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'Why Not Start the Year with Jesus?'

By Denis Grasska

LITTLE ITALY — More than 100 young adult Catholics chose to place God at the center of their New Year's Eve festivities.

For the fourth consecutive year, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish served as the venue for a spiritual alternative to the traditional party scene.

"Why not start the year with Jesus? I see it as a great way to thank God for the many blessings of the previous year and also a way to consecrate to Him the new year," said Reggie J. Puertollano, who led the team of young adults who organized the celebration.

The event began at 9 p.m. with an hour of Eucharistic adoration in the parish church, followed by a Mass at 10 p.m. The Mass was concelebrated by four priests, including the two associate pastors of Our Lady of the Rosary, Barnabite Fathers Louis Solcia and Joseph Tabigue. (Father Tabigue became the parish's pastor Jan. 11.)

The New Year's Eve celebration continued from 11 p.m.-3 a.m. with a social in the parish hall, where snacks were available and a disc jockey provided dance music.

"Some people think that if you give your life to Christ ... you'll lose all your fun, but that is wrong, that's a lie. On the contrary, you gain your life because Christ brings us to the fullness of life," Puertollano said. "We have so much fun, it is crazy. We party with control and have loads of fun, guilt- and regret-free."

Puertollano said he hopes the tradition will continue next year, as the world prepares to transition from 2011 to 2012.

Describing the event as "a beautiful way to celebrate New Year's," Father Tabigue focused his homily on the Blessed Mother and her important role as an intercessor and a role model for Christians.

"I believe all of us here present must have some form of devotion to the Blessed Mother," Father Tabigue said. "You wouldn't be here in the middle of the night, if you had not the slightest devotion to the Blessed Mother."

He urged the young adults in attendance to foster a deeper devotion to Mary.

Quoting St. Louis de Montfort, he said, "We should not be afraid of loving Mary too much, because



HAPPY NEW YEAR: Young adults welcome the start of 2011 during a New Year's Eve celebration at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.

we could never love more than Jesus did."

Father Tabigue said a commitment to pray the Hail Mary once a day could serve as a New Year's resolution.

"The Blessed Mother said [to] pray the rosary each day. I'm just asking you to pray one Hail Mary," he said, suggesting that such a practice might serve as a "baby step" toward an even deeper spiritual connection with Mary.

Father Tabigue assured the

young adults that Mary will aid them "in the midst of trials and temptation," just as she has assisted him in his priesthood. He credited Mary with preserving him from discouragement.

"I'm not sure what New Year's resolutions you have made — or have yet to make — but surely whatever they are, it would help us to follow the example and advice of Mary, mother of God: to pray very much," he said. "This year, 2011, let us ask Mary,

mother of God and our mother, to help us keep our resolutions ... and to grow in holiness."

After admitting that he did not know what the new year would have in store for the world, Father Tabigue promised that, "if you have the Blessed Mother, your new year will be happy and blessed, because she'll lead us to Jesus."

For information on upcoming events for young adult Catholics, visit www.yamsd.org.

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DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY

The Diocese of San Diego, established on July 11, 1936, is preparing to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Beginning this month, *The Southern Cross* will be featuring anniversary-themed stories intended to highlight the growth and development of this Local Church over the past three-quarters of a century.

This month's issue traces the history of Catholicism in San Diego from the 16th century through the present day (See Pages 12-13). Future issues will include articles about some of the diocese's oldest parishes, the development of its Catholic school system and the origins of various Catholic institutions.

Through these articles, readers will discover striking parallels between contemporary challenges and those faced by local Catholics in 1936.

The Southern Cross invites longtime residents of the diocese to submit their own reflections on Catholic life in decades past.



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Court Says Mount Soledad Cross Violates Constitution

PASADENA, Calif. — A federal court has ruled that a cross on a San Diego hillside, as “presently configured,” conveys a message of government endorsement of religion and violates the Establishment Clause of the Constitution.

The order sends the case back to lower courts to decide whether the cross can remain on the piece of land now owned by the federal government and administered by the Defense Department.

The Jan. 4 ruling by a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals acknowledged that “no broadly applauded resolution is possible because this case represents the difficult and intractable intersection of religion, patriotism and the Constitution. Hard decisions can make good law, but they are not painless for good people and their concerns.”

The 43-foot concrete cross on Mount Soledad in the La Jolla section of San Diego has had a long legal history since the first, much smaller, wooden cross was placed there in 1913. Only since the 1990s, when litigation challenged the cross’ position on property then owned by the city of San Diego, has the site taken on any character of the veteran’s memorial that it is described as today, the court said.

After federal courts in the 1990s ruled that the cross violated the state constitution’s guarantee of separation of church and state, voters approved selling the cross and its surrounding park to a memorial association. That sale was voided by courts, and subsequent efforts to sell to a private organization or to donate it to the U.S. Department of the Interior also were overruled for various reasons.

In 2006, President George W. Bush signed a law transferring the property to the Defense Department as a war memorial. The current lawsuit by the Jewish War Veterans of America and others challenges the predominance of the Latin cross as a religious symbol on public land.

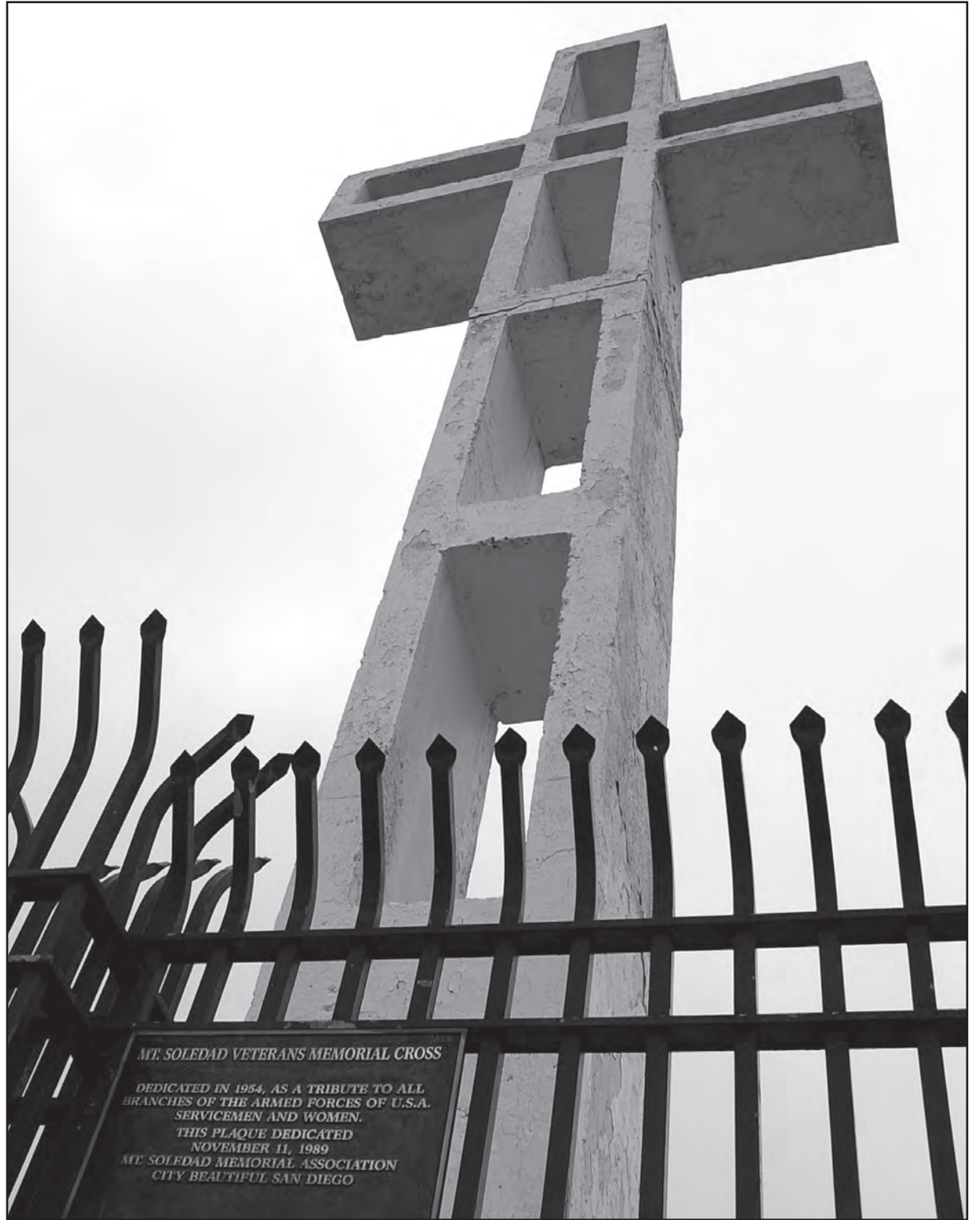
The 9th Circuit panel did not order the cross’ removal; instead they sent the case back to a lower court to determine whether the property can be modified to pass constitutional muster or whether the cross will have to be removed.

“We are not faced with a decision about what to do with a historical, long-standing veterans’ memorial that happens to include a cross,” the court said in the opinion, written by Judge M. Margaret McKeown. Nor does the ruling have implications for military cemeteries with crosses and other religious symbols, the judges said.

“Instead, we consider a site with a free-standing cross originally erected in 1913 that was replaced with an even larger cross in 1954, a site that did not have any physical indication that it was a memorial nor take on the patina of a veterans’ memorial until the 1990s, in response to the litigation.”

The judges said they do not discount the cross’ prominence in San Diego. “But a few scattered memorial services before the 1990s do not establish a historical war memorial landmark. ... Resurrection of this cross as a war memorial does not transform it into a secular monument.”

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CONTROVERSY: A 43-foot-high cross, which has had a long legal history, stands at the Mount Soledad Veterans’ Memorial in La Jolla.

A ‘Routine’ Year: Pope’s 2011 Calendar Holds Full Slate of Events

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY — For Pope Benedict XVI, the 2011 calendar already holds a full slate of meetings, liturgies and foreign trips.

What’s not on the calendar — at least so far — is a special “year of” or a “year for.” In 2008-2009, the pope declared a Year of St. Paul. He designated 2009-2010 the Year for Priests.

Perhaps 2011 will mark the “Year of Business as Usual” for the German pontiff, who turns 84 in April.

Unlike the past three years, there’s no Synod of Bishops on the horizon in 2011. Most people are not expecting a consistory this year, either, and there is no sign that the pope plans to convene the world’s cardinals at the Vatican for other reasons.

What many people don’t appreciate is that the papacy is not just about commemorative years and cardinal summits. “Business as usual” for the pope means a steady series of

events that begins with a New Year’s Mass to mark World Peace Day and ends with a “te deum” prayer service of thanksgiving Dec. 31.

In between are hundreds of papal encounters with individuals and groups, ranging from heads of state to schoolchildren.

The first half of this month has been typical. After the New Year’s Mass, the pope presided over a liturgy to mark the feast of the Epiphany Jan. 6. Then, he celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jan. 9 in the Sistine Chapel, personally baptizing 21 infants.

The next day, the pope shifted gears and delivered his annual “state of the world” address to the diplomatic corps at the Vatican.

And with that, Pope Benedict was off and running.

In 2010, the pope presided over more than 50 major liturgies. Similar celebrations are already penned into the 2011 calendar, at home and abroad. They range from one-hour prayer services to three-hour ordination

Masses and normally include at least two liturgies to proclaim new saints, one in the spring and one in the fall. Already on the probable saints list for 2011 is the founder of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers, Blessed Guido Conforti.

Easter arrives very late in 2011 — April 24 — and with it comes the heaviest week of liturgies and public appearances by the pope. Ahead of Easter, the Vatican plans to publish Pope Benedict’s new volume in his series on the life of Christ. Titled, *Jesus of Nazareth: Part Two, Holy Week: From the Entrance Into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*, it picks up where the best-selling first volume left off.

For U.S. bishops, 2011 will bring the start of a series of encounters with the pope and his aides, the weeklong “ad limina” visits that begin in November. Bishops from Region I in the Northeast will be the first group to arrive at the Vatican Nov. 7, followed by Region II (New York) Nov. 24 and Region III (New

Jersey, Pennsylvania) Dec. 1. The last time U.S. bishops came through Rome on “ad limina” visits was 2004, so for many of them it will be their first major meeting with Pope Benedict.

Throughout the year, the pope will hold “ad limina” meetings with bishops from other countries: the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Australia, Angola, New Zealand and the Pacific Ocean area.

The pope will break away from the Vatican on four foreign trips: June 4-5 in Croatia; Aug. 18-21 in Madrid for World Youth Day; Sept. 22-25 in Germany, including the capital of Berlin; and Nov. 18-20 in the West African country of Benin. He’ll also make a two-day visit to Venice in May and three other trips in Italy during the year.

At the Vatican, the pope resumes his weekly audiences every Wednesday, where he has been sketching brief biographies of early

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May 1 Beatification Set for Pope John Paul II

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI approved a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul II's intercession, clearing the way for the late pope's beatification on May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pope Benedict's action Jan. 14 followed more than five years of investigation into the life and writings of the Polish pontiff, who died in April 2005 after more than 26 years as pope.

The Vatican said it took special care with verification of the miracle, the spontaneous cure of a French nun from Parkinson's disease — the same illness that afflicted Pope John Paul in his final years. Three separate Vatican panels approved the miracle, including medical and theological experts, before Pope Benedict signed the official decree.

With beatification, Pope John Paul will be declared "blessed" and thus worthy of restricted liturgical honor. Another miracle is needed for canonization, by which the Church declares a person to be a saint and worthy of universal veneration.

In 2005, Pope Benedict set Pope John Paul on the fast track to beatification by waiving the normal five-year waiting period for the introduction of his sainthood cause.

Even so, Church experts needed years to review the massive amount of evidence regarding the late pope, including thousands of pages of writings and speeches.

In 2007, on the second anniversary of the pope's death, the Diocese of Rome concluded the initial inquiry phase.

In November 2008, a team of theological consultants to the Congregation for Saints' Causes began studying the 2,000-page "positio," the document that made the case for Pope John Paul's beatification. After their favorable judgment, the cardinal and bishop members of the sainthood congregation met in late 2009 and voted to advance the cause.

On Dec. 21, 2009, Pope Benedict declared that Pope John Paul had lived a life of "heroic virtues." That meant he could be beatified once a miracle had been approved.

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RECONSTRUCTION: *Cash-for-Work participants Gasman Joseph (left) and Jean Rody Delise (right) break rubble into gravel and sand as a part of CRS' Rubble to Reconstruction program.*

A Year After the Earthquake, Aid Continues in Haiti

By Luke King

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — It is now one year since the earth shook in Haiti, ending so many lives and forever changing many more.

So much shifted on Jan. 12, 2010, but if you travel the streets of Port-au-Prince it can seem that little has changed since. Rubble can be seen everywhere, and the tent communities that sprang up following the quake still dot the city.

But despite enormous challenges — 1.2 million people homeless and the capital's infrastructure devastated — tangible progress has been made.

Like so many others, Fleurissant Fleurisma lost his

home in the earthquake. The father of five was working in the yard when the tremor started. At first, he thought he was hearing the sound of a truck screeching to a stop in the street, but then his house began to shake. He watched as the two-story house he built more than a decade ago in Carrefour, one of the city's poor sprawling suburbs, came crumbling down. In about 35 seconds, his home and business — Fleurisma ran a small convenience store out of the house — were destroyed.

For months after the earthquake, Fleurisma and his family lived under a makeshift shelter of sheets and tarps on the

street outside their house. They relied mostly on the kindness of neighbors for food.

"I wanted to cry at times, but I couldn't. There are many people who died in the rubble and, when I look at my family, I know I am one of the lucky ones," he said.

Today, the family has a home again, a transitional shelter, constructed where their house once stood. It is part of Catholic Relief Services' community-based approach to helping families — some of which are living in tent camps — to resettle in their neighborhoods.

Using a borrowed sledgehammer and wheelbarrow,

Fleurisma and his family and friends worked for about 20 days hacking away at the pile of rubble that was once the house. Partners in the program hauled the chunks away to be processed later into a mixture of gravel and sand to be sold for use in local construction projects, including the foundations of CRS shelters like Fleurisma's. Selling the processed rubble also provides families with valuable income and puts much-needed money into the local economy.

The transitional shelter, while not a permanent dwelling, is a huge improvement on conditions in the tent

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Curriculum Lays Groundwork for Lifetime of Moral Decision-Making

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — Over the course of two decades in youth and young adult ministry, Linda Noble has seen young lives burdened by the consequences of bad decisions.

Her desire to prevent such unnecessary pain inspired her to develop the Whole Life Curriculum, which targets what she sees as the underlying cause of those destructive choices: a failure to recognize one's value in the eyes of God.

Published by the San Diego-based nonprofit Life Perspectives, the curriculum is designed to prepare elementary and middle school students for the difficult decisions they will face in adolescence and adulthood. The curriculum's holistic approach incorporates Christian teachings on the sanctity of human life, sexual purity and social justice.

At the core of the curriculum is the idea that every human being is created in the image of God, has been equipped with a unique set of gifts and talents, and is called to follow a path chosen by God prior to birth. Through the curriculum, children recognize that their self-worth is not defined by the way

others view them. As a result, they are less likely to engage in immoral and harmful behaviors out of a desire for social acceptance.

"If they really owned [that message] and they walked in it — from the time they were in kindergarten, all the way through eighth grade and beyond — they're going to make totally different choices about so many issues ... because they're embracing the value of their own lives and the lives of others," explained Noble, who serves as vice president for Whole Life Curriculum at Life Perspectives.

First published in fall 2006, she said, the curriculum is interactive and encourages introspection, rather than merely presenting a list of rules about what's right and what's wrong. She said students who internalize its message will have a strong moral framework when faced with the temptations of premarital sex, drug use and gang membership, and will have the courage to speak up for life if a friend has an unplanned pregnancy or is on the cusp of making a bad decision.

The Whole Life Curriculum for kindergarten through sixth

grade includes 50 lessons. A separate, 23-lesson curriculum for seventh- and eighth-graders covers many of the same topics, but also includes the Church's teaching on sexuality.

The curriculum is currently being taught in 10 schools nationwide, and Noble said "quite a few" additional youth groups and Catholic schools are preparing to implement the program as well.

On Jan. 15, 2010, the Whole Life Curriculum was granted an imprimatur by Bishop Robert H. Brom. An imprimatur is an official declaration by a Church authority that a particular work contains nothing that is contrary to Catholic teaching.

Noble said the Whole Life Curriculum "was created out of a desire to see students' lives transformed from the inside out."

"My hope," she said, "is to really enable and empower students to live this beautiful life that God intended for them ... and to make good decisions so that they won't carry around a lot of pain and woundedness."

For more information, visit www.wholelifecurriculum.com.

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Briefs

Jan. 22 Is a Day of Penance

WASHINGTON — For Catholics in the United States, Jan. 22 is a day of penance and prayer in commemoration of the *Roe v. Wade* decision issued by the U.S. Supreme Court on that date in 1973. The 7-2 court decision established a constitutional right to abortion. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 373, states: "In all the dioceses of the United States of America, Jan. 22 ... shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life."

WikiLeaks: Vatican Horrified by Sex Abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A spate of U.S. diplomatic cables released by WikiLeaks portray the Vatican as horrified over clerical sex abuse in Ireland but also deeply concerned that the procedures used by Irish investigators of the scandal were "an affront to Vatican sovereignty." The cables, released Dec. 10-12, touched on a wide range of issues. One cable reviewed the Vatican's efforts to position itself as an intermediary with Iran in case an international crisis erupts and stated that in 2007 the Vatican had helped secure the release of British sailors detained in Iranian waters. The cables offered a rare glimpse at Vatican diplomacy in action, but through the lens of the U.S. policy experts who authored the reports. "Naturally, these reports reflect the perceptions and opinions of the people who wrote them and cannot be considered as expressions of the Holy See itself, nor as exact quotations of the words of its officials," the Vatican said in a statement issued Dec. 11.

New Evangelization Council Members Named

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The new Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization has its first members, including Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York. The council, formally established in October, is charged with renewing and strengthening the faith in traditionally Christian countries where religious belief and practice are threatened by secularism and indifference. Pope Benedict XVI named 19 cardinals and bishops to be members of the council Jan. 5. In addition to Archbishop Dolan, the members included: Australian Cardinal George Pell of Sydney; Canadian

Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops; and U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Vatican announced in October that Pope Benedict had chosen new evangelization as the theme for the next world Synod of Bishops, which is expected to meet in 2012.

Eighth U.S. Diocese Files for Chapter 11

ST. FRANCIS, Wis. (CNS) — On Jan. 4, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee became the second U.S. archdiocese and the eighth diocese overall to file for Chapter 11 reorganization. With more than 650,000 Catholics, according to the *2010 Official Catholic Directory*, it follows the Archdiocese of Portland, Ore., and the dioceses of Tucson, Ariz.; Spokane, Wash.; Davenport, Iowa; San Diego; Fairbanks, Ala.; and Wilmington, Del. In terms of Catholic population, the Milwaukee Archdiocese is the second largest Church jurisdiction to file for bankruptcy after the Diocese of San Diego, with 981,000 Catholics.

Attendance at Papal Events Increases

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — More than 2.27 million pilgrims and visitors came to see Pope Benedict XVI in person at the Vatican or the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo in 2010. The crowds included people who attended a weekly general audience, a special audience with the pope, a liturgy he celebrated or his Sunday Angelus gathering at the Vatican or papal villa, said the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household, which released the annual statistics Dec. 30. The total figure for 2010 was higher than in 2009, when more than 2.24 million people came; in 2008, there were more than 2.21 million pilgrims and visitors. While those numbers show a steady rise, they are down from 2007 and 2006, when more than 2.8 million and 3.2 million visitors, respectively, came to see the pope.

Obituary

ELKTON, Md. (CNS) — Oblate Father John F. Harvey, who founded an organization for celibate Catholic homosexuals that now has more than 100 chapters worldwide, died Dec. 27 at Union Hospital in Elkton. He was 92. An Oblate of St. Francis de Sales for 73 years, Father Harvey founded Courage, a spiritual support group for homosexual men and women, in 1980 at the request of Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York and served as its national director until his death. Today, Courage has chapters in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Poland, Mexico, Slovakia,

Tragedy in Tucson



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Pictured, a family arrives to place flowers and a stuffed toy Jan. 9 at a memorial outside Tucson University Medical Center in Arizona where victims of a Jan. 8 shooting are recovering.

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was in critical condition at the medical center after being shot in the head. The 22-year-old suspect, Jared Lee Loughner, is accused of killing six people, including U.S. District Court Judge John M. Roll, and wounding 14 others in the Jan. 8 shooting rampage.

Roll, a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus, was on his way home from morning Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church when he stopped at a Safeway shopping center to attend a Saturday morning meet-your-congressional-representative event hosted by Giffords.

"At a time like this, it is tempting to respond with anger, and for some, to attempt to use the tragedy to stoke the fires of division. That would only compound the tragedy," said Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, in a statement to *LifeNews.com*. "As the late Sen. Robert Kennedy said following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'What we need in the United States is not division ... not violence or lawlessness, but love and wisdom and compassion toward one another.'"

Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, the Philippines and New Zealand. "Father Harvey's commitment to pastoral care in the Church was tireless," said Oblate Father James J. Greenfield, provincial of the Oblates' Wilmington-Philadelphia province, in a statement. "Even in his later years, his travel would take him all over the country and world to offer a voice of compassion."

Pope Awaits Catholic-Lutheran Document

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Meeting with top Lutheran officials, Pope Benedict XVI

said he looked forward to completion of a Catholic-Lutheran document that will assess ecumenical progress nearly 500 years after the Protestant Reformation. In a brief speech at the Vatican Dec. 16, the pope noted a milestone in Catholic-Lutheran relations, the 1999 Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. That agreement expressed the consensus that the doctrine of justification — how people are made just in the eyes of God and saved by Jesus Christ — is not a Church-dividing issue for Catholics and Lutherans. The pope said he was pleased that the International Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity is preparing a joint text that will "document

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what Lutherans and Catholics are able to say together at this point regarding our closer relations after almost five centuries of separation.”

Court Paves Way for Human-Animal Research

OTTAWA, Ontario (CNS) — A deeply divided Supreme Court of Canada has delivered an opinion that could pave the way for transgenic research combining human genomes with those of other species. “It’s a gross affront to human dignity, that kind of experiment,” said Edmonton Archbishop Richard Smith, vice president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. “It’s not a matter of health care but a fundamental issue of human dignity that must rest on national law.” The Dec. 22 split decision, 4-4-1, also leaves a legal void that could lead to the uncontrolled destruction of human life as embryos. At best, it may result in a patchwork of varying provincial regulations. The court’s opinion originated in a claim by the province of Quebec that sections of the 2004 *Assisted Human Reproduction Act* violated provincial jurisdiction and were therefore unconstitutional. The Quebec Court of Appeal had determined aspects of the legislation were health matters under provincial control. With its split decision, the Supreme Court affirmed the appeals court.

Vatican Blames China for Damaged Relations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In an unusually strongly worded statement, the Vatican said the recent election of new Church leaders by government-controlled Catholic groups in China and the illicit ordination of a Chinese bishop have “unilaterally damaged” hopes of improved relations with China. A written communique issued by the Vatican press office Dec. 17 criticized the Chinese-government-controlled National Congress of Catholic Representatives that was held in Beijing Dec. 7-9. The assembly, in which many bishops, priests, religious and laypeople were forced to take part against their will, came less than three weeks after the first ordination of a bishop without papal approval in four years. The Vatican condemned the methods of convoking the assembly, saying it reflected “a repressive attitude with regard to the exercise of religious liberty, which it was hoped had been consigned to the past in present-day China.”

Church Court Defrocks New York Priest

NEW YORK (CNS) — A Vatican court has found a suspended New York archdiocesan priest, Charles M. Kavanagh, guilty of sexually abusing a minor in the late 1970s and has dismissed him from the clerical state. “Although all of this took place before my arrival as archbishop, I am well aware of the seriousness of the charges involved in this

case, and I am grateful for the careful way that it has been handled by my predecessor, Cardinal [Edward M.] Egan, and by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,” New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan said in a Dec. 17 statement. The abuse occurred when Kavanagh, now 73, was a monsignor and rector of Cathedral Preparatory Seminary in Manhattan during the late 1970s and early ‘80s. His accuser, former student Daniel Donohue, now 46, did not come forward until mid-May 2002. Kavanagh has denied that he sexually abused Donohue but said the two had a close relationship. The court’s decision cannot be appealed.

Massgoers Asked to Pray for Abortinist

GERMANTOWN, Md. (CNS) — Washington Auxiliary Bishop Martin D. Holley asked the congregation at a Germantown church to pray for a conversion of heart of a doctor performing late-term abortions at a clinic nearby, so “life may be respected inside and outside of the womb.” About 700 Catholics gathered for an early morning Mass at Mother Seton Church in suburban Washington Dec. 11, and then they prayerfully processed to the clinic just around the corner where Dr. LeRoy Carhart is working. Bishop Holley was the main celebrant of the Mass, assisted by several priests and deacons. The protest was held in between two feasts that remind Catholics to reflect on the sacred nature of life in the womb — the feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas also known as protector of the unborn (Dec. 12).

Pope to Commemorate Event He Skipped

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said he would go to Assisi in October to mark the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s interreligious prayer for peace, but he did not actually say anything about praying with members of other religions. Announcing the October gathering, he said he would go to Assisi on pilgrimage and would like representatives of other Christian confessions and other world religions to join him there to commemorate Pope John Paul’s “historic gesture” and to “solemnly renew the commitment of believers of every religion to live their own religious faith as a service in the cause of peace.” Pope Benedict insists that interreligious dialogue must be honest about the differences existing between religions and that joint activities should acknowledge those differences. As a cardinal and prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was one of the very few top Vatican officials to skip Pope John Paul’s 1986 meeting in Assisi. He later said the way the event was organized left too much open to misinterpretation.

Water and the Holy Spirit



Pope Benedict XVI delivers his blessing during a baptismal Mass for 21 infants in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 9.

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Bishop Cordileone to Head Marriage Defense Committee

WASHINGTON — Archbishop Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has appointed Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., as chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

Bishop Cordileone, who served as an auxiliary bishop of San Diego from 2002-2009, succeeds Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., who was elected vice president of the USCCB in November 2010.

"I am grateful for the leadership of Archbishop Kurtz and humbled by this opportunity to serve the bishops of the United States, the Church and our country on this most vital and defining issue of our day," Bishop Cordileone said.

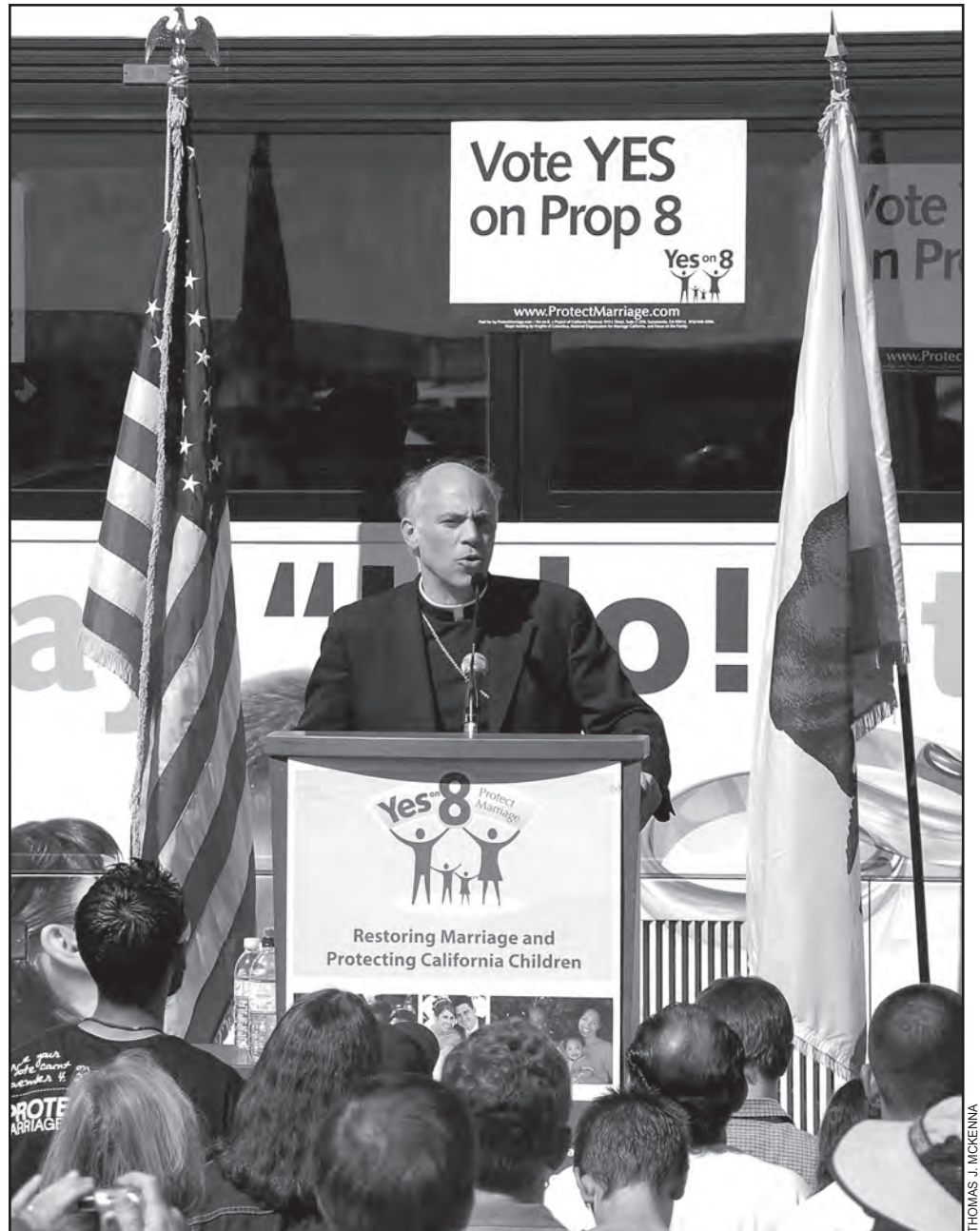
"Marriage and the family are the essential coordinates for society," he continued. "How well we as a society protect and promote marriage and the family is the measure of how well we stand for the inviolable dignity and good of every individual in our society, without exception. The consequences for our future — especially that of our nation's children — cannot be greater and must not be ignored."

Bishop Cordileone, a current member of the Ad Hoc Committee, is also a member of the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance. In addition to his extensive background in the area of the canonical understanding of marriage, he also brings experience in the work of preserving the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman in California.

The Ad Hoc Committee was established by the U.S. bishops in fall 2008 with the support of the Knights of Columbus. At the bishops' 2010 Fall General Assembly in Baltimore, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, then-president of the USCCB, announced that Defense of Marriage would be transitioning into a subcommittee under the bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, which is chaired by Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind. The transition will occur during the first half of 2011.

For more information about the committee's catechetical and educational initiative, Marriage: Unique for a Reason, visit www.marriageuniqueforareason.org.

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DEFENDER OF MARRIAGE: Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, while still serving as auxiliary bishop of San Diego, speaks in support of Proposition 8 at a rally in 2008.

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Papal schedule is taxing, pope says

Church saints, writers and mystics. He normally makes at least one other public appearance each week, greeting pilgrims from his apartment window at midday on Sundays.

In addition to his World Peace Day message, the pope generally furnishes messages or letters to mark a whole slew of other annual events — for migrants and refugees, for the sick, for religious, for priestly vocations, for

missionaries, for young people, for the hungry and for communicators.

Although Pope Benedict is widely seen as less prolific than Pope John Paul II, his verbal output each year is impressive: about 300 speeches and talks, more than 50 homilies and nearly 100 other missives of varying length and importance.

In his recent book-length interview, Pope Benedict said the day-in, day-out schedule of the papacy was pretty taxing for someone his age. He spoke openly about his diminishing energy, and even left open the possibility of eventual papal retirement — but as his 2011 calendar makes clear, he's not ready for that yet.

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Pope Begins New Year with Call for Religious Freedom, End to Violence

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY — Opening 2011 with a strong call for religious liberty, Pope Benedict XVI condemned deadly attacks against Christians and announced a new interfaith meeting next fall in Assisi, Italy.

At a Mass Jan. 1 marking the World Day of Peace and a blessing the next day, the pope voiced his concern about fresh episodes of violence and discrimination against Christian minorities in the Middle East.

In particular, the pope condemned an attack Jan. 1 against Orthodox Christians in Egypt, calling it a “despicable gesture of death.” A bomb that exploded as parishioners were leaving a church in Alexandria, Egypt, left 25 people dead and dozens more injured.

The pope said the attack was part of a “strategy of violence that targets Christians,” and which has negative repercussions on the entire population. He offered prayers for the victims and their families.

The pope also denounced the recent practice of “planting bombs close to the homes of Christians in Iraq to force them to leave.” At least seven Christian homes in Baghdad were targeted in bombings Dec. 30, leaving at least 13 people wounded.

The pope said the latest attacks in Egypt and Iraq “offend God and all humanity.”

Addressing pilgrims at his noon blessing Jan. 1, the pope said he planned to invite religious leaders from the world’s major faiths to gather in Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, in order to “solemnly renew the commitment by believers of every religion to live their religious faith as a service to the cause of peace.”

The pope said the gathering, planned for October, is meant to recall “the historic gesture”

made by the late Pope John Paul II when he convoked the first World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi in 1986.

In his homily during the morning Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica Jan. 1, the pope spoke about the theme he chose for World Peace Day 2011: “Religious Freedom, the Path to Peace.”

He said religious freedom was challenged today by two extremes at work in the world: secularism that banishes religion to the private sphere and fundamentalism that seeks to forcefully impose religion on everyone.

He said religious freedom is the best path for building peace, because wherever religious freedom is guaranteed, human dignity is also respected.

Pope Benedict called on political leaders and all people of goodwill to not give up when faced with “the negative force of egoism and violence” and to not become jaded into thinking that conflict, which puts lives and the future at risk, is inevitable.

War, he said, reflects “the most horrendous and violent face of history.” He called on everyone to promote and build peace, reminding people that “words aren’t enough for this difficult task.”

He said “a concrete and constant commitment is needed by heads of nations, but above all what’s needed is that every person be inspired by an authentic spirit of peace,” which is fostered by prayer and lived out in one’s day-to-day activities.

Peace does not come because of “weapons, nor economic, political, cultural and media power,” he said. Peace is both a gift from God and the result of a change in the human conscience, which becomes open to truth and love, he said.

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Pope Names First Diplomatic Representative to Vietnam

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — In a first step toward establishing diplomatic relations, Pope Benedict XVI has named a 57-year-old Vatican diplomat to be a “non-resident pontifical representative” for Vietnam.

Italian Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, currently Vatican nuncio to Indonesia, was reassigned Jan. 13 to serve as the pope’s representative to Vietnam and simultaneously as nuncio in Singapore and apostolic delegate in Malaysia and Brunei (two countries that do not have diplomatic relations with the Vatican).

Archbishop Girelli, who has been in the Vatican diplomatic corps since 1987, previously served at nunciatures in Cameroon, in New Zealand and in the United States, as well as in the Vatican Secretariat of State. He was ordained a bishop in 2006 when he was named nuncio to Indonesia.

A joint working group formed by the Vatican and Vietnam’s communist government announced in June that the two sides were agreed that a papal representative would be named. A statement from the working group said that unlike a nuncio, the representative would not be residing in Vietnam for the time being.

For years, top Vatican diplomats made annual trips to Vietnam to work out details of the Church’s life in the country, including discussing every potential bishop’s appointment with the government. The Vatican always insisted that needing government permission to name a bishop was not normal, but that it could be tolerated temporarily as Vatican-Vietnamese relations improved.

In a formal address Jan. 10 to the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican, Pope Benedict said the agreement to name a representative to Vietnam was one sign of improved religious freedom in the world.

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PROTEST: Egyptian Christian protesters clash with riot police in Cairo Jan. 2, demanding more protection following a New Year’s Day bombing at a Coptic Orthodox Church.

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Invisible Children Partners with Congo Diocese

Radio network will alert communities to impending attacks

DUNGU, DR Congo — The Diocese of Dungu-Doruma in northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo has partnered with U.S.-based nonprofit organization Invisible Children to establish an early-warning network, protecting the regions' most vulnerable communities.

Headquartered in San Diego, Invisible Children is dedicated to ending Africa's longest-running war, which is ravaging the communities served by the Dungu-Doruma Diocese. The organization exists to raise awareness about children who are abducted and forced to fight as soldiers in the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a group currently terrorizing central east Africa.

The radio network initiative comes as the LRA, formerly based in northern Uganda, moves into the DR Congo, Central African Republic and Southern Sudan, abducting and terrorizing populations in these regions.

Since 2005, Invisible Children has supported victims of the LRA in Uganda through programs to rehabilitate and develop the war-torn region in the wake of LRA leader Joseph Kony's terror. In response to the LRA's recent move, Invisible Children has moved, too, and is working with the diocese on the new measures.

In addition to the radio network, Invisible Children and the Diocese of Dungu-Doruma will establish the first center dedicated to the rehabilitation of formerly abducted children in this region.

Communities in northeastern DR Congo are extremely isolated, leaving them vulnerable to attack by the LRA. In many cases, they are defenseless and unaware of rebel activity in the area. The new high-frequency radios will connect towns to one another and to a central communication center with the purpose of alerting communities of impending LRA attacks. Local defense forces can then mobilize, protecting civilians. This information will also keep local humanitarian groups current so they can better serve the communities.

Invisible Children's model for development is to support local visionaries. In northeastern DR Congo, the Catholic diocese is one of the most knowledgeable and influential entities, with parishes as the center of community life in many towns.

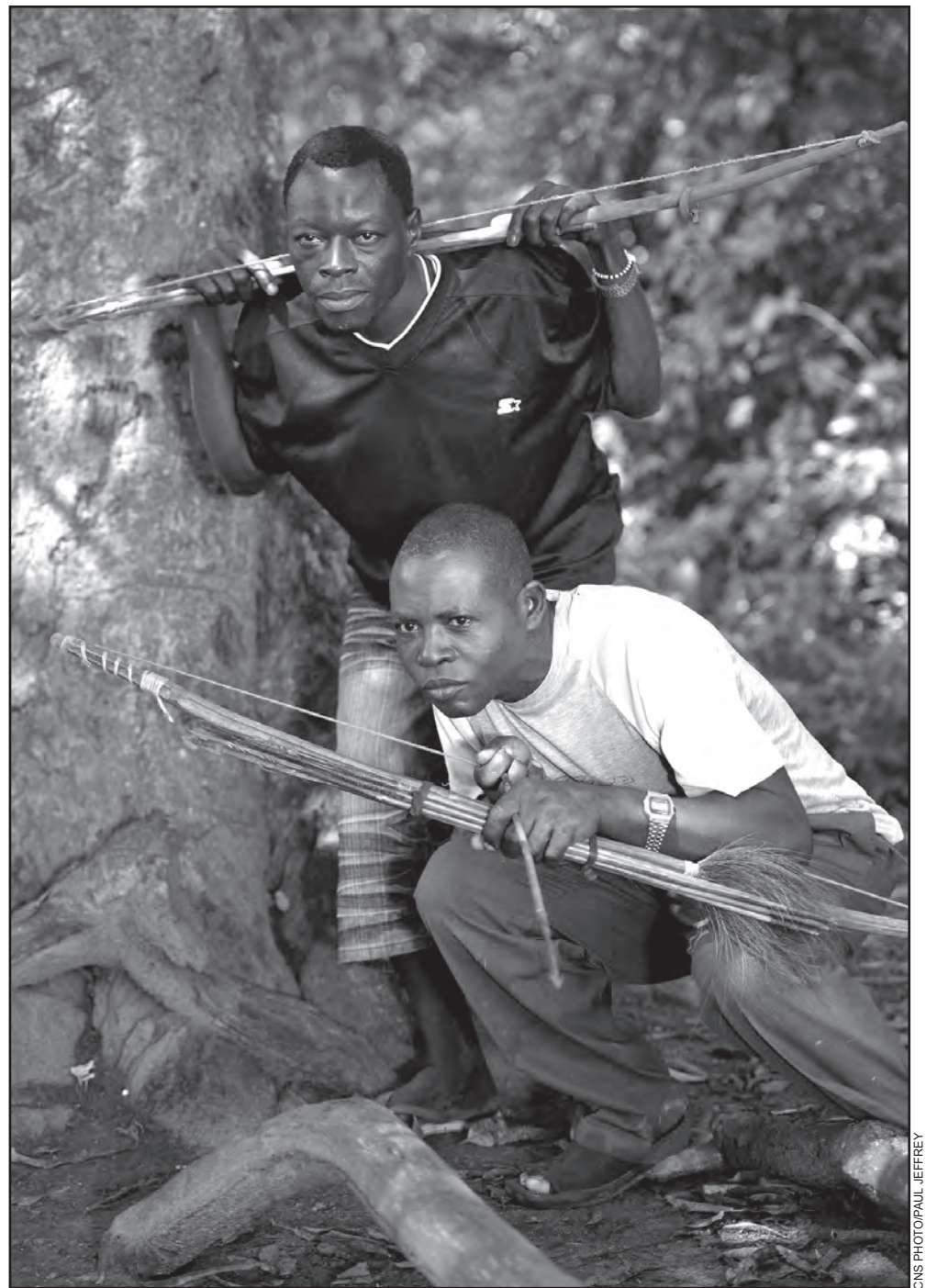
"In 2008, one idea struck me as being most useful for addressing the LRA problem; this was to put into place an early-warning system," said Father Benoit Kinalegu of the Dungu-Doruma Diocese. "This has been a dream of mine — day and night — for a long time, and today it is happening. I reached out to many organizations, and thanks to the help of the United Nations, I was connected to Invisible Children, [which] has helped in making this happen."

Another gap in protection in northeastern DR Congo is found in the lack of rehabilitation for war-affected and formerly abducted youth. Children who have been abducted and escape from captivity have few resources available to assist them in their reintegration back into society.

Invisible Children and the Dungu-Doruma Diocese are partnering with a group of psycho-social professionals to establish the first and only rehabilitation center to serve this population. This center will have the capacity to host 150 children and will provide professional psycho-social care and educational and vocational training, equipping them to successfully reintegrate back into their families and communities.

Invisible Children, Inc. is a social, political and global movement using the transformative power of story to change lives. By inspiring youth culture to value creativity, idealism and sacrifice, the movement fuels the most effective, adaptable and innovative programs in the world.

Programs on the ground focus on long-term development through education and economic opportunities, while awareness and advocacy efforts focus on educating and inspiring the Western world to use its



MILITIAS: A network of village militias has formed in Southern Sudan to protect civilians, after attacks by the Lord's Resistance Army along the border with Congo.

unique voice for change.

The organization was created after the release of the 2004 film "Invisible Children: Rough Cut," a revealing documentary about the plight of child soldiers in northern Uganda.

Those who want to support Invisible Children's efforts can set up a movie screening in their area, featuring a Ugandan speaker. Invisible Children is coordinating pre-

sentations in all major American cities between Feb. 16 and April 30, at no cost to the host venue. Invisible Children makes presentations at churches, high schools and colleges.

For more information, contact Talitha Baker at tbaker@invisiblechildren.com or visit www.invisiblechildren.com.

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Moses Was There

From his office in Boulder, Colo., scientist Carl Drews can pinpoint the spot where his research theorizes the biblical miracle of the parting of the Red Sea took place.

Although Drews has never been there, the Google Earth Pro imaging on his computer can zoom in on the place in Egypt where Moses and the Israelites escaped death when the waters parted, according to the Book of Exodus. His virtual “pushpin” comes back with images of what is now predominately agricultural land, with orchards, irrigation canals and grape fields indicating vineyards.

It is in the Eastern Nile Delta, between Pelusium and Qantara, and 75 miles north of the most popular theorized place in Egypt,

which has been the Suez Canal. And it's reachable on foot.

“One of the places right in the middle of the crossing shows what looks like a hotel and some type of building,” said Drews, a member of Epiphany Anglican Fellowship in Boulder, a congregation under the umbrella of the Anglican Mission of the Americas out of Rwanda. “It would be fun to knock on their door and to say in Arabic, ‘Do you know that Moses walked right by here?’”

His research made the miracle ever more real, said Drews, who claimed to have always been enchanted by the account in the Book of Exodus.

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Where It's Always Christmas

Traditional ceramic and wood Nativity scenes from Spain share center stage along with miniature wooden box reproductions from Mexico, an almond-eyed baby Jesus from Thailand and a hanbok-clad Holy Family from Korea at the newly reopened International Nativity Museum.

Originally inaugurated on the ground floor of the Salesian provincial house in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve in 1999, the museum was closed a few months later following the outbreak of the second intifada.

Its reopening Dec. 18 is part of a general “reawakening” of Bethlehem, said Elisa

Nucci, artistic director of the museum. Nucci, an art historian and musicologist, works for International Volunteering for Development. The organization provides technical assistance to the Salesian order in 200 countries and was instrumental in renovating the museum and facilitating its reopening.

Located in an 18th-century building which once served as the provincial house's orphanage, the museum displays about 200 representations of the Nativity donated from almost 150 countries.

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A New Kind of Rosary

An Italian company is offering an electronic rosary with the voice of Pope John Paul II leading the prayers.

The Prex Co., based in Loreto, Italy, said in a press release that the device, complete with headphones, “was conceived to promote greater use of prayers in daily life.”

Electronic rosaries have been on the market for some time, but this year's novelty is the voice of the late pope reciting in Italian the traditional rosary prayers as well as the luminous mysteries of the rosary, which he added in 2002, the company said.

A recording that follows the rosary calendar for each day of the week can be turned

on with a simple click, the press release said. The electronic rosary comes in various colors and models and a choice of images, including those from Our Lady of Lourdes and other Marian sanctuaries.

One model is in the shape of a heart; a red light pulses like a heartbeat when it is turned on. All are light and fit in a pocket.

The makers said the electronic rosaries can be particularly useful for people who are not mobile, for example the elderly, to help them feel “less alone.” It is also a good tool for teaching children prayers, the company said on its Web site.

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The Return of the Three Kings



Latino Rotary Club members dressed as the Three Kings visit the child-care center at the Ibero-American Action League's Family Center in Rochester, N.Y. Jan. 6 to distribute gifts donated by Toys for Tots. From left, Wim Baars, Roberto Burgos and Martin Pedraza happily hand out Three Kings Day gifts to the children.

MIKE CRUPI

Lunch with the Pope

Pope Benedict XVI hosted more than 350 poor people at a post-Christmas luncheon at the Vatican, an event that marked this year's 100th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

The pope passed among the guests in the crowded atrium of the Vatican audience hall Dec. 26, then sat down at a table with 14 others for a three-course meal that featured lasagna, roast veal with potatoes and the classic Italian “pandoro” Christmas cake — this one with melted chocolate and Chantilly cream.

When the pope arrived, the guests placed a garland of white and yellow flowers around his neck, a tradition of India that was adopted by Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity.

Most of the guests were poor people served at soup kitchens run by the Missionaries of Charity in Rome and the surrounding area. Also in attendance were more than 100 sisters and brothers of the religious order, who sang Christmas carols and handed out small gifts.

In a talk after the meal, the pope told the guests that he loved them and prayed for them. He said Mother Teresa's life was an example of charity in action, with a preference for the poorest and those abandoned by the rest of society.

“To so many men and women living in situations of poverty and suffering, she offered the consolation and the certainty that God does not abandon anyone, ever!” he said.

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Inside the Actors' Chapel

The well-attended 11 o'clock Mass every Saturday night at St. Malachy's Church might be the first clue that this not a typical parish.

Then there's the all-volunteer, 25-voice, a cappella choir singing four-part harmony at the 11 o'clock Mass every Sunday morning: Most of the members have stage experience, some of it as recent as the night before.

And then there are the marriages celebrated on Mondays, the only day that Broadway shows are traditionally not performed.

It all makes sense because St. Malachy's Church — the Actors' Chapel is in the heart of New York's theater district. Its parishioners include actors, stagehands, producers and many others drawn to live and work in the revitalized Times Square neighborhood of midtown Manhattan.

St. Malachy's is thriving today, thanks to the faith and persistence of clergy and parishioners who wouldn't let the storied parish die, even as the neighborhood spiraled into decay 40 years ago. In fact, the parish became an active part of the effort to breathe new life into a wounded area.

Established in 1902, St. Malachy's gained fame as a spiritual home for members of the entertainment community, beginning in the 1920s. Joan Crawford and Douglas Fairbanks Jr. were married at St. Malachy's in 1929, and other notable worshippers included Rudolph Valentino, George M. Cohan, Spencer Tracy, Irene Dunne, Danny Thomas and Rosalind Russell. Fred Allen, Don Ameche, Cyril Ritchard and Jimmy Durante took their turns as altar servers.

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Being Herod

“We have to ask ourselves, is there perhaps a little bit of Herod in us as well? Perhaps we, too, sometimes see God as a kind of rival.”

— Pope Benedict XVI during a Mass on Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany. The pope explained that God “does not take anything away” and “is the only one capable of offering us the possibility of living to the full and feeling real joy.”

Fatally Flawed

“The [new health care] law is so riddled with provisions that violate right-to-life principles that it cannot simply be patched. It must be repealed, and any replacement legislation must contain all necessary safeguards for the right to life of the most vulnerable members of the human family.”

— From a letter sent by the National Right to Life Committee to members of the U.S. House of Representatives Jan. 6. The letter urged support for legislation that would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare.”

Briefs

University to Hold Open House for Students, Parents

SAN DIEGO — John Paul the Great Catholic University will hold an open house for prospective students and their parents on Saturday, Feb. 19. The event will provide an opportunity to meet current students and faculty, learn about the university's academic program and campus life, tour the university's new sound stage and student apartments, and hear presentations by faculty and staff. All are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 11:15 a.m. The event itself begins at 11:30 a.m. and will include presentations, a question-and-answer session and lunch with faculty and staff, as well as a tour of the facilities. Pre-registration is requested. The university is located at 10174 Old Grove Rd., Suite 200, San Diego 92131. *For more information, contact Martin Harold, director of admissions and student recruitment, at mharold@JPCatholic.com or (858) 653-6740.*

Upcoming Conference Celebrates Divine Mercy

PALA — The 13th annual Divine Mercy Conference will take place Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, at the San Juan Diego Center at Mission San Antonio de Pala (3015 Mission Rd., Pala 92059). Abbot Charles Wright of Prince of Peace Abbey will celebrate the opening Mass at 7 p.m. on March 4; registration is not required to attend the opening Mass, which will be followed by a special recitation of the rosary and the chaplet of Divine Mercy. However, registration is required to attend the second day of the conference. The line-up of speakers includes Marian Father Donald Calloway, who speaks frequently about his conversion story and his devotion to the Blessed Mother; and Msgr. Philip J. Riley, founder of Helpers of God's Precious Infants, an organization dedicated to prayer and sidewalk counseling outside of abortion clinics. Father Richard Huston, spiritual advisor for the Divine Mercy Movement of San Diego, will celebrate the closing Mass. Reservations required by Friday, Feb. 25. *For more information, visit www.sddivine.com or call (619) 276-6637.*

Graduate Scholarship Opportunities Available

SAN DIEGO — The Catholic Daughters of the Americas seek applicants for their Father Leonard Bachman Graduate Scholarships. Two scholarships are available — one for \$3,000 and another for \$1,000. The scholarships are given to students who have completed their undergraduate education and would like tuition assistance to continue their studies on the graduate level. Recipients must be enrolled in a graduate program at a college or university. Applicants must be Catholic and either a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas or a relative of a current member of the organization. All application forms and required attachments will be sent to the national chairman of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and must be postmarked by May 1. *For more information and an application, contact Dorothy Price at (619) 275-0094.*

It's 'Souper' Bowl Time!

SAN DIEGO — The Souper Bowl of Caring campaign is an outreach project that helps congregations, schools and businesses make a positive difference in their local community by collecting money and canned food items on or near Super Bowl weekend. This year's campaign will take place from Jan. 17-Feb. 6. Everything collected for the campaign will be donated to Father Joe's Villages and the San Diego Food Bank. Organizers describe the Souper Bowl of Caring as a fun way to help the homeless and the hungry in local communities. *For more information or to get involved, visit www.souperbowl.org or contact Tom Tiettmeyer, ambassador for Souper Bowl of Caring, at adoptaprogram@yahoo.com or (858) 569-0846.*

Fundraiser to Benefit St. Jude Academy

SAN DIEGO — The parish community of St. Jude Shrine of the West is organizing a major fundraising event to benefit the children of its parochial school, St. Jude Academy. The third annual event will take place from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, in the parish hall. The evening will include a reception and a silent auction. All are invit-

Theology on Tap



DENIS GRASSKA

A new series of Theology on Tap is currently underway in East County. Young adults, aged 18-39, are gathering on Monday nights this month at the Fuddruckers restaurant in Grossmont Center for food, fellowship and dynamic Catholic speakers.

The series began Jan. 10 with Father Jacob Bertrand, associate pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, explaining the Blessed Mother's role as "the first evangelist." Father Anthony Saroki, pastor of Ascension Parish, followed on Jan. 17 with a presentation on the subject of temptation and ways to overcome it.

The two remaining installments in this series will take place Jan. 24, with UCSD professor Betsy Komives addressing the concept of Christian unity, and Jan. 31, with diocesan marriage preparation presenters Brett and Jolene Schanzenbach making a presentation on marriage.

Each week, dinner is from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by the speaker's presentation from 7:30-9 p.m.

Fuddruckers is located at 5500 Grossmont Center Dr., La Mesa 91942.

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ed, but the school is especially hopeful that its many graduates and former students will be among the attendees. The event will provide an opportunity for alumni from the 1940s through 2009 to see old classmates

and to consider supporting the current students of the school. *For more information on the event or on making a financial contribution to St. Jude Academy, call Principal Yolanda Minton at (619) 264-3154.*

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If interested please contact Paul Dato at (858) 538-4469 between 7-9 pm weeknights, or by email at pedato@sbcglobal.net.

Diocesan Programs Aid Inmates, Victims

SAN DIEGO — The diocesan Office for Social Ministry is reaching out to inmates, crime victims and members of their families. Through its ministry to the incarcerated, the Social Ministry Office invites adult Catholics to serve on teams that minister to Catholic inmates in a variety of detention facilities. Another program enables crime victims and their family members to give or receive support from people in similar circumstances. Ongoing support is also available for the hidden victims of crime — friends and family of the incarcerated. All of these programs are sponsored by the Office for Social Ministry's Restorative Justice Program. *For more information, call (858) 490-8375 or, for Spanish-speakers, (858) 490-8327; email jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org; or visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore.*

'Heart of the Nation' Brings Mass to TV

SAN DIEGO — Since the first Sunday of the new year, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass has been available in the Diocese of San Diego on the ION broadcast/cable/satellite network. A complete channel guide can be seen at *www.heartofthenation.org/about-us/where-to-watch*. The televised Mass is intended for those unable to attend Mass at a parish or other faith community, such as those who are homebound, hospitalized or in hospice care. The TV Mass is taped using five cameras and high-quality

audio, allowing viewers to immerse themselves in the liturgical experience, even though they are unable to participate in a parish Mass. The televised Mass is celebrated in the Christ King Chapel, nestled within St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, Wis. It is a ministry of Santa Fe Communications, which is also launching a new Web site, *www.MySundayMass.org*. Features will include streaming video of the TV Mass, text of the homilies, inspirational prayers, a "Where to Watch" channel guide and other elements.

Retreat to Facilitate Post-Abortion Healing

ESCONDIDO — Rachel's Hope is offering an after-abortion healing retreat Feb. 4-6 for Catholic and Catholic-friendly women. The overnight retreat will take place at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Escondido. The schedule includes a closing Mass. Group size is limited. The cost to attend is \$100, but partial scholarships are available. Confidentiality is maintained for all participants. *For more information or to register, contact Leslie Brunolli at (760) 743-3160 or LBrunolli@yahoo.com. More information is also available at www.RachelsHope.org.*

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ATHERTON, Calif. — Sister Helen Manning Lorch, a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart, died Nov. 28 at Oakwood, her congregation's retirement center in Atherton, Calif. Sister Lorch, 100, had been a widowed wife and mother before entering religious life. Born in Newton, Iowa, she married medical student Alvin H. Lorch. The couple moved to San Diego when her husband joined the staff of Mercy Hospital; he would later die of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. In 1963, Sister Lorch entered the novitiate of the Society of the Sacred Heart. She made her first vows in 1966, and began a distinguished career at the University of San Diego as an assistant professor of history, a counselor and a resident director. She made her final vows Jan. 25, 1970, in Rome. She continued at USD for the next 32 years, before moving into Oakwood in 2002. *Memorial contributions may be made to the Society of the Sacred Heart, 4120 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 623108.*

Obituaries

OCEANSIDE — Benedictine Father Alexis Foyo died Nov. 24 at a Florida hospital. Father Foyo, 59, had been suffering for quite some time from frontal temporal dementia; recently, he was also diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Born in La Habana, Cuba, Alex Foyo was about 10 years old when his family relocated to the United States. In 1976, he joined St. Leo's Abbey in St. Leo, Fla., and took the name Alexis. He was ordained a priest in 1983. He transferred to Prince of Peace Abbey in 1992, where he served as novice master from 1994-1997. Father Foyo later went to Mount Savior Monastery in Pine City, N.Y., but returned to Prince of Peace in 2002, where he held a series of posts, including Oblate director (2005-2007).

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Sowing the Seeds

A history of the Diocese of San Diego

By Father Burt Boudoin

SAN DIEGO — Though the Diocese of San Diego will celebrate its 75th anniversary this July, its history can be traced back much further.

Catholicism arrived in California courtesy of the expeditions of two Spanish explorers: Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 and Sebastian Vizcaino in 1602. These adventurers, reaching into the “new world” on behalf of Catholic Spain, were accompanied by priests who celebrated the first Masses on California shores.

Centuries later, between 1769 and 1823, the famous California missions would be established, solidifying the Church’s presence in California.

On April 27, 1837, Pope Gregory XVI named Franciscan Friar Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno as first bishop of the Californias. The new diocese, which included both Alta and Baja California, was an expansive territory that stretched from the southern tip of Baja California to the Oregon border, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Colorado River.

That massive diocese was ultimately divided in two, with the U.S. portion becoming the Diocese of Monterey in 1849. After even more divisions, the Diocese of Los Angeles-San Diego was formed in 1922.

Some 14 years later, on July 11, 1936, as the region’s Catholic population continued to grow, Pope Pius XI announced the formation of a new Diocese of San Diego, consisting of the four southernmost California counties — Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego.

The new jurisdiction covered a large geographic area with a rich topography of coastline, mountains, dairies, farmlands and deserts. It included 61 parish churches, a sparse population of 96,550 Catholics (about one-fifth of the general population), 63 diocesan priests and two of the original historic missions of Alta California.

Almost 170 years after the founding of the diocese’s oldest church, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Charles F. Buddy was appointed as the first bishop of San Diego on Oct. 31, 1936. During almost 30 years as bishop, he would log many hours on old Route 66 and other highways such as 395 and 80 to confirm young Catholics from La Jolla to Barstow, from Coronado to Ft. Yuma, and to dedicate new churches and parish schools as the diocese experienced rapid growth and development.

Formerly a priest of St. Joseph, Mo., Bishop Buddy stood tall in stature, possessed charm and had a single-minded purpose: to transform a new diocese “at the rim of Christendom” into a flourishing community of faith. To accomplish this, he endeavored to increase the number of clergy and religious in the service of the faithful and promoted a vigorous lay leadership.

He founded St. Francis and Immaculate Heart seminaries, and envisioned the University of San Diego as the crown jewel of the diocesan school system. To fund the university and other diocesan projects, he started committees of businessmen and enlisted the help of lay men and women at the parish level.

Bishop Buddy’s ambitious plan for the development of Alcalá Park in the 1950s included the

San Diego College for Women, under the direction of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, as well as the University of San Diego for men, the School of Law, Immaculate Heart Seminary, the Immaculata Church and a new chancery, under the direction of the diocese. This complex represented an architectural achievement reminiscent of the 1915 Panama Exposition at Balboa Park and included work by important architects in local history.

In 1956, San Diego received its first auxiliary bishop with the appointment of Bishop Richard H. Ackermann, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, formerly of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Penn. In 1960, he was named bishop of Covington, Ky.

In the summer of 1963, Bishop Francis J. Furey from Philadelphia was appointed as coadjutor and apostolic administrator of the Diocese of San Diego. Bishop Buddy carried on many pastoral duties until his death in 1966, when Bishop Furey succeeded him as bishop of San Diego.

Bishop Furey led the diocese through the initial liturgical reforms and ecclesial renewal expected by the Second Vatican Council. He also began the process of consolidating the University of San Diego and the San Diego College for Women, resulting in the co-educational University of San Diego that exists today.

In 1967, Father John R. Quinn, a native of Riverside, Calif., became the second auxiliary bishop of San Diego. He would become the bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa in 1971, later archbishop of Oklahoma City, and finally archbishop of San Francisco.

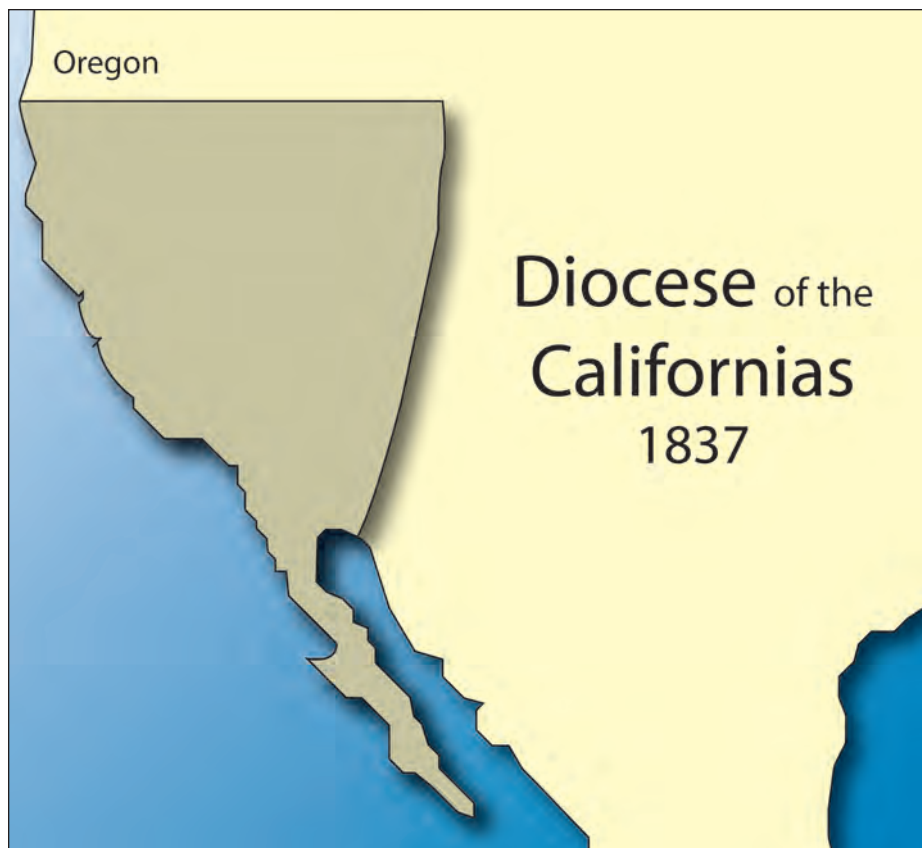
In 1969, Bishop Furey became archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, and was succeeded by Bishop Leo T. Maher, previously bishop of Santa Rosa, Calif. As the third bishop of San Diego, Bishop Maher undertook the duties of chief shepherd at a tumultuous time for the Church and society at large, when the Vietnam War raged and protesters often filled the streets. This social unrest coincided with the implementation of the documents of the Second Vatican Council.

Bishop Maher held to orthodox teaching, yet encouraged ecumenism and other movements associated with renewal, including the restoration of the permanent diaconate. He took a firm stand on moral issues, affirming the work of pro-life advocates in light of the Supreme Court’s tragic *Roe v. Wade* decision that created a constitutional right to abortion.

Under the leadership of Bishop Maher, the University of San Diego successfully worked out its present status as an independent Catholic co-educational institution. In addition, Bishop Maher initiated the Diocesan Stewardship Program by which parishioners pledged annual financial support for programs such as seminary education, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul Village’s outreach to the poor and homeless.

After the fall of Saigon in 1975, Bishop Maher welcomed numerous refugees and several priests from Vietnam, encouraging parishes to sponsor and assist the newly arrived Vietnamese Catholics.

In April 1974, Msgr. Gilbert E. Chavez became the third auxiliary bishop of San Diego in recognition of the increasing presence of



LOOKING BACK: (Clockwise from above) Maps show how the Diocese of San Diego developed from a small piece of the massive Diocese of the Californias into a diocese of its own; Bishop Charles F. Buddy (center) enters St. Joseph Cathedral for his installation, flanked by Fathers Thomas McNamara (left) and John A. Daley (right); Mission San Diego de Alcalá is the oldest Catholic church in the Diocese of San Diego.

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Hispanic Catholics within the diocese. Bishop Chavez was a strong voice for social action and administered the sacrament of confirmation to many young Catholics. Especially remembered and loved for his work with the Confederación Guadalupeña, he retired in early July 2007.

In 1978, the Holy See created from the Diocese of San Diego the new Diocese of San Bernardino, including San Bernardino and Riverside counties, and appointed Father Phillip F. Straling, a priest of the Diocese of San Diego, as its first bishop.

In April 1989, Bishop Robert H. Brom, previously bishop of Duluth, Minn., was appointed coadjutor bishop of San Diego. In July 1990, he succeeded Bishop Maher, becoming the fourth bishop of San Diego. Bishop Maher died in February 1991.

Bishop Brom is recognized as an articulate teacher and skillful administrator who has directed the diocese through difficult and complex challenges. He has overseen the development of policies and procedures for the effective administration of the diocese and its parishes, but perhaps is more appreciated for his regular pastoral visits to parishes on weekends.

In 1994, Bishop Brom established a new diocesan Pastoral Center, which is now visited by almost 22,000 people each year and serves as the site of various programs and events.

In 2002, a former secretary of Bishop Brom, native San Diegan Msgr. Salvatore J. Cordileone, was named the fourth auxiliary bishop of San Diego. In 2009, he was appointed as bishop of Oakland, Calif.

Presently, Bishop Brom leads the Diocese of San Diego as it prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary. In 2011, it is estimated that there will be more than 1 million Catholics within

the geographical boundaries of the diocese, which includes 99 parishes, 46 elementary schools, six high schools, two universities and various institutions dedicated to the cause of

Christ and the mission of the Church.

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Father Burt Boudoin is the associate pastor of St. Mary Parish in Escondido.



Theologian's Classes Enrich Parishioners' Faith

By Bob Garon

RANCHO PENASQUITOS — Seeking a deeper understanding of their faith, many adult Catholics are turning to Terry McGoldrick.

The Dominican-taught theologian, who earned his doctorate in Switzerland, teaches morning and evening classes in theology and Bible study at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Rancho Penasquitos.

McGoldrick was invited to the parish by its pastor, Father Patrick Murphy, who saw the theologian's classes as a means of evangelization.

"The greatest change we can make is to commit fully to evangelization," Father Murphy said. "Adult education is the best way we can achieve that goal. Through Dr. Terry McGoldrick and his team, we are breaking new ground in forming the parish."

McGoldrick's students, who range in age from their mid-twenties to seventies, are discovering what it means to explore the intellectual underpinnings of their faith.

"I have done many years of Bible study, but studying Scripture with Dr. McGoldrick, a Catholic theologian, has helped to put the pieces of Scripture together for me," said Elaine Ibanez, a parishioner who attends McGoldrick's Bible study class.

Jim Maniquis, a long-time parishioner and a leader of the parish men's group, shares the opinion of Deacon Noel Rivera that McGoldrick is "a walking encyclopedia."

McGoldrick's lessons about Christ and the Church call his students to a deeper faith and confidence; these virtues clash with the fearfulness experienced by those who are driven by greed, power and instant

gratification. Through his series of lectures and discussions, McGoldrick takes his students back to the time of Jesus' ministry and leads them through the growth of Christianity, sharing the stories of the saints who carried the Gospel into the present day.

Like some of his students, McGoldrick is a married layman who knows the financial challenges of raising a family in San Diego. He and his wife, Theresa, have three children: Aidan, 14; Grace, 11; and Brendan, 8.

McGoldrick smiles when he discusses his parish classes. Instead of 19-year-olds and 20-year-olds worried about exam questions, his students are men and women like himself, who seek to understand the connection of time and eternity while struggling to reject the worldly values of contemporary society.

"Fear, the driving force of our culture, decreases when we develop a new consciousness of this greater reality," McGoldrick said. "It is more than history, the lives of the saints or the teachings of Jesus that we need to see. We must learn to live as Jesus lived. Like St. Francis of Assisi told us, we preach with the actions of our lives and sometimes use words."

"The Church has a major role in American society," he continued. "It offers the opportunity to re-establish family and community. The situation of many who sought individualism over community" has been one of "suffering from loneliness."

McGoldrick contrasts these two approaches to life — individualism versus community — by sharing a story told to him by a Jesuit missionary.

The Jesuit worked in Africa with one of the tribes. There, the missionary saw a line of people passing along mud taken from a nearby river. The mud was to be made into



FAMILY MAN: Terry McGoldrick (second from left) poses with his wife, Theresa (second from right), and their children. From left, the McGoldrick children are Aidan, Brendan and Grace.

bricks; they were building a house for a newly married couple.

The process was slow and laborious. Convinced he had a better solution, the missionary taught them how to build a wheelbarrow and to employ a brick-making method that required fewer people. But after he left, the people went back to the old way. Upon seeing this, the missionary became angry and wondered how the people could be so stupid.

One of the elders took the missionary aside to explain: "Yes, your method is faster and easier and needs fewer people. Our way shows that the whole village supports the newlyweds in their marriage. By doing it our way, they can understand how much we each love them."

For more information on McGoldrick's classes, contact Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at (858) 484-1070.

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'A Parish Built on Love'

Sacred Heart Parish celebrates 100 years in Ocean Beach

OCEAN BEACH — Sacred Heart Parish is turning 100.

As the Ocean Beach parish counts down to its centennial anniversary May 10, a yearlong celebration is already underway. The celebration began Nov. 28 with an inaugural Mass and reception.

"This anniversary provides us with an opportunity to revisit our commitment to love as exemplified by the Sacred Heart of Jesus," said Father Ron Hebert, pastor. "We are a parish built on love, and that love is nothing less than the love of Christ among us."

Sacred Heart Parish was established on the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Defoe Street (later renamed Sunset Cliffs Boulevard) on May 10, 1911, at a time when Ocean Beach had a population of about 100 people. Chimes playing "In the Good Old Days" could be heard throughout town a half hour before Sunday Mass, calling out to parishioners who strolled by vacant lots and 30-foot-high sand dunes on their way to worship.

The first resident pastor was Father Thomas Walshe. Under the administration of Father Declan Foley, his successor, many parish improvements were made; these included the purchase of land at the church's present location on the corner of Saratoga Avenue and Sunset Cliffs Boulevard.

By 1927, the population of Ocean Beach had grown to 6,000. A larger church building was required to meet the needs of the area's Catholic population.

The years 1945–1947 were an exciting time for the parish, as Father Edward F. Hannon offered to give the parish's second church building to anyone who would haul it away; it sold for \$1,000. The third and current church building, constructed in a classical design with steel-reinforced concrete, was built in the same location by the Frank Hope Construction Co.

In 1950, Sacred Heart Academy opened its doors to 241 students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

During its heyday, there were 1,500 registered families and individuals at Sacred Heart Parish. As the years went by, however, Ocean

Beach no longer had room for the expansion of housing. Older parishioners died or moved away, and growing families looked elsewhere for more affordable housing, so that, today, the list of registered parishioners includes 850 family and individual members.

"Shakespeare said it well in 'Henry V': 'We few, we happy few, we band of brothers (and sisters),' " Father Hebert said.

Over the years, Sacred Heart Parish has demonstrated a commitment to reaching out to the marginalized and promoting the cause of Christian unity.

The parish annually serves thousands of hot meals to the hungry and homeless of Ocean Beach. Elderly San Diegans in the Point Loma area benefit from the parish's Ministry of Caring and Sharing, which addresses their medical, financial and social needs.

Sacred Heart Parish has also adopted a "sister parish," St. Joseph Mission, which ministers to the Hopi and Navajo in Keams Canyon, Ariz. Sacred Heart parishioners spend time at the mission, witnessing to God's love through Bible sharing, repair and maintenance of the mission building, and financial support.

"When [Sacred Heart Parish] was founded, promises were made," Father Hebert said. "These promises refer to the baptismal promises of each parishioner to follow Christ faithfully, and also to the promises made by the community as the Body of Christ, to take responsibility for the mission of Christ.

"For 100 years," he continued, "these promises have been kept by the many parishioners who remained loyal and faith-filled, and who continued the ministry of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a ministry of compassion, a ministry of justice and peace."

As he looks toward the future, Father Hebert sees good things for his parish community.

"I see Sacred Heart Parish as continuing to be a light of Christ in the darkness of secularism and relativism," he said. "For we will always go back to the promises made to be faithful to the Lord, and we will indeed be promise-keepers."

For more information about the centennial celebration, contact Sacred Heart Parish at (619) 224-2746 or visit www.sacredheartob.org.

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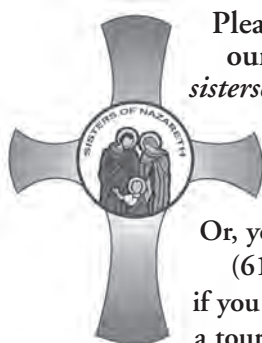
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Pastoral Center Leads by Example with Use of Fair Trade Coffee

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — The diocesan Pastoral Center, the headquarters of the Diocese of San Diego, soon will be serving only certified fair trade coffee in its employee break room and for meetings and events.

Fair trade certification ensures that the coffee growers and roasters received fair wages and labored under acceptable working conditions.

"I think it's putting our faith into practice in terms of making purchases that are conscious of other people, especially those workers who might sometimes be overlooked and forgotten," said Joseph Horejs, who serves as director of General Support

Services at the Pastoral Center.

In July, Diocesan Chancellor Rodrigo Valdivia asked Horejs to determine the feasibility of switching to fair trade coffee. Horejs soon discovered that the Pastoral Center's regular coffee vendor, First Choice Coffee Services, already offered "Peet's Coffee — Fair Trade Blend."

The Pastoral Center received its first shipment of the fair trade coffee in early December. By January, it had already begun serving it, while phasing out its supply of the previous brand.

Because only about 75 people work at the Pastoral Center, this diocesan effort is but a small gesture of the Church's solidarity with the world's poor. However, diocesan officials hope it will



COFFEE BREAK: Joseph Horejs pours a cup of fair trade coffee for one of his co-workers, Martha Yoshinaga, in the break room at the diocesan Pastoral Center.

Little Italy Parish Mourns Death of Longtime Pastor

SAN DIEGO — Barnabite Father Steven M. Grancini, longtime pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, died Jan. 2 at Mercy Hospital.

The loss of Father Grancini, 78, is deeply felt at Our Lady of the Rosary, said Father Joseph Tabigue, who now serves as pastor after almost four years as associate pastor.

Describing Father Grancini as "a pillar of this community in Little Italy," Father Tabigue said, "The people here feel that absence. But then, at the same time, they know that Father Steven is up with God, so that gives them consolation."

Born in 1932 in Milan, Italy, Father Grancini felt called to the priesthood at an early age, ultimately following in the footsteps of an older brother who became a Barnabite missionary priest.

At age 12, after graduating from elementary school, he entered the Barnabite minor seminary in Cremona, Italy. He continued his studies in Florence and Rome. During his second year of theology, he left Italy for Buffalo, N.Y., along with five classmates, including Barnabite Father Louis Solcia, associate pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Fathers Grancini and Solcia were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph A. Burke on Dec. 8, 1957, at St. Joseph Cathedral in the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.

Father Grancini later went on to serve the Barnabite order as provincial superior of the North American Province from 1964-1976 and as superior general from 1976-1982. In the Diocese of San Diego, he served as pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary from Oct. 1, 1985, until his death.

His priesthood was marked by his strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his support for the sacrament of matrimony could be seen in his active involvement with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a Church ministry for married couples.

In December 2007, as he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, Father Grancini shared some reflections with *The Southern Cross*.

"I'm enjoying more now being a priest than when I was ordained," Father Grancini said. "It's like growing up. As you grow up, you are distracted from many things ... but then you settle down and you enjoy more what you are doing and what you are."

He said the most rewarding moments of priestly life are "when you deal with people and you are able, through the grace of God, to help them, and you see the transformation in them or you see that whatever you said, whatever consolation or forgiveness you gave, is affecting them ... you see the work of God through you."

Father Solcia described his late friend as "a great priest" who was "totally dedicated to the Church."

While paying a visit to Father Grancini in the hospital, Father Tabigue was told by doctors that the ailing priest had "a good heart." Even though the doctors were referring to the physical condition of his heart, Father Tabigue said, "their words were also true in a spiritual sense."

"His heart was filled with love — that [was] why it was so good," said Father Tabigue, who credits the goodness of Father Grancini's heart to the latter's strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, his practice of waking up early each day to pray in the parish's adoration chapel, and the fact that he never refused those who asked him for a favor.

A rosary vigil service for Father Grancini was held Jan. 5 at Our Lady of the Rosary. The funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 6 at St. Joseph Cathedral.



FATHER STEVEN GRANCINI

serve as an inspiration that will have a ripple effect throughout the local Catholic community.

The international fair trade movement aims to provide farmers and artisans in developing countries with a fair price for their products, to establish long-term relationships between producers in the developing world and consumers in the United States, and to put safeguards in place to ensure environmentally-conscious production practices.

In addition to coffee, fair trade certified products include tea, cocoa, chocolate, rice, sugar and fresh fruit, as well as various other agricultural and handicraft products.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community, is a strong proponent of fair trade.

Jim DeHarpporte, regional director of CRS West, said the importation of fair trade coffee into the United States increased by 25 percent in 2009, which meant a total of more than 100 million pounds imported.

Since 2003, DeHarpporte said, CRS has actively promoted the use of fair trade coffee in Catholic institutions and parishes.

"Fair trade gives each of us, in the simple act of how and where we shop, the opportunity to express and live our faith," he explained. "St. Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel always; use words when necessary.' I love that quote because it expresses to me the down-to-earth practical meaning of our faith."

"By serving fair trade coffee at the Pastoral Center," DeHarpporte continued, "the diocese proclaims its determination to express the Gospel message of the dignity of all people as sons and daughters of God, in deed as well as in word. It's a beautiful example to the parishes and all those who visit the center."

For more information on the fair trade movement, visit www.crsfairtrade.org or contact CRS West at crswest@crs.org or (619) 618-2363. More information about fair trade in San Diego is available at www.fairtradesd.blogspot.com.

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Minnesota Parish Rejuvenated by Influx of Refugees from Myanmar

By Julie Carroll

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Father Mike Anderson waited patiently on the front steps of St. Bernard in St. Paul on a recent Sunday morning, his purple vestments cloaking him from the chill. Clanging church bells heralded the 10:30 Mass, but only a smattering of parishioners prayed silently in the pews.

Minutes later, a yellow school bus pulled up to the curb, then another one behind it. The priest's face lit up as he greeted dozens of people pouring off the buses into the church.

About 400 Myanmar refugees have found a spiritual home at St. Bernard in recent months. For Father Anderson, the refugees' arrival has been nothing short of a miracle.

"I think it's the best thing that could have happened to us," he told *The Catholic Spirit*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "For 15 years, we've watched our parish rolls drop from 1,000 families to less than 400 families. ... [The refugees] are a sign of new life."

It all started a little more than a year ago when one Catholic family from the state of Karenni in the nation formerly known as Burma heard church bells ringing in the distance. The family members followed the sound to St. Bernard, where they began attending Mass regularly.

One day, the couple invited Father Anderson to visit them in their home.

"We had a very silent visit with each other because I didn't know their language and they didn't know mine," the priest said. "But somehow it began a bond."

When the weather changed, the couple asked Father Anderson for help with trans-

portation. The priest offered to drive them to church in his Ford Taurus and soon he began picking up other Myanmar refugees along the way.

"Every Sunday, they'd lead me to another person and another person, and pretty soon I brought like eight families to church one Sunday. They were sitting on each other's laps," Father Anderson said with a laugh.

At a parishioner's suggestion, Father Anderson decided to contract with a bus company to transport people to church.

"I didn't know how many people would come," he said, "but within two weeks we had 125 Karenni joining us every Sunday for Mass."

Since then, the refugee population at the parish has continued to grow. As word spread that St. Bernard was welcoming the Karenni, refugees from Karen, another Myanmar state with its own language and cultural identity, also began attending Mass there.

Some families have come from as far away as Texas to join what they heard was a Catholic church that would welcome them, Father Anderson said.

While the refugees have been a tremendous blessing for St. Bernard, making the parish a welcoming environment for them has presented some challenges, Father Anderson admitted.

One of the biggest challenges has been language. Most of the refugees have only recently arrived in the United States and are just beginning to learn English. Several members of the Karenni and Karen communities serve as interpreters to help with sacramental preparation and other needs.

Then there are challenges that naturally



WELCOME: Father Mike Anderson greets refugees from the Myanmar state of Karenni as they get off a school bus to attend Mass Nov. 28 at St. Bernard Church in St. Paul, Minn.

arise from blending different cultures. While most longtime parishioners have welcomed the newcomers with open arms, a few have struggled, Father Anderson said.

To help with the transition, Father Anderson said, "we're doing different things to try to keep the communities mixing with each other." He also frequently writes bulletin articles about the refugees and integrates them into his homilies to give people a better understanding of the difficulties they have faced.

Tens of thousands of people have fled Myanmar since the 1980s because of religious and ethnic persecution by the country's military junta against various ethnic minorities, including the Karen and Karenni people.

Most have lived in refugee camps across the border in Thailand, some for more than

two decades, before making their way to the United States and other countries. The U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services has resettled many of them.

To help meet the refugees' needs, St. Bernard has created a full-time refugee liaison position. Tom Flood, former dean of students at St. Bernard High School, which closed in the spring, began his new job at the parish Sept. 1, 2010.

He assists at parent-teacher conferences with an interpreter, helps the refugees get established with a doctor, walks them through the process of getting their green cards, helps them find employment and provides a number of other services.

"I'm basically helping them get acclimated to life in Minnesota and life in the United States," he said.

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U.S. Catholics have made CRS' work possible

camps or on the street. It is a two-room wooden structure built on a concrete foundation and is both hurricane- and earthquake-resistant.

As of November, CRS had provided some 1,200 transitional shelters and is building another 120 to 150 every week. The transitional shelters are crafted at a timber yard in Port-au-Prince. CRS currently employs 12 skilled carpenters in addition to many Cash-for-Work beneficiaries at the shelter pre-fabrication yard. The pre-fabrication work crew is divided into teams for carrying and stacking lumber, pre-cutting lumber, laying out frames on the production tables and nailing together the completed frames. These transitional homes are made to be easily and quickly assembled by people with little construction experience, although CRS also employs and trains additional crew for on-site help.

CRS' Cash-for-Work program creates short-term employment that has benefited more than 10,000 people through work projects that provide income to vulnerable people and aid communities through improved infrastructure. The laborers at the timber yard are just one example of

this. Other Cash-for-Work activities include the construction of drainage ditches in camps, cleaning and sanitation work and the clearance of debris from drainage canals.

The Cash-for-Work employees are men and women very much in need of an income. They are most often residents of the tent camps and, in addition to supporting families with cash, the program is putting vital cash back into the local community.

Transitional shelters and Cash-for-Work are just two examples of the support that Catholics in the United States have made possible.

CRS also is providing Haitians with soap, water purification tablets and hygiene guidance to counter the cholera outbreak. More than 22,000 families have received soap from CRS. The organization is also increasing water and sanitation activities in several camps, including latrine and water station repairs, extra disinfection, extra water treatment and additional solid waste removal. CRS staff are engaged in education and awareness-raising campaigns to make sure people understand the basics about cholera transmission, treatment and prevention.

CRS' health team, with colleagues from the University of Maryland, has also been working to help seven CRS-supported hospitals and four health centers around the country to respond to an influx of cholera patients.

Also over the past year, CRS and Church partner Caritas Haiti have:

- Provided food to nearly 900,000 people and continue

to provide monthly food rations to more than 100,000 children in more than 370 schools, orphanages and child-care centers

- Provided emergency shelter materials to more than 215,000 people
- Performed more than 974 emergency operations and conducted 64,000 outpatient consultations through ongoing support to St. Francois de Sales Hospital
- Installed more than 600 latrines, wash stations, potable water tanks and inflatable water bladders in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area
- Registered 339 separated or unaccompanied children for family tracing and reunification services, and currently is providing them with interim care and support
- Provided 6,000 families with livelihood support through vouchers that allow them to choose the most appropriate types of seeds and fertilizers — an approach that also benefits local seed suppliers and the local economy

Though CRS is proud of its achievements so far, it is aware that the work of building a better Haiti — a Haiti that is much stronger and better able to face future disaster — has only just begun.

Catholic Relief Services

Luke King serves as the CRS country representative in Haiti. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. For more information, visit www.crs.org.

Legal Thriller Encourages Soul-Searching About Death Penalty



The Confession: A Novel
By John Grisham
Doubleday (New York, 2010)
432 pp., \$28.95

If ever a solid case has been made against the death penalty in the United States, it is to be found in John Grisham's latest novel, *The Confession*.



Father Charles L. Fuld

Grisham, perhaps best known for legal thrillers like *The Firm* and *The Pelican Brief*, has written 22 novels. In many of them, he has tweaked the American legal system, which, for all its greatness, still has its faults.

In *The Confession*, Grisham spins a tale about a young black teenager who is singled out as the likely suspect in the rape and murder of a white girl. The teenager is coerced into making a confession, convicted during a flawed trial, and then speedily marched on toward execution — despite a last-minute confession by the real killer and the recanting of a key witness.

The situation is a perfect storm. The arresting officers, the prosecutors and even the presiding judge are anxious to close the case in order to cover their own misconduct. The authorities responsible for reviewing the case — including the governor — are too busy to give it serious consideration. The killer's admission of guilt appears to have come “too late” to receive adequate attention.

“For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside,” the

book's dust jacket says, enticing potential readers. “He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: The authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty.

He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed.”

But what if the real killer steps forward, for whatever reason, and confesses to his crime? Can it be offered too late? Are the people responsible for overseeing our criminal justice system willing to listen and intervene? Grisham's fast-paced novel raises all of these questions.

Grisham also addresses the cost of the death penalty in terms of dollars and cents; “Only a rich person can afford to pay a lawyer for a capital defense,” he writes, “and there are no rich people on death row.” There are also financial costs to the state: “From soup to nuts, it takes about two million bucks to legally kill a man in Texas”; that money, Grisham points out, often comes from increased taxes or from cuts in education.

Currently, only 15 states and the District of Columbia do not allow for the implementation of the death penalty. Of the states where capital punishment is practiced, 19 have 20 or

more inmates on death row. California has the dubious distinction of having the most, with 697 on death row. Florida (398) and Texas (337) follow. The total nationwide is 3,261.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has consistently called for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty. In one recent statement, the bishops wrote: “We recognize that human beings can and do commit grievous crimes, but we reject the use of the death penalty, especially when we can protect society with an alternate penalty of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. In addition, of particular concern to us is the fact that the application of the death penalty is deeply flawed, with those who are poor or from racial minorities most often its subjects.”

The Confession is an excellent read, and one with an important message.

The Southern Cross

Father Charles L. Fuld is the managing editor of The Southern Cross. Father Fuld is grateful to Deacon Jim Walsh, assistant director of the diocesan Office for Social Ministry, for his assistance in compiling data on the death penalty for this article.

Pauline Books & Media Releases New iPhone App

BOSTON — Pauline Books & Media has released a new app for the iPhone and iPod Touch called “Healing Psalms and Prayers — for Day and Night.”

The app allows users to listen, meditate, journal and pray for their needs and those of others. Users may choose to begin and end each day with a rhythm of psalms, contemplation and intercession, or find a few minutes for prayer in their busy lives.

“Healing Psalms and Prayers” is the first app on the market that can be used by priests, spiritual directors and those who minister to the sick to share contemplative moments. Features of the app include:

- Forty-eight audio psalms with contemplative images and 24 meditations accompanied by contemplative music, which take up real concerns and challenges users face in relationships, work, family and personal issues
- A number of display options, including fonts, font sizes, backgrounds and colors
- A variety of litanies of intercession
- Thirty-six prayers for healing on topics of interest to the modern person, such as loss of a parent, coping with job loss, overcoming sadness, etc.
- A journal feature that allows the user to write about their feelings, needs and desires, or to craft their own prayer to God
- An option to import the users' photo gallery with their personal images of loved ones, home, sacred spaces, etc.

“Healing Psalms and Prayers” is an app created by Pauline Books & Media, the publishing house of the Daughters of St. Paul. Other apps from the same publishing house include “Rosary Miracle Prayer” and “Saint a Day.” All apps are available for download in the iTunes store or via www.downloadsforcatholics.com.

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Obedience of Faith

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With Father Larry Dolan, OFM

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The Lion, the Witch and the Stepson

C.S. Lewis' stepson speaks about new Narnia film

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — Douglas Gresham knows what a good adaptation of C.S. Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* looks like.

For that matter, he knows what a bad adaptation looks like, too.

One of Lewis' two stepsons, Gresham serves as the creative and artistic director of the C.S. Lewis Company. In that capacity, he receives requests from those seeking to adapt his stepfather's beloved fantasy book series into everything from school plays to larger-scale productions.

During a Dec. 8 phone interview with *The Southern Cross*, Gresham admitted that people have attempted to do "all sorts of nonsensical things" with the stories over the years. But such was not the case with "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," a new film based on the third installment in the seven-book series.

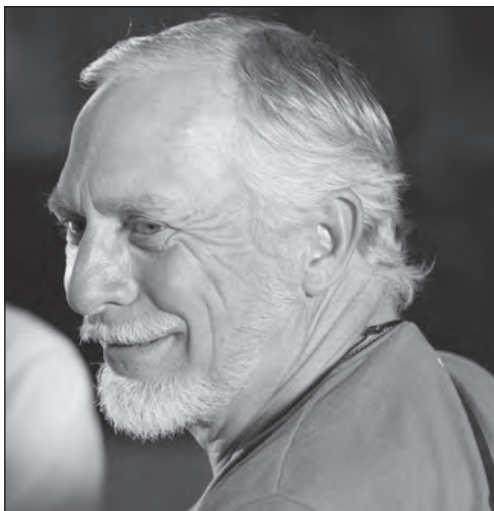
Like the books, which were inspired by Lewis' Christian beliefs, the film also communicates important spiritual truths.

"We have this wonderful adventure with a great deal of humor, a great deal of excitement and action, and also a great deal of very moving moments," said Gresham, 65, who served as the film's executive producer. "Woven through it all is this theme of being tempted when you try to live the right life."

In "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader," siblings Edmund and Lucy Pevensie return to the magical land of Narnia, setting sail aboard the titular Narnian vessel and accompanying Narnia's king on an important quest. During the voyage, Gresham said, each character faces "the temptation most tailored to [his or her] own weaknesses."

"We have to learn how to deal with our weaknesses and how not to fall for these temptations," he said, explaining the main message of the film. "You can never understand how strong a temptation can be until you've actually defeated it."

"It's like getting into the boxing ring with



DOUGLAS GRESHAM

Mike Tyson," he continued. "You don't know how strong he is, until you've beaten him. If he wins, you've only discovered your own level of weakness."

While "basically Christian," Gresham said, the film's message is universally relatable because everyone encounters temptation.

Born in 1945 in New York City, Gresham moved to England in 1953 with his mother, Joy, and his brother, David. He was 8 years old when he first met Lewis, whom his mother would marry in 1956. After his mother's death in 1960, Gresham and his brother were raised by Lewis, until the latter's death in 1963.

Because Narnia is a magical land, populated by talking animals, dwarfs, centaurs and other mythical creatures, Gresham said, a film adaptation during Lewis' lifetime would have required the use of "old, cartoon-animation methods."

"The idea of a cartoon-animated Aslan" — the talking lion who, in the Narnia stories, is actually Jesus Christ — "was anathema to [Lewis]," Gresham said. But modern filmmaking technology has made it possible to create a computer-generated Aslan who is "majestic," "dignified" and "absolutely photo-realistic."

Gresham said he is "convinced the Holy Spirit of God held these movies up until this technology" was available and also

Not Another St. Olaf Story



Actress Betty White, star of the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" made-for-TV movie "The Lost Valentine," is seen on the set with Paulist Father Eric Andrews, one of the movie's co-producers. The film airs Sunday, Jan. 30, 9-11 p.m. EST, on CBS.

ensured their release at a "time when the world probably needs these movies more than it ever has."

The Chronicles of Narnia remain popular today because people "have a yearning deep inside ... for truth," said Gresham, who believes the stories will endure for centuries to come because they are repositories of truth.

"The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" was released in theaters Dec. 10. It was preceded by "The

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe in 2005 and "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" in 2008. Whether the film series continues with adaptations of the remaining Narnia books — *The Silver Chair*, *The Horse and His Boy*, *The Magician's Nephew* and *The Last Battle* — will depend on the box-office success of the latest film.

"We'll keep making the movies as long as the public supports us," Gresham promised.

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Barbara Walters' Question on 'The View' Gave Me a Pregnant Pause

During my appearance on "The View" this week, Barbara Walters asked me, "Did you ever think, 'I wish I had a career and I didn't have six kids?'"



Rachel Campos-Duffy

It was a provocative question, especially since baby #6 was sitting on my lap at the time. I simply responded, "Being a mom is the best job in the world!"

Politico called the answer "diplomatic," and *National Review's* Kathryn Lopez tweeted that it was "graceful," but I couldn't help being disappointed with my response. Not that it wasn't true — being a mom is the best job in the world — but I felt that a question as culturally loaded as this one deserved a better answer, especially from someone who has written countless columns and an entire book on the subject of at-home motherhood and the sad fact that our culture does little to applaud or elevate this noble calling.

So, if I had it to do over again, what would I say to Barbara? I'd say, "Barbara, I consider it a privilege and a blessing to have six kids and watch them grow up. As fun as

it is to be here with you all (and it is!) I wouldn't trade the precious and fleeting time I have home with my kids for anything."

The truth is, I honestly hold nothing against Barbara for asking the question. Come on, it's "The View!" We expect conversation-starters and brutally blunt discussion. More importantly, I understood full well what Barbara was trying to say. She's a smart woman and a mom herself, so she knows that raising children, especially six, involves not only professional sacrifices, but also many daily personal sacrifices. From Barbara's perch, I can see why my decision to choose at-home motherhood in rural Wisconsin over a "budding career" as she called it, seems perplexing.

What I failed to articulate in that moment on behalf of all the other at-home moms watching is that amid the daily diapers, dishes and tedium, there is also a certain kind of happiness that one can only derive from service to others — especially our children. In our me-first culture, that is a very counterintuitive notion, but one that recent scientific studies into the field of "happiness" are confirming. People who serve others are happier, regardless of their income or personal circumstances.

But setting aside service for a moment, perhaps the most under-examined aspect of mothering is pleasure — yes,

pleasure! Despite the hard work, an increasing number are choosing to do it full-time because they derive real pleasure and a deep sense of satisfaction from doing it well.

Being an at-home parent does not make me a better parent. What it does afford me are more opportunities to become the best parent I can be. That's as satisfying a feeling as any daytime Emmy — and it won't wear off when the headlines fade.

Time spent with my kids permits me to better understand their personalities and needs. Like any other profession or sport, I improve my skills and techniques the more time I spend doing it. Becoming a better player in the parenting game means more moments to enjoy the game — or in this case, delight in my children. Would I trade that for anything? Not a chance. Not even for a career as illustrious and historic as Barbara Walters'.

Rachel Campos-Duffy, a columnist at ParentDish, posted the preceding column on Dec. 16, 2010. Campos-Duffy and her ParentDish columns can be found at <http://www.parentdish.com/bloggers/rachel-campos-duffy/>.

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Books That Have Crossed My Path in 2010

I ascribe to the theory that the book you're supposed to be reading at a given time finds you.

There's some rhyme and reason to how I select my reading material. I check reviews, I try to be alert to what gets mentioned when friends and colleagues talk literature, and I deliberately set myself a diet that balances spiritual books, novels, intellectual essays and select biographies. Nonetheless, invariably, some of the best books I read each year are stumbled upon by accident. I ascribe to the theory that the book you're supposed to be reading at a given time finds you.



Father Ronald Rolheiser

What books found me this year? Here are some that stood out.

Among the novels I've read:

- Sebastian Barry's *The Secret Scripture* is a brilliant piece of writing. It takes time for the tension to build, but it's worth the wait and the language is art.

- Barbara Kingsolver's *The Lacuna* is in the mode of several of Kingsolver's other books, fictionalized history, with Kingsolver's genius as a storyteller everywhere evident.

- Toni Morrison, *A Mercy*. Morrison has already won the Nobel Prize for literature and this book, like her others, shows why. Not always an easy read — she never is — but many of her paragraphs are constructed like paintings to be looked at again and again.

- A.S. Byatt, *The Children's Book*. Byatt is perhaps the foremost novelist in the English language today and will, no doubt, one day win the Nobel Prize for literature. The

Children's Book, like all her novels, is dense and not easy to read, not just because it is over 600 pages long, but because it mixes history, art, architecture, politics, economics, oppression, ideology, mythology, love, sex, abuse and family life in a way that unsettles a settled mind. Life, as she lays it out, doesn't move along clear, easily defined moral lines. Any easy concept of history, morality, family or sex will unravel as you read her.

- Don DeLillo, *Point Omega*. If you want a textbook on postmodernism, this is your book.

- Colm Toibin, *Brooklyn*. A story of a young woman emigrating from Ireland to New York a generation ago. This story has been told before, but not always as warmly as Toibin tells it.

- Jane Urquhart, *Sanctuary Line*. I've never read a Jane Urquhart book that's disappointed me and this one doesn't either, though it did for awhile. A slow, plodding diary of young woman, it saves its major tension and revelations until the end and, then, Urquhart's gift as a storyteller breaks through.

Among the books of essays:

- Mary Gordon, *Circling My Mother*. A

brilliant series of essays about her mother from one of America's best novelists. Perhaps my favorite read this whole year.

- Donald Miller, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. A wonderful apologetics for faith and for a desire for something beyond the simple sweetening of life. Recommended to parents to give your college-age kids.

- Sue Monk Kidd, *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter, A Woman's Journey from Christian Tradition to the Sacred Feminine*. A very, very challenging account of why a woman of deep faith and Christian commitment, and a gifted writer, has left the Church.

Among the spiritual books I've read this year, two stand out:

- W.H. Vanstone, *The Structure of Waiting*. A truly brilliant, deep study of the Passion of Jesus and what it can teach us about waiting. This book deeply influenced Henri Nouwen.

- Bill Plotkin, *Soulcraft, Crossing into the Mysteries of Nature and Psyche*. Written from a naturalist rather than a faith perspective, this book might be disturbing to some, but contains many psychological insights (and testimonies about inner transformation)

that can, I believe, be very helpful in understanding how the soul journeys.

Finally, a couple of biographies and autobiographies:

- Doris Lessing, *Under My Skin, Volume One of My Autobiography, to 1949*, and *Walking in the Shade, 1949-1962, Volume Two of My Autobiography*. The first two volumes of Lessing's autobiography are written as befits a Nobel Prize winner: They not only tell Lessing's story, they also give the reader a feel for English and African culture and politics during nearly half a century. An adult *Diary of Anne Frank*.

- Don Brophy, *Catherine of Siena: A Passionate Life*. If you know next to nothing about Catherine of Sienna, and I didn't when I purchased this book, this is a good place to start. It's the most recent biography of a truly exceptional woman.

- Lorna Crozier, *Small Beneath the Sky*. I may be biased because the author is from Saskatchewan (my roots as well) and sets her story there, but this is a good piece of writing which, among other things, shows how the prairies help shape a soul.

- Nora Ephron, *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections*. The author of "When Harry Met Sally" is approaching 70 and offers a very witty account of growing older. Beyond the wit and the fine writing, this book is a wonderful challenge to our innate grandiosity that likes to mask itself as seriousness.

De gustibus non est disputandum.

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Feb. 6 is the centenary of the birth of Ronald Wilson Reagan, one of the most intriguing public figures of our time.

Clark Clifford, the ultimate Washington “insider,” dismissed him as an “amiable dunce.” Yet Reagan’s posthumously published diaries and speech notes show a man of considerable insight and intelligence, who was shrewd enough to understand that the contempt of the elites was a political asset in securing the loyalty of the electorate and in getting what he wanted out of Congress and the federal bureaucracy.



George Weigel

He was feared by arms controllers and the foreign policy establishment as a man likely to blunder into a nuclear Armageddon. Yet recent studies by Martin and Annelise Anderson demonstrate that, unlike the liberal poobahs of deterrence, Reagan never learned to live with the bomb and bent every effort to rid the world of nuclear weapons, through both disarmament and the development of effective strategic defense.

His anti-communism was derided as primitive, unsophisticated and a danger to world peace. Yet the historical record shows that his “simplistic” prescription for ending the Cold War — “We win; they lose” — turned out to be the key to the victory of imperfect democracies over a pluperfect tyranny.

Few great public figures of late modernity have been so misunderstood in their lifetime or revered at their death — with the exception of another man who was never supposed to become the titanic figure he became, Pope John Paul II. And, as I try to show in *The End and the Beginning: Pope John Paul II — The Victory of Freedom, the*

Upon hearing that my mother suffers from advanced Alzheimer’s disease, most people express their sorrow. She has forgotten how to eat and walk, doesn’t know who I am, and her speech is a mixture of gibberish and indecipherable English. While I must admit that it is difficult at times, I am blessed that the Lord has allowed her to remain in my life. Let me explain some of the ways that God still works through my mother and the important lessons that we can all learn from her disease.

Gary Zimak

- My mother’s condition allows me to practice unconditional love. When I was a baby, my mother loved me without asking anything in return. She would wake up in the middle of the night, change my diapers and take care of me while my father went to work. As most parents will affirm, being awakened from a sound sleep by a screaming child is not fun. However, it’s something that we do out of love. Many

The Reagan Centenary

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AND POPE JOHN PAUL II

Last Years, the Legacy, these two unexpected giants of the late 20th century had strikingly parallel biographies, despite the obvious differences in their backgrounds and interests.

They were both orphaned young: the future pope, literally; the future president, virtually, given the alcoholism of his father.

They were both men of the theater, whose extensive acting experience gave them both crucial skills and a conviction: that the word of truth, spoken clearly and forcefully

enough, could cut through the static of evil’s lies, rally hearts and souls, and create possibilities where only obstacles were apparent.

Their understanding of, and loathing for, communism came to both of them early: Reagan, through his battles with Hollywood communists for control of the Screen Actors Guild; John Paul II, through his experience of the brutalitarian period of Polish communism after World War II. Both knew that the crucial battle with communism was in the realm of the human

spirit, for communism proposed a false, yet seductive, view of the human future that could best be matched by a nobler vision of human freedom.

They were both dismissed as “conservatives” by pundits for whom “conservative” was a polite placeholder for “reactionary.” Yet the truth of the matter was that both were radicals: Reagan, in his convictions about ridding the world of nuclear weapons; John Paul, in the depth of his Christian discipleship.

There was no “holy alliance” between them, as some overly imaginative reporters have alleged. But there was deep mutual respect. Shortly before Christmas 2001, John Paul II asked me, “How is President Reagan?” As it happened, I had just run into former Attorney General Edwin Meese, who had told me a story that I shared with the pope. Meese had gone to the christening of the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan earlier that year, and had brought the former president (whose illness prevented him from attending) the typical ship’s baseball cap, emblazoned “U.S.S. Ronald Reagan CV-76,” that had been given out on the occasion. Reagan, a gentleman to the end, responded, “Thank you, Ed. That’s very kind. But why would anyone name a ship after me?” Twelve years after leaving office, the most consequential president since Franklin Roosevelt had no memory of having led his country, and the free world, for eight years.

John Paul II, who could not imagine the unreflected-upon life, was saddened by my tale, and asked that I get word of his solidarity in prayer to Mrs. Reagan. It’s a comfort to imagine these two happy warriors now, in different circumstances, beyond the reach of either misunderstanding or sorrow.

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Encountering God Through Alzheimer’s Disease

My mother’s condition allows me to practice unconditional love.

children never get the chance to repay their parents for the unconditional love heaped upon them in their infancy. Through my mother’s Alzheimer’s disease, God is allowing me to return a small portion of that love.

- I am reminded that some events are beyond our human comprehension. As the prophet Isaiah states, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa 55:8-9). Sometimes we can’t figure out God’s actions and need to trust that He knows

what He’s doing. Accepting this fact can bring us great peace and further affirms the fact that He is the Creator and we are His creatures.

- I am witnessing a living example of the Catholic teaching that all lives are equal and of my obligation to defend that position. In today’s society, we hear a lot about “quality of life” and the implication that some people’s lives are worth more than others. Because they can’t adequately defend themselves, unborn babies and the elderly bear the brunt of this attitude.

My mother and other vulnerable members of society need people to support and defend their God-given right to life.

Failing to do so results in denial of the Lord as the “author of life” (Acts 3:15). In his encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, Pope John Paul II stated that, “Man’s life comes from God; it is His gift, His image and imprint, a sharing in His breath of life. God, therefore, is the sole Lord of this life: Man cannot do with it as he wills” (*Evangelium Vitae*, 39).

Despite the fact that she is confined to her room and can’t use words to convey her thoughts, my mother continues to teach me about the dignity of human life and the importance of trusting in God’s will. As Catholics, it is important that we not only learn that lesson, but share it with the world. In a society that is increasingly determined to control life and death, we must act as beacons of light and proclaim the message that every life is sacred in the eyes of the Lord.

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‘Secretariat’ and the Human Race

Racehorse film provokes pro-life thoughts

There is a heartbreaking scene in the movie “Secretariat,” where the main character, Penny, is unable to attend her daughter’s performance because of another commitment — her commitment to save the family horse farm and shepherd the racehorse Secretariat to victory.



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Penny is on the phone with her son, who is attending his sister’s play. He holds the receiver up, so that Penny can hear her beloved daughter sing “Silent Night.” She lies across her bed, sobbing, because she is unable to be with her daughter on her big night. Actress Diane Lane expertly projects her character’s grief, showing her to be inconsolable because of her separation from her teenage girl.

In watching that scene, I couldn’t help but think of the pain of women who will never hear their daughters sing Christmas carols, let alone see them perform. Their separation from their daughters represents a life term in an emotional prison constructed by the abortion industry.

Who hears their cries?

Certainly it is not Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion operation in the United States. While claiming to speak on behalf of women, the abortion giant offers no solace to women who regret their abortion deci-



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BORN TO RUN: Diane Lane stars in a scene from the movie “Secretariat.”

sions. It seems these women are also invisible to the “pro-choice” members of Congress, who fail to recognize the fact that abortion is no ticket to prosperity and peace of mind.

If anything, abortion impoverishes women, casting them as victims rather than empowering them to mother their children. Without support and a healthy grieving process, serenity following an abortion can be hard to come by, since the woman is left with a long list of what-ifs: What if the child had been born? What if she had grown up to be a scientist on the brink of a cure for heart disease? What if she had married and had children of her own? What if I had realized what an incredible gift she was — even in the womb?

1973 was the year that Secretariat burst across the finish line in the three legs of the Triple Crown, earning it the title of the greatest racehorse of all time. 1973 was also the year that the U.S. Supreme Court decided that the unborn children of America did not have a right to join the human race.

The legend of Secretariat lives on at the local movie theater. The pain of the 1973 Supreme Court decision known as *Roe v. Wade* crushes spirits at the neighborhood abortion center.

There might have been another feisty female horse owner who could have captured more than one 21st-century Triple Crown. But if she was aborted, we’ll never know her.

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Basic Catechist Formation

48-hour course grants California Catechist Certification. Cost: \$65/person. Upcoming course offered at:

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Oceanside — 6-9 p.m., starting Tuesday, Feb. 1, and continuing on Tuesday evenings and five Saturdays. Call (760) 945-8012.

Master Catechist In-Service

“Echoes of Faith” with Jo Rotunno. 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. A business meeting for the master catechists and lunch is included. No fee.

Infant Baptism Team Formation

The course will take place from 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Calexico. Lunch included. Fee: \$30.

Catechist Workshop

“Praying in Color,” from 6:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. Fee: \$15.

Leadership In-Service

“Junior High Ministry: Fun Catechesis and Ideas,” from 9 a.m.–noon, Tuesday, Feb. 8, at St. Anthony of Padua

Parish, Imperial. No fee.

Catechist Workshop

“Encouraging Young People to Pray,” from 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, at St. Mark Parish, San Marcos. Fee: \$15.

Catechist Workshop

“The Lenten Journey” workshop for preschool through junior high catechists, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. Fee: \$15.

Curriculum Day

Curriculum Day will take place from 8:45 a.m.–2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. Lunch is included. No fee.

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Es un curso de 48 horas y costo: \$65.

La parroquia el St. Jude Shrine of the West, comienzo 18 de mayo, 6:30–9 p.m., y continuará los miércoles y viernes.

Curso de Métodos Prácticos para el Catequista

Curso comienzo 18 de enero, 6-9 p.m., y continuará 25 de enero, 1 y 8 de febrero en el Centro Pastoral. Costo: \$60.

Formadores de Catequistas

“Ecos de Fe” con Carlos Villareal, 27 de enero, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Junta con almuerzo seguirá en el Centro Pastoral. No costo.

Conferencia de Renovación

“Manual para los catequistas de hoy” con Dr. José Antonio Medina, 5 de febrero, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., en la parroquia St. Mark, San Marcos. Costo: \$15.

Taller de Cuaresma

“El Trayecto de La Cuaresma,” 15 de febrero, 6-9 p.m., en el Centro Pastoral. Costo: \$15.

Día de Currículo

Día de Currículo, 17 de febrero, 8:45 a.m.–2 p.m., en el Centro Pastoral. No costo. Incluye almuerzo.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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If you are in need of spiritual support and would like to give or receive support from other people like you in similar circumstances, please contact the diocesan Office for Social Ministry’s Restorative Justice Program at (858) 490-8375; en Español, (858) 490-8327; or email jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore.

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Ministry to the Incarcerated

Catholic adults can serve on teams ministering to Catholic inmates in a variety of detention facilities. For information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, email jwalsh@diocese-sdiego.org or call (858) 490-8375.

Courage

Personal/group ministry to those with same-sex attraction. Group meetings: 7 p.m., every other Saturday evening, at St. John the Evangelist Parish, San Diego. Chaplain: Father Richard Huston. Call (858) 271-0207 (office) or (858) 578-5764 (private).

Encourage

Personal/group ministry to families and friends of those with same-sex attraction. This ministry adheres to Church teaching on homosexuality and offers support through prayer, counseling and fellowship. Meetings: 9 a.m., one Saturday morning each month, at Good Shepherd Parish in San Diego. Chaplain: Father Richard Huston. Call (858) 271-0207 (office) or (858) 578-5764 (private).

PARISH EVENTS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

- Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at Holy Spirit Parish (2725 55th St., San Diego). Member card needed for night entrance; membership obtained through parish office. For information, call (619) 262-2435.
- Open 24 hours daily, except during Sunday Mass, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas). For information, call (760) 635-2573.

Healing Mass

Jan. 26 at St. James Parish in Solana Beach. 7 p.m. Mass preceded by music and testimony at 6:30 p.m. Celebrant: Father Donald Timone. For information, call (858) 481-6911.

Healing Prayer

Held at St. James Parish in Solana Beach. Every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass, on second Tuesdays (NEW TIME) from 7-8:15 p.m., and on third Saturdays after the 5 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. For information, call (858) 481-6911.

School Open House

Sacred Heart School (706 C Ave., Coronado) welcomes prospective parents and students to an all-school open house from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Jan. 30. For information, call (619) 437-4431.

Concert

Josh Blakesley, Jackie Francois and Ennie Hickman will be featured in an “Adore Worship Night” concert, 7 p.m., Feb. 28, at St. John of the Cross Parish in Lemon Grove. For tickets, visit www.stjohncrossparish.org or call (619) 466-3209.

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Bingo and Luncheon

Noon, Jan. 29, in the Our Lady of the Rosary parish hall. Doors open at 11 a.m. Event sponsored by the Our Lady of the Rosary Guild. Cost: \$20, includes lunch and two bingo cards; additional cards can be purchased at the door. Cash prizes will be awarded. Attendees must be aged 18 and older. For tickets, call (619) 615-0210 or (619) 296-6484.

Writer’s Group

A writer’s group open to adults of all ages, genres and levels of writing meets at 7 p.m., every third Tuesday, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (1638 Polk Ave.). Participants must be practicing Catholics faithful to the Magisterium. Group offers faith, encouragement and support. For information, call (619) 220-8652.

‘Fat Tuesday’

St. Mary School in Escondido will celebrate its 60th anniversary with its annual Fat Tuesday event Feb. 26 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Includes Cajun surf & turf dinner, live entertainment, silent and live auction. Tickets: \$60/person. For information, tickets or to donate auction items, visit www.stmesc.org or call (760) 743-3431.

Valentine Luncheon

The St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild is hosting a Valentine luncheon Feb. 14 at the Hilton Mission Valley. Event benefits children at Father Joe’s Villages. Schedule: 10:45 a.m., silent auction preview; 11 a.m., social and bidding; noon, luncheon. Cost: \$45/person. For information or to RSVP, call (619) 224-2085.

Council of Catholic Women

- The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is having a board meeting Jan. 26. It will be hosted by the South Bay Deanery.

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For information, call (619) 993-0229.

- The Oceanside Deanery Council of Catholic Women will host a meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m., Feb. 9, at St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside. Cost: \$5. Reservations required by Feb. 4. Call (760) 758-9949.

Central SD Magnificat

Next meeting: 9:30 a.m., Feb. 5, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker: Maureen Scanlon will share her personal “resurrection” experience. RSVP at (858) 578-1256.

‘Love Our Priests’

The Love Our Priests prayer group will meet for Mass at 10 a.m., Feb. 12, at Ascension Parish. Guest speaker: Father Nabil Mouannes of St. Ephrem Maronite Church. Bring potluck item to share after Mass. For information, call (858) 560-7132.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Court Immaculata 1854 meets at 10 a.m., on the second Thursday of the month, in the St. Mary Magdalene Parish conference room. For information, call Dorothy Price at (619) 275-0094.

New Paths

New Paths, a free support group for the separated and divorced, meets at 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday from Feb. 15-May 3, at Sacred Heart Parish (655 C Ave., Coronado). For information, call (619) 435-6136.

Support for Separated/Divorced

A support group for anyone suffering from the pain associated with a separation or divorce meets at 10:15 a.m., every Sunday, at the St. James Parish Ministry Center in Solana Beach. For more information and a

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meeting calendar, call (760) 533-1520 or email fugrant@gmail.com.

Holy Spirit Ministry

- Mass/healing service: 7:30 p.m., Feb. 4, at Sacred Heart Parish in Ocean Beach; 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21, at Holy Spirit Parish. Healing service includes Eucharistic adoration.
- Six-day contemplative retreat, March 15-20.
- Retreat for priests, Feb. 22-25, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Benedictine Abbey in Pecos, N.M.
- Bible study continues with the Psalms at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit parish hall. Listen online at <http://www.neuwe.com/live>.
- For information, call (619) 262-9685 or visit www.holyspiritministry.net.

WORKSHOPS, RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

Guardian Angel Workshop

“Getting to Know Your Guardian Angel”

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will be presented by Claretian Father John Hampsch from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 29, at Our Mother of Confidence Parish. Cost (including lunch): \$25 before Jan. 22; \$30 after Jan. 22. For information, call (858) 546-0300 or email vcurran1@san.rr.com

After-Abortion Healing

After-abortion healing retreat, Feb. 4-6, at St. Mary’s Retreat Center in Escondido. The overnight retreat for Catholic (or Catholic-friendly) women will be led by Rachel’s Hope (www.RachelsHope.org). Cost: \$100; partial scholarships available. For information/registration, contact Leslie Brunolli at (760) 743-3160 or LBrunolli@yahoo.com.

Day of Spiritual Renewal

OCP artist Pedro Rubalcava will lead an in-service for Imperial Valley liturgical ministers. Feb. 12 (in English) at St. Mary Parish in El Centro; Feb. 19 (in Spanish) at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Imperial. For information, e-mail liturgy@diocese-sdiego.org or call (858) 490-8290.

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Silent Ignatian Retreats

Preached by Miles Christi priests. For women: Jan. 21-23 in Temecula, Calif.; March 4-6 in Oceanside. For men: Feb. 11-13 in Temecula; May 20-22 in Oceanside. Includes spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration and daily Mass. For information, email california@spiritualexercises.net or call (209) 357-0128.

Girl Scout Religious Recognitions

Girl Scout Catholic religious recognitions training for new moderators will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Feb. 12, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. For information, e-mail kim_brower@cox.net or call (760) 941-0021.

“The Healing Power of Love”

March 10-13 conference, sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists, will feature Francis and Judith MacNutt. For all interested in healing. Registration forms are available at www.ACTheals.org. For information, call (858) 452-7243 or email ACTsandiego43@yahoo.com.

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Matthew 25:35, 40

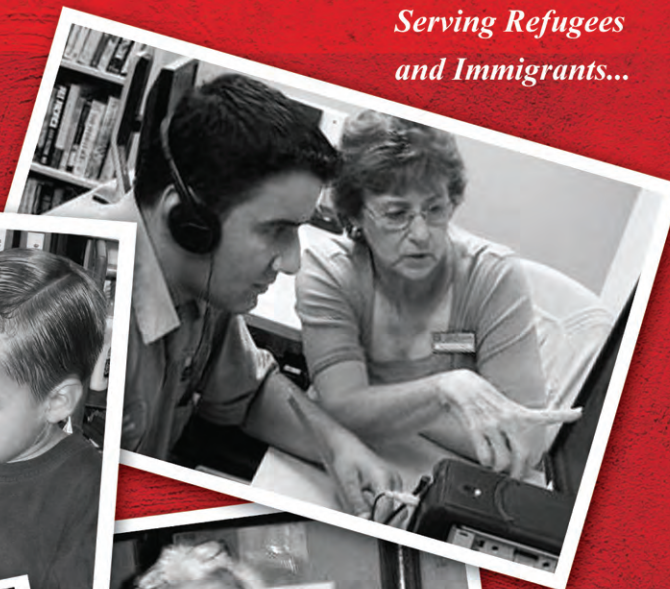
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