, October 10

at the Victoria Community Center Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Buffet style barbecue-beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings Adults, \$7; children under 12 years, \$4.50 All plates-to-go \$7 with curb service available

Booths and games for the entire family Auction begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center Annex





VOCATIONS

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.

TOTALS

As of August 19, 2010

	1 O II ILB
- Rev. John C. Bily Seminary F	Burse
Previously reported	\$8,464.00
In memory of Alma Hajovsky by	
Daniel & Bernice Ulbricht	15.00
Total	\$8,479.00

Rev. Msgr. Albert Henkes Seminary Burse

Previously reported	\$2,785.00
In memory of Alois Henkes by	
M/M Walter Dedear	25.00
Total	\$2.810.00

- Knights of Columbus Ganado Council #3204 Rev. Joseph Hybner Seminary Burse

Previously reported	\$2,216.00
In memory of Msgr. James Brunne	er
and Emil Bures Jr. by	
Bernard and Evelyn Bures	50.00
In memory of Bennie and Georgia	Hybner by
Thomas and Angie Hajek	20.00
In memory of Bennie and Georgia	Hybner by
Midge Christian Elam	25.00
In memory of Bennie and Georgia	
Hybner by Flatonia Sacred Hea	art
Altar Society	100.00
Total	\$2,411.00

- Knights of Columbus Victoria Council #1329 Seminary Burse #3

Previously reported \$9,657.50 In memory of Ron Van Slooten Jr. by 400.00 KC Council #1329 **Total** \$10,057.50

- Rev. Charles Kolek, OSB, and John and Mary Kolek Seminary Burse

Previously reported		\$2,750.00
Gift to burse by Kolek		
Family Reunion		400.00
	Total	\$3,150,00

Rev. Msgr. Thomas McLaughlin Seminary Burse

Semmary Burse	
Previously reported	\$370.00
Gift to burse by Emily Yeary	100.00
Total	\$470.00

- Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #4 Previously reported In memory of Jim Bozka by

in incinory of Jim Dozka by	
Perry and Roxanne Deem & gi	rls 20.00
Anonymous gift to burse	7.00
Total	\$14,131.00

Rev. Michael Rother Seminary Bu	rse
Previously reported	\$3,760.00
In memory of Hugh M. Wallis by	
M/M Bernard Rother	25.00
To honor Father Michael Rother by	y:
Bruce and Angela McConnell	200.00
M/M Dennis Jansky Family	25.00
M/M Arnold Berger	25.00
James & Dana Daughtry	100.00
Total	\$4,135.00

- Rev. Celestino Say Seminary Burse (Catholic Life Ins.)

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Previously reported	\$3,810.00
In memory of Jimmy Hobbs by:	
M/M Harrison Raska	20.00
M/M Jeff Dickinson	200.00
Total	\$4,030.00

Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation

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Happy Birthday!

Scott Hill (r.) is a Theology I student at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. His home parish is St. Roch, Mentz, and his birthday is September 29. Please show your support for our seminarian by writing to: Scott Hill, St. Mary Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024-3407





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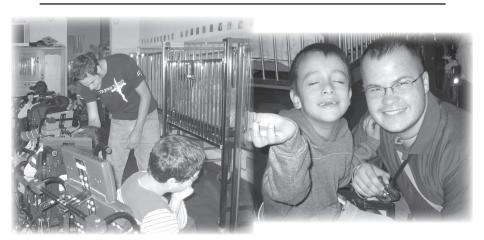


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LARGEST SEMINARIAN GROUP AND RELIGIOUS ENJOY SERRAN

BBQ—This summer's Serra Club Cookout for seminarians and religious was the largest in diocesan memory. Ten seminarians and two religious women attended the August 12 BBQ held at the Victoria KC Hall. Pictured above, front row from left: Postulant Patti Lohre, IWBS, Bishop David Fellhauer and temporary professed Sister Louise Marie Jones, IWBS; back row: Father Dan Morales, vocations director; Patrick Knippenberg (Shiner), Jasper Liggio (Dickinson), Stephen Vacek (East Bernard), John Dougharty (Bay City), Philip Brune (Frelsburg), Kristopher Fuchs (Needville), Matthew Soto (Shiner), Jacob Koether (Bay City), Scott Hill (Mentz) and Adam Beard (Port Lavaca).



Seminarians Matthew Soto, left photo, and Adam Beard, right photo, interact with the children at Las Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro orphanage. The group of seminarians this year spent a week helping at the orphanage and learning Spanish.

Seminarians' Guatemalan Mission Trip

Father Dan Morales, vocation director and pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Victoria, took a group of people, along with six seminarians, on a mission trip to Guatemala August 1 - 8, 2010.

Each year, all of the seminarians are invited to go on the mission trip; the seminarians on this year's trip were Stephen Vacek, Matthew Soto, Kristopher Fuchs, Scott Hill, Adam Beard and John Dougharty.

Each day the seminarians spent from 8 a.m. to noon in a Spanish immersion class and in the afternoons they worked at Las

Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro Orphanage in Antigua, Guatemala. While at the orphanage they painted, did laundry or fed the handicapped children and adults.

The seminarians' mission trip is paid for entirely by the proceeds from the Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament, which is organized by the Youth and Young Adult Office and the Holy Family Knights of Columbus #9088. A huge thank you goes to the KCs and all those throughout the diocese who support the golf tournament, especially the teams that play and the sponsors.



GABRIEL PROJECT CONTINUES TO EXPAND THROUGHOUT DIOCESE—

The Gabriel Project, Region 3, meeting was held Monday, July 26, at St. Agnes Parish Hall in Edna and on Tuesday, July 27, at Holy Family in Wharton. The Gabriel Project is an ever-growing, Christian-based network of church volunteers standing together in their commitment to offer assistance to women and families facing crisis pregnancies. Members from Assumption Parish, Ganado; Holy Cross and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes, Bay City; St. Anthony Parish, Palacios; Holy Family Parish, Wharton, and its mission, St. Joseph, Boling; and St. Agnes Parish, Edna, were present at the meetings. Mrs. Pat Kromka, coordinator for St. Agnes Parish in Edna, and director of coordinators in the diocese, discussed the division of the Victoria Diocese Gabriel Project into three regions due to the geographical size of the diocese. More resources can be shared and quarterly regional meetings can be attended in an easier manner because of the three divisions. Region 3 consists of Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties. The Gabriel Project is growing and expanding thanks to people concerned for the life of the unborn and their parents. Front row, left to right: Mary Ann Collins, Joyce Gerard, Clarice Kutach, Phyllis Lesak, Lauren Lesak, Dolores Kocian and Barbara McCain of Victoria and regional public relations person; back row: Mason Collins, Louis Gerard, Vicki Schneider, Julia Krenek and Pat Kromka of Edna and director of coordinators in the diocese.



Twenty Something

By Christina Capecchi E-mail: Christina@ReadChristina.com



The good shepherd: a break that forms a bond

I had relegated shepherds to the unicorn file, somewhere near the hunch-backed blacksmith and the whistling milk man. They were the stuff of Mother Goose lore. So it was surprising to discover actual shepherds when I visited the Holy Land.

I was riveted by the sloping landscape of Jesus' ministry. Two tones checkered our vistas: crusty white limestone and fluttering blue-green olive trees. And there, among the jagged hills, was a man tending sheep. He was dressed in brown and his head was covered. He appeared hot and lonely.

I asked our guide Wisam, a Catholic Palestinian, about that line of work. It looked undesirable. But Wisam said shepherds cherish their lifestyle and their work, which is often passed on for generations. The meager wages don't deter them.

Wisam then shared a fascinating element of shepherding. If a sheep persistently wanders, he said, "a good shepherd" will break its leg and carry it until it heals. That physical closeness creates a strong, lasting bond, and the sheep may go on to be a leader among the flock.

What a powerful insight for us wandering humans, whose self sufficiency so easily leads us astray. We bemoan the times we are broken, but if they send us onto our knees and into the shepherd's arms, we can consider them an abiding blessing.

We live in a culture that produces lost sheep - Heidi Montags, Levi Johnstons, Lindsay Lohans. It confuses attention with respect, wealth with success, and pleasure with contentment. The ravenous reality-TV circuit spotlights the weird and the weepy, the loony and the loopy, seeking characters, not character, making "good TV" out of bad examples.

Their 15 minutes come at a great personal cost: severed engagements and marriages, ruptured friendships and families. They clamor for the camera and play the game, and, in doing so, lose faith – in self, in neighbor and in God.

This month St. Luke reminds us that our good shepherd would leave 99 sheep to seek out one missing and rejoice when

The same Gospel reading chronicles the prodigal son's return. For years when I heard this passage from the pulpit I identified with the faithful older son. I was the girl showing up every day, sitting in the front row, raising my hand. What a raw deal the older son got!

Then one day in my late teens or early 20s, a light bulb flashed: What if I was the younger prodigal daughter? Suddenly I was recalling the times I'd received undue credit. It was a jarring paradigm shift, a revelation that redrew all the lines of my comfortable theology.

Of course each of us needs the unfailing devotion of a good shepherd - to be singled out, chased after and cared for.

When I look back on the year, I think of the people who have been broken and carried. The widow who has continued her husband's nightly prayer ritual with their three young children. The dad trying to hold on to his house, who is still quick to tickle and tease his kids. The mom who lost her job the same month she rushed her asthmatic toddler to the ER. The latest post on her blog is a request for others' prayer petitions, an offer to return the good graces that had been shown her.

Their pain produced a stronger bond with the good shepherd, and now the rest of us are drawing closer too.

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minn. She can be reached at www.ReadChristina.com.

Theology at the Well Topics – 2010

Theology at the Well begins September 9. It will be held on Thursday evenings at Chili's, located at 5004 N. Navarro St. in Victoria. Following are the dates, presenters and topics of the Theology at the Well 2010 program.

Father Dan Morales – Sept. 9: "Give me your tired...." - The words etched into the statue of liberty represent the US acceptance of immigrants. But the issues surrounding immigration, legal and illegal, are more complex. Father Dan will lead us in a Catholic look at immigrants and immigration.

Father Tommy Chen – Sept. 23: "That's not how I learned it!" - The US Church is on the brink of issuing a new "Order of the Mass" that will change some of the texts used at the Mass. Father Tom-

for research at Boston University's School

of Public Health. "The harm that college

students do to themselves and others as

a result of excessive drinking exceeds

what many would have expected," says

The NIAAA task force recommends

that colleges and universities col-

laborate with surrounding com-

munities to tackle the grow-

ing problem. Changing

the culture of college

campuses demands

the effort of everyone

involved in the lives

of students: professors,

Only then can the first

friends, campus ministers,

parents and administrators.

four years away from home

be the experience that it is intended to

be. Only then can colleges resume their

responsibility of nurturing minds and souls

my gives an overview of the changes and helps us understand how the changes can help deepen our experiences at Mass.

Father Stan De Boe - Oct. 7: "Surviving Scandal" - Recent scandals have hurt the Church, but she has triumphed over scandal before because the truth of her message is stronger than the weaknesses of her human members. Father Stan addresses the issues of the most recent scandals and helps us find the path to healing and growth as a church community.

Matt and Lupe Schaefer – Oct. 21: "Why Get Married Anyway?" - Society seems to have decided that marriage isn't necessary. But Catholics know there is a reason for this sacrament. The Schaefers offer insight into the meaning of the sacrament and talk about living a Catholic marriage, from dating onward.

Father Bob Knippenberg – Nov. 4: "Continuing Strife" - Is spiritual warfare real or just superstition? What is it exactly and what role do we as Catholics have in it? Father Bob answers our questions.

Brother Patrick Wildgen - Nov. 11: "I

says Dr. Ralph Hingson, associate dean

am the Life" - Jesus came to give us life. It is easy to get bogged down in the problems and tragedies in this "vale of tears." But in order to have his joy and peace, we must see what he has in store for us. Brother Patrick discusses the hope of the resurrection and how we can truly live this hope.

Weekends of Discernment

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament are hosting a Discernment Weekend for single Catholic women up to 50 years of age on September 18 -19, 2010, and on October 9-10, 2010, at Incarnate Word Convent in Victoria. If you are interested in learning more about religious life or in discovering if God might be calling you to consecrated life, please call (361) 575-7111 or e-mail iwbsvoc@ yahoo.com or check www. iwbsvictoria.org for more information

Binge Drinking on Campuses

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By Therese J. Borchard **Catholic News Service**

If it seems that half of today's college students are drunk much of the time, you aren't too far from the truth.

According to a study released by the Harvard School of Public Health, the number of students who binge-drink, or drink to get drunk, remains at 44

percent of all students. A new report by a task force of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism concluded that four college students die every day in accidents involving alcohol, and an additional 1,370 students suffer alcoholrelated injuries. Drinking by college students contributes to more than 1,400 student deaths, 500,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of

sexual assault or date rape each year. I understand why so many young people abuse alcohol. I quit drinking the stuff before I was legal because I so much enjoyed its effects.

Like a magic potion, alcohol granted me social ease and grace. A few beers or a shot of vodka helped me to mingle with folks I wouldn't dare approach sober. Conversation with friends — and people I hardly knew — seemed deeper and more fluid, void of that awkwardness I feared in sober dialogues. Under the spell of booze I felt more popular, more beautiful and, ultimately, more lovable.

That's what young folks are after: love and acceptance. It seems easier to down a shot of rum to shed the personal insecurities than to risk rejection as they approach a stranger.

It "is" easier. That's why college students drink. And that's why some don't outgrow binge drinking.

But young people who binge-drink risk serious damage to their brains now and increasing memory loss later in adulthood. Recent studies conclude that adolescents may be even more vulnerable to brain damage from excessive drinking than older drinkers. Alcohol can impair activity in the brain receptors responsible for memory and learning.

Not to mention the hangovers, especially the spiritual ones. Never having to face oneself, never learning about what's inside, leads to the chronic college student mentality, which is becoming an epidemic.

"I think actually getting the numbers out will help the public understand that this is perhaps a larger problem than people might otherwise have thought,"



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"The law is a Ass."

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations, USCCB

So spoke Mr. Bumble in Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. The sometimes humorous jab at lawyers hit home August 4, when Federal Judge Vaughn Walker overturned California's



Sister Mary Ann Walsh

Proposition 8 that had defined marriage as a union of one man and one woman.

The decision called California citizens' decision to define marriage as "irrational," which suggests that their decision was absurd and beyond the pale. What's really irrational is the judge's dismissal of marriage between a man and a woman - the basic bedrock of our society - as if it were some kookie idea. What's irrational is his ignoring the will of the people with real life experience of marriage, who have voted down gay marriage not only in California, but throughout the United States whenever legalization of gay marriage has been put to a vote. These votes did not take place in pockets of conservatism. Fourteen years ago, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 342-67, and the Senate voted 85-14, to accept the traditional definition of marriage in the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

What is even more irrational is the judge's dismissal of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment and Freedom of Religion with these damning words: "Religious beliefs that gay and lesbian relationships are sinful or inferior to heterosexual relationships harm gays and lesbians."

The judge's placing religion and government at odds amounts to Constitutional irrationality. It is no small irony that his anti-religious position is enshrined in a ruling deemed to oppose bigotry. The U.S. Constitution guarantees citizens freedom for religion. That precludes government from weighing in on the "acceptability" of religious beliefs.

Judge Walker, in his decision, backed his bigotry with errors, including the misstatement that the "Catholic Church views homosexuality as sinful." The fact is, the Catholic Church sees homosexuality as a condition, an inclination in a person, something not intrinsically sinful. The church calls for pastoral support, not condemnation, for people with this inclination. The Catholic Church makes clear that it is homosexual activities it deems sinful, because it holds that all sexual activity belongs within marriage between a man and a woman. At the same time the Catholic Church opposes all unjust discrimination against gays and lesbians and abhors violence against them.

The Catholic Church also holds that marriage is a unique institution with a privileged place because it is foundational to the good of society. The church is not alone in holding that a family headed by a mother and a father is the optimal place in which to raise a child. Judge Walker begs to differ, however, and says with grand aplomb that research that supports the contrary view "is accepted beyond serious debate in the field of developmental psychology." If there's ever been a statement open to debate it's that one.

Judge Walker devoted three pages of his decision to make his case for the bigotry of religion, an insult to the tens of millions of religious people in the nation. This is not to deny that some people act despicably and portray their bigotry against gays as religious expression. So too do those who spew anti-immigrant, anti-woman, and anti-whatever sentiments. They're an unfortunate result of our human condition that lets the morally weak, even morally decrepit, walk among us. Bigoted people are an unfortunate result but not a reason to upend the U.S. Constitution.

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage, was spot on when he declared that "marriage is more fundamental and essential to the well being of society than perhaps any other institution. It is simply unimaginable that the court could claim a conflict between marriage and the Constitution."

On August 4, 2010, Judge Walker proved Dickens was right. The law is a ass.

Father Gary Janak, pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Church in El Campo, explains the Church's essential teachings on marriage to about 70 catechists and members of the clergy at the August OCL meeting.



2010 – 2011 OCL meetings focus on marriage

By Cynthia Brewer

The Organization of Catechetical Leadership held its first meeting celebrating the 2010 – 2011 Catechetical Sunday theme, "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love," on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the diocesan chancery building.

Father Gary Janak, pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish in El Campo, an associate judge on the tribunal, and a holder of a licentiate degree in canon law spoke on the topic, "The Sacrament of Marriage: Implications for Catechetical Ministry.

He gave approximately 70 catechists answers to many questions on marriage and divorce that they might be asked by students and parents.

"They aren't going to ask the pastor; they're going to ask you," Father Gary said.

The first and main emphasis Father

Gary made was that a divorced Catholic is not prevented from receiving the sacraments – as long as that Catholic has not remarried in a civil ceremony or outside of the Church. If one has gone through a divorce, they can still receive the Eucharist and other sacraments and are encouraged to do so.

The other misunderstanding regards annulments (declaration of nullity) and the effect they have on children. Father Gary said an annulment does not make children illegitimate as many people think. "It (an annulment) doesn't have anything to do with children," he said.

To assist the catechists, he gave them a handout titled "Canonical Tidbits: A quick Review of the Essentials" and answered many questions.

To reiterate, the first question/answer

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Cardinal suggests preparing children for Communion even before age 7

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Children today are maturing so quickly and are exposed to so many different influences that it might be time to consider allowing them to prepare for and receive their first Communion even before their 7th birthdays, said the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

"A child's first Communion is like the beginning of a journey with Jesus, in communion with him: the beginning of a friendship destined to last and to grow for his entire life," wrote Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera.

Today, he said, "children live immersed in a thousand difficulties, surrounded by a difficult environment that does not encourage them to be what God wants them to be."

"Let us not deprive them of the gift of God," the cardinal wrote Aug. 8 in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

The cardinal's article marked the 100th anniversary of the decree of Pope Pius X, "Quam Singulari Christus Amore" ("How Special Christ's Love"), which reversed the decades-old practice of delaying first Communion until a child was 10 or 12.

St. Pius said delaying the reception of Communion until long after the child reaches "the age of reason," generally accepted to be about 7 years of age, was the result of the erroneous belief that "the most holy Eucharist is a reward rather than a remedy for human frailty."

The late pope pointed out that the ancient tradition of the Church, still kept by many of the Eastern Catholic churches, was

to give babies Communion immediately after their baptism. The practice died out in the West, largely because of concerns that the baby would spit out the consecrated bread and wine.

"This practice of preventing the faithful from receiving, on the plea of safeguarding the august sacrament, has been the cause of many evils. It happened that children in their innocence were forced away from the embrace of Christ and deprived of the food of their interior life," Pope Pius wrote.

In his article, Cardinal Canizares said that Pope Pius' insistence on the careful preparation of children to receive first Communion still stands, but so does his concern that children have access to the grace that will help them be good and to mature into strong Christians.

"The encounter with Jesus is the strength we need in order to live with happiness and hope," he wrote.

"We cannot, by delaying first Communion, deprive children — the soul and the spirit of children — of this grace," he said.

The cardinal said he wanted to use the anniversary of St. Pius' decree to remind pastors that children should receive first Communion when they have "the use of reason, which today seems to be even sooner" than age 7.

A recent trend of delaying Communion, he said, is not recommended, "on the contrary, it is even more necessary to anticipate."

The sacrament "is the guarantee of their growth as children of God, generated by the sacraments of Christian initiation in the bosom of holy mother church," he said.





Four Shiner Catholic School teachers have completed Level 2 Writing Road to Reading training, making them eligible to be certified teachers of language arts. The teachers are, from l. to r., Krystal Patek, Lisa Knesek, Carol Vrana and Kathy Vrana,

Shiner Catholic teachers complete language arts program

SHINER-Four Shiner Catholic School teachers, Krystal Patek, Lisa Knesek, Carol Vrana and Kathy Vrana, recently completed the Level 2 Writing Road to Reading training. These teachers now have a total of 90 hours of graduate school level training in this highly specialized, integrated language arts program. They are now eligible to be certified teachers of language arts. Stage I of this program was implemented in grades k-6 last year and will be fully implemented beginning this fall. The new program involves a comprehensive and fully integrated advanced level of phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, writ-

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He said often people are concerned

about the cost of an annulment. A declara-

tion of nullity in the Diocese of Victoria

costs \$300 and is only for the administra-

tive costs: paperwork, stamps and the

employment of a secretary. Unfortunately

one's civil divorce can run in the tens of

session, Father Gary referred the catechists

to the pastoral letter titled "Marriage: Love

and Life in the Divine Plan" that is avail-

able on the USCCB Web site. The letter

presents the essential points of Catholic

teaching on marriage as a natural gift, as

a sacrament, and as a public commitment

between a man and a woman. It also dis-

cusses several contemporary challenges to

marriage and how the Church addresses

those challenges. An abridged version may be viewed at http://www.usccb.org/

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Before going into a question/answer

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tion of marriage.

explains what Father Gary had emphasized about one of the most misunderstood beliefs regarding Catholics and divorce:

Q.) "After a civil divorce, can a baptized Catholic, receive the sacraments?"

A.) "YES, a baptized Catholic can receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church. A civil divorce does not prevent this, but remarriage, outside the norms of the Catholic Church, without being free of the prior marital bond, does prevent a divorced Catholic from receiving the sacraments of the Church. Those in such situations should speak with a priest or deacon, as soon as possible, to address this situation."

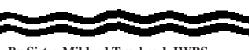
Q.) "What happens when a Catholic, who is divorced, remarries without following the necessary regulations of the Catholic Church?"

A.) "By Church law, divorced and civilly remarried Catholics are unable to receive the sacraments of the Church. The Church is concerned about those in such situations and pastoral care and prudence must be extended to them. ..."

Q.) "Why does a divorced non-Catholic require a declaration of nullity, prior to entering into marriage with a Catholic?"

A.) "The Church stands on the initial presumption that all marriages that have taken place, according to the pertinent regulations and norms, are valid. Therefore, the Catholic Church contends the marriages of non-Catholics are valid, regardless of whether or not it occurred in a church setting or in a civil ceremony. No other attitude can be held, for it would be insulting to non-Catholics to suggest that the only valid marriages are those of the Catholic Church and contrary to the Church's understanding of marriage. Hence, the Catholic Church does all within its power to uphold and protect the institu-

SISTERLY THOUGHTS





By Sister Mildred Truchard, IWBS

And the learning continues . . .

ur youngsters are settled in the routine of a new academic year. They know their schedules and can find their way to classes. They are acquainted with their teachers and the teachers' expectations. At least some of them are becoming more capable of managing their time for study and early rising. The new clothes and school supplies - which may have been bought with such great enthusiasm and care – have lost their luster and are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. Now the students should be ready for serious study.

It seems that the students in our schools are well on the way to a successful school year. But, what about the rest of us? After all, learning is a lifelong process. How can we keep up with what is going on around us? How can we keep our minds active and healthy?

Those of us who have students in our household may have an advantage over the rest of us. If the students are beyond needing our help with their studies, we can still show an interest in what they are studying. I find it fascinating to look at life through the eyes of students. They can give me perspectives that I might have not dreamed of if I had not tried to see things from their viewpoint. Moreover, if by some chance, our students have teachers or classmates who look at life differently from the way we do, we can discuss this with the students. Students today are faced with moral situations that we never had to face as students. With our guidance, we can help them develop Christian principles in order to look at society and its influence through the eyes of the Church as it were. We can help them search for answers to questions with which they are faced.

All of us, whether we have students or

not, can learn a lot as we face the challenges of living our Christian life in a society which appears to be drifting away from the God-fearing principles upon which our nation was founded. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, along with the Vatican Library Web site (vatican.va) and the American Bishops' Web site (usccb.org), are useful resources for discovering what the Church teaches. Moreover, there are classes specifically designed for our spiritual development in our diocese and in our churches. Check out the Pastoral Institute classes that are being offered in our diocese and find out what is being offered or check where your service may be needed in your parish. Nothing helps a person learn more than becoming involved in the religious education programs.

Look all about! There are learning frontiers all about us. Discover the wonders of creation in our surroundings. Get a hobby; start a garden or if you already have one, plant something that you never tried before. Check out what your library offers. Yes, let the learning continue....

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BAY CITY-Teens and adults from

Holy Cross in Bay City stayed busy this

summer with several opportunities for

traveling to different places to learn more

about the Catholic faith and to grow

closer to Christ. The first trip was to the

Life Teen Convention held in Scottsdale,

Arizona, June 13-16. Father Casey, along

with Matthew Schaefer, from Our Lady

of Sorrows in Victoria, and six adult core

members, traveled to Scottsdale to join

parishes from all over the world to learn

more about our faith and what the Holy

Spirit is doing in the Church through the

Life Teen movement. It was a celebration

of the priesthood as we honored over 70

priests who were present, and we also cel-

ebrated Life Teen's 25-year anniversary. We were excited to get back from Scottsdale because that meant that Steubenville South would be our next destination. This was the eighth year Holy Cross has traveled to Alexandria, La., for the

Steubenville South High School Youth

Conference, and we took one of our big-

gest groups ever!! This year was spe-

cial because we had teens from Our Lady of Guadalupe join us to share the Steubenville experience. The Steubenville conferences depend on many volunteers to make that weekend possible for over 3,500 teens. We did our part to help by taking

24 adults that volunteered to work

at the conference

Holy Cross Life Teen Summer Events

By Terri Busha

Dougharty, Jessica Koether, C.J. Kieschnick, Meghan Jex and Madison McDonald spent the week with about 25 teens

The end of the Steubenville weekend brought the beginning of the Life Teen Leadership Conference held for the first time at the Benedictine College in Atchi-



Above is the group of teens, along with the chaperones, who traveled to Kansas for the Life Teen Leadership Conference.





assisting in the Bay City Life Teen chaperones at the Life Teen Convention held in bookstore and Scottsdale, Arizona, June 13-16. Father Casey is pictured on the ushering. These left of the Life Teen banner.

adults are a great example to the teens of what it means to have a servant heart because without the effort of all the volunteers, the conference would not be possible.

Five of our teens were able to start their Steubenville experience a week early as they applied and were chosen to participate in the LEAD week. Garlan

from other parishes, learning to take their faith life to a deeper level through prayer, Scripture and preparing their testimony so they can help lead others to Christ. During the weekend, some of the teens were asked to give their testimony to the entire conference and C.J. Kieschnick shared her testimony Saturday evening.

Victoria actor shares screen with two Emmy Nominees in hit series "Friday Night Lights"

Charlie Quary

Charlie Quary, a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Victoria and son of John

Quary, the superintendent of Catholic Schools in the diocese, is a 12-year-old actor who has recently appeared in seasons four and five of the criticallyacclaimed, Emmy-awardwinning drama, "Friday Night Lights (FNL)." Charlie's character is Andre Merriweather, the oldest son of "Big Mary" (Steve Harris).

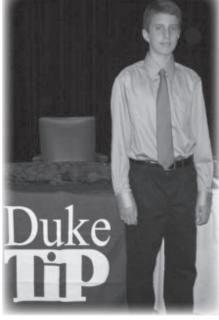
This year's Emmy nominees included Best Actor (Drama) Kyle Chandler as Coach Eric Taylor and Best Actress (Drama) Connie Britton as Tammy

Taylor, Coach Taylor's wife and the principal of West Dillon High. FNL debuted in 2006, and its fifth season will be airing this fall on Direct TV and next spring on NBC.

Charlie began his acting career in pre-school and has since been featured in commercials by Academy Sports, Eckrich Sausage, Hewlett-Packard, Southwest Dental, the Box radio station 97.9 in Houston, and others. Charlie is with the Pastorini-Bosby Talent Agency of Houston. He can be followed on Facebook and TV Rage.com.

Charlie is also an accomplished athlete in soccer, football, basketball and track. In his spare time, he enjoys computer and video games, sports, music and

spending time with his family, friends and pets.



SHCS STUDENT RECEIVES DUKE TIP RECOGNITION—Sacred Heart Catholic School 7th grade student, Nicholas Hadash, attended the 2010 Texas Recognition Ceremony honoring students in the 7th Grade Talent Search with high SAT or ACT scores. The ceremony was held at Trinity University in San Antonio. The Duke University Talent Identification Program's (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the 95th percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test. This year, of the 14,733 participants from Texas alone, only 5,144 qualified for state recognition. Nicholas, who is going into the eighth grade this year, is the son of Phillip and Nanci Hadash.

son, Kansas. Four adults and nine teens spent the week with the national Life Teen staff to learn and grow in leadership skills and come to a new understanding of discipleship. The teens spent the week attending sessions about our faith, learning about prayer and adoration and what it means to be a servant leader. We were also invited to join the Benedictine Monks for their Liturgy of the Hours and they were very surprised to see over 150 teens join them at 6:20 a.m. for their morning prayers.

The teens who traveled this summer were challenged in new ways to take their faith to a deeper level. They have come back with a deeper love for our Catholic faith and a deeper love for Christ. We are very grateful for the experiences of all our trips this summer and very grateful to our church community for their love and support.



Rosanne Gallia, a member of the board at Lavaca Medical Center and principal of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg, received an award of excellence at the Texas Healthcare Trustees Annual Conference, July 29-31, in San Antonio. The award recognizes individuals serving on hospital/ health system boards who achieve knowledge and skills in governance and strive to keep that knowledge current through education and the practice of effective governance. "Hospitals and health care systems rely on their trustees and governing boards to make decisions that affect their future," said Peggy Allison, president of the board of directors for the THT

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Starting bottom left clockwise: Maddy Buhler and Eric Still raise money for the golf program at St. Joseph High School as well as the youth and vocation offices on the fun hole at the tournament. A team waits at the fun hole to let St. Joe golfer Eric hit the ball on the green for them. Jose Ortega and Debbie Vanelli visit with Patsy Brown, fun hole coordinator, during the tournament. The team of Fathers David Berger, Michael Rother, Bryan Heyer, and seminarian Patrick Knippenberg pose right before finding out they had won in their flight. We have finally uncovered the secret to Bishop Fellhauer's golf game; it seems that prayer before the putting is what is needed. So forget those lessons and get on your knees!

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The 13th annual Bishop David Fell-hauer Charity Golf Tournament, held for the diocese's youth and vocation offices, was one of the most successful ever, thanks to the generosity of the people of the dio-

cese. The tournament, which was held at the Colony Creek Country Club, Friday, April 23, 2010, is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 9088 of Victoria. This year's tournament

brought in over \$28,000, thanks to many generous sponsors and the participation of 31 teams. The proceeds were split between the diocesan offices of Vocations, directed by Father Dan Morales, and the Youth and

Young Adult Ministry, directed by Mrs. Debbie Vanelli. These proceeds will benefit numerous new and existing vocations and youth programs throughout the diocese.

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Youth office presents a "Whirlwind" of retreats this summer

By Debbie Vanelli, director of Youth and **Young Adult Ministry**

What a whirlwind summer this has been for the youth office. In early June, we had our first Camp David sessions in the new Hermes Hall at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The new facilities are such a blessing and certainly made having camp for 200 young people and 30 staff a breeze compared to the previous facilities. Camp David celebrated its 13th year, and as we reflected on the past years, from our humble beginnings to the new facilities, it really makes one understand that God's generosity is beyond our imagination.

This year the youth office had two seminarian interns work with us in all of our programs. Kristopher Fuchs from Needville and Matthew Soto from Shiner received a LARGE dose of what comprehensive youth ministry is all about. They had an amazing rapport with the staffers and the youth in attendance, and they even managed, for the most part, to hang in there for the 17+ hour days.

One week after Camp David, the youth office hosted Discipleship Week at the Spiritual Renewal Center. This is the 10th year to be selected to host Discipleship Week – and is one of only five sites selected in the nation. It was so popular this year that in addition to filling up every available sleeping area – we housed twenty people on air mattresses on the floor in one of the halls. It was literally wall-to-wall teens! But what a magnificent sight it was to have so many young people attend who were committed to learning more about their faith and building a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

One day, 32 hours later to be exact, we boarded a charter bus for the 27-hour ride to the 25th annual Rocky Mountain High Retreat in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Normally the bus ride is only 24 hours, but thanks to a bad battery on the charter bus, we got to spend three hours in Huntsville and then got to unload and reload everything onto a new bus at midnight. Oh, the joys of youth ministry! We experienced a welcome reprieve from the hot, hot, hot Texas sun as we woke to 45-degree mornings at the camp. The young people were truly one of the most delightful groups that we have ever had. Of course the staff for this retreat is second to none, and that certainly sets the tone for the way the retreat flows. We declared two of the days of the retreat "Father Dan Day" in celebration and thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary of Father Dan's ordination. We were introduced to a new side of Father Dan on those two days, as he was able to choose the outside activities, so he opted to play a modified volleyball game quickly dubbed as "kill ball." I think the title of the activity speaks for itself.

After this retreat, the youth office took four days to regroup and prepare for the Boys Vocation Camp. This is the fourth year to hold this camp. Five priests: Fathers Kirby Hlavaty, Bryan Heyer, Tommy Chen, David Berger and Dan Morales juggled their extremely busy schedules to spend the week at the camp. In addition to the priests, seven seminarians also facilitated the camp. This is such a special camp that allows the participants to ask questions, experience the spiritual life of the priesthood, and look at the holiness that all of us are called to as baptized Catholics regardless to what vocation God is calling us.

While it was an extremely busy whirlwind of a summer, it is always so rewarding to work with such gifted and willing servants of God, as well as the amazing participants of these retreats.

Youth Calendar of Events

September 7-8 — St. Anthony School Retreat at SRC

September 9 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria

September 12 — Our Lady of Victory Confirmation Retreat at SRC

September 18 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class at the Chancery

September 19 — Youth Leadership Training

September 23 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria

September 25 — Catechesis and Ministry Conference

September 27 — Texas Catholic Conference

October 3 — Youth Leadership Training

October 7 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria

October 16 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class at the Chancery

October 21 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria November 4 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria

November 12 — Theology at the Well at Chili's in Victoria

November 12-14 — Region 10 Youth Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas

November 20 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class

December 5 — Youth Leadership Training

December 9-12 — National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New

Orleans

January 8-9, 2011— Youth Leadership Retreat at the SRC

January 22, 20111 — Prolife Rally in Austin

February 6, 2011 — Souper Bowl of Caring

February 20, 2011 — Youth Spectacular



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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 at (361) 573-0828 ext. 32 / ext. 50 or e-mail at dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org or jortega@victoriadiocese.org Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice





Local family experiences vacation on oil-polluted beaches

night."

By Cynthia Brewer

The dirty, oily water and the brown beaches didn't ruin the Gomez Family Reunion this past Fourth of July week. Although they couldn't get in the water because it was contaminated, it didn't look much different than the Texas beaches near Corpus Christi and Port Aransas, said René Garcia, with the business office of the Victoria Diocese.

Thirty-six of his family members rented a 10-bedroom beach house in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They had made the reservations at the end of summer in 2009, long before the BP oilrig explosion and oil spill.

When talking with the locals, René learned that the Gulf Shores area took a big economic hit, "It was a very down Fourth of July for them. Normally the beaches are jampacked, but there was nobody on the beach near us; a lot of the beach houses had vacancies."

But the Gomez Family didn't cancel their reservations

because the main point of their trip was to see family and just get away to somewhere they had never been before.

"The kids automatically went for the water," René said, "but we had to yell to them to stay out of it." It looked normal to them.

Because there are many mud-bottom rivers flowing through Texas and emptying into the Texas Gulf waters, our Gulf water has a brownish, green color to it.

Those who have seen photos of the Alabama beaches prior to the BP tragedy, know they consist of sugar-white sand that is lapped by crystal-clear, bluish green

However, the water René's family saw was dark and murky. When the waves came to shore, they left brown foam that stained the beautiful sand.

"The foamy water reminded me of a Coke float," René said.

"We had the good fortune of meeting a supervisor of one of the clean-up crews that was contracted by BP," René said. "When he learned we were staying at one of the beach houses, he brought a crew to clean our beach front area daily. It was a constant effort since an oily residue and

Sister Louise Miksch **leaves Victoria Diocese**

SAN ANTONIO—After 21 years of service in the Diocese of Victoria, Sister Louise Miksch, Sister of Divine Providence (CDP), has returned to her congregation at Our Lady of the Lake Convent in San Antonio.

Her last position was with the Catholic Community of Cuero, where she ministered to God and God's people for six years. "I will always be grateful to all those who were a part of this and so helpful," Sister

"I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the Victoria Diocese," she said. "I owe a huge thanks to the catechetical office for its help and support."

She also said she is grateful for being introduced to Generations of Faith (GOF).

"For me GOF is the best faith formation, as it reflects what it means to be Church,"

Sister Louise has accepted a pastoral care position where her focus will be on providing spiritual support for the elderly and dying. She will also plan the religious services before and after death.

Her ministry in the Victoria Diocese included: 1981 - St. Rose, Schulenburg (1year); 1985 - St. Joseph, Moulton (5 years); and 1994 - Holy Rosary, Hostyn (Plum and Cistern) (9-years).

tar balls were left on the beach after each high tide."

Even the vacationing kiddos got into the environmental clean-up action. In an effort to help the wildlife affected by the oil, they caught sand crabs in their sand pails and tried to clean off oil from them. No crabs were harmed in this clean-up effort, and fortunately no fingers were lost to pinching crab claws.



families whose livelihoods depend on the

health of the Gulf of Mexico waters, the

real tragedy, that won't recover with the

next summer season, is the death of 11 of

(above) Children from the Gomez Family Reunion search for sand crabs. (left) With each high tide, an oily residue dirtied the Gulf Shore beaches famous for their white sand. Inset: A close-up look at the oil brought in by the high tides.

René said his family had a wonderful time, "It was great to be with family, and although we couldn't get in the Gulf water, our beach house had a small pool, and it was so peaceful listening to the waves at Although the BP and Deepwater Horizon oilrig explosion caused a great economic misfortune to businesses and

> A file photo of Gulf Shores Plantation before the spill – in order to get people to visit, they are now offering 50 percent off on many of their rooms. Visit them at http://www.meyerre.com/rentals/gulfshoresplantation/.

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Impact of Mother Teresa's work, prayer still felt 13 years after death

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By Carol Zimmermann **Catholic News Service**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Thirteen years after her death, the impact of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta's work and prayer is still felt around the world.

Mother Teresa would have turned 100 Aug. 26. The order she started 60 years ago — the Missionaries of Charity — continues its outreach to the "poorest of the poor." Her spiritual life also continues to gain

attention as her sainthood cause progresses.

Many say Mother Teresa's legacy is the combination of her extreme devotion to the poor and her spirituality since both were so deeply intertwined.

David Gentry-Akin, a theology professor at St. Mary's College of California in Moraga, said for all the accolades about Mother received a fair at the Vatican in an undated file photo. (CNS photo)

cism. Although many thought her work was noble, they also wanted her to do more to "change the system" and some in the church thought

amount of criti- L'Osservatore Romano)

she was too traditional. But as he sees it, the nun's enduring legacy is her spirituality. "The work she did is phenomenal," he said, adding that it was more effective because it was "motivated out of deep faith and holiness."

Gentry-Akin said a telling feature of Mother Teresa's spirituality is revealed in a prayer she is said to have prayed each day asking God's light to shine through her so that those she came in contact with would "see no longer me but only Jesus."

The prayer's imagery serves as title for a book of her writings published in 2007: "Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light." It describes, in her own words, the crises of faith she experienced and how she often felt that God had abandoned her.

After its publication, some said the revelations made Mother Teresa seem less genuine, but Gentry-Akin said it only made her more inspirational.

"The fact that she could go through that and remain faithful makes her sanctity all the greater," he said.

Margaret Thompson, a history professor at Syracuse University, said: "We are only now beginning to learn how complex she really was, and as historians we're not ready to issue final word on her."

Thompson finds irony in those who dismissed Mother Teresa for being too traditional, saying she was initially viewed as controversial when she left her religious order to start her own order and walked through impoverished neighborhoods in India wearing a sari.

She said Mother Teresa's work was not about making good impressions but meeting the needs of people wherever

And those needs are still carried out by 5,029 sisters of her order in 766 convents in 137 countries. The order's work also has expanded to priests and brothers of the Missionaries of Charity as well as lay Missionaries of Charity who run orphanages, AIDS hospices and centers for refugees and the disabled. Currently, there are 377 active brothers serving in 21 countries, 44 contemplative brothers in five countries and 38 Missionary of Charity fathers in five countries. At the time of Mother Teresa's death, there were 3842 sisters, 363 active brothers, 14 contemplative brothers and 13 priests in the order.

Five years after her death, the Vatican began the process of beatification for the woman often described as a "living saint."

> In 2002, the Vatican recognized one miracle attributed to her intercession. Her canonization is currently awaiting proof of a second miracle.

A sister at Queen of Peace, the North American motherhouse for the Missionaries of Charity in the New York City borough of the Bronx, told CNS that Teresa, she also Pope John Paul II greets Mother Teresa of Calcutta there is no shortage of miracles attributed to Mother

> Teresa. The sister, who did not want to be identified, said she spent a year in Calcutta working on the nun's sainthood cause and spent three days simply entering miracles into the computer that people attributed to Mother Teresa's intercession.

The sister said she's convinced the order continues its work through her prayers.

"We constantly feel her spirit," she said.

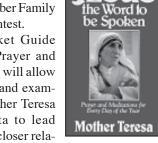
Contributing to this story was Chaz Muth.

Puzzle Contest prize to be prayers of Mother Teresa

"Jesus the Word to be Spoken ~ Prayer and Meditations for Every Day of the Year" by Mother Teresa and compiled by Brother

Angelo Devananda will be given away in the September Family Puzzle Contest.

A Pocket Guide to Daily Prayer and Meditation will allow the words and example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta to lead one into a closer relationship with God. In



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Here is rich spiritual fare for all who are serious about following Jesus Christ.

For a chance to win this book, please complete the Catholic Symbols Family Puzzle Contest and send in to The Catholic Lighthouse by September 25.

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Family Puzzle Contest Winners!

The next Family Puzzle Contest winner will win "Jesus the Word to be Spoken ~ Prayer and Meditations for Every Day of the Year" by Mother Teresa and compiled by Brother Angelo Devananda and published by Servant Books. See book review on this page.

The winner of the August Family Puzzle Contest and "Knowing Right from Wrong" by Father Thomas D. Williams and published by Faith Words, is Loretta Runk of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Frelsburg.

There were only two contestants for the youth contest, so both will be winners. They are Rachel Wittig (7) of St. Joseph Mission in Boling and Brysen Brown (7) of St. Rose of Lima in Schulenburg. Each will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop.

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 September 25 for a chance to win "Jesus the Word to be

Prayer of Mother Teresa

DEAR JESUS, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.

From the video Everyone, Everywhere

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Mother Teresa specials on EWTN

All of the below times have been changed to Central time.

• MOTHER TERESA: SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS – This animated story tells the life of Mother Teresa from her birth in Albania through her childhood and how she heard God's call for her to become a nun. Mother Teresa's desire to help the poor was with her since her childhood and later prompted her to start the Missionaries of Charity to help the poor in Calcutta, India (30 min.): Sat., Sept. 4, at 9:00 a.m.

 MOTHER TERESA - THE LEGACY - This moving documentary presents an intimate look at the life, ministry and spirituality of Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1 hr.): Sunday, September 5, at 1 a.m.; Friday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.

• THE MANY REFLECTIONS OF MOTHER TERESA: Pt. 1 - Host Jan Marie Happen interviews Sr. Mary Lumen of the Missionaries of Charity about her vocation and about what a typical day is like in the great order founded by Mother Teresa (30 min.): Sunday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 a.m.

• MASS IN HONOR OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA (LIVE) – Holy Mass with the Missionaries of Charity on the Anniversary of Mother Teresa's death and the 100th Anniversary of her birth. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Celebrant and Homilist (2 hours): Sunday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m.; Encore: Sunday, Sept. 5, at 11 p.m.

FAITH & FAMILY

Getting it down to the Essentials

By Ron Rolheiser

Sometime after his 70th birthday, Morris West wrote an autobiography, which he titled, A View from the



Ridge. By ridge, he meant the angle that 70 years of living had given him.

And what he offers is an exceptionally mature perspective on life.

When you get to be 75 years old, West says, your vocabulary should be pretty simple. You only need to have two words left: "Thank you!" Gratitude is the real mark of genuine maturity, of spiritual health. Don't ever be fooled about this.

Moreover, for West himself, gratitude wasn't easy to come by. His life, as his autobiography makes clear, had its share of hurts and rejections; not least by the Church which he loved. So his story also highlights that gratitude is predicated on forgiveness, on letting go of hurts, on not letting the past bitterly color the present. To be grateful is to be forgiving.

And we all have hurts, deep hurts. Nobody comes to adulthood, let alone to old age, without being deeply hurt. Alice Miller, the renowned psychologist, puts it this way: All of us, from the time that we are infants in the cradle until we are self-possessed enough to write



POLISH PILGRIMS PAR-TICIPATE IN PROCESSION **IN INDIANA**—Thousands of Polish-American Catholic pilgrims make their way into the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, Ind., Aug. 7 as they complete half of a 33-mile procession from St. Michael Church in Chicago to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Merrillville, Ind. More than 5,000 people participated in the 23rd annual pilgrimage, a centuries-old tradition brought to the U.S. by Polish immigrants. (CNS photo/ Karen Callaway, Catholic New World)

Saint Paul wrote:
"God's Reign is
justice, peace,
and joy in the
Holy Spirit."

not specific

- Romans 14:17

an autobiography like Morris West's, are not adequately loved, not adequately cared for, not adequately recognized, not adequately valued, and not adequately honored. Moreover all of us also suffer positively some rejection and abuse. None of us is spared life's unfairness. She calls this the drama of the gifted child, namely, the drama of being a unique, sensitive, intelligent, deep, and gifted person who in this life is never quite loved enough, recognized enough, respected enough, or honored enough, and who is sometimes positively rejected and abused. Small wonder that it is easier to be bitter than grateful, paranoid than hospitable, angry than gracious.

What can we do about this, beyond first of all admitting that we do nurse a grudge against

Miller suggests the most important task of mid-life and beyond is that of grieving. We need, she says, to cry until the foundations of our life are shaken. At a certain point in our lives the question is no longer: "Am I hurt?" Rather it's: "What is my hurt and how can I move beyond it?" It's like having been in a car accident and carrying some permanent scars and debilitations. The accident happened, the limp is there, nothing is going to reverse time, and so our only real choice is between bitterness and forgiveness, between anger and getting on with life, between spending the rest of our lives saying "if only!" or spending the rest of our lives trying to enjoy the air, despite our limp.

An important idea within the Jewish and Christian concept of the Sabbath is the notion that, while the celebration, rest, enjoyment, and prayer of the Sabbath is largely for its own sake, these are also in function of something practical, namely, forgiveness. We are meant to rest regularly, pray regularly, celebrate regularly, and enjoy life regularly both because this is what we will be doing in heaven and because, by doing these, we might find

within us the heart we need to forgive.

It's no accident that, often times, our vacations don't really do for us what they should: We get over-worked and tired and we look forward to a vacation, some time away to rest, to relax with friends, to drink wine and enjoy the sun. Then we take a vacation and do, in fact, very much enjoy it. Sadly though, within days or weeks after we return we find ourselves as tired as we were before the vacation. What happened? Why didn't our vacation work?

Our vacation didn't work because we didn't forgive anybody. We didn't let go of any grudges. The most tired and stressed part of us didn't get to go on vacation, didn't get to let go and relax, and didn't find itself warmed by wine and friends. It stayed cold, anxious, stressed, over-worked. There's a tiredness that cannot be cured by a good sleep, a good vacation, or by the right time with the right friends with the right wine, and it's the deepest tiredness inside us. It's the tiredness that stings because of hurt, that's cold because it hasn't been loved, that's calloused because it has been cruelly cut, and that burns with resentment because of the neglect and rejection it has experienced. This is a bone-deep tiredness that isn't cured by a vacation, but only by forgiveness.

There is only one ultimate imperative in life: Before we die, we need to forgive. We need to forgive those who hurt us, to forgive ourselves for not being any better than those who hurt us, to forgive life itself for some of the things that it dealt us, and, not least, to forgive God for the fact that life is unfair, so as not to die with a bitter and angry heart.

Gratitude is the fruit of that struggle.

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Sunday Readings from Sept. 12 to Oct. 17

September 12 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19 — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26 — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 3 — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10 — Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17 — Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

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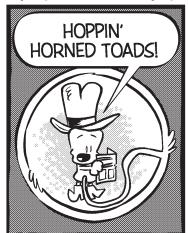
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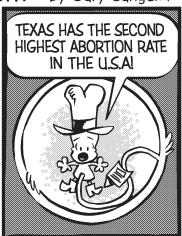
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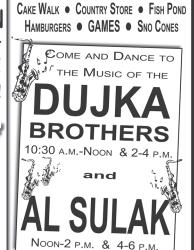
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Pope says "travel companion" important for spiritual journey

By Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — In Pope Benedict XVI's catechesis to an estimated 3,500 pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal summer residence, he spoke of the importance of having a "travel companion" for one's spiritual journey in life.

People can share their experience of faith with a spiritual director or confessor or can turn to Mary and the saints by praying to them, studying their lives and writings, and trying to imitate them, the pope said. People can start by looking more in-depth into the lives of their name saints, he said.

The pope said while Sts. Joseph and Benedict are important to him, St. Augustine, whose feast day was celebrated Aug 28, has been "a good travel companion in my life's journey and in my ministry" thanks to prayer and the many years of extensively studying his life.

St. Augustine "found in Christ the fullness of that truth which brings authentic freedom and joy," he said.

St. Augustine has much to teach today's world in which, "paradoxically, relativism is the truth which must guide one's thoughts, choices, and behavior," the pope said.

He said St. Augustine faced trials and failures and struggled to find the truth in "prestige, a career, possessions, and in promises of instant happiness."

Luckily the saint was never satisfied and kept searching for real truth — the kind that would give his life meaning and fill his heart with peace and joy, said the pope.

People can either decide to live life superficially by not having to think and just grasping life's fleeting moments or they can set aside time to reflect on one's actions and the true meaning of life, the pope said.

He said perhaps people are afraid to seek the truth or are afraid the truth will grab them and change their lives like it did to St. Augustine.

But the pope called on all people, especially those who are struggling with their faith, those who are not active in Church life and those who live as if God did not exist: "Do not be afraid of the truth. Never abandon the journey toward" truth and the

"God will never fail to give that light" needed to see the truth and "to feel in one's heart that he loves us and that he desires to be loved," said the pope.

Feast day of the Guardian Angels to be clelebrated with a Mass

Raphael's Refuge in Flatonia will celebrate the feast day of the Guardian Angels with St. Michael's Chaplet (9:30 a.m.) and Mass (10 a.m.), Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in the Chapel of the Monument to the Innocents to honor the guardian angels of the souls of babies lost through abortion, miscarriage and infant death, including those who are memorialized at the monument. A candlelight vigil of music, prayer and adoration will also be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. All are welcome. For information, please call Elizabeth Bishop at 512-258-3437, Midge Elam at 361-865-3021, or check the Web site at http://www.raphaelsrefuge.org.

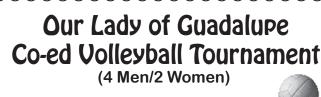
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Coming of Age

By Effie Caldarola **Catholic News Service**



In recipe for peace, simpler lifestyle is key ingredient

movement whose proponents say

you don't need a McMansion to

Do you think you could live comfortably in an 84-square-foot house?

No, that's not a misprint. Nor am I referring to your lavish walk-in closet, or the sunroom you just added. I'm talking about your whole house, and if you think that sounds impossible, you should meet Dee Williams of Olympia, Wash.

The other night while channel surfing, I came upon the new PBS show, "Need

to Know," which was running a feature on "tiny houses." There's a whole movement right now called "the small house movement" and tiny houses are pushing the "small" envelope.

That's refreshing in America, where the trend has been to make everything bigger, from hamburgers to, unfortunately, houses, which have grown by a few hundred square feet on average over the past 40 years. It's painful to drive through the rich $\;\;$ Dee Williams is part of a small-house Midwestern farmland of my youth and see it sliced up to produce gauche, unnecessarily by Scott Eklund/Seattle Post-Intellarge houses.

However, 84 square feet is about as

tiny as you get, and it wouldn't work for most of us. But it works well for Williams, who built her own home. Everything is customized for efficiency.

Sleeping takes place in a well-lighted sleeping loft above the rest of the living space. Williams needs only one burner on her stove, and her wardrobe consists of three pairs of shoes and some shirts and pants.

If you Google "small house movement" or visit www.pbs.org and click on "Need to Know," you can see some amazing examples of small houses.

After I watched the show, I spent time cleaning my house, which suddenly felt like Windsor Castle, only with fewer antiques and more vinyl. I wondered where people in tiny houses store their old tax returns or the big containers of on-sale toilet paper. Where would I find room to keep my 30-year-old love letters?

Then there's my woefully overloaded closet, where I take ecological comfort in the fact that I'm a frequent second-hand shopper. But alas, I'm one of those women who has sizes stored away for the thin and not-so-thin times, and far more of everything than I need.

The small house movement is wonderfully challenging, even if none of us will

> ever squeeze into the 300-square-foot range, much less 84.

First, imagine how it would free up our finances and our country's resources if we lived smaller - less mortgage, less utility costs, less maintenance, less cleaning time. Second, imagine how living in a much smaller space would reorient our priorities: Do I really need that piece of garage sale kitsch? Must I have another set of dishes? Do we have to be such collectors, such consumers?

It's no wonder Wilbe comfortable and happy. Photo liams says her home has made her more peaceful and more contemplative.

Jack Jezreel, executive director and founder of JustFaith Ministries, writes in his essay "Culturing Peace in a Culture of Violence" that a simpler lifestyle is a critical ingredient for establishing a culture of peace.

"The world is at war because parts of the world are literally sucking the life out of other parts," he says. "Our lifestyles require the plunder of the earth, require the cheap labor of other places, require the poverty of others."

The American lifestyle uses, says Jezreel, an average four times its share of resources. He challenges us to reduce by three quarters what we consume.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton said, "Live simply so that others may simply live." Although I most likely will never live in only 84 square feet, the challenge of simplifying my life seems increasingly like part of the Christian vocation.

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SPIRITUALITY

John Henry Newman: **Heart Speaks to Heart**

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations. USCCB

The beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman on September 19 in Birmingham, England, may not draw much media attention, but it is still noteworthy.

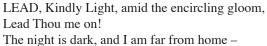
Newman's beatification will be the first one Pope Benedict XVI has presided over. One senses that the theologian/scholar/ Pope Benedict might feel a kinship with Cardinal Newman, a great intellect of the Victorian Age, and a figure of renown in both Anglican and Catholic traditions.

Newman was born in 1801 and died in 1890. He converted to Catholicism in 1845 after study and struggle to understand God. His efforts with the Oxford Movement to bring Anglicanism back to its Catholic roots led him instead to join the Catholic Church. Conversion brought no end of grief for him. Anglican scholars felt betrayed; Catholic scholars were suspicious. He must have felt quite bleak

when he wrote in his journal in 1863. "O how forlorn and dreary has been my course since I have been a Catholic!" he wrote. "Since I have been a Catholic, I seem to myself to have had nothing but failure, personally."

He was a prodigious writer who promoted the need for the church to engage the world, a position that did not always make him friends. As a Catholic he fiercely defended the faith, to the point where he nearly went to jail for intemperate words while sparring with an anti-Catholic zealot.

He was a man of intellectual rigor, but writings reveal humanness too. He expressed it in his motto as a cardinal: 'heart speaks to heart.' A favorite poem, written in 1833, when he was 32, is "The Pillar of Cloud." It reveals both the intellectual quest for God for which he was known, and the deep reach of a soul, to which most can relate at some point in their lives.



Lead Thou me on!

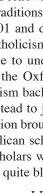
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene, – one step enough for me, I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou Shouldst lead me on.

I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on!

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will; remember not past years. So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still Will lead me on,

O'er moon and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till The night is gone;

And with the morn those angel faces smile Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.





John Henry Cardinal Newman

Cured US deacon to read Gospel at Newman's beatification Mass

By Simon Caldwell **Catholic News Service**

LONDON (CNS) - An American who was inexplicably healed from a crippling spinal condition after praying

to the intercession of Cardinal John Henry Newman will read the Gospel and serve as a deacon when Pope Benedict XVI beatifies the cardinal in Sep-

Deacon Jack Sullivan of Marshfield, Mass., told Catholic News Service he was asked to participate in the Sept. 19 Mass U.S. deacon, Jack Sullivan by Father Timothy Menezes, the master of ceremonies for the beatification, when the English priest recently

visited the United States.

"I am extremely excited that I have been asked to assist at the papal Mass as deacon, for it best reflects my simple prayer, 'Cardinal Newman, help me to

walk so that I can return to classes and be ordained a deacon," he told CNS in a July 29 e-mail.

"For years I suffered as patiently as I could and was rewarded instantly by

a simple prayer," he said. "I am most grateful now that the Church has seen fit to reward Cardinal Newman as he courageously followed the light of truth."

Pope Benedict will beatify Cardinal Newman, a 19th-century theologian who founded the Oxford Movement to bring the Anglican Church back to its Catholic roots, Sept. 19 in Cofton Park in Birmingham, England.

Pope Benedict is waiving his own rules to perform a beatification as pope for the first time, instead of sending a high-ranking Vatican official to conduct the ceremony. The pope has studied

his writings throughout his adult life and, in 1991 as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, told the U.S. bishops that Cardinal Newman was the most important thinker on the subject of conscience since St. Augustine of Hippo.

AMOR MEUS RETREAT - Sept. 18

A spiritual day retreat will be held at the Amor Meus Spirituality Center at the Incarnate Word Convent Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day of quiet prayer and reflection will focus on listening to "The Master Potter" who created each of us as his gift and speaks to us in the stillness of our own hearts. The retreat is open to men and women. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with your Bible. Lunch may be purchased for \$5.00 or bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. It is suggested that you call (361) 575-7111 to register. The convent is located at 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria. Please park in the front and follow signs. A Love offering will be accepted for the day.

Father Tommy Chen to lead Victoria retreat

St. Mary's Altar Society in Victoria will sponsor a half-day retreat Wednesday, September 29, 2010, featuring Father Tommy Chen, parochial vicar in Hallettsville, as the retreat master. Men and women are invited to attend this retreat, which will be held at St. Mary's Activity Center. Registration is from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

Lunch will be served in the activity center following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The retreat will conclude after the Mass. There is no charge for the lunch and retreat, but please make reservations before September 27 to Geraldine Jurica at 573-3949 or Janell Kruppa at 575-8166.

St. Philip's to hold Jeff Cavin's Bible study courses

Bible Study Courses will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Church in El Campo beginning in mid-September and again in mid-January. Jeff Cavin's "Revelation -The Kingdom Yet to Come" is an 11-week study that will begin Monday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, and will end the last week of November. Jeff Cavin's "James - Pearls for Wise Living" will begin the week of Jan. 10 and end in March. An eight-week study of "A Quick Journey Throughout the Bible" will begin Monday, Jan. 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration forms and study materials for all classes may be picked up at the rectory or at the first class. All classes will be held in the Youth House (side-door entrance) across the street from the church parking lot. For more information, please contact Essie Leslie at (979) 543-6570.

David Kauffman Concert – Sept. 19

David Kauffman, founder of Good for the Soul Music, will be in concert celebrating a night of song and story at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend with no admission fee - ONLY LOVE OFFERINGS. Holy Family Church is located at 704 Mallette Drive. For additional information about the concert, please all Chip Stelpflug at (361) 676-2447. To learn more about the artist, please go to: http://www.goodforthesoulmusic.com/

Television shows about Cardinal Newman to be aired on EWTN

All times have been changed to Central time.

• TRANQUIL WORK: CARDINAL NEWMAN AND THE BIRMINGHAM ORATORY - Come with us as we take a tour of the Birmingham Oratory, located in Birmingham, England. Based on a type of religious community founded by St. Philip Neri, John Henry Cardinal Newman established the Birmingham Oratory, erecting several buildings in the process. It was as a member of the oratory that he wrote his famous Apologia pro Vita Sua, in which he defended his conversion to the Catholic Faith. The series also shows the Birmingham Oratory Church, erected as a memorial after the Cardinal's death (30 min.): Sunday, Sept. 12, at 5:30 a.m.

• HEART OF THE MATTER: NE MAN ROUNDTABLE: THE LIFE & LEGACY OF JOHN HENRY CARDI-NAL NEWMAN-Recorded at Littlemore, the former home of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Oxford England, our panel of Newman experts bring us through the life, legacy and spirituality of the world renowned Cardinal. Also featured is an exclusive interview with Deacon Jack Sullivan, who was cured through the intercession of Newman. This miracle has led to the long awaited beatification of the cardinal (1 hr.): Sunday, Sept. 12, 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 14, 12 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 16, at 4:00 a.m.

• IN STEP WITH NEWMAN-A visual tour of the places associated with Cardinal John Henry Newman, whose beatification will take place in September 2010. This tour includes an exclusive visit to Cardinal Newman's private study in the Birmingham Oratory, England, and also "The College Littlemore," Oxford, the place of his conversion to Catholicism (30 min.): Monday, Sept. 1, at 4:30 PM

• SHEPHERD SPEAKS: MOST REV. ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS— Archbishop Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster and the Shepherd of the Catholic faithful of England and Wales, joins host David Kerr for his first interview with EWTN. In preparation for Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Great Britain, he reflects on the forthcoming Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, and also on the state of the Catholic Church in the UK today (30 min.): Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10:00 p.m.

• CARDINAL NEWMAN: THE LIT-TLEMORE YEARS—An exploration into the years Cardinal John Henry Newman spent in the small town of Littlemore, and how his time there brought about his conversion to the Catholic Church (30 min.): Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 1:30 p.m.

• IN CONVERSION WITH FR. GREGORY WINTERTON—As the oldest member of the Birmingham Oratory, England, Father Gregory Winterton reflects on his long life, which includes responding to the desire of Pope Paul VI for beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, an action that revitalized the cause leading to the forthcoming beatification of Cardinal Newman by Pope Benedict XVI in September this year (30 min.): Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m.



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At Father Johnson's 25th Anniversary Mass, 11 priests concelebrate Mass with him and Bishop David Fellhauer at St. John Bosco Church in Vanderbilt, Father Johnson's assigned parish. In the center, from l. to r., are homilist Father Charles Dwomoh, Bishop Fellhauer and Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng.

"In his Will, we find his peace"

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it was the providence of God at work in my life, working everything together for my good and the good of all."

Throughout the day of his anniversary celebration, he reminded all in attendance that only in God's will is our peace. In fact, his personal message on his Jubilee Mass bulletin was titled "Providence: In Your Will is Our Peace, Lord!"

Father Charles Dwomoh, a companion of Father Johnson throughout his priestly journey and currently the pastor of St. John the Baptist in Hungerford, said the homily.

His main emphasis was that the Lord's Prayer is the influence of Father Johnson's life. Father Johnson strongly believes that God is truly "our" Father; therefore, we're all God's children.

"He makes friends easily with all races because of the Lord's Prayer, and he keeps those friends forever. He is always available, willing to listen and help those in need.

Fathers Charles and Johnson met in the St. Dominic group, went to catechism and were baptized together.

"Father Johnson went to minor seminary at a very young age," said Father Charles. He was a diligent student. "Often we couldn't find him at night, when we weren't supposed to be up, because he was hiding, studying for tests."

"He was the captain of the soccer team; he was always the captain," Father Charles said. "He always encouraged us to play well. He had a lot of friends and everywhere he goes he makes friends."

"His priesthood has been one of joy," he said. "He has love for all, and we all have benefited from his ministry."

Father Charles closed his homily by encouraging everyone to follow one of Father Johnson's principles, "Persevere in prayer, and know God hears our prayers."

"I cannot believe he's been ordained 25 years," said Bishop Fellhauer in his comments. "He came to our diocese 16 years ago. He looked so young and innocent, like he just came from the seminary."

"When he was incardinated into the diocese (January 12, 1996), his bishop was not very happy with me," he said. "I received many letters from him."

But Bishop Fellhauer was quite happy that Father Johnson came to the diocese, "It was a good trade," he said.

"We are so blessed in our diocese with priests from Ghana," he said, to much applause. "They are a living reminder to us of the universality of our Church."

Father Johnson came to New York and received his masters in business, then met up with Father Charles Dwomoh again, who had come to the Diocese of Victoria. Since coming here, he's become a U.S. citizen

Speakers from each of the parishes that he had served spoke words of praise about Father Johnson. He has served as a parochial vicar at Holy Family Wharton and its mission, St. Joseph in Boling, in 1994; parochial vicar at St. Joseph in Yoakum and its mission, St. Ann, in 1995; and the pastor of St. Michael in Cuero from 1996 to 2002. In 2002 he became pastor of St. John Bosco Church in Vanderbilt and its mission St. Theresa in La Salle — during this time he spent five years administering the sacraments at St. Joseph in Inez.

Bishops' Child Protection Office lists messages children hear in Safe Environment Programs

WASHINGTON—As schools launch a new academic year, millions of children also are set to learn the ABC's of child protection. In Catholic schools and parishes nationwide, safe environment training gives children the skills necessary to protect themselves from would be-offenders. Mary Jane Doerr, associate director of the Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has listed here some of the messages children hear in safe environment programs.

- 1. Abuse is never a child's fault, a point that children need to hear over and over again. Offenders try hard to make children feel complicit in the abuse or to blame them for the abuse. Children learn that that is never true! The blame always belongs to the adult who is taking advantage of a child's trust and vulnerabilities.
- 2. God loves children forever and wants them to live holy and happy lives. If a child has been abused, that child learns they are still innocent and loved by God and their families. The shame of child sexual abuse needs to be put where it belongs: on the abuser
- 3. Abuse that has happened should be reported. Children learn to tell a parent or another trusted adult if someone is hurting them and to keep telling until they are believed. One study shows that children tell of their abuse an average of nine times before someone believes them. Parents can help children learn whom they can trust by pointing out the adults who can be trusted. Parents can also teach children the correct names of private body parts. This simple step gives children the vocabulary to tell others what happened to them.
- 4. You can recognize abuse when it happens. Children learn to trust that feeling that says something isn't right and to tell a parent or other trusted adult when something happens that makes them feel uneasy. Children learn to question if someone is telling them to do what the child doesn't like but says it is because he loves the child. Children learn to tell parents or trusted adult if another person makes them sad or confused or tries to get them to break rules. This can stop the process of grooming by which an abuser lures a child toward danger.

A child who questions another's inappropriate behavior can send a message to the offender that this child is not an easy target, but one that will tell what is being done to him/her.

5. There are ways to spot a grooming process. Offenders are willing to spend a great deal of time grooming the family, the child and even the community so they may be seen as a trusted family friend. Children learn that anyone who lets children break rules, gives them alcohol or shows them pornography needs to be reported to parents

TV series — Persecution of Christians

The Suffering Church Series will run for 13 weeks on EWTN beginning Sept. 5 at 10 p.m. Central on Sundays and 4:30 a.m. Central on Tuesdays. Lord David Alton and his guests examine the different areas around the world where Christianity is attacked. This has resulted in the deaths of millions, but also strengthened the faith of those that remain.

Pray for Peace Talks



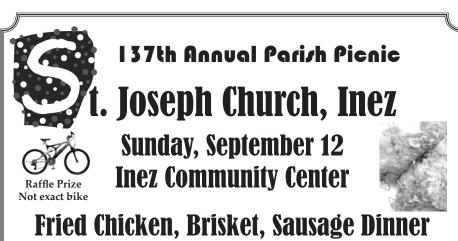
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and other trusted adults. Children learn not to keep secrets from parents. They learn that they should tell parents when someone gives them special gifts or is always touching them or tickling them and says not to tell.

- 6. Parents or other trusted adults will talk about this subject. Children often try to protect their parents from bad news, so they need to learn they can tell their parents anything. This lesson is conveyed when parents stay involved in their children's activities and talk with them about what is happening in their lives. This is how children learn what can be shared with parents. The more effective safe environment programs include parents in the learning process. This gives the child a clear signal that this subject is not off limits but instead is something to be talked about with family members.
- 7. Boundaries exist. Learning about personal boundaries can protect children and their knowing boundaries reinforces the teaching to listen to one's instincts. Children who listen to the voice that says, "This doesn't feel right," can protect themselves.
- 8. Children can stand up for themselves. Children need to be respectful and obey, yet at the same time need to know there are times when it is okay to say no to an adult. Children learn when it is appropriate for them to say, "No, stop doing that." For example, they hear they can say no to someone who makes them uncomfortable, shows them pornography, or offers them alcohol.
- 9. There are ways to explain inappropriate behavior. Children learn how to describe what's happening when someone is doing something that just seems a "little weird" even though it may not seem wrong. The ability to articulate what has happened to a child enables a child to more easily confide in a parent or other trusted adult. This can alert the adult to a potentially dangerous situation so it can be avoided. This is ultimately the goal of safe environment education.

Kagan set to take Supreme Court bench in October

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Solicitor General Elena Kagan was set to take a seat as the third woman on the current Supreme Court in October after the Senate confirmed her Aug. 5 in a 63-37 vote. After a swearing-in ceremony at the high court Aug. 7, Kagan, 50, will take the bench Oct. 4, filling the seat left vacant by the June retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens at age 90. Kagan's confirmation was hailed by President Barack Obama, who nominated her, as "an affirmation of Elena's intellect and accomplishments" as well as of "her character and her temperament; her open-mindedness and evenhandedness; her determination to hear all sides of every story and consider all possible arguments." Critics decried Kagan as being too political — she worked in a political position for the Clinton administration — and lacking in judicial experience. "Elena Kagan's record indicates that she will be an agenda-driven justice, deciding cases on her own political and social ideology rather than the Constitution," said Charmaine Yoest, president of AUL Action, the political arm of Americans United for Life, in testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee July 1. Opposition to Kagan's nomination failed to gain traction, perhaps in part because she lacks a trail of judicial opinions. Criticism focused on the fact that she has never served as a judge lost steam in May when Justice Antonin Scalia said he was pleased that a nonjudge had been nominated. He pointed out that when he took the bench, three fellow justices had no previous judicial experience.



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Use of new Roman Missal to begin in US at Advent 2011

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien **Catholic News Service**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics in the United States will begin using the long-awaited English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent in 2011, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago said Aug. 20.

The cardinal's announcement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops marks the formal beginning of a more than 15-month period of education and training leading to the first use of the "third typical edition" of the Roman Missal at English-language Masses in the United States on Nov. 27, 2011.

The missal, announced by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and first published in Latin in 2002, has undergone a lengthy and rigorous translation process through the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, followed by sometimes heated discussions over particular wording at USCCB general assemblies during much of the past decade.

The USCCB said April 30 that the Vatican has given its "recognitio," or confirmation, of the new English translation of the missal, but final editing by Vatican officials was continuing at that time.

In a decree of proclamation sent to the U.S. bishops Aug. 20, Cardinal George said, "The use of the third edition of the Roman Missal enters into use in the dioceses of the United States of America as of the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011. From that date forward, no other edition of the Roman Missal may be used in the dioceses of the United States of America.'

He added that the U.S. Catholic Church "can now move forward and continue with our important catechetical efforts as we prepare the text for publication."

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, expressed gratitude about the final Vatican approval.

The changes to be implemented in late 2011 include new responses by the people in about a dozen sections of the Mass, although changes in the words used by the celebrant are much more extensive.

At several points during the Mass, for example, when the celebrant says, "The Lord be with you," the people will respond, in a more faithful translation of the original Latin, "And with your spirit."

The current response, "And also with you," was "not meant as 'you too' or something like 'back at you," Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship, told Catholic News Service. Rather it is "an invocation to the priest as he celebrates the Mass, a reminder that he is

Changes Coming

Some changes in wording at Mass that will come with the new Roman Missal in English at Advent 2011

PART OF MASS	PRESENT WORDING	NEW WORDING
People's response at the Greeting, Preface Dia- logue, Sign of Peace and Concluding Rites	And also with you.	And with your spirit.
Penitential Act (form A)	I have sinned through my own fault	I have greatly sinned through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault
Gloria	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory	Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father
Nicene Creed	We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen	I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible
	one in being with the Father. Through him all things were made	consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might	Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts
Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation, form A)	Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.	We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
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not acting on his own, but in the person of Christ" -- a distinction that the new language will highlight, he said.

'The order and structure of the Mass will not change at all," he added, but Catholics will see some new texts for prayers, new observances for saints added to the Church calendar in recent decades and such additions as a Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of human life and an extended vigil for Pentecost, similar to the Easter Vigil.

Since mid-April, Msgr. Anthony Sherman, director of the USCCB divine worship secretariat, and Father Hilgartner have been conducting workshops around the country for priests and diocesan leaders on implementation of the new missal. The workshops will continue into November.

Msgr. Sherman said participants often tell him that they had seen introducing the new missal as "an absolutely impossible task" before the workshop but said afterward, "I think I can actually do this," especially because of the wealth of resource materials that will be available to them.

The USCCB has prepared a parish implementation guide that includes a detailed timeline, bulletin inserts, suggestions for homilies and adult education classes on the liturgy and a wide variety of other resources. Audio, visual and print resources for priests, liturgical musicians and laypeople also are available now or in the works.

Sister Janet Baxendale, a Sister of Charity of New York, said the new translation has been needed for a long time.

When the Second Vatican

Council endorsed a new missal and permitted Catholics around the world to begin celebrating Mass in their local languages, the translation work that followed "was at its best a rush job," she said. The Vatican's translation principles at the time also favored "a looser construction, with the thought that in this way it could be adapted to various people more readily," she added.

"As time went on, it became evident that ... in many instances, the richness and power of the Latin text didn't really come through," Sister Janet said. "This was true of all the translations, not just the English."

The new translation offers "more poetic texts, more beautiful texts," she said.

Father Hilgartner said Pope Benedict XVI has placed his own personal stamp on the liturgical changes by adding two new options for the dismissal prayer at the end of Mass, emphasizing the "connection between the Mass and living the Christian life."

In place of the current "The Mass is ended, go in peace," celebrants will be able to choose from four options, including the pope's suggestions - "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" and "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

There has been a lot of enthusiasm at the workshops for those added texts - "an audible kind of 'oooh," Father Hilgartner said. "There's a reaction of some awe and enthusiasm for just these two phrases, and I think that's worth getting excited about."

More information can be found at http://www.usccb.org/ romanmissal.

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SOCIAL ISSUES

Cradle of Life

By Father John S. Rausch



Getting Smart on Drugs

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prison inmates in

America, 1.5 million, or

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standard medical criteria

for drug and alcohol

addiction and abuse.

Texas swapped a \$600 million prisonexpansion plan in 2007 for a \$241 million plan to expand its community-based drug and alcohol treatment services. It created

residential drug and mental health facilities for in-prison and post-prison populations, and halfway houses for new parolees. By 2009 its inmate population declined.

Michigan closed eight prisons and invested the savings in

an expanded network of drug, mental health and job training services for ex-offenders. Following suit, Kansas also closed prisons after investing in drug treatment programs and services for parolees.

With fiscal problems facing every state but North Dakota, legislatures are looking for savings around their prison populations that on average rose 600 percent from the

1970s. So far, ten states have addressed the uncritical rhetoric of "tough on crime" with the compassionate wisdom of "smart on drugs."

The United States, with less than 5 percent of the world's popula-

tion consumes 66 percent of the world's illegal drugs and incarcerates 25 percent of the world's prisoners.

States and municipalities are discovering that without treating drug and alcohol addiction as a complex disease, recidivism rates remain high. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, of the 2.3 million prison inmates in America, 1.5 million, or 65 percent, meet the standard medical criteria for drug and alcohol addiction and abuse. Its research reveals that drug and alcohol abuse and addiction are implicated in 78 percent of

Federal, state and local governments in 2005 spent \$74 billion in court, probation, parole and incarceration costs for drug and alcohol offenders, while spending less than 1 percent (\$632 million) on prevention and treatment.

violent crimes like assault and rape, and 83 percent of property crimes like burglary.

Studies indicate that drug treatment represents a highly cost-effective way to reduce substance abuse and crime. According to a 1998 Rand Corporation study,

quality substance abuse treatment versus imprisonment ("smart on drugs" versus "tough on crime") is three times less expensive. To people of faith the arguments from

economics finally accomplished what the Gospel values on human dignity seemingly failed to inspire.

The "War on Drugs" overwhelmingly targeted the supply source of drugs, but failed to adequately address

the demand use of drugs. It ignored the cultural forces that promoted the euphoric "highs" and the relief from even the slightest pains. Once a user creates a frequent pattern, an addiction, whether physical or process, can easily take hold. Drug abuse can no longer be viewed merely as a public safety problem leading to crime, but must be understood as a public health problem

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dealing with lives.

We live in an overly medicated culture: "A pill for every ill, and a potion for every emotion." Here certain pharmaceutical firms bear serious responsibility for promoting their products without proper safeguards. Purdue Pharma, the producer of OxyContin, a narcotic and an extremely potent time released pain medication designed for the most severe pain of cancer, aggressively promoted OxyContin to general practitioners not skilled in either pain treatment or drug abuse. Teens discovered "Oxy" could be crushed and snorted for an

instant euphoric high - and an almost instant addiction. In 2007 Purdue Pharma was convicted on a felony charge of misbranding and fined \$634.5 million.

Thousands of young people in Appalachia and elsewhere have died of drug overdoses. Federal, state and local governments in 2005 spent \$74 billion in court, probation, parole and incarceration costs for drug and alcohol offenders, while spending less than 1 percent (\$632 million) on prevention and treatment.

"Getting smart on drugs" means reaching into the prisons for the redemption of offenders and grasping the teens in our communities before they fall off the cliff. We're talking tough love, community involvement and Gospel compassion about a disease that's killing our culture.

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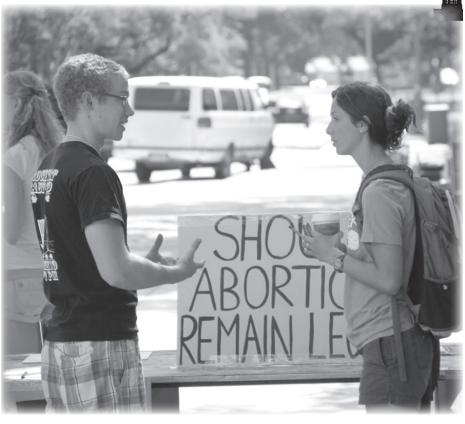
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Mexican Catholics pray for 72 migrants found massacred on ranch 100 miles south of Brownsville

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Rights in which it tries to deny the scale of the tragedy," the statement said.

A report from the National Human Rights Commission, which depended heavily on information from Catholic-run organizations and migrant shelters, found more than 9,750 undocumented migrants had been kidnapped over a six-month period between September 2008 and February 2009.

Los Zetas is suspected in the San Fernando massacre and is known to recruit undocumented Central Americans through coercion. The cartel is notorious for its use of gratuitous violence and moonlighting in criminal activities not linked to drug running, such as extortion, kidnapping migrants and piracy.

San Fernando, approximately 85 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border at Brownsville, Texas, has been beset with organized crime violence as two cartels - the Gulf Cartel and its former armed wing, Los Zetas - stage a turf war in Tamaulipas over a lucrative smuggling corridor.

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Catholic Family Services — For a listing of e-mails and Web sites of Catholic organizations that focus on the family from marriage preparation to marriage enrichment, fatherhood, parenting, healing, bereavement, separated or divorced, and widowed, please go to the Catholic Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers at http://www.nacflm.org/

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. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to make good marriages even better. For more information, see www.wwme.org; or for upcoming weekends, please contact Milton and Diane Rejcek at (979) 245-0323 or at: register@mevictoria.org.

Retrouvaille - Retrouvaille of Victoria will be holding a Retrouvaille Weekend September 10. The word Retrouvaille means 'rediscovery.' Retrouvaille 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. Go to http:// www.retrouvaille.org for more information, or to register for the upcoming Victoria Retrouvaille, please go to: http://www. retrouvaille.org/dates.php or contact Gerd and Linda Conner at lbconner@sbcglobal.net, (979) 543-3493. Other contacts are at (800) 470-2230 and 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; e-mail: sanantoniobe@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. 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. 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 frdvdbrgr@gmail.com.

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.presidiolabahia.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, 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: Nov. 19-21; the dates for 2011 are: Feb. 25-27, April 15-17, June 24-26, Sept. 8-11 and Nov. 11-13. 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.

September

High Hill—St. Mary Sesquicentennial Parish Picnic Sept. 5. A 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 Liederkranz Choir. There will be a cakewalk, games, country store and more. The Liederkranz Performance will be at 12:30 p.m. The auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Also throughout the day nachos, hamburger stand; music by Texas Sound Check and Mark Halata. Free dance at night by Texas Dream. Grand Finale with a Super Spectacular Fireworks Show at 10:00 p.m.

Cuero—Our Lady of Guadalupe Jamaica Sept. 5 at the parish hall grounds (207 Graham). There will be many activities, auction, food and refreshments and music throughout the day.

Shiner—Sts. Cyril and Methodius Picnic Sept. 5 at Legion Park begins at 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with dinner consisting of three meats - stew, fried-chicken and sausage at \$7.50 p/p. Drivethru plates available at KC Hall. There will be many activities throughout the day along with music day and night.

Hallettsville—Sacred Heart Festival Sept. 5 at the KC Hall with a country fried-chicken, stew, homemade cornbread dressing dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for dine-in (10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for plates-to-go) at \$7.50 p/p. Inside a/c hall bingo (noon-6:00 p.m.), cakewalk, country store, religious articles booth and more. Auction begins at 1:00 p.m. Music starts at 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nada—St. Mary Parish Festival and Homecoming Sept. 5 at the community center. A barbecue-beef and sausage dinner served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for dine-in or drive-thru plates-togo available at \$8 p/p. The auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be entertainment throughout the day.

Vanderbilt — St. John Bosco Parish Picnic Sept. 5 to be held at Trinity Family Center (FM 616) with barbecue brisket and sausage dinner serving from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at \$7.50 p/p. The auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be games, refreshments, cakewalk, religious and craft store, silent auction and much more for young and young at heart. Bingo begins at 5:30 p.m.

Inez — St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 12 at the community center. A fried-chicken, brisket and sausage dinner will be served. The auction starts at 1:00 p.m. There will be kids games, country store, cakewalk, silent auction and more. See ad on page 16.

Yorktown — Holy Cross Festival Sept. 12 at the community hall across from the church, beginning after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the church, located at 1214 Zorn Rd. At 11:00 a.m. homemade sausage, barbecue plates will be served at \$8 p/p with dine-in a/c hall or plates-to-go available. There will be games, cakewalk, bingo, country store, live auction (12:30 p.m.), music, silent auction and much more to see and do.

Tivoli—The Catholic Community of Austwell/Tivoli will hold their Annual Parish Festival Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tivoli. Turkey dinner with tea included will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. for \$7 p/p. There will be a country store, baked items and a lot of fun and fellowship! Live Auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. with bingo and raffle drawings following. Look for signs Hwy. 35 at Tivoli.

Bay City—Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Festival Barbecue Meal and Auction Sept. 19 at the parish hall (12th Street and Ave. D). The barbecue-brisket dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$6 p/p with dine-in, pick-up or drive-thru available. Auction begins at 11:30 p.m. There will be a volleyball tournament. See ad on page 14.

Port Lavaca—Our Lady of the Gulf annual parish festival Sept. 19 at the Bauer Community Center. A seafood platter will be served starting at 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at \$8 p/p. The auction begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information and details for the day see page 5.

Sweet Home—Queen of Peace Parish Picnic Sept. 26 at the community center. The menu consists of stew and sausage with cornbread dressing. The auction will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be a country store, cakewalk and games in the afternoon. Hamburgers will be available after 1:00 p.m.

El Campo—St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic Sept. 26 begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Armory Road, just off Hwy. 71 South). Food and fun for the enitre family, including a live auction and music by the Dujka Brothers. Call (979) 543-3770 for more details. See ad on page 13.

Meyersville—Sts. Peter and Paul Annual Festival Sept. 26 on the church grounds (11220 FM 237) beginning with Mass at 10:15 a.m. followed by a barbecue beef dinner served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All plates will be \$7 p/p with dine-in or plates-togo available. Bingo starts at 12:00 p.m. Live auction starts at 1:00 p.m. There will be a country store, raffle, games and much more. For more information call (361) 275-3868.

Bloomington—St. Patrick Turkey Dinner Sept. 26 in the parish hall. The dinner will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. at \$7 $\ensuremath{\text{p/p}}$ with plates-to-go available at 9:00 a.m. The auction starts at 11:30 a.m. There will be kids' games, country store, cake and toy walk and more.

Victoria - Victoria County's Annual Czech Heritage Festival will begin on Sept. 26 with a Czech-English Mass celebrated at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral and continue at the community center with music, food, museum, arts & crafts, Czech demonstrations, tarok tournament and much more. Admission is \$5 p/p – under 15 free. More information at www.victoriaczechs.org.

Upcoming Events

Shiner - Shiner Catholic School Fall Festival sponsored by the Home and School Association Oct. 3 at the American Legion Hall. A barbecue chicken dinner at \$7 p/p will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with drive-thru available. The live auction begins at 12:00 p.m. There will be a cakewalk, games, moon walk, concessions and much more. See ad on page 8.

Hungerford—St. John Annual Church Bazaar Oct. 3 at the Hungerford Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. A barbecue-chicken, beef and sausage dinner will be served along with sauerkraut. There will also be all types of homemade pastries, kolaches, strudels, pies and more. The auction starts at 12 noon with a special homemade Texas A&M quilt and much more. There will be entertainment for all including a country store, cakewalk, bingo, kiddie rides to name a few.

Mentz—St. Roch Annucal Picnic Oct. 3 with a barbecue-beef, pork and sausage dinner from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at \$8 p/p. Music, games, auction and more. See ad on page 7.

Hostyn — Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival Oct. 3 with a friedchicken and sausage dinner starting at 11:00 a.m. at \$7.50 p/p. Games, bingo, country store, music and more. See ad on page 18.

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.

East Bernard — Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held at Riverside Hall Oct. 10. Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. The menu will include barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with "homemade dressing" and all the trimmings. Hamburgers will be served starting at 3:00 p.m. Czech pastries, refreshments and country store items may be purchased during the day. The grand auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. All kinds of games will be available from noon -5:00 p.m. Attractions will include a moonwalk, velcro wall, rock climbing wall and pony rides. There will be live music starting at noon provided by the Texas Legacy Czech Band (noon - 3:30 p.m.), the Dujka Brothers (3:30 - 6:00 p.m.) and No Limit (6:00 p.m. till ?). Mass schedule at Holy Cross on Sunday, Oct. 10 will be at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Columbus—St. Anthony Fall Festival Oct. 10 Victoria — Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Parish Festival Oct. 10 at the community center; doors open at 11:00 a.m. A buffet-

style barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served. There will be booths and games for the entire family to enjoy. See ad on page 3.

Eagle Lake—Parish of the Nativity Picnic Oct. 17

La Salle — St. Theresa Annual Parish Picnic Oct. 17 Goliad - Immaculate Conception Fall Festival Oct. 17

El Campo — The Catholic Daughters Annual Turkey Dinner Oct. 17 at the St. Philip Parish Hall. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. with plates selling for \$7.50 p/p. Plates-to-go only will be available on Depot Street. There will also be a raffle.

Bay City—Holy Cross Fall Festival Oct. 24 at the KC Hall (Hamman Rd.). A turkey and dressing dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at \$8 p/p with dine-in or drive thru plates available. There will be a live and silent auction starting at 12:00 p.m. A country store, children's games, cakewalk and more throughout the day. See page 6 for more information.

Seadrift—St. Patrick Annual Turkey Dinner will be held Oct. 24, at the parish hall. Serving begins at 11:00 a.m. Plates are \$7 p/p with dine-in or take-out available. There will also be egg rolls, fried rice and more.

Praha — Veterans Memorial Service Nov. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Masses • Retreats • Conferences

Victoria-A David Kauffman Concert celebrating a night of song and story will be held at the Holy Family Church, 704 Mallette Drive, on Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend with no admission fee-only love offerings. For additional information, call Chip Stelpflug at (361) 676-2447.

Victoria — St. Mary's Altar Society will sponsor a half-day retreat Wednesday, Sept. 29 at St. Mary's Activity Center, with Father Tommy Chen as the retreat master. Men and women are invited to attend. Registration is from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Lunch will be served following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The retreat will conclude after the Mass. There is no charge for the lunch and retreat, but please make reservations before Sept. 27 to Geraldine Jurica at (361) 573-3949 or Janell Kruppa at (361) 575-8166.

Victoria — A retreat will be led by lecturer, columnist and author Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, titled "Entering the Soul through Stories." Father Rolheiser is currently serving as president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. His books, including The Shattered Lantern, The Holy Longing and The Restless Heart, are popular throughout the English-speaking world. Retreat to be held Oct. 15-17 at the Diocese of Victoria Spiritual Renewal Center. Cost – \$170 double occ./\$190 single occ. (limited availability). Contact: Susan Oakley (361) 576-1515 or (361) 649-6391 or e-mail smoak53@msn.com.

Victoria—Holy Family Church is sponsoring a Women's ACTS Retreat on Oct. 21-24 at the diocesan Spiritual Renewal Center. For more information, call Lisa Haynes at (361) 571-5743 or Terre Davidson at (361) 649-3893.

Victoria—Healing Mass. Come join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 105 N. William Street, as Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS convent, celebrates Mass and Healing Prayer on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Mark your calendars now for next month. If you have been touched or moved by this ministry and you would like to share or inform Father Phi, you may do so by contacting Sister Louise Marie Jones at iwbsvoc2@yahoo.com. She will convey your message.

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. Mark your calendars now for next month. Mass is followed by praise and worship/adoration, healing prayers, praying over, etc. Counseling available. Please come; bring your family and friends; and experience the healing touch of the Lord! For more information, please contact Rev. Gabriel P. Coelho at (361) 286-3349.

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 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.



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Mr. Bob McCarty, Keynote Presenter Saturday, September 25 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Round A Workshops

- A-1 Parish Youth Ministry: Renewing the Vision
- A-2 Creative Ways of Leading Children in Prayer
- A-3 Finding Jesus in the Most Unexpected Places
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- A-5 Eucharist: Source and Summit
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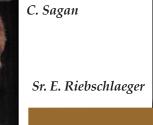








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