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# Removing Schiavo's Tube 'Direct Euthanasia'

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — Removing the feeding tube from Terri Schindler Schiavo, a brain-damaged Florida woman, or other patients in a similar condition amounts to "direct euthanasia," a "cruel way of killing someone," said the Vatican's top bioethicist.

Bishop Elio Sgreccia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, said the academy usually does not comment on specific cases before courts, but "silence in this case could be interpreted as approval."

The bishop told *Vatican Radio* March 11 that withdrawing Schiavo's gastric tube would not be a matter of allowing her to die, but would "inflict death."

Judge George W. Greer of Florida's Pinellas County Circuit Court ruled Feb. 25 that Michael Schiavo, Terri Schiavo's husband, could order doctors to remove the feeding tube March 18.

Her parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, have opposed their son-in-law's efforts.

Bishop Sgreccia spoke to *Vatican Radio* the day after Greer ruled the state's Department of Children and Families could not intervene in the



**SILENT WITNESS:** Young women pray March 17 outside Hospice House Woodside in Pinellas Park, Fla., where Terri Schindler Schiavo is a patient.

process.

Schiavo, 41, has been impaired for the past 15 years. She can breathe on her own but requires nutrition and hydration through a feeding tube.

Bishop Sgreccia told *Vatican Radio*, "Terri Schiavo must be considered a living human person, deprived of full

consciousness, whose juridical rights must be recognized, respected and defended.

"The removal of the gastric tube used for nourishing her cannot be considered an 'extraordinary' measure or a therapeutic measure," he said. "It is an essential part of the

way in which Mrs. Terri Schiavo is nourished and hydrated.

"As far as we are concerned, denying someone access to food and water is a cruel way of killing someone," he said.

"Taking into account only medical and anthropological considerations," he said, "we feel an obligation to affirm that such a decision violates the rights of Terri Schiavo and, therefore, constitutes an abuse of judicial authority."

Bishop Sgreccia said he also was concerned about the precedent the court's decision could set in the United States, creating a situation in which euthanasia is seen "as a right."

Bishop Sgreccia told *Vatican Radio* that the Catholic Church does not support keeping people alive at all costs, going to extraordinary and even painful means to postpone death.

However, he said, keeping a patient clean, warm, fed and hydrated is not the same thing as "therapeutic obstinacy" or the refusal to accept death.

Feeding and hydration are "signs of respect for the human person," whether young or old, healthy or sick, he said.

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## Theology Needs to Develop from Church Teaching

By Agostino Bono

WASHINGTON — The U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine has reaffirmed the hierarchy's encouragement of creative theological work while reminding theologians that their positions must be founded on Church teachings as defined by "the bishops in union with the pope."

Authentic Church teaching extends beyond catechetical instruction and is the foundation for "theological teaching and inquiry," said the U.S. bishops' doctrinal committee statement.

The statement, released by the committee March 17, expressed support for criticism from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that a book by U.S. Jesuit Father Roger Haight contains "serious doctrinal errors" and that Father Haight can no longer teach as a Catholic theologian.

The bishops' statement came a month after the Catholic Theological Society of America's board of directors criticized the Vatican, saying the critique of Father Haight's book blurred the "traditional distinction" between catechetical instruction and the "speculative dimension" of theology.

The statement from the doctrinal committee, which is chaired by San Francisco Archbishop

### Theologians are not permitted to espouse positions contrary to the teaching of Scripture and the ecumenical councils

William J. Levada, was authorized for release by the Administrative Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The statement does not mention the theological society.

The controversy involves Father Haight's 1999 book, *Jesus Symbol of God*.

A notification by the Vatican's doctrinal congregation, approved by Pope John Paul II and published in the Feb. 7-8 Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said doctrinal errors existed in the book concerning the divinity of Jesus, the Trinity, the resurrection of Jesus and the salvific role of the Church.

"Authentic doctrine, contained in the Scriptures and in the apostolic tradition and defined by the councils of the Church, must be the explicit and unambiguous foundation not only for catechetical instruction, but also for theological teaching and inquiry," said the doctrinal committee's statement.

"The competence to judge authoritatively what is and is not in conformity with the faith of the Catholic Church resides within the charism of the bishops in union with the pope," it said.

The doctrinal committee said it issued the statement "to clarify any misconceptions, to affirm our support for the decision of the Holy See and to reassert the importance of authentic theological inquiry."

Bishops must ensure that Catholics "not become confused by ambiguous or erroneous theological speculation," said the statement.

"While the Catholic theological community is not only competent but indeed obliged to address creatively and to debate strenuously theological issues that are open to authentic development, theologians are not permitted to espouse theological positions that are contrary to the teaching of Scripture and the ecumenical councils of the Church," it said.

The bishops' committee statement said that the Vatican decision "is a judgment solely on the author's suitability to teach Catholic theology given his own present mistaken theological positions" and "does not comment on the author's personal character."

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## Local Catholics to Push Legislators on Death Bill

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

PASTORAL CENTER — The California effort to legalize physician-assisted suicide now has a name and number: it's AB 654 — California's *Compassionate Choice Act*. The Assembly bill is now before State Assembly committees, says Kent Peters, director of the Office for Social Ministry.

The bill was introduced to the state assembly on Feb. 17 by Assemblywoman Patty Berg and Assemblyman Lloyd Levine.

"Only in California would those who kill their loved ones be called caring and those who want to care for them be labeled callous and hard-hearted," said Peters, in response to the effort.

Peters said many legislators are refusing to take a public stand on the bill. He thinks this is a ruse that will allow them to vote for the measure at the last minute while taking the minimum of political heat.

It will be a "done deal" when it hits the newspapers, Peters says.

He and many other Catholics around the state do not intend to allow this to happen.

"We decided to do an early push on the Assembly members to scuttle the

legislation," says Peters. "We don't know where each of the Assembly members stand. That's what we need to determine."

The Office for Social Ministry, along with the California Catholic Conference and other statewide social ministry offices, is doing what it can to convince Assembly members not to support the proposed bill.

"We are getting signatures on petitions against the bill and delegations are taking these signatures to the Assembly members in person in their local offices," says Peters. The delegations are organized by Culture of Life coordinators in the San Diego parishes and include lay leaders, physicians and people who can present the disability perspective. Thus far, in San Diego, three visits have been made: to Jay La Seur, to George Plescia, and to an aide of Juan Vargas.

Peters says that supporters couch the legislation in the language of compassion in order to make it sound benign. But if it passes, he says, it will threaten many of the sick and disabled throughout society.

"There will be tremendous family pressure on the disabled and elderly to take the cheaper way out," says Peters. There are many who will



**DELEGATION VISIT:** A delegation of concerned Catholics visit Assembly-member George Plescia (in tie) to discuss concerns over AB654.

push for euthanasia rather than face the high costs of ongoing medical care. It will be the weak and vulnerable who pay the ultimate price.

"This isn't simply a religious issue," he emphasizes. "It's about family, what family and relationships should be about. If this law passes, it will further destroy the foundation for living harmoniously with each other."

"We don't want our culture destroyed," says Peters. "We don't want our families to live with the shame that they killed someone in their family."

There are several ways that individuals can help defeat the bill, primari-

ly by contacting Assembly members.

"Call your Assembly member and request that he or she share opposition to AB 654 with members of the Assembly Health Committee," says Peters. "Even if you called last month, a second call is in order, given that the bill has been formally introduced and will be heard in committee."

Tell your Assembly member, "We can do better than to kill our family members in the name of compassion," says Peters.

You can find contact information for your assembly member by entering your zip code at [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org).

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## At North American Summit, Immigration on Forefront

WASHINGTON — As the presidents of the United States, Mexico and Canada prepared to hold a summit meeting March 23, advocates for immigration reform lined up to press Congress and the White House to "repair a broken system."

Washington Auxiliary Bishop Kevin J. Farrell said the consequences of the immigration system's failures are seen daily by the Church "in our parishes, schools, hospitals and health care centers, and social service programs around the country."

Speaking at a March 17 press conference organized by the National Immigration Forum, Bishop Farrell, a member of the bishops' migration committee and an immigrant from Ireland himself, said "the status quo is unacceptable. ... We must change our immigration laws so that migrants and their families may enter our nation in a safe, orderly, legal and humane manner."

There is widespread agreement that the current system encourages illegal, unsafe and disorderly immigration, but there is no widespread consensus on how to address the problem.

In recent years, U.S. bishops have supported proposals that do not find wide support among the laity; this includes support from several state conferences of bishops for the granting of drivers licenses to those in the country illegally.

Mexican President Vicente Fox has said he intends to press President George W. Bush during their meeting to provide a way for some of the estimated 10 million illegal immigrants in the United States to regularize their status.

Bush has said he wants a new guest worker program for immigrants to take U.S. jobs that cannot be filled by people already in the country. His proposal would include offering temporary legal status to people who are currently in the United States illegally.

Bishop Farrell said the bishops support changes that include a way for illegal immigrants to obtain permanent legal residency. They also want a dramatic reduction in the amount of time people wait for visas under family reunification programs and a way of protecting the labor rights of foreign and U.S. workers. He said they also support efforts to address the root causes of immigration, "so migrants may remain at home to support their families."

Information from the U.S. Catholic bishops immigration office is available at [www.usccb.org/mrs/](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/).

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**COVER ART:** Jesus Christ is depicted in "The Risen Lord," a contemporary painting by Chinese Christian artist He Qi. Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, is marked March 27 this year. It is the oldest and most important Christian celebration.



## World News in Brief

### New Poll Shows Growing Opposition to *Roe*

WASHINGTON — A recent Harris Interactive Poll showed the strongest opposition in years to the Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* decision that legalized abortion. In the poll, 52 percent of Americans support *Roe* and 47 percent do not; in 1998, those figures were 57 percent and 41 percent, respectively. But it is likely that even fewer Americans support the Supreme Court's 1973 abortion decision than the poll indicates, according to Cathy Cleaver Ruse, of the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. The poll described the *Roe* decision as having legalized abortions only for the first six months of pregnancy, but *Roe* and its companion decision, *Doe vs. Bolton*, "made abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy," creating "an unlimited right to abortion, and most people think an unlimited right to abortion is wrong."

### Philippine Catholics Fear Muslim Retaliation

MANILA, Philippines — The siege that ended a prison revolt led by members of the terrorist Abu Sayyaf group has left concerns about possible retaliation and the impact of the crisis on the community near the prison. Bishop Martin Jumoad of Isabela planned to meet with the local army commander to ask for more security forces in all parishes for Holy Week, from March 20 until Easter, March 27. "I am not afraid for myself, but if one bomb is exploded in any of our parishes during Holy Week, we will be back to the fear of 2000-2003 that paralyzed the prelature," or diocese in formation, the bishop said March 16. The police chief already has told him there are no extra forces to spare to protect churches, because they are already "on alert" for Abu Sayyaf members reportedly still hiding around the island province of Basilan.

### Massacre Priest-Survivor Condemns Ruling

WARSAW, Poland — A Catholic priest who survived a 1940 Soviet massacre of Polish officers condemned a Russian prosecutor's ruling that the crime cannot be considered an act of genocide. "If this isn't genocide, then what is?" said 86-year-old Father Zdzislaw Peszkowski, chaplain of Poland's Katyn Families Association. "What should all the widows and orphaned families say whose husbands, fathers, uncles and grandfathers were murdered?" he asked. In the spring of 1940, Soviet forces shot more than 21,000 interned officers in the Katyn Forest, in what was then eastern Poland, in a campaign to destroy national morale. Around 2,000 Soviet secret police were involved in the killings, which were ordered March 5, 1940, by Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.

### Dominican Sister Released, Refuses to Pay

POULSBORO, Wash. — Undeterred by more than two years in prison, Dominican Sister Jackie Hudson returned home March 6 determined to continue her peace activism while refusing to pay restitution money to the federal government because she said it would be spent on violent means. Sister Hudson, 70, and two other Dominican sisters were ordered to pay \$3,080 for cutting through a 32-foot section of fence on Oct. 6, 2002, to gain access to a Minuteman III missile silo site in northern Colorado as part of an anti-nuclear weapons protest. They were later convicted on sabotage charges and sentenced to 30 to 40 months in prison.

## RU-486 Suspension Act Legislation Introduced in House and Senate

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

SAN DIEGO — On March 10, Congressman Roscoe Bartlette (R-MD) and Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) introduced life-saving legislation into Congress to ban RU-486, the abortifacient. The treatment has been shown to cause serious bacterial infections, sepsis, bleeding, ectopic pregnancies and death.

The reinvigorated fight to remove "mifepristone/mifeprex," most commonly known as RU-486, from distribution came after numerous reports of death and serious illness resulting from ingestion of the pill.

"Even people that do not agree with us on the life issue ought to agree with us that when a woman takes a drug that can endanger her life, she needs to know the risk," said Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO) during a press conference after the bill's introduction.

Under the Clinton Administration, RU-486 was put on an accelerated approval process intended for experimental drugs in the treatment of life-threatening illnesses. Even at that time, RU-486 was known to have serious side effects such as hemorrhaging and uterine rupture — yet the drug was approved.

"The approval process for this drug was sub-standard at the very minimum," said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, in a written response to the news. "If the FDA were serious about protecting women, drugs like RU-486, that have demonstrated numerous tragic and even fatal side effects, would be further restricted, if not banned altogether."

According to Paul Weyrich, Chairman and CEO of the Free Congress Foundation, the biggest supporters of RU-486 have been organizations such as NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood (PPA). On its Web page "fact sheet," "Mifepristone: Expanding Women's Options for Early Abortion," PPA credits RU-486 as having "demonstrated effectiveness, safety and acceptability." The NARAL Pro-Choice America webpage on RU-

486/Mifepristone says the abortifacient "offers women an early, safe and effective medical alternative to surgical abortion." NARAL Pro-Choice America contends that countries such as Britain and Sweden have found it to be a safe alternative to surgical abortion.

However, documented cases of death due to ingesting RU-486 can be found in Great Britain and elsewhere in Europe.

*LifeSiteNews.com* reported on March 16, 2004, that a Swedish girl, Rebecca Tell Berg, 16, had died on June 3, 2003, after having been convinced by the staff of a hospital to use the RU-486 pill rather than undergo a suction abortion. The death was attributed by the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare in Gothenburg to the RU-486 treatment. Canada suspended its own trial of RU-486 in 2001 after a woman died.

"The FDA has now added a warning label to RU-486," said Perkins. "However, deaths associated with RU-486 came as a result of bacterial infection, a symptom which is not immediately recognized."

Supporters have named the bill *Holly's Law* in memory of Holly Patterson, 18, who died of a systemic infection in 2003 after obtaining RU-486 from a Planned Parenthood clinic in Hayward, Calif. Patterson is one of three American women who have died after taking the drug.

David Brody, congressional correspondent for the Christian Broadcasting Network, reported recently that eight of the 11 members of the committee picked by the FDA in 1996 to review RU-486 had either been affiliated with pro-abortion organizations or made statements in favor of abortion. Brody reported that committee chairman Ezra Davidson had asserted in a 1993 *Los Angeles Times* article that Planned Parenthood needed a more aggressive presence in less affluent neighborhoods because the need was so great for its services. Davidson also served on Planned Parenthood's 2002 Advisory Board.

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## Church Attacks Death Penalty

By Patricia Zapor

WASHINGTON — Bolstered by trends in public policy and new polling data showing that Catholics increasingly oppose capital punishment, the U.S. bishops March 21 kicked off Holy Week by launching a Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.

The U.S. bishops as a group have spoken out against the death penalty several times since the 1970s, including a comprehensive 1980 statement and a 1999 Good Friday appeal. Individual bishops and state or regional Church organizations also have issued dozens of statements and pastoral letters on the topic.

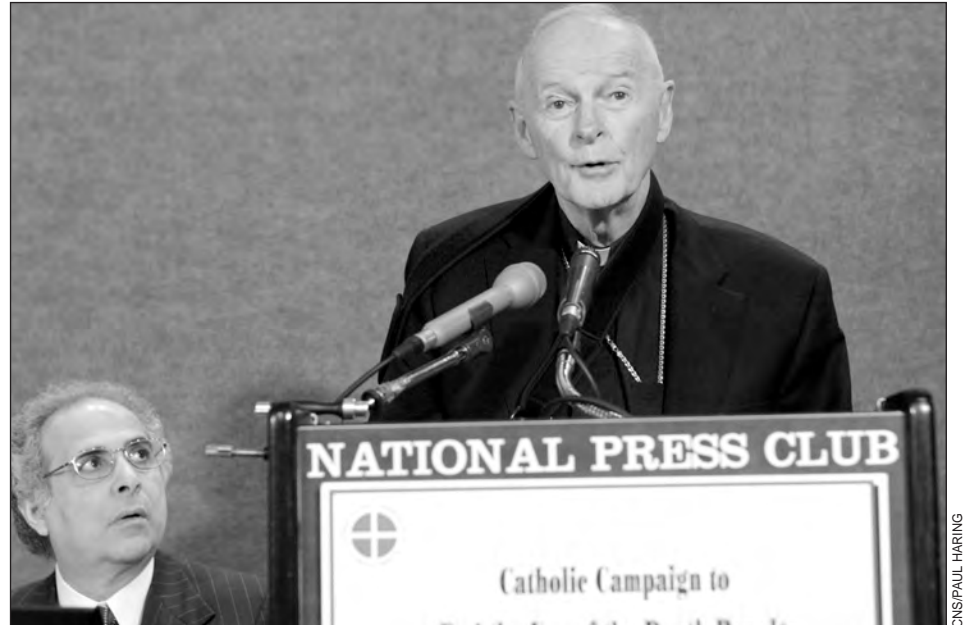
"But this campaign is new," said Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington at the press conference where the campaign was announced. "It brings greater urgency and unity, increased energy and advocacy and a renewed call to our people and to our leaders to end the use of the death penalty in our nation."

Cardinal McCarrick said the campaign will include educational efforts through schools, parishes, universities and seminaries; advocacy with Congress and state legislatures and before the courts; working to change the debate about the death penalty and challenging the notion that justice allows "an eye for an eye"; as well as prayer and reflection.

Pollster John Zogby presented data from his two recent polls showing nearly half of Catholics now oppose capital punishment, a shift of about 20 percent from polls as recent as 2001, when 68 percent of Catholics polled by CBS supported the death penalty.

He said he found the Catholics most likely to oppose the death penalty are those who go to church most frequently. Fifty-six percent of those who attend Mass at least weekly oppose the death penalty, compared to 50 percent of less frequent churchgoers, he found.

Zogby said the shift in opinion



**LAUNCH OF ANTI-DEATH PENALTY INITIATIVE:** Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington speaks at a March 21 press conference.

among Catholics seems to be that they are hearing and taking to heart the Church's teaching that fundamental respect for human life includes even those guilty of crimes. Pope John Paul II and the Catechism of the Catholic Church say that while

the state has the right to resort to capital punishment in order to protect society, in the modern world the death penalty is unnecessary because such circumstances are essentially nonexistent.

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## California Catholic Conference Wants Same-Sex Ruling Overturned

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The executive director of the California Catholic Conference has expressed hope that the California Supreme Court will overturn a lower court ruling permitting same-sex marriages in the state.

The ruling, which declares that state law banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, violates sacred Church Traditions and a fundamental aspect of civil society, said Ned Dolejsi, executive director of the conference, the public policy arm of the state's Catholic bishops.

The ruling was made March 14 by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer, who said that the current situation of denying marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples is discriminatory.

"Simply put, same-sex marriage cannot be prohibited solely because California has always done so before," said the ruling.

"One does not have to be married in order to procreate, nor does one have to procreate in order to be married," it said.

In a March 15 statement, Dolejsi criticized Kramer for ruling that there is no

rational purpose to limiting marriage to a man and a woman.

"Marriage, by both custom and biology, is the source of family and children," said Dolejsi. "The union of a man and a woman is sacramental to the Church, traditional to the public and fundamental to civil society."

The ruling also "appears to invalidate the judgment of the California electorate just five years ago" when Proposition 22 was passed limiting marriage to a man and a woman, he said.

"We expect that this unfortunate decision will be appealed to, and hopefully overturned by, the California Supreme Court," he said.

Dolejsi also asked the California Legislature to suspend, during the appeals process, consideration of a bill that would allow same-sex marriages.

The bill would establish marriage as a personal relationship resulting from a civil contract between two people without regard to gender.

Kramer's ruling is automatically suspended for 60 days to allow time for appeals.

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## Vatican News in Brief

### Updating Mass Prayers in English a Priority

VATICAN CITY — Providing English-speaking Catholics with accurate, updated Mass prayers is a priority that must be backed up with the resources necessary to complete the project. Members of the Vatican-appointed *Vox Clara* committee, met March 8-10 to review proposed prayer texts. The Vatican established *Vox Clara*, a 12-member committee led by Australian Cardinal George Pell of Sydney, in 2001 to advise the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments on matters related to the translation of Latin liturgical texts into English. The major project involves the translation into English of the third edition of the *Roman Missal*, which was published in 2002. The Roman Missal contains the texts of the prayers used for Mass in the Latin rite.

### Displaced Africans, Refugees Need Help

VATICAN CITY — Facing hunger, rape and death, refugees and displaced people in Sudan's Darfur region and throughout Africa must be given greater assistance by the international community said Msgr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu, a staff member at the Vatican's observer mission to U.N. agencies in Geneva, March 10. The United Nations estimates that more than 1.8 million people are internally displaced in Darfur or are living across the border in refugee camps in Chad. Msgr. Nwachukwu said progress made last year in assisting refugees around the world "is clouded now by insufficient funding and by the worsening of violence and ill-treatment of the displaced population of Darfur, where the humanitarian situation is critical." Msgr. Nwachukwu said the situation calls for stronger leadership on the part of the United Nations.

### Pope Reminds Catholics: Go to Confession

VATICAN CITY — Catholics must remember that they may not receive Communion if they have committed a serious sin and have not gone to confession, Pope John Paul II said in a message released at the Vatican March 12. In the year the Church has dedicated to the Eucharist, it is important to remind people of the importance of going to confession, the pope said. "Only one who has a sincere awareness of not having committed a mortal sin can receive the body of Christ," he said. He added that in an age when people seem to forget about God and ignore the reality of sin, people must understand that Christ is calling them to conversion, "which presupposes a conscious confession of their sins and the request for forgiveness and salvation."

### In Appearance, Pope Blesses Rome's Youth

ROME — In a brief live TV appearance, a pale and thin Pope John Paul II gave his blessing March 17 to young Romans preparing for World Youth Day. An estimated 2,000 young adults gathered at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome's cathedral, for prayer, singing, reflection and eucharistic adoration. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope's vicar for the Diocese of Rome, presided over the gathering and read to the young people the pope's message, which began by thanking them. "Oh, Jesus in the Eucharist," the pope's message said, "I entrust to you the young people of Rome, ..., their feelings, affections and plans. Jesus, ..., love them. Jesus, ..., heal the wounds of their spirits."

## St. Faustina Kowalska's Letters Published in Her Native Poland

By Jonathan Luxmoore

WARSAW, Poland — The letters of St. Faustina Kowalska, the nun whose visions gave rise to the Divine Mercy devotions, have been published in her native Poland.

The volume, issued by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, contains 50 letters to family members, fellow nuns and her confessor, Father Michal Sopocko.



ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

In one, she describes her visions a year before her death from tuberculosis.

"I now feel such a strong longing

to unite myself forever with God that I'm surprised death delays in coming to me," St. Faustina wrote to the priest. "I live in one permanent act of love, but I feel my heart will not long withstand."

The book includes the saint's comments about her hospitalization and expressing concern for the health of Father Sopocko, who advised her to keep a diary of her visions. The diary was published in 1980.

"Just as a manufacturer scrambles for cash, so we nuns should scramble for the cash of suffering and join our petty daily sufferings with the sufferings of Christ," St. Faustina wrote to a fellow sister. "By joining them, our own currency gains unlimited value, so we can buy immortal souls with it, the souls of poor sinners."

St. Faustina experienced her first visions of Christ promising God's mercy "even to the worst of sinners" in 1931. The pope, who was a Krakow student at the time of St. Faustina's death in 1938, beatified the visionary in 1993 and canonized her in April 2000.

Divine Mercy Sunday, marked annually on the second Sunday of Easter, has grown rapidly since the late 1970s.

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## Syria's Withdrawal Will Help Ease Divisions, Lebanese Cardinal Says

By Patricia Zapor

WASHINGTON — Syrian troops' departure from Lebanon will remove the major reason for the Lebanese people to be divided, said Cardinal Nasrallah P. Sfeir, Maronite Catholic patriarch.

As international pressure forced Syria to begin withdrawing from Lebanon, Cardinal Sfeir told *Catholic News Service* that divisions among the Lebanese people seen in recent rival protest marches were a factor of the Syrian occupation.

"If Syria will withdraw from Lebanon there is no reason to be divided. It's not that the Lebanese are divided, but someone has divided them," he said in a Washington interview March 15.

The same day, the cardinal met Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick and members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in

Washington. The next day he met with President Bush; the cardinal said he raised general concerns about the Middle East and sought U.S. support in making Lebanon "a free country, sovereign and independent."

At a press conference March 17, Cardinal Sfeir said Bush promised support for an independent Lebanon with free elections. He also said the United States would coordinate with other countries through the United Nations to bring about a smooth transition to independence.

Syrian troops entered Lebanon as a peacekeeping force in 1976 during the country's civil war. The 1989 Taif Accord officially ended the war and called for Syrian forces to withdraw within two years, but by early March an estimated 15,000 Syrian troops remained.

International pressure on Syria to



**MARONITE CARDINAL MEETS WITH BUSH:** President Bush welcomes Lebanese Cardinal Nasrallah P. Sfeir, patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church, during a meeting at the White House in Washington March 16.

withdraw its troops increased after the Feb. 14 death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri — whose assassination was widely believed to have been at the hands of the Syrians — and by mid-March the first phase of the Syrian pullout was nearly completed.

"The horrible crime that took away the life of [Hariri] has brought more Lebanese closer together than at any other time in recent memory," Cardinal Sfeir said at the press conference. "The perpetrators had not counted on the Lebanese people, of all persuasions, bonding with each other to absorb the shock and to plant the seeds for a strengthened democracy." Only when those responsible for

Hariri's death are held accountable can the country begin to heal, he said.


Cardinal Sfeir said the withdrawal of Syrian forces also would help encourage the return of Lebanese who have left their country for more secure lives elsewhere.

"There are many who would return back to Lebanon if the situation is improved," he said. "But many have left Lebanon because there is no work for them and the political atmosphere was very [difficult]."

"We look forward to see these conditions reversed because the future of Lebanon requires the talents and energy of all her children."

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## Cardinals Among Officials Dedicating Holocaust Museum

By Judith Sudilovsky

JERUSALEM — Under tight security, government officials and dignitaries from 40 countries attended a two-day inauguration of a new Israeli museum designed to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust.

Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, Vatican archivist and former foreign minister, led the Vatican delegation at the ceremonies at the Yad Vashem Holocaust History Museum and told a special assembly that Pope John Paul II wanted participants to know of his "spiritual closeness" and the solidarity of the Catholic Church.

Pope John Paul visited Yad Vashem during his 2000 trip to the Holy Land.

"In acknowledging the immensity of Jewish suffering, we came face to face with the need to be vigilant and to reject indifference," Cardinal Tauran said in his remarks at a special assembly March 16.

Cardinal Tauran said there was "no place or reason" for hatred of the Jews and noted that the Catholic Church respects "the uniqueness of Judaism." Such hatred, he added, would be a "sin against God and humanity."

"If the worst also came forth from the heart of man, so can good equally be made manifest," he said.

Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, retired archbishop of Paris who was born Jewish, was also part of the Vatican delegation. During the war, the cardinal was given shelter in a French monastery, but his mother was killed in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz.

"I think this is an event that touches first of all Jews, but has importance for all of humanity," the *Ha'artez* daily newspaper quoted Lustiger as saying prior to the beginning of the official opening ceremony March 15. "For me it is also a private moment, in which I think about my mother."

The new museum will replace the current historical museum established in the late 1960s as a part of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority. The exhibits were put together in the early 1970s and had become outdated by today's standards of interactive and innovative museum norms, officials said.

Avner Shalev, chief curator of the



**MUSEUM:** Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, former Israeli Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Israel Meir Lau and Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran talk at a reception in Jerusalem.

new museum and chairman of the Yad Vashem directorate, said that as the last of the elderly Holocaust survivors die, there will be almost no opportunities to learn about the Holocaust at a personal level.

"Our main challenge was how to build a pattern of meaningful remembrance for the third and fourth generation [after the Holocaust] without the support of the very personal encounters between those eyewitnesses who are able to deliver their experiences ... to youngsters around the world," said Shalev.

Whereas the old museum had more of a textbook feel, focusing mainly on the facts of the Nazi period, the new museum, which is four times as large as the old one, weaves the personal story of some 90 individuals with the historical story of the Holocaust.

The curators sought to contact as many survivors as possible. In addition to giving testimonies about their lives during those years, many of the survivors donated personal artifacts.

From European and personal archives the museum acquired diaries, art works, letters, notes taken by Nazi officers, and photographs taken by Jews and Nazis, including the personal photo albums of German soldiers who proudly recorded many of their actions.

The new museum includes a section about the systematic extermination of Gypsies, homosexuals and

mentally and physically handicapped people. One exhibit is reserved for the stories of righteous gentiles, including Catholics such as businessman

Oskar Schindler and two Belgian brothers and priests, Fathers Luis and Huber Ceis, who risked their lives to protect Jewish children.

The new museum is only part of a multiyear, \$100 million development plan of the entire Yad Vashem complex, which includes the collection and transfer of archival material to the new archives and library building, promotion of research in the expanded premises of the International Insti-

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tute for Holocaust Research, a new International School for Holocaust Studies, a new entrance plaza and visitor's center and the complete computerization of Yad Vashem's documentation system.

Most of the funding has come from private donations.

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## Stolen Prayers

Tim Welch, a retired federal law enforcement agent and the honorary detective at St. Ignatius Parish in Portland, Ore., is working on a cold case.

The case materialized when Welch was in the quiet church one day helping convert an unused confessional into an alcove for prayer.

When he began pulling out the old dropped ceiling, papers began to flutter down onto his head. They were collection envelopes, but they were empty. The date: Nov. 16, 1956.

Welch searched in the ceiling some more and found an entire collection basket, long handle and all. Those parishioners of the past had put their dimes and quarters in the envelopes and requested prayers for dead loved ones.

The requests did not make it

through until now, and the parish will never get the money, estimated at about \$30. Someone pinched the entire collection basket, slipped into the confessional and took the money.

The thief then probably climbed through a pipe access door and hid the evidence in the ceiling.

Some of the people whose donations were intercepted are still parishioners. They have been assured that their prayer requests are now being honored.

One man no one seems to recall may have won a car but for the thief. Victor Neugebauer had written a \$10 check and filled out tickets for 10 chances on a new 1957 Plymouth station wagon. The thief left the check and tickets in the basket.

"A dastardly crime," Welch said.

## Last 'Exorcist' Priest Dies

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 4 in St. Camillus Chapel in Wauwatosa, Wis., for Jesuit Father Walter H. Halloran, who died at age 83 March 1. He was the last surviving Jesuit involved in a 1949 exorcism case in St. Louis that led to William Peter Blatty's 1971 best seller, *The Exorcist*, and the hit 1973 movie of the same name.

Father Halloran served as an associate pastor at San Rafael Parish in Rancho Bernardo in the 1990s. The priest had been living in retirement at a Jesuit assisted living facility at St. Camillus. No cause of death was reported.

Father Halloran, who was ordained

to the priesthood in 1954, was a Jesuit scholastic at St. Louis University at the time he was assigned to hold down a 14-year-old boy known by the pseudonym "Douglas Deen," while Jesuit Father William Bowdern performed the exorcism with the assistance of Jesuit Father William Van Roo.

In a 1988 interview with the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* daily newspaper, Father Halloran said he observed streaks and arrows and words like "hell" that would rise on the boy's skin. "The little boy would go into a seizure and get quite violent," Father Halloran recalled. "So Father Bowdern asked me to hold him. Yes, he did break my nose."



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## Holy Smoke

Cathedral rector Msgr. Paul J. Swain, left, watches as smoke billows from the steeple and roof of the 150-year-old St. Raphael Cathedral in downtown Madison, Wis., March 14. The early morning fire destroyed the roof of the cathedral and caused significant damage to the interior. No injuries were reported from the fire. The cause was unknown.

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## Local News in Brief

### Diocese Offers Men's Day for Discernment

On Saturday, April 16, the Diocese of San Diego is hosting an Explorer Day for those men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood. The day will be held at St. Francis Center on the campus of the University of San Diego from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free informational forum answers many of the most commonly asked questions regarding priesthood and the process of becoming a priest. *Pick up an application at your parish office or call Father Matthew Spahr at St. Francis Center at (619) 291-7446.*

### Mission to Unveil Bronze Statue of Mary

Mission San Luis Rey will unveil and dedicate an Assumption of Mary statue on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. This 15-foot bronze statue was a gift from Amelia Irvine, a generous and long-time supporter of Mission San Luis Rey. Irvine passed away in 2004 before seeing the completion of her gift, which will grace the Queen of Peace section of the Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery. The statue was sculpted by A. Wasil, a local sculptor who creates works in bronze and other media for public and private collections worldwide. *For more information contact the Mission San Luis Rey Cemetery office at (760) 757-3651 x139 or visit [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org)*

### California Franciscans Celebrate 150 Years

A eucharistic liturgy to thank God for abundant blessings upon the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia will be celebrated April 9 at 10 a.m. at Mission San Antonio in Pala, California. The 700-member community was founded in 1855 in Philadelphia by Mother Mary Francis, a young Bavarian widow and mother, under the guidance of St. John Neumann, then bishop of Philadelphia. From its beginnings, the congregation ministered to the varying needs of God's people — in education, health-care, and ministering with the immigrant, the elderly and the orphaned. San Diego currently has five Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in active ministry — in La Jolla at Mary Star of the Sea Academy and in Pala at Mission San Antonio.

### Marriage Enrichment Programs Offered

Marriage Encounter weekends take talking to a deeper level of listening and understanding. Rekindle the flame on a weekend retreat, offered April 15-17 or May 20-22. Call Lesley Bradley at (619) 449-3987. Catholics in the diocese also offer Natural Family Planning classes. Group classes begin Aug. 10 and Oct. 26. Private classes available as well. *Call Dave and Cheryl Ross at (619) 469-5053.*

### Beginning Experience to Hold Two Retreats

Beginning Experience, a peer-to-peer ministry, has announced its retreat dates for 2005. The nonprofit organization sponsors weekend retreats for widowed, divorced and separated men and women who want to move beyond the grief of their loss. Weekends will be held July 8-10 and Nov. 11-13. During the weekend, a trained team leads participants through a program designed to help people rediscover their uniqueness and self-confidence following a divorce, separation or death. The weekend is grounded in the Catholic faith but open to all. *Call (619) 562-5131 or (858) 484-4609.*

## 'Five Wishes' Medical Directives Are Gift to Families, Loved Ones

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

PACIFIC BEACH — What if you were injured or stricken by stroke or disease tomorrow that renders you incapable of speaking for yourself — would your family know what you want done for you in terms of medical care? Or would they be caught in a nightmare of indecision, or a court battle between family members, each side fighting for what they believe you would have wanted?

One of the greatest gifts you can give to your family, as an adult 18 years or older, are medical directives, stating your wishes for medical care.

On March 18, Liz Sumner, R.N., B.S.N., presented a workshop on "Five Wishes: Medical Directives" at All Hallows Parish. The workshop was sponsored by C.A.R.E., the Care, Advocacy and Resources for our Elders organization in Pacific Beach. Sumner is on the advisory council of C.A.R.E. and has been immersed in hospice care for children and adults for more than 25 years. She is a national consultant and educator on matters of end-of-life care.

"Five Wishes" is a medical directives document, legally valid in California and in 35 other states.

"When you fill out these Five Wishes," said Sumner, "you do something important for yourselves and for those you love. You make those vital decisions for yourself and for loved ones. It's not just about end-of-life care, or death and dying, but it's for the living, a map to guide them."

It's for the elderly, and for the Baby-Boomers, who will now be caring for their aging parents. The Five Wishes

"allow people to talk about what is important to them," letting their loved ones know how to meet their needs, said Sumner. "It ends the bedside guessing game."

"Five Wishes" is a simple document.

- Wish 1 declares who you want to make health care decisions for you — your Health Care Agent.

- Wish 2 is your Living Will, where you dictate general instructions for medical treatment.

- Wish 3 is your opportunity to specify how comfortable you wish to be, and what can be done for you to achieve that comfort.

- Wish 4 is your wish for how you want to be treated, to maintain your God-given dignity.


- Finally, Wish 5 is where you write to your loved ones, the "What's on my heart and in my mind" portion of your living will. This is where you write your burial instructions, wishes for your memorial services and closing matters dear to your heart.

"The 'Five Wishes' document is a gift to those who care about you because it lets them know what you want," said Sumner. "There is no guesswork, no agonizing over end-of-life issues. It allows you to die with dignity."

*Copies of "Five Wishes" can be ordered by calling (888) 594-7437 (888-5WISHES), or online at [www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org).*

The workshop will be repeated on June 30 at St. Brigid Church in Pacific Beach from 7-8:30 p.m. To arrange for a workshop at your parish, call Sumner at (760) 310-3774.

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## Diocesan Video Aims to Educate Ministers on Safe Environment

By Vincent Gragnani

PASTORAL CENTER — Among the “Safe Environment” policies adopted by the Diocese of San Diego to prevent child abuse is the creation of a video that has educated hundreds of parish ministers on establishing and maintaining a safe environment.

The half-hour video includes information on recognizing the risk factors and behaviors associated with abuse, understanding the responsibility and obligation to report concerns and teaching children rules for reducing the risks for abuse, and how to tell a parent or trusted adult if they are abused.

Speaking in the video are Cynthia Kuelbs, medical director of Children’s Hospital’s Chadwick Center for Children and Families; Jim Nares, a detective in the child abuse unit of the San Diego Police Department; Colin Murray, former district attorney for child abuse; and Rodrigo Valdivia, chancellor of the diocese of San Diego. All four are Catholics and parents.

“Education is key,” said Michael Croll, director of human resources for the Diocese of San Diego. “This special training will increase awareness. If we recognize more, then we can respond more quickly and develop strategies for prevention in the future.”

The video came out of a commitment to implement the points of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, adopted by the U.S. bishops in 2002, Croll said, adding that the charter is more than an agreement to cooperate with authorities; it is also a commitment to educating Catholics on how to prevent and respond to child abuse.

Croll was part of a diocesan team that prepared the script for the video, with directors of the diocesan offices for Schools, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Evangelization and Catechetical Ministry, and Civil Affairs. The Chadwick Center for Children and Families — whose mission includes promoting the well being of abused chil-

dren — helped produce the video.

In accordance with diocesan policies, each parish and school now has a safe environment coordinator to ensure implementation of diocesan safe envi-

ronment policies. They oversee the screening of employees and volunteers, and the education of parents and children on issues related to child abuse.

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## Mt. Soledad Petition Available at O’Connors Church Goods

EL CAJON — O’Connors Church Goods, located at 3720 El Cajon Blvd., is offering itself as a center for petition signing. The petition is an attempt to save the cross on Mt. Soledad.

According to the petition, the City Council refused to approve transfer of the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial property (including the cross) to the federal government for inclusion in the national parks system of war memorials. The transfer would put the memorial on federal land, a move that was authorized by federal legis-

lation written by San Diego Congress members Duncan Hunter and Randy “Duke” Cunningham and signed into law by President George W. Bush.

Anyone who is registered to vote in the County of San Diego is invited to visit O’Connors and sign the petition, which will be delivered to the Council. Deadline for signing the petition is April 4.

O’Connors is open from 8:30-4:30, Monday through Saturday.

For information, call (619) 283-2306.

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#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

(965) Souls perish in spite of My bitter passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation, that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My Mercy, they will perish for all eternity ... tell souls about this great Mercy of Mine because that awful day - the day of My justice is near. (83) Write this before I come as the just judge. I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before that day of justice arrives, there will be given to the people a sign in the heavens of this sort.



**ALL LIGHT IN THE HEAVENS WILL BE EXTINGUISHED AND THERE WILL BE GREAT DARKNESS OVER THE WHOLE EARTH. THEN THE SIGN OF THE CROSS WILL BE SEEN IN THE SKY, AND FROM THE OPENINGS WHERE THE HANDS AND THE FEET OF THE SAVIOR WERE NAILED, WILL COME FORTH GREAT LIGHTS WHICH WILL LIGHT UP THE EARTH FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE LAST DAY.**

(1448) Write, speak of My Mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy ( the Sacrament of Reconciliation). There the greatest miracles take place and are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony, it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one’s misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated.

Were a soul like a decaying corpse so that, from a human standpoint, there would be no longer hope of restoration ... it is not so with God. The miracle of Divine Mercy restores that soul in full. Oh how miserable are those who do not take advantage of the miracle of God’s Mercy..

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<b>Cione, Carmela</b>	Mass,	Mar. 3,	Our Lady of Grace
<b>Dapper, Annette</b>	Mass,	Mar. 5,	St. Therese
<b>McGuinness, Armandina</b>	Mass,	Mar. 8,	Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel
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# Walkers Raise Funds and Awareness for Mission Projects

By Vincent Gragnani

SAN DIEGO — Hundreds of walkers made "Global Strides" last month in four walkathons, raising more than \$14,000 for Catholic projects in Honduras, Ghana and Uganda.

The Holy Childhood Association coordinated the four walks — held in Mission Bay, Oceanside, Chula Vista and El Centro.

Sister Mary Dietz, SSND, associate director of the Office for Missions, organized the walk. Her ministry also brings her into Catholic elementary schools, where she talks about the mission world.

"Our Catholic children have generous hearts," she said. "When I speak to them about mission, they understand the need and want to help the missionaries. In participating in the walk, they do their own act of evangelization by reminding friends, relatives and neighbors of the need and asking them to support mission ministry."

"I am edified to see how generously people responded," she added. "By



**FEET FOR FUNDS:** Hundreds of walkers made "Global Strides" last month in four Holy Childhood Association walkathons, raising more than \$14,000.

coming together for a pleasant walk through the park, these youth are making possible health care, education and a sense of belonging for children across the world. It's all about a willingness to love."

Jim Gase, principal at St. Michael

School in Poway, has walked in almost every walk since the annual event started 25 years ago.

Joining him at the walk were several teachers, including his wife, Terry, and a handful of students.

One eighth-grade student, Candice

Warner, participated on her birthday. Many others who couldn't participate sponsored their teachers in the walk.

Gase, who also teaches religion at St. Michael's, said his classes often focus on social justice and the responsibility, not just to give money, but to take action.

"They've come to the understanding that these people need to be taken care of," he said. "Even though we recognize the poverty here, that doesn't negate our obligation to the poor elsewhere."

Joyce Mendez, youth minister at Most Precious Blood Parish, gathered volunteers and participants for the South Bay walk. She said many prayed the rosary while walking.

"We're so fortunate in our society here, sometimes we don't realize how people are suffering," she said. "I hope the people walking were in solidarity with the people they're helping."

For more information on the Holy Childhood Association, visit [www.sandiegomissionoffice.org](http://www.sandiegomissionoffice.org).

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## 'I was in prison and you visited me.' Matthew 25:36,40

By Frances Dickey

I have a deep and constant longing to deepen my relationship to God. While I have a strong need to withdraw and pray, I also feel a desire serve God through action.

I experienced this integration of the contemplative and apostolic when I began volunteering at Las Colinas, the women's jail in San Diego, a year ago. From the moment the heavy metal doors slammed shut behind me and I was inside this locked facility, I found a freedom I didn't know could exist.

It was in coming together with

these incarcerated women and the other volunteers that I have found my gift of compassion and humility. I felt I was where God intended me to be.

The women in Las Colinas have a hunger and yearning for God. I am bringing them God and Jesus by my presence, the Word of God and, most importantly, the body of Christ in the host. I don't go to perform "jailhouse" conversions. My ministry is making God's unconditional love known to the women who feel the most unloved and unworthy. I want my ministry to reflect a forgiving God.

I go to plant seeds of faith, hope,

and love. I go to water the seeds and nourish the soil so the seeds in the women will give them the strength they need when they leave jail. The present is what becomes important. What happened before and what will happen later is not important. We are all together in those intimate moments with Jesus. We enter together into the "now."

The prayers of the women tell their stories. They want, miss and cry for the children they have had taken away from them. They pray for these children and for their families and friends. They pray for leniency from the courts. They beg God to help them overcome their addictions. There are also times when we laugh and sing together. The tears and the laughter, along

with Christ, help to bring them peace for the present.

I find God's grace in their lives. It has been an amazing gift to me to find grace where I feared it might not be. The women's faces and prayers have become engraved in my heart.

Jesus is a central role in my life and as I pay attention to this call to discipleship I have promised through my Baptism, I have no fears. I hope to be able to continue to make Jesus present to those who are incarcerated. I know my journey with the women in Las Colinas has just started. In January I will be retiring from my paid employment and starting formation as a lay chaplain for the detention ministry in the Diocese of San Diego.

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## Sister Paula Smith, Medical Missionary of Mary, Celebrates 50 Years

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

SAN YSIDRO — They say that when you leave a place, you leave something of yourself behind. This is literally true for Sister Paula Smith, MMM, comes the day she leaves the border area. Twelve years ago, just arriving to establish a mission house in San Ysidro, Sister Smith was bitten by a dog as she walked through a residential area in Ensenada. The dog removed a good chunk of her calf as she pried her leg from its jaws.

"I guess he wanted to eat good American beef," she laughs today.

It was an inauspicious start to her ministry south of the border, but God works in mysterious ways, she says. On April 3, Sister Smith will celebrate her 50th anniversary in the Medical Missionaries of Mary. The celebration will be held in the chapel of the contemplative nuns, *Madres Adoratrices*, who cared for her for two weeks following the dog bite and subsequent surgeries. Twenty one members of the dog owner's family will attend.

Not that the adventure in Ensenada is the only one of import in Sister Smith's life. With 50 years spent as a medical missionary, the majority of those lived abroad, Sister Smith has a plethora of tales to share.

She speaks of her two and a half years in the African nation of Biafra as it fought for its ultimately short-lived succession from Nigeria.

Awakened early one morning by another sister, she was informed that



SISTER PAULA SMITH, MMM

the long-expected war had begun. Initially responding that the other sister had to be mistaken, she quickly launched herself out of bed as mortar traces lit the sky outside her window.

The fathers and sisters retreated into the bush with their students and patients until the actual fighting passed them by, then returned to care for the people.

Thus began some two years of exodus with the sick and wounded, and with the lepers, the orphans and students who sought shelter with them, as they tried to serve through healing.

"We are contemplatives in action," explains Sister Smith. Though that initially sounds like an oxymoron, it isn't, she says. "We are called to heal, bringing healing with service and

prayer."

That, after all, is the charism of her community, derived from the Visitation. "Mary brought Christ to Elizabeth in her service," says Sister Smith, "as we are called to do."

Born in Boston, she grew up the eldest of four children. Her parents worked in a sugar factory.

From the age of 7, she says, she knew that she wanted to be a nun.

"I believed the nuns came down from heaven in their habits," she says, and she wanted to be like them. And because her mother was sickly, Paula wanted to be a medical nun, because she saw how important good medical care was for those who ailed.

In the 40s, children in the United States would save their coins to help missionaries in China and India care for "pagan babies."

Paula saved her money, and when she had \$5, she would send the money to the missionaries to "buy" a pagan baby. To get money, little Paula would collect spare coins from the workers at the sugar factory.

"I'd have coins in one pocket and sugar cubes in the other," both gifts from those who believed in her mission.

One year, when her mother came home from the hospital with her sec-

ond brother, Paula was incensed and demanded that her mother return him and bring back the Chinese baby she had "bought."

At the age of 18, Paula left home to join the community of Medical Missionaries of Mary. She didn't see most of her family until 18 years later, at which time she finally met her baby brother, then 18.

Little Paula's early work for the missions continued to reap benefits in the years that followed. After she joined the MMM, her long-time friends at the factory continued to support her mission, sending money to the community to support their medical mission work and supplying the community house in Winchester, Mass., with sugar, used in the baking of Irish bread with which the house supported itself.

During her 50 years with the community, Sister Smith, who is a nurse midwife, has served in Ireland, England, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Mexico, and Kentucky.

Today, Sister Smith works in Baja California, advocating on behalf of women and their medical care. She also works with the sisters from the Clinica Esperanza as an international liaison for funding and contacts.

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## Young Parishioner Screens Film for Ugandan Children

By Vincent Gragnani

OCEANSIDE — “Invisible Children,” a documentary about child soldiers in Northern Uganda, will be shown at St. Thomas More Parish, Oceanside, April 9 at 7 p.m.

The film is especially popular with youth and young adults, according to promoter Julie Striech.

“It was made with the MTV generation in mind,” she said. “They laugh harder than anyone else. They cry harder than anyone else. And they’re more quickly compelled to action.”

Three young adults from San Diego went to Africa — first to Sudan and Kenya, then to Uganda — to make the film. They went not knowing what they were going to film, and then became captivated by the stories of child soldiers, conscripted against their will by the Lord’s Resistance Army.

The film spawned a nonprofit group, also called Invisible Children. Striech heads the group, which aims to spread showings of the film and raise money to aid the children of Uganda. The young men who filmed the documentary are back in Uganda, working with the youth and filming vignettes. They hope to have a new, polished

film ready for theaters in 2006.

Ali Wolters, a high school senior and St. Thomas More parishioner, is one of the many youth who saw the film and then felt compelled to act. After seeing a premiere over the summer, Wolters set out to bring the film to her high school and parish.

The youth of her parish will hold a 24-hour fast, beginning the night of April 8. It will conclude with Saturday evening Mass, a soup dinner and a showing of the film. The showing is open to all parishioners, but parental discretion is advised due to the seriousness of the subject.

Wolters hopes that the showing of the film will bring people her age to think about the world as one.

“We’re all on the same planet,” she said. “We’re all human beings. I want people to know what is going on in the world. This war has been going on for two decades, and no one knows about it.”

For more information on the screening at St. Thomas More, contact Wolters at alexandrarose-wolters@yahoo.com or (760) 310-8063. For more information on the film and the nonprofit, visit www.invisiblechildren.com.

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## What's Catholic School Worth? A Teacher Asks Her Students

By Vincent Gagnani

MISSION HILLS — Eighth-grade teacher Cheryl Guess asked her students at St. Vincent School in Mission Hills to write about what Catholic education means to them. The first round of essays came back with stories of how the students have contributed to charitable organizations around the world.

Guess returned the papers and asked them to rethink and rewrite.

"These are good, but I want to know what it is that makes our education here so strong," she told her students. "What makes our program unique from others in the diocese?"

The second round came back, and the essays still focused on acts of kindness over academics.

"They taught me that Catholic education is the textbook, and the teachers and the staff," Guess said. "Catholic education is the facility, and the technology and even the sports. But more than that, Catholic education is a demonstration of Jesus Christ in the world — helping those who need help."

Many students wrote about the \$5,000 they raised for tsunami victims, the Cambodian child they sponsor, and the other local and international charities they support.

Students also wrote about their principal, Sister Ursula Doherty, RSM, and their former pastor, Father Nick Clavin.

"Many Catholic schools have great

### Catholic education is a demonstration of Jesus Christ in the world

teachers, nuns and priests, but none of them even hold a candle to Sister Ursula," wrote Elizabeth Arias in her essay, "The Best Irish Nun a Person Could Ask For."

"I have a cousin who is 25 years old and went to St. Vincent's for only four years," wrote Elizabeth. "To this day, Sister Ursula still remembers his name. Many people can't even remember the names of all their coworkers and employees, but if you can remember the names of all your past students, that shows real devotion. Sister Ursula is devoted to her students and cares about each and every one."

Writing about Father Clavin, Jane Fritzenkotter said, "From his interesting and informative stories he would tell at school Masses, to his knowledgeable and meaningful Gospels, I have learned many important insights toward my faith. Father Nick Clavin made the students feel more a part of the Church community and brought laughter and warmth to our Church and school lives."

Jane also wrote about her fellow students as an integral part of Catholic education.

"Not only have I learned from my religion textbooks and my teacher's lectures, but I have also seen and observed fellow students who have taken their faith into their own

hands," she said. "These fellow students have carried out their Catholic behaviors such as kindness, understanding and honesty toward others. They have encouraged me and set the example of how to be more kind (sic) and understanding toward others just like them."

Danielle Keenan said that the small size of the school makes the community closer.

"Unlike some other schools, the lower grades don't cower in fear of the older grades; instead, they respect them and are even friends with some of the older students," she wrote.

Thorough and efficient religion classes are also an important part of the school, according to Danielle.

"During almost every religion class, we have lengthy discussions on what we just learned, and if someone doesn't understand something, our teacher will explain it in great detail. I

know it's definitely not a bad habit, but it seems as though we pray during or before every period. We even pray before P.E. and Spanish class! I think this is because the teachers want to help us remember that we should act as good Catholics and we should use our better judgment."

Tamara Sarafijanovic said that the students are always reminded of the four goals of Catholic education at St. Vincent School.

"At the beginning of each year, all the students in St. Vincent's get a School-Wide Learning Expectations bookmark," she wrote. "On the bookmark, four different topics are contained. It's there to teach us to be committed Catholics, lifelong learners, globally aware citizens and effective communicators. When my parents sent me to this school, they expected me to learn all these things so that when I grow up I can know about God and teach others what I have been taught."

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5:30 p.m. (Vigil), 7:15, 9:00,  
10:45 a.m., 12:30, 5:30 p.m.

##### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK:

Lenten Penance Service: 7:00 p.m.

##### HOLY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.

##### GOOD FRIDAY:

Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon  
Passion of Our Lord 1:00 & 7:30 p.m.  
Tenebrae Service 2:00 p.m.

##### HOLY SATURDAY:

Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

##### EASTER SUNDAY:

7:15, 9:00, 10:45, 12:30



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**Second Sunday:**

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**Third Sunday:**

Low Mass followed by Scapular Investiture.

**Fourth Sunday:**

High Mass (Gregorian Chant).

**Holydays of Obligation:**  
12:00 Noon

**The Most Reverend Robert H. Brom, D.D., Bishop of San Diego, has entrusted ministry with the Tridentine Latin Mass Community of San Diego to the Norbertine Fathers of Orange County.**



CYRIL JONES-KELLETT

**A CHURCH GATHERED:** Bishop Brom blesses holy oils (top left), pastors distribute oils and chrisms to parishioners, diocesan priests show unity in mission.

## Sacred Oils Blessed for a Priestly People

By Cyril Jones-Kellett

MIRA MESA — Good Shepherd Church was once again the gathering place for the Local Church, March 17, as families from throughout the diocese joined local priests and bishops for the annual Chrism Mass.

The Chrism Mass is an ancient tradition, offered in dioceses around the world on or near Holy Thursday each year. At the Mass, the bishop consecrates the holy oils and Chrism that will be used in parishes throughout the year. Representatives from each of the diocese's parishes and faith communities are invited to come and receive the oils.

The Mass is also a celebration of priestly ministry, which traces its roots to Holy Thursday, the day Christ instituted the Eucharist.

During the Mass, priests of the diocese renew their priestly commitments and express their close unity with their bishop.

The bishop also blesses the sacred oils and consecrates the Holy Chrism that will be used in parishes throughout the coming year for baptism, confirmation, priestly ordination and the anointing of the sick.

The mission of the Church — to en flesh and extend the mission of Jesus to all times and places

### At annual Chrism Mass, bishops and priests renew commitments to service

— is a central theme of the Chrism Mass.

First, it is through priestly ministry that Christ is made present to people through time. Second, it is through the oil of the sick that the Church extends the healing touch of Jesus.

Also, the oil of the catechumens extends Christ's anointing to those preparing to enter the Church, that they might be strengthened by Christ's love to do battle with the power of sin and evil.

Finally, the Sacred Chrism makes Christ's transforming love a tangible reality for those being baptized and confirmed. Sacred chrism is also used to indicate consecration in priestly ordination and to sanctify spaces and objects, for example churches and altars.

The oils and chrism blessed by the bishop are solemnly received by parishes on Holy Thursday, and are first used during the Easter Vigil at the sacraments of initiation where they anoint those entering the Church.

In his homily, Bishop Brom called on the faithful

to "know who we are." He told them "never to deny it...never to be ashamed before the world."

He reminded them that Jesus was rejected even unto the cross.

"Two thousand years later, the Church assembles," the bishop said. "Priestly people and priests. Have we learned the lesson?"

He entreated both priests and people to forsake worldly temptations. He said that a life focused on Christ is "the one thing that matters."

"In the voices of the poor — spiritually and physically," the bishop said, "Christ himself can be heard, crying out for our love. Thus we continue the mission of Jesus that all might share in his kingdom. There will always be the temptation to buy into the world of political power that has never brought peace anywhere, at least not true and lasting peace. We cannot buy into the politics of possession and pleasure and the pursuit of approbation. Empowered by love we must be priestly people and priests. That's our calling. For this we are anointed in the very spirit in which Jesus himself was anointed. And if we pick up a few wounds along the way, let's be mindful. They're honorable wounds. We should bear them with pride."

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# Observing and Celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy

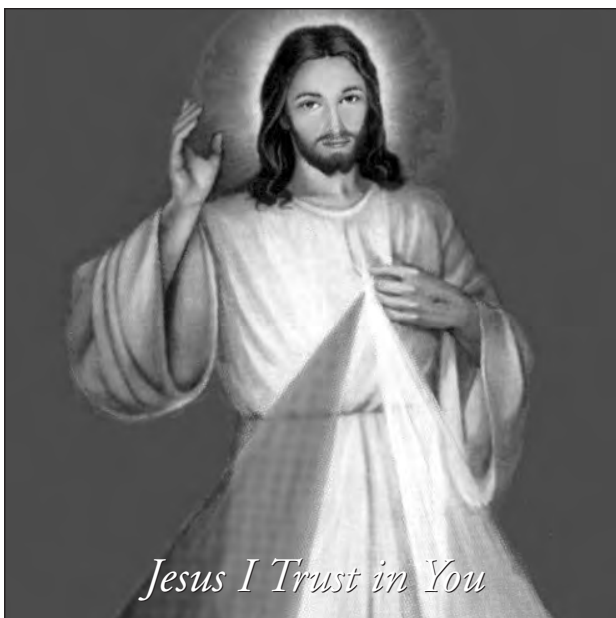
By Carol Pallazola

Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, is growing in popularity, and with good reason. The day and the Divine Mercy Movement more generally are about knowing and extending God's infinite forgiveness and mercy.

The essential celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday consists in the celebration of the liturgy of the Second Sunday of Easter, during which the three cycles of scriptural readings and liturgical prayers are all centered on the forgiveness of sins and God's mercy, which endures forever.

In a decree dated Aug. 3, 2002, Pope John Paul II established that this Sunday be "enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

There is no reason to go to a special service on Divine Mercy Sunday to receive the graces of the feast. To receive the graces promised by our Lord to Polish nun St. Faustina and those given by the Holy Father, one simply must be in a state of grace (with no serious sin on your soul), receive Holy Commu-



nion on the feast day and pray for the Holy Father's intentions.

Bishop Robert H. Brom has asked all priests to observe the feast by informing their parishioners of the plenary indulgence given to the feast and to incorporate the prayers for the Holy Father into the Mass, so that all may avail themselves of the graces given by the indulgence.

St. Faustina received several devotional practices from our Lord Jesus which may be used to honor his Divine Mercy. These include:


**The Image** – He asked that the image of Christ's Divine Mercy be blessed and venerated on the feast day, as a reminder of what he did for us, and to engender complete trust in him.

**The Feast Day** – This is not a new feast. It is a new focus on the Mercy of God on the Octave day of Easter, which is comparable to the Jewish Day of Atonement when all sins are atoned.

**The Novena** – Jesus asked St. Faustina to pray for a different group of people each day for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. Although the promise for this novena was only for her, people love the prayers and use them year-round.

**The Chaplet** – This is a powerful prayer, for individuals and for the entire world. The prayer is an extension of the Mass when we offer the Lord's body, blood, soul and divinity back to God to receive his great mercy.

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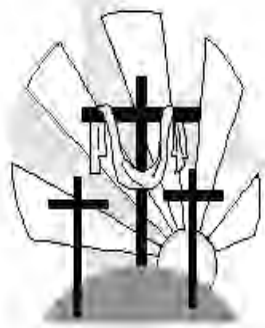
**PALM SUNDAY**  
*Vigil, March 19*  
5:15 p.m. Mass in English  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

*March 20*  
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10:15 a.m. Mass in Spanish  
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**Holy Thursday**  
*March 24*  
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Community)

**Good Friday**  
*March 25*  
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
4:00 p.m. Children's Service  
5:30 p.m. Celebration of Our Lord's Passion (English)  
6:00 p.m. Living Stations (Spanish)  
7:30 p.m. Celebration of Our Lord's Passion (Spanish)



**Holy Saturday**  
*March 26*  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Community)

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*March 27*  
7:00 a.m. Mass in English  
8:30 a.m. Mass in English  
10:15 a.m. Mass in Spanish  
12:00 p.m. Mass in English  
5:25 p.m. Mass in English  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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**GOOD FRIDAY:**  
Stations of the Cross: 2:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 7:30 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY:**  
Easter Vigil Liturgy: 7:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY:**  
Masses: 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m.,  
12:00 Noon,  
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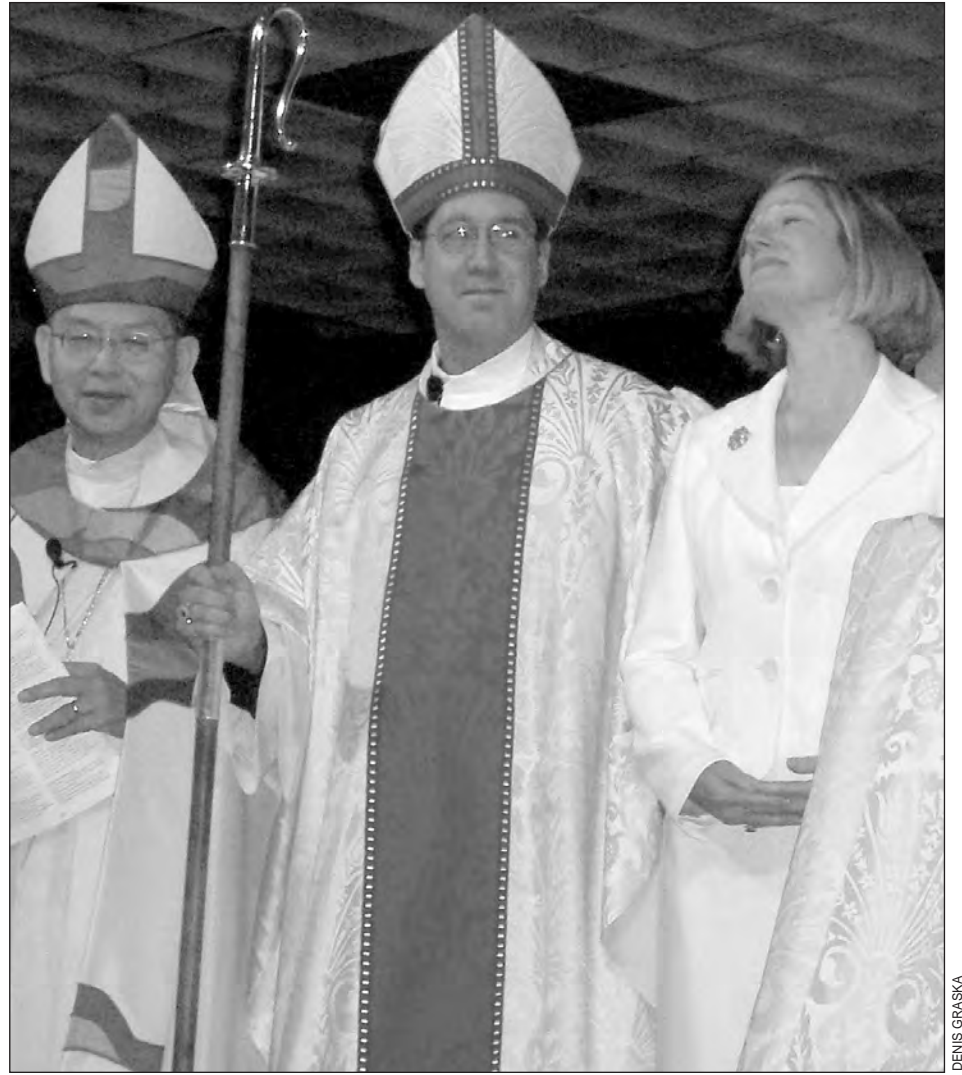
While it isn't necessary to attend a separate Divine Mercy service, many of the faithful do so as a sign to God that they believe in his great mercy, and to honor Jesus under the title "The Divine Mercy."

The following parishes will have special Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations. For details on times and programs, contact the parish, or call (619) 276-6637.

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- Holy Cross
- Holy Spirit
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- Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Mary, Star of the Sea
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- Our Lady of Guadalupe, El Cajon

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- St. Louise de Marillac
- St. Luke
- St. Mark
- St. Mary, National City
- St. Mary Magdalene
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Mission
- St. Michael, San Diego
- St. Patrick, San Diego
- St. Pius X, Chula Vista
- St. Pius X, Jamul
- St. Rose of Lima
- St. Therese
- Santa Sophia

*Pallazola is one of the founders of San Diego's Divine Mercy Movement.*  
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DENIS GRASKA

## New Episcopal Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego celebrated the ordination and consecration of a new bishop on March 5 with a ceremony emphasizing the need for unity and reconciliation. The Rev. Canon James R. Mathes became San Diego's fourth Episcopalian bishop. The post was previously held by Bishop Gethin Hughes, who retired after 12 years as head of the diocese. Roman Catholic Bishop Robert H. Brom attended the ordination ceremony in a display of Christian unity.

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March 25th  
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 Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.

### Holy Saturday

March 26th  
 Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday

March 27th  
 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## Missions Office Director Offers to Speak on Missionary History

By Vincent Gagnani

PASTORAL CENTER — Though many see the diocesan Office for the Missions as a fundraising office, its mission extends beyond that to include educating local Catholics on issues of missionary importance.

Father Peter Ruggere, MM, director of the office, is available to give presentations on the history of Catholic missionary activity and on the history of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Father Ruggere's PowerPoint presentations draw upon firsthand observations.

A native of New York, Father Ruggere's ministry has included 20 years in Peru, 5 years in Egypt and visits to Nicaragua, Palestine, Sudan and several other countries.

Father Ruggere has presented all over the country, and he recently

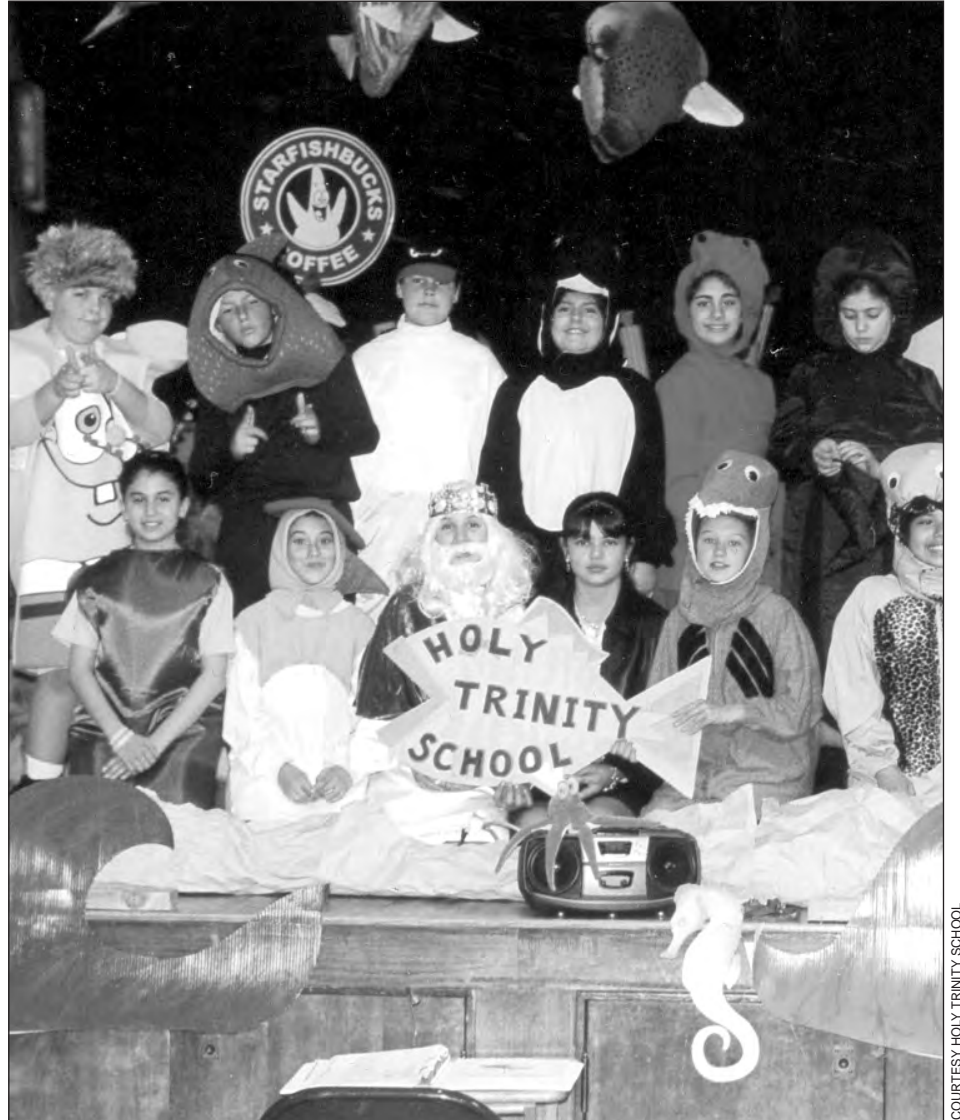
gave a presentation on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict at Most Precious Blood Parish in Chula Vista on March 17.

"The conflict is a major underlying cause of unrest all across the Middle East," Father Ruggere said. "It endangers the Christian presence there. Palestinian Christians find it easy to go to the West, and they flee with ease. And our government is a major player in the issue."

Father Ruggere's talk covers the historical background of the conflict, and the positions of the Catholic Church and United Nations.

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### Tide Pool Condos

Fifth-grade performers at Holy Trinity School brought the undersea world alive the evening of Feb. 5. In a performance that raised money for next year's sixth-grade camp, the students put on a play called "Tide Pool Condos" in which Poseidon tries to protect the environment from a rapacious real estate mogul. The event was the school's eighth-annual dinner theater, and was filled with lessons for young and old.



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## For Women, Journey to Equality Still Has Far to Go

*What follows is a slightly abridged text of an address delivered March 8 at the United Nations by Mary Ann Glendon, president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.*

*Glendon addressed the Economic and Social Council Commission on the Status of Women in the follow-up to the 1995 World Conference on Women, held in Beijing. She was the head of the Holy See delegation to that 1995 conference.*

In 2005, the United Nations will mark the anniversaries of five historic moments when the family of nations gave encouragement and impetus to women on their quest for recognition of their equal rights and dignity. The first and most consequential of these moments occurred exactly 60 years ago. It was in the spring of 1945 when the founders of the U.N. astonished many by proclaiming their "faith in the dignity and worth of the human person" and "in the equal rights of men and women."

At the time, there was not a single country in the world where women enjoyed full social and legal equality. By lifting up a different vision in the U.N. Charter, farsighted men and women accelerated a process that would soon yield unprecedented opportunities for the world's women. As that process gathered momentum, the four U.N. women's conferences – in Mexico City,

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Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing – provided occasions at key stages to assess progress and chart new directions. Today, the equality principle is officially accepted nearly everywhere in the world, and has increasingly been brought to life in a variety of social contexts.

### New Challenges

Yet even as we celebrate those great gains, women are facing new challenges. For the same years that saw great advances for many women, brought new forms of poverty to many others, and new threats to human life and dignity.

A stark reminder that women's journey still has far to go is the fact that three-quarters of the world's poverty population today is composed of women and children. In the developing world, hundreds of millions of women and children lack adequate nutrition, sanitation and basic health care. And even in affluent societies, the faces of the poor are predominantly those of women and children, for, as noted in the Beijing Platform, there is a strong correlation between family breakdown and the

feminization of poverty. The costs of rapid increases in divorce and single parenthood have fallen heavily on women, and most heavily of all on those women who have made personal sacrifices to care for children and other family members.

Ten years ago, the Beijing Platform proclaimed that, "The key to moving women and their families out of poverty is education." The Holy See, with its longstanding dedication to educating women and girls, notes with concern, therefore, that improvements on this front have been slow, with girls still forming the majority of more than 100 million children of primary school age who are not enrolled in school.

As we look ahead, moreover, a new

shadow has fallen over women's path, due to the changing age structure of the world's populations. The combination of greater longevity, falling birthrates, rising costs of health care and shortage of caretakers is already giving rise to tensions between younger and older generations. That shift in dependency ratios is raising serious questions about the future well-being of the frail elderly, and especially of women who are disproportionately represented among the dependent elderly and more likely to be in poverty. In a world that has become dangerously careless about protecting human life at its frail beginnings and endings, older women are likely to be at particular risk.

### Women in Poverty

In its Final Statement at the Beijing Conference, the Holy See expressed the fear that the sections of the Beijing documents dealing with women in

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poverty would remain empty promises unless backed up by well-thought-out programs and financial commitments. Today, the fears we expressed in 1995 continue to be well founded.

What makes the plight of the world's most disadvantaged women a scandal as well as a tragedy is the fact that, for the first time in history, humanity finally has the means to defeat hunger and poverty. Feasible action programs, such as those set forth in the *Millennium Development Goals*, have outlined steps that, if taken, could lift more than 500 million people out of extreme poverty by the year 2015. But movement toward that goal has already fallen behind established targets. Clearly, goals and action plans are not enough. What is needed, as Pope John Paul II recently pointed out, is "a vast moral mobilization of public opinion ... especially in those countries enjoying a sufficient or even prosperous standard of living."

### Valuing Women's Work

Finally, as women's journey moves forward, we wish to note another problem to which no society has yet found a satisfactory solution. The application of the equality principle to the actual life circumstances of the majority of women — mothers and others who give priority to care-giving roles — continues to pose a challenge. The problem of harmonizing women's aspirations for fuller participation in social and economic life with their roles in family life is one that women themselves are fully

capable of resolving. But the problem will not be resolved without certain major, one may even say radical, changes in society.

In the first place, policymakers must attend more closely to women's own accounts of what is important to them, rather than to special interest groups that purport to speak for women but often do not have women's interests at heart. Second, care-giving, paid or unpaid, must receive the respect it deserves as one of the most important forms of human work. And third, paid labor must be structured in such a way that women do not have to pay for their security and advancement at the expense of the roles in which many millions of them find their deepest fulfillment. In sum, the problem will not be solved until human values take precedence over economic values.

It was nothing less than a profound cultural transformation that the founders of the U.N. envisioned 60 years ago when they boldly proclaimed women's equality and insisted with equal vigor on protection for the family, motherhood and childhood. It was nothing less than a profound cultural transformation that they envisioned when they committed themselves to advancing "better standards of life in larger freedom" for all women and men. Now that we have traveled so far toward making that vision a reality, should we not have the courage to carry on to the end?

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# Catequizem

*By Dominic Camplisson*

**At Easter, we often focus on the events of Good Friday and after. This quiz looks at an earlier event integral to the paschal events, the Last Supper.**

- According to Matthew's story of the Last Supper, who speaks up immediately when Jesus says one of the disciples will betray him?
  - Peter.
  - Andrew.
  - Judas.
- Since the Last Supper was a Passover meal, what meat would have been served?
  - Roast beast.
  - Pork.
  - Lamb.
- All three synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) have Jesus make this point (in slightly different words) about the wine:
  - He wanted it to indicate a new baptism.
  - He wanted his followers to follow the custom of abstinence (Nazirite vows).
  - He would not drink it again until he is in Heaven with the Father (or the kingdom of God comes).
- John's Gospel is different from the others in that his mention of the Last Supper does not include this:
  - Condiments.
  - The institution of the Eucharist.
  - The description of the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot.
- What instead does he have occur at the Last Supper?
  - Jesus washing the disciples' feet.
  - Jesus curing the daughter of a centurion.
  - Jesus admonishing Thomas to have more faith.
- According to John, how does Jesus indicate who will betray him?
  - He said it would be the person he kissed.
  - He said it would be the person he gives a piece of food to after dipping it.
  - He said it would be the one he seats at his right hand.
- What sacrament is most closely linked with the Last Supper?
  - Extreme Unction, because they usually had left over (extra) unction.
  - The Holy Eucharist, which is the reenacted Supper and makes present Christ.
  - Holy Orders, since it is an ordinance of the Church to reenact the Last Supper.

ANSWERS: 1.c, 2.c, 3.c, 4.b, 5.a, 6.b, 7.b

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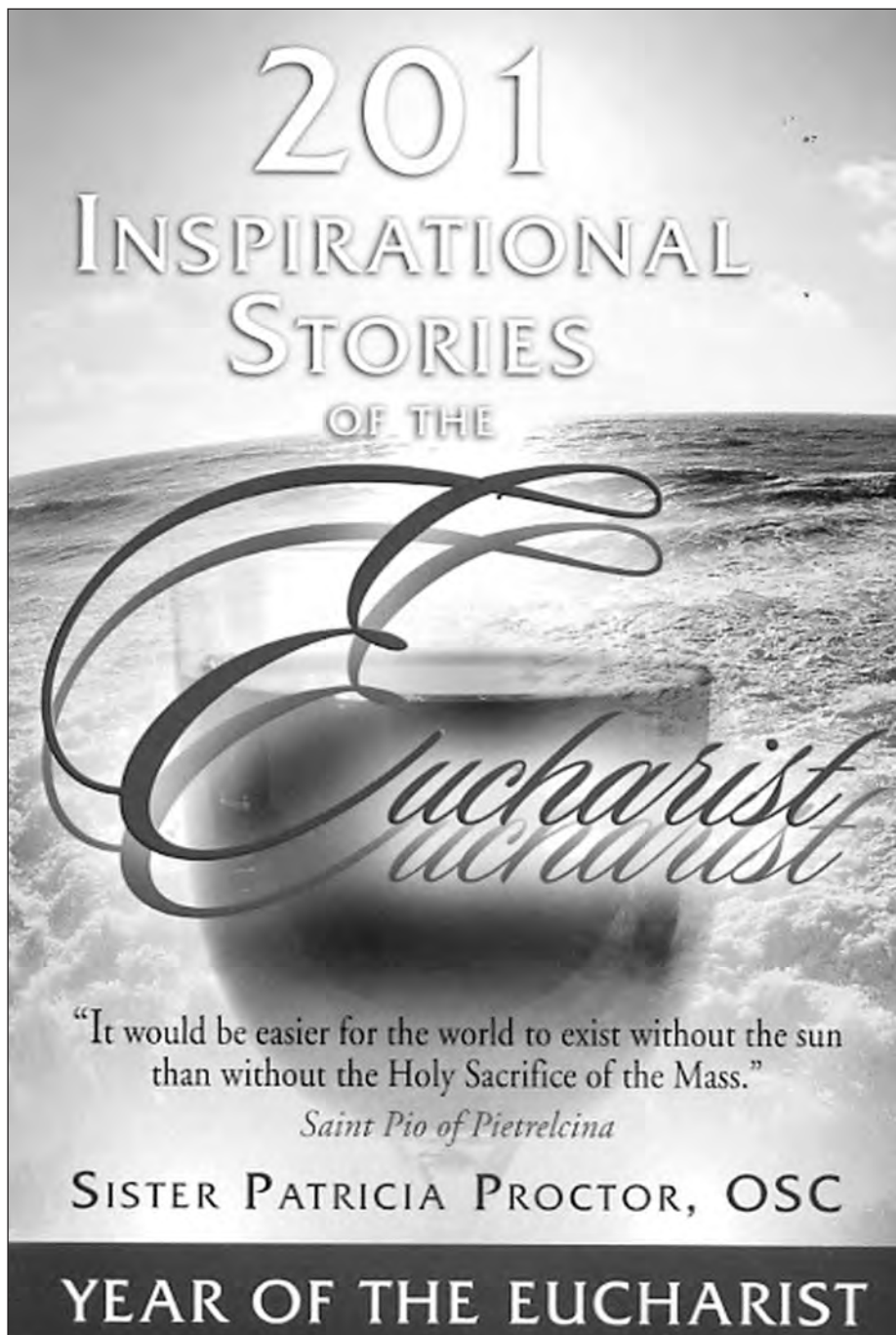
In accordance with the Year of the Eucharist, which began in October 2004 and will end in October 2005, Sister Patricia Proctor, OSC, has compiled a collection of short stories of the Eucharist in a book titled *201 Inspirational Stories of the Eucharist*.

Sister Proctor calls the compilation a "heartwarming collection of stories ...written as faithful and faith-filled accounts of people's personal experiences with the Eucharist."

The stories are contributed by both laity and religious from around the globe. Sister Patricia Proctor is a member of the Poor Clare Monastery, Spokane, WA. The book also includes reprints of *A Novena of Holy Communion*, by Father Lawrence Lovasik, S.V.D. (the famous devotional booklet of nine consecutive Communion exercises), as well as *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, Pope John Paul II's encyclical and four teachings on the Eucharist.

Two local Franciscan priests contributed to the book: Father Mel Bucher, OFM, and Father Ben Innes, OFM, both at Mission San Luis Rey.

A number of contributors have already begun to travel to their surrounding parishes to celebrate the Eucharist and give witness by reading their story and participating in book signings. One contributor, Easter Almuena of Honolulu, has been visiting the different parishes across the Hawaiian islands to celebrate and promote the Eucharist while the parishes and schools sell the book as a fundraiser.



Parents and others are using the stories as a tool for opening communication and personal sharing about the sacrament. Another contributor, Jeannie Paslawsky of Willow Grove, Penn., says, "A friend of mine applauds the book as stepping stone to an "open and fun dialogue about the stories with [her] daughter." She

received first holy communion last year, and mom and daughter have found themselves enjoying talking not only about the stories, but their faith in the Eucharist, as well.

One story leads you to want to read the next.

Nick Lohkamp, OFM, says, "These are personal stories, not a theological

treatise. The holy Eucharist is a sacrament, a mystery. We can talk about the Eucharist in theological terms, abstract terms, or we can share our experiences of the Eucharist in very personal terms. This book is a collection of stories, not a theological work. These stories seek to describe the experiences of ordinary people. These stories touched the hearts, the emotions, the lives of these people. They are trying to share with us these moving experiences in their own words."

Tim Drake, of the *National Catholic Register*, writes, "Daily participation in the Eucharist," says Pope John Paul II, 'is capable of transforming the life of believers.' These extraordinary stories illustrate that truth. They demonstrate the Eucharist's power to dramatically transform lives. I can think of no better book to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist."

"Sister Patricia presents poignant and beautiful examples of the power of the Eucharist as it brings peace, healing and strength to those who receive it in faith," wrote Elizabeth Ficocelli, author of *Shower of Heavenly Roses: Stories of the Intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux*.

"Every story is utterly genuine and sincere, many giving extraordinary examples of God's intervention through the Eucharist," wrote Sister Janet Fearn, of Vatican Radio. "It is a book with which everybody can identify. Through the anecdotes of others, I found myself saying, 'Hey, that's me!'"

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# Millions: When Fantasy, Fortune and Blessing Meet

By Sister Rose Pacatte, FSP

On a brilliant summer day in the north of England, two young lads race across a field that will soon become a housing development. As they roll in the grass, they imagine what their new home will be like, for the Cunningham family is moving. The boys' mother, Maureen (Jane Horgath), has died, and their dad, Ronnie, (James Nesbitt) wants to move them from the city to get on with their lives.

When moving day arrives, seven-year old Damien (Alex Etel) collects the packing boxes from all the new appliances and carries them off to build his own cardboard house near the train tracks. Damien talks to his friends, the saints, who appear to him. He always asks them if they have met his mom, St. Maureen.

One day as he is playing, a large duffle bag crashes into his cardboard

dwelling. It is full of money (British pounds). Damien thinks it is a gift from God. He runs to tell his older brother, nine-year old Anthony (Lewis McGibbon). They think the bag holds millions, but it's more like a few hundred thousand pounds.

Damien wants to tell their dad, but Anthony, the shrewd junior economist, insists that they hide it. Little by little, Anthony spends it on cell phones and the like, but Damien wants to give it away to help the poor because he is convinced that God sent the money. He stuffs it in the mail box of some young missionary Mormons who live nearby and he takes homeless people to a restaurant to feed them, much to Anthony's chagrin. There are only a few days for the boys to dispose of the money before the country changes over to the Euro standard.

Damien's saints continue to visit



him. One day he sees a large group of African men working and he realizes they are the 45 Ugandan Martyrs (dd.1885-1887). One of them tells Damien they don't want all the things that money can buy, just a little bit so they can have a well. Pure, clean water is their most precious treasure and greatest need.

As Christmas draws closer, a young woman named Dorothy

(Daisy Donovan) comes to the children's school, All Saints, to collect coins from the out-going currency to help the poor in developing countries dig wells. Damien is inspired by Dorothy and drops a thousand pounds into the bin. The boys' secret is out and their dad is called in for a conference.

Meanwhile, a menacing stranger visits Damien in his hut, looking for the money, the saints continue to reinforce Damien's faith and generosity, and as the currency deadline looms, things get very complicated indeed.

The most original aspect of "Millions" is reflected in the litany of saints from across the centuries who appear to Damien.

*Daughter of St. Paul Sister Rose Pacatte is director of Pauline Books and Media, Culver City. She is co-author of the Lights, Camera, Faith movie lectionary series. A native San Diegoan, she is from St. Rita's Parish.*

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In the second act of the musical, *Camelot*, King Arthur's bastard son Mordred, a poisonous weed in the garden of the Round Table, mocks "the seven deadly virtues" in some of Alan Jay Lerner's wittiest – and most prescient – lyrics:

"The seven deadly virtues, those ghastly little traps –  
Oh no, my liege, they were not meant for me.  
Those seven deadly virtues were made for other chaps  
Who love a life of failure and ennui...  
Let others take the high road; I will take the low.  
I cannot wait to rush in where angels fear to go.  
With all those seven deadly virtues  
Free and happy little me has not  
... been ... cursed!"



George Weigel

I say "prescient" because *Camelot* was first produced on Broadway in December 1960, at the beginning of a decade in which American culture came to look on words like "duty," "honor" and even "virtue" with profound skepticism.

Freedom, on the new understand-

ing of things, had far more to do with doing things "my way" than with doing the right thing for the right reasons in the right way. And given that understanding (better, misunderstanding) of freedom, the moral law inevitably came to be seen as a burden – an imposition from "outside" on my interior liberty.

"Free and happy little me" was free and happy precisely because he (or she) didn't care a fig what thousands of years of human moral experience (not to mention God) deemed bad news. "Obedience," in this way of thinking, didn't have much to do with either freedom or happiness. Dolts were obedient. Mature adults had broken free of all that.

Which brings us, by an admittedly circuitous route, to former Lutheran pastor Leonard Klein. Long one of the adornments of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Leonard and his wife Christa were received into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2003; Leonard is now preparing for his Catholic ordination as a priest of the (very fortunate) Dio-

cese of Wilmington. Writing recently about his experience as a Catholic, Leonard Klein said that one of the things he had found most satisfying was the sense of freedom Catholicism engendered. This was, to be sure, "quite the opposite of what many would expect." But, nonetheless, that's the way things were:

"How can this be, the Protestant polemicist might ask? How can one speak of a greater freedom under the burden of the Roman obedience? The answer is simple – Catholics ... know that it is not all up to them.... Toward the end of my time as a Lutheran pastor I use to protest that we were all reduced to being gurus. I tried to be authentically Lutheran, but who was to say that I was and the liberal feminist or church-growth ersatz evangelical down the street wasn't just as Lutheran as I.... By contrast a Catholic priest or lay person can speak of what the Church teaches or permits, and that is freedom. It should come as no surprise to anyone who understands that our true

freedom lies in obedience, not the quivering obsequiousness imagined by post-Enlightenment people but the liberating obedience of faith. When the Church is Church, 'liberating obedience' begins to make sense even in the most routine matters."

The Church's greatest celebration of the mystery of "liberating obedience" is the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. There, we remember that on the eternal Son, taking all the refuse of the world's evil upon himself in obedience to the Father's design, offered himself for the world's salvation in a radical act of self-giving love. Disfigured by self-seeking disobedience, humanity is redeemed by obedience: and obedience, on the model of the Son, is not mindless acquiescence, but a truth we enter only on the far side of blood-sweating Gethsemane – the garden of temptation to self-sufficiency, the playground of all the Mordreds of history.

Easter follows, as the liberating power of obedience is revealed in a new life so dazzling that frightened disciples cannot at first recognize it. The path to Easter always runs, however, through Calvary – and through the mystery of obedient faith. Leonard Klein understands that. So should we all.

*George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.*



By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY — Some Catholic women may have felt they were prescribed a hard pill to swallow when the Vatican openly praised an Italian woman who refused cancer treatment so she could carry her weeks-old embryo to term.

The story of Rita Fedrizzi made Italian and Vatican headlines in late January when she died of skin cancer just three months after delivering a healthy baby boy.

Doctors had recommended she undergo an abortion in order to pursue treatment for melanoma. She refused the abortion and all medical treatment, saying it would have been like "killing one of my other two children to save my skin."

The Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said her sacrifice was "a courageous gesture ... a gesture of love and faith in order to let life win."

The paper recalled a similar, heroic gesture of another Italian woman, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, the "pro-life saint," canonized last May by Pope John Paul II for having put her unborn child's life before her own during her struggle with a benign

## Moms' Moral Dilemma: When Preserving Life May Mean Death

uterine tumor.

By putting these acts of self-immolation in such bold relief, the Church underlines its unwavering respect of the sacred value of the life of the unborn.

But what of the life of the woman carrying the child?

Just one month after Fedrizzi's death, the Vatican sponsored a conference devoted to "The Quality of Life and the Ethics of Health."

The late-February gathering discussed many issues, including the right of every person to life, health and treatment.

How were Catholic women to reconcile what on the surface seemed like two contradictory messages? Forgoing treatment for a pathological condition brought praise, even sainthood, from the Vatican, yet in the background there was the reminder that people have a responsibility to look after their health.

In the case of St. Gianna and

Fedrizzi, "It was within their right to undergo treatment," even if the treatment would have "indirectly compromised the pregnancy," said Bishop Elio Sgreccia, head of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Following the principle of double effect, the Church teaches it is morally acceptable to undergo treatment for a serious medical condition even if the therapy is potentially harmful, even lethal, to an unborn child.

The "bad effect" of harm or death occurring to the fetus is tolerated only as long as the aim of the medical intervention is to acquire the "good effect" of helping treat the patient.

But a woman is also justified in opting to refuse any treatment for a condition that may put her fetus at risk, Father Johnstone said.

"It is not morally required" by the Church, he said, but the Church recognizes such an act to be "a heroic decision to sacrifice oneself for someone else."

By praising the sacrifice made by St. Gianna and Fedrizzi, the Church "is not necessarily saying that forgoing treatment for a disease that might harm the child is the right thing to do," said Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, a neuroscientist and director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

"The Church is rather recognizing that a voluntary decision on behalf of one's unborn child is a powerful sign in the midst of a culture of death where the unborn child is routinely sidelined at the slightest provocation," he told *Catholic News Service*.

Many factors should be considered in deciding whether to opt for full medical treatment to save one's own life or to refuse treatment for the sake of the life of the fetus, said the theologians.

For example, "it would have to be taken into consideration" if a woman already had other children who were dependent on her, said Father Johnstone.

"No other person outside herself ought to tell her to sacrifice herself," said the priest.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Hope Lives

During the first three centuries after Christ's death on a cross, Christians faced widespread persecution and execution by the Roman Empire solely because of their beliefs. But, these Christians did not accept compromise from a society or government that viewed them as unwanted nuisances. On the contrary, many were killed and martyred for the faith by a corrupted and hopeless culture.

Today, Christians throughout the world are still called to take personal responsibility for loving and caring for our fellow man — for other human beings. Nothing has changed to reduce or allow for compromise in the amount of love and care we are called to provide to others. What has changed is our willingness to face our persecutors.

As society and a government

still corrupt by hopelessness continue to allow and support removing any message of Christian faith it feels is unwanted, Christians need to stand firm in their faith, like our forerunners. A culture that requires the removal of the reminders of our responsibility as human beings to love and to do good to others is a culture that needs to be reminded of God's mercy.

This hopeless culture is trying to remove this message from being taught or displayed even here in the U.S.

Christians cannot and should not compromise from spreading and defending the message of the cross. Hope lives.

John Grandinetti  
San Marcos

### Church Should Compromise?

In regard to the article (Jan.

29) about AIDS prevention in Africa, and the uproar in Spain about Father Juan Martinez Camino, I felt a sense of outrage that our Church would condemn the use of condoms to help control one of the most vicious diseases in human history, particularly when the condom has proven to be the single most effective tool in controlling its spread. Is it morally right for the Church, in the name of religious doctrine, to have no qualms at all about allowing millions of men, women and children to die unnecessarily, yet at the same time profess to be pro-life? Is this not a case of shameful hypocrisy?

The Church's grounds for opposing birth control are about as firm as quicksand. The truth is, strong Church opposition developed in the 19th century when modern birth control

methods were developing. In reality, the hierarchy knew it was a pseudo-moral issue, but the popes and bishops feared that if Catholics accepted birth control, Catholic populations would decrease, a self-serving stand.

By the 20th century, with widespread use of condoms and the pill, the hierarchy became almost hysterical, obliging Pope Paul VI to issue his unconvincing encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. Yet, at the time of Vatican II, there was a broad consensus in the Church that its position on birth control was a major mistake.

But by the last third of the century, the Church had lost its case with most Catholics, including a majority of its priests. As a show of protest, millions of Catholics, in the Western world in particular, just walked away from their uncompromising Church, as did thousands of priests, or they just

ignored its teachings.

The pope's uncompromising stand has to be cause for anguish among all Catholics with a conscience.

It would be interesting to see how you would write an article dealing with these contradictions: pro-life is good (true), but death by a hideous disease is acceptable even though preventable by using a very moral means. Is not this indifference a "sin of omission?"

Philippe de la Croix  
San Diego

*Editor's Note: Our usual policy is not to print letters advocating positions contrary to Church teaching on grave moral matters. This letter, however, posed a challenge which we are happy to take up. An article responding to the challenges made here will appear in our next issue. Response letters are also welcome.*

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## Con Aplausos de los Fieles el Papa Regresa al Vaticano

Por Cindy Wooden

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO — El papa Juan Pablo II regresó al Vaticano el 13 de marzo después de pasar 18 días en el hospital Gemelli de Roma donde fue sometido a una traqueotomía y terapia para ayudarlo a respirar y hablar con un tubo inserto en su garganta.

Sentado en el asiento adelante de un minivan, el Papa llegó a la Plaza de San Pedro a las 6:30 de la tarde, aproximadamente, hora de Roma, saludando a 2.000 personas y a las cámaras de televisión en la plaza para recibirlo.

El Papa llegó al Vaticano seis horas después que habló públicamente por la primera vez después de entrar en el hospital para la traqueotomía para ayudarlo con sus problemas respiratorios.

Unos días antes, el vocero del Vaticano había dicho que el Papa saldría del hospital antes del 20 de marzo, Domingo de Ramos.

El vocero, Joaquín Navarro-Valls, había dicho el 10 de marzo que el Papa, siguiendo el consejo de sus doctores, prolongará su estancia en el hospital por “algunos días más para completar su convalecencia, la cual va en progreso normal.”

El papa Juan Pablo estuvo internado en el hospital del 1º al 10 de febrero pues presentaba un cuadro de gripe, inflamación de la garganta y espasmos de la laringe, lo que le dificultaba la respiración.

Regresó al hospital el 24 de febrero y fue sometido a una traqueotomía para hacerle más fácil la respiración mientras sanaba la laringe. Durante la segunda estadía en el hospital, el Papa recibió terapia de rehabilitación para ayudarlo a respirar y a hablar, a pesar del tubo que todavía tenía inserto en la tráquea, a través de una incisión en la garganta.



**EL PAPA SALE:** El papa Juan Pablo II sale del hospital Gemelli de Roma el 13 de marzo en una camioneta de pasajeros.

Se le preguntó a Navarro-Valls el 10 de marzo que si el Papa recibía alguna terapia en el hospital que no se le pudiera dar en el Vaticano.

“No lo creo, en estos momentos. De hecho, en el comunicado se hablaba de completar la fase de convalecencia y no de una fase de terapia”, dijo.

El vocero dijo que la frase de que al

Papa se le había aconsejado prolongar su estancia no era porque se hubiese fijado su alta en fecha anticipada, sino porque “el Papa quiere irse (a su residencia normal) lo más pronto posible”.

“Puedo confirmar que el Papa pasará la Semana Santa en el Vaticano”, dijo el vocero.

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## Julio Hernández Esta Libre

Por el Obispo Gilbert E. Chávez

En nuestro ejemplar de la Cruz del Sur del 10 de febrero, escribimos el obituario del Sr. Julio Hernández, editor de la sección en español de la Cruz del Sur, quien falleció el pasado 7 de febrero. La siguiente es una reflexión de parte del Obispo Auxiliar Gilberto Chávez, quien trabajó cercanamente con Julio durante muchos años.

SAN DIEGO — El día 7 de febrero Julio pasó a mejor vida. Para su funeral escribí una poesía: “Soy libre”. En realidad Julio se encuentra libre de sus enfermedades físicas. Ya puede contemplar cara a cara a su Creador, su Salvador y su Guía, el Espíritu Santo. Julio ahora está libre para sentir la grandeza de Dios y gozarlo.

Julio en esta vida sufría bastante y se encontraba limitado por sus enfermedades a pesar de sus serios dolores tuvo la valentía de prestar sus servicios a la comunidad cristiana. Julio trabajó de traductor en Estados Unidos. En su país de Honduras hizo dos años de estudios para ser abogado, fue maestro y después de dejar Nueva York se vino a California permaneciendo por 19 años y trabajó por 7 años como editor de la sección en español del Southern Cross, periódico de la diócesis de San Diego.

Viendo la necesidad espiritual de los hispanos se alineó a los Movimientos hispanos para contribuir en su crecimiento. Con su dedicación, su dinamismo, su gran entusiasmo por la comunidad hispana Julio se lanzó a la conquistar y evangelizar a los mayores. Su

voz repleta de entusiasmo encontró eco en la comunidad hispana. Julio comenzó su gran caminata con miras a conquistar a la gran cantidad de pobres.

Julio llegó a San Diego para descansar de sus enfermedades. Pero en lugar de que fuera ocasión de retiro, se encontró con muchas necesidades entre los hispanos. Un día nos encontramos en un salón del Centro Padre Hidalgo asistiendo a una plática que impartía Enrique Méndez. Hablamos con Julio quien demostró interés en ayudar para tener una Misa en español en la Catedral. Así fue y hace 15 años se comenzó la Primera Misa dominical en español en la catedral.

Estando en la Catedral como coordinador, Julio comenzó a impartir clases de Biblia a quienes deseaban ese estudio. Después extendió sus clases a otras cuatro parroquias. Su esfuerzo se extendió hasta llegar a dar sus clases bíblicas a los Cursillistas y al Movimiento Familiar Cristiano.

Además él enseñó en la Catedral la Catequesis familiar que es un programa difícil que requiere la preparación de los padres de familia. El decía claramente: la raíz es de suma importancia y los padres deben ser fuente de vida Espiritual para la familia.

En su despedida de San Diego casi mil personas asistieron a su Misa de Resurrección y los siguientes sacerdotes expresaron sus pensamientos.

El Padre Augusto Berrio se expresó diciendo que Julio tenía grande aprecio a La Eucaristía y que tenía gran entusiasmo por Jesús y sus palabras en la Biblia.

El Padre Armando Escurrel también afirmó su gran trabajo de promover la devoción a la Eucaristía y que esa fe se manifestó en educar al pueblo en la palabra de Dios.

El Padre José Castillo, su director espiritual, habló sobre su fe en la Eucaristía y que esa fe se manifestó en educar al pueblo en la Palabra de Dios. Julio también fue asistente del Padre Castillo en el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano.

El Padre Higinio habló de la alegría y felicidad que Julio expresaba al hablar de su fe y compromiso con Jesús. La Biblia era un gran tesoro para él pues era conocer la Historia de Salvación. Por último el Padre Andrés Arango resumió en cuatro puntos los compromisos de Julio: primero, su amor especial a La Eucaristía; segundo, su gran aprecio al sacerdote; tercero, su ministerio y servicio con la comunidad hispana y cuarto, su gran interés por la formación de los laicos.

Todos estos pensamientos indican que Julio hizo el trabajo de Cristo imitando a San Pablo el gran evangelizador.

Julio, a su manera, con sus enfermedades superó con alegría su compromiso por enriquecer a la comunidad hispana. Estuvo severamente enfermo pero sus enfermedades no lo limitaron. Ahora Julio es libre de sus sufrimientos para continuar alabando al Señor. Que nosotros seamos libres para apreciar la grandeza de Jesús y de las Sagradas Escrituras, la Biblia.

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## El Papa Alaba Los Esfuerzos De Panamá Por Reducir La Pobreza Y Poner Término A La Corrupción

Por Cindy Wooden

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO — Los esfuerzos de Panamá por reducir la pobreza y poner término a la corrupción de la burocracia pública son partes importantes para consolidar la democracia y el progreso del país, dijo el papa Juan Pablo II.

El mensaje escrito del Papa le fue dado al nuevo embajador de Panamá ante el Vaticano, Lawrence Chewning Fábrega, después de que se reunió el 17 de marzo con el cardenal Ángelo Sodano, secretario de estado del Vaticano.

En su mensaje al Papa, el embajador, diplomático de carrera, alabó la dirección del papa Juan Pablo en su trabajo por la paz y por la erradicación de la pobreza en el mundo.

La mayoría católica de Panamá, dijo, entiende que si mantenemos oídos sordos y ojos ciegos ante el problema del hambre, la pobreza y las injusticias sociales, no podremos cumplir con el mensaje de Cristo, y estaremos destinados a vivir en un mundo apocalíptico.

En su mensaje, el Papa alabó los esfuerzos del gobierno por combatir la pobreza, promover trabajos y contener la corrupción.

La Iglesia Católica en Panamá, si bien no interviene en política de partidos, sí apoya, a través de sus enseñanzas, la caridad, la dignidad humana y conducta moral propia, dijo el Papa.

El papa Juan Pablo dijo que para lograr el éxito, el gobierno debe dar los pasos necesarios para remediar las enormes diferencias en la distribución de la riqueza y para educar a las generaciones jóvenes a fin de que valoren y respeten la diversidad racial y cultural del pueblo de Panamá.

El Papa también hizo un llamado para que se hagan esfuerzos tendientes al mejoramiento de la educación y la reforma del sistema de justicia criminal de la nación, incluyendo la creación de prisiones más humanas y justas en las que se pueda preparar el retorno de los criminales a la sociedad.

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## Cardenal Sandoval Aparece En Entrevista Televisiva

El cardenal Juan Sandoval Iñiguez conversa con el anfitrión de un programa de entrevistas José Antonio Fernández durante un programa local de televisión en vivo de dos horas, transmitido desde el seminario de Guadalajara, México, el 27 de febrero. Su habilidad con los medios de comunicación lo ha hecho uno de los hombres más solicitados por los corajudos cuerpos de prensa del país; el programa de noticias nocturno transmite regularmente sus opiniones en cuanto a todo, desde el SIDA hasta las elecciones.

## Los Ecuatorianos Preocupados Por Ataques Que Incluyen Fundación Jesuita

Por Barbara J. Fraser

LIMA, Perú — Algunos ecuatorianos y organizaciones internacionales de derechos humanos expresan su preocupación acerca de recientes amenazas y ataques en contra de periodistas, trabajadores de derechos humanos y opositores al gobierno en la pequeña nación andina.

Entre los blancos de ataque se incluye a una fundación dirigida por los jesuitas que dirige proyectos habitacionales y de alcance social, como también servicios jesuitas para refugiados y migrantes en Ecuador.

El arzobispo, ya jubilado, Alberto Luna Tobar de la ciudad de Cuenca en el altiplano, encabezó el 15 de marzo una manifestación en la que se pedía respeto por la democracia en el país. Se informó en los medios locales de información que cerca de 20.000 personas se unieron a la marcha.

“El gobierno ha sido incapaz de abrir canales de comunicación para establecer un diálogo con sus opositores”, dijo Pablo de la Vega, coordinador del Centro de Derechos Humanos Segundo Montes localizado en Quito, capital del país. Al centro, que fundado en 1991 por alumnos graduados de las escuelas jesuitas, se le dio su nombre por uno de los jesuitas que fue asesinado en El Salvador en

el año 1989.

Los obispos del país dieron a conocer una declaración en la que presentaban su protesta por los ataques.

“Los problemas crónicos (de Ecuador) se han exacerbado por los ataques en contra de las instituciones del país. La democracia es posible solamente en un estado de derecho”, escribieron los obispos en una carta firmada por el arzobispo Vicente Cisneros Durán de Cuenca, presidente de la conferencia de obispos ecuatorianos; y monseñor José Eguiguren Samaniego, secretario general de la conferencia. “La fuerza no se puede usar como instrumento de injusta intimidación”.

El 2 de febrero, un grupo de agentes del gobierno allanó y clausuró la fundación Mariana de Jesús dirigida por jesuitas en Quito y congelaron sus cuentas de banco, aduciendo que la fundación, establecida en 1939, no operaba legalmente. En el juzgado se abogó a favor de la fundación, pero el ministro de Bienestar Social presentó apelación.

El 17 de febrero, el director de la fundación, Francisco Peña, fue asaltado a punta de pistola, y el 2 de marzo se recibió una llamada telefónica en la oficina con amenaza de bomba. Fragmentos de la informa-

ción, en los que se incluyen datos acerca de inversiones de los jesuitas en el extranjero, aparentemente tomadas de los archivos de la fundación por los agentes del gobierno, se han hecho circular en forma anónima “en un esfuerzo para desacreditar la fundación”, le dijo de la Vega al Catholic News Service en una entrevista por teléfono.

“Creemos que la razón por la cual se le persigue a la fundación es que la universidad católica, especialmente a través de la escuela de derecho, ha guardado una fuerte posición crítica de la decisión del gobierno de interferir con la Corte Suprema en diciembre”, dijo.

En diciembre, a petición del presidente Lucio Gutiérrez, el Congreso quitó a la mayoría de los jueces de la Corte Suprema y nombró reemplazos. A pesar de que el movimiento ganó alguna aprobación popular de los ecuatorianos, cansados de la corrupción del cuerpo judicial, algunos críticos dicen que la reforma judicial debe hacerse a través de los canales legales y no por medio de orden presidencial o decreto legislativo. Algunos trabajadores del cuerpo judicial se declararon en huelga, demandando reformas judiciales que respeten la ley.

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## Domestic Rural Poverty, Development Focus of New Anti-Hunger Report

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON — While hunger remains far more prevalent in poorer nations, especially in the Southern Hemisphere and parts of Asia, those regions share something in particular with the United States: Rural inhabitants tend to be the poorest people and those most vulnerable to hunger.

This is one of the conclusions of Bread for the World's annual hunger report, issued March 15.

Titled *Strengthening Rural Communities*, it said two-thirds of the world's hungry inhabitants rely on agriculture for a significant percentage of their incomes. In the United States, the highest percentage of people it considers "food insecure" live in rural areas. The report added that one in five rural children is "food insecure," defined as "a condition of uncertain availability of or ability to acquire safe, nutritious food in a socially acceptable way."

The Rev. David Beckmann, a Lutheran pastor who is Bread for the World's president, said that, while a greater number of hungry Americans live in cities because "far more people live in cities than in rural areas," the degree to which rural Americans are at risk for hunger was a disturbing finding.

Rev. Beckmann said U.S. rural policy fosters food insecurity at home and hunger abroad. Federal crop subsidies are partly to blame, he noted. "Ten percent of the farmers get 70 percent of the

subsidies," Rev. Beckmann said.

Smaller family farms find it harder to compete effectively against their bigger, more heavily subsidized counterparts. Fewer rural Americans farm today— about 2 percent of the total population is employed in farming — and a growing number of American farmers, the report said, depend on sources of income that are off the farm in order to maintain their standard of living.

The crop subsidies, according to Rev. Beckmann, produce "market distortions" in developing countries.

"Mexican farmers can't sell their maize because of all of the subsidized corn coming down from America," he said. And if cotton growers in Mali try to sell their products in international markets, he added, "How can they compete against the heavily subsidized cotton that's grown here?" The lower prices in domestic markets overseas depress individual farm revenues and result in growing poverty.

The report noted that, in the midst of seeming plenty, rural America is marked by "food deserts" — places where places to purchase food are 20 to 30 miles away. In addition, many parts of rural America are threatened with reduction or loss of the number of health care facilities in their towns. This affects young residents in particular, making it even more difficult for them to remain in rural areas.

Worldwide, according to the report, 852 million people — about one in six — go hungry.

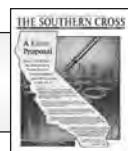
In a telephone interview with *Catholic News Service*, Rev. Beckmann said the *Bread for the World Report* "fits in very nicely with what the Catholic bishops are saying." In 2003, the U.S. bishops issued a document, *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers and Farmworkers*. The document said that "increasing concentration and growing globalization" of agriculture are having the effect of "pushing some ahead and leaving others behind."

Rev. Beckmann said rural development and improving health care services would go a long way toward solving rural poverty and attendant problems of hunger. He noted White House and congressional proposals to rework the crop subsidy program to limit payments to individual farmers. He recommended a revenue-neutral plan that would redirect the savings realized by placing a cap on subsidy payments into rural health care services and development.

The U.S. bishops, in *For I Was Hungry*, also argued for limiting crop subsidies.

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### EVANGELIZATION & CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

#### What Makes Good Liturgies Good?

Facilitated by Mary Ann Fallon, director of the Office for Liturgy and Spirituality, this inservice for parish leadership will take place April 7, 9:15 - 11:45 a.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. No charge for this event. Contact: Jeanne Morrow at (858) 490-8232.

#### Whole Community Catechesis

Putting Whole Community Catechesis Into Practice: Facilitated by Leisa Anslinger, pastoral associate in Cincinnati, this day long conference for parish leadership will take place April 23, 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Cost is \$15 (includes lunch). Contact: Jeanne Morrow at (858) 490-8232.

#### Disciples in Mission

This parish process integrates the Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, family activities, teen groups, planning, and follow-up activities into a coordinated parish-wide experience of evangelization that will renew faith, build Christian community, and foster parish leadership. To learn more about Disciples in Mission, attend one of the information sessions listed below. Information sessions are designed for parish staff members and evangelization teams or leaders. Presenters: Andrea and Greg McMullen, experienced Disciples in Mission facilitators and parishioners at St. Therese of Carmel Parish. For

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more information, call Jeanne Morrow at (858) 490-8232.

Wednesday, April 13  
7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Corpus Christi, Bonita

Thursday, May 5  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

Tuesday, May 10  
7-9 p.m.  
Mission San Luis Rey Parish, Oceanside

Monday, May 23  
7-9 p.m.  
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon

For further information regarding any of these programs, please contact us at [jmorrow@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:jmorrow@diocese-sdiego.org) or (858) 490-8232. For the full calendar of events and registration flyers go to [www.diocese-sdiego.org](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org). Under Ministries, click on Evangelization and Catechesis.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

#### Natural Family Planning Classes

Classes at diocesan Pastoral Center begin March

16, Aug. 10 and Oct. 26. Each class has four two-hour meetings, held one Wednesday a month for four months, 7-9 p.m. Call Cheryl and Dave Ross at (619) 469-5053.

For information on these classes, future classes in other locations, or to arrange private instruction, call Chris Mattson at (858) 490-8297.

### LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

#### Ministers Of The Word

This opportunity for new and experienced readers to improve their skills and develop the ability to proclaim the Word in the context of the liturgy will be held April 9, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and April 11, 6:30-9 p.m. Pastor's recommendation is needed to attend. Call (858) 490-8290.

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For more information please call (858) 490-8260 or e-mail [y-yconnect@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:y-yconnect@diocese-sdiego.org)

#### Visión Juvenil

Domingo, 17 de abril "Talento Juvenil Brillando A Través de la Luz del Señor". Esta tarde de talentos se llevara a cabo en San Juan de la Cruz a las 12pm, 8086 Broadway, Lemon Grove, 91945. Para

mas informacion, comunicarse con Mari Rodriguez al 760-809-9207 o [angelaplaysoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:angelaplaysoccer@yahoo.com).

#### Consejo General

El 12 de abril en el Centro Pastoral. Para mas informacion, comunicarse a la Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil al 858-490-8260.

#### CSUSM

Adoremus Catholic Fellowship will be showing the Passion of the Christ on campus, Good Friday, March 25, in the Arts Building at 6 p.m.

#### Young Adult Training

Principles in Ministry with Young Adults from Center for Ministry Development.

Diocese of Orange, 2811 E. Villa Real Dr., Orange, CA 92867, April 9-10, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sat), 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Sun). Please call our office to register.

#### Youth Leader: Chastity Workshop

Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Pastoral Center OR Sunday April 17, 1:30-6 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Calexico. \$15 per person. Please sign up through your Youth Minister.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### Detention Ministry

Those interested in ministering to inmates, call the Office for Social Ministry at (858) 490-8323.

## PARISH EVENTS

### Perpetual Adoration

Holy Spirit Church, 2725 55th St. Open 24 hours daily. Card needed for night entry, available at parish office. Call (619) 262-2435.

### Gifts of Holy Spirit

St. James Parish, Solana Beach, will host "Receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit," workshop by Father John Hampsch, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 9. Tickets \$20 before March 31 - \$25 after. Call (858) 481-7322, or (858) 755-2436.

### Invisible Children

St. Thomas More Parish will show "Invisible Children," a documentary about child soldiers in Uganda, April 9, 7 p.m. Call (760) 310-8063, or e-mail alexandrarosewolters@yahoo.com.

### "Late Nite Catechism"

Church of Resurrection, Escondido, hosts benefit performance of interactive comedy, April 16, 8 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$45, pasta dinner with donation, no-host bar. Call (760) 747-2322.

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### Adoption Info

Adoption Information Sessions, April 2 and 16, 1-5 p.m. Call Kelly at (310) 215-3180 or visit [www.adoptionhelp.org](http://www.adoptionhelp.org).

### Stewardship Network

All parishes welcome at the "Parishes of San Diego Stewardship Network" every other month. Laity and pastors represented. Call (760) 945-8000 or e-mail sanrae@cox.net, or call (858) 459-2975 or e-mail cindyb@allhallows.com

### Thomas More Society

Next meeting will be April 1 at Cathedral Catholic High School. Call voice mailbox at (619) 595-4294.

### Divine Mercy Sunday

• St. Mark's Parish, San Marcos, will host confession at 1 p.m., rosary and chaplet of divine mercy at 2:30 p.m. and Mass at 3 p.m., with bilingual

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sermon. April 3. Call (760) 744-8216.

• Good Shepherd Parish, Mira Mesa, will host diocesan celebration at 2:30 p.m., April 3. Procession, holy hour, chaplet, benediction, veneration of St. Faustina image and relic. Spanish celebration at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 2:30 p.m. Call (619) 276-6637.

### Magnificat

North County meeting, April 23, 9 a.m., Escondido Country Club. Mass at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast and speaker, Dr. Cyndi Peterson. Call Rosemary at (858) 566-0284 or Mary at (760) 489-5588. \$18 donation.

### Springfest

St. Columba School will hold annual carnival and craft boutique, April 23-24. Food court, inflatable zone, midway games, sandcastle building contest, nascar racing, laser tag and more. Call (858) 279-1882.

### Nazareth Gala

Celebrating 80 years, Nazareth School will hold gala at El Cortez downtown, April 30. \$50 includes dinner and a silent and live auction. Call (619) 229-0872 or e-mail [KDalassio@cox.net](mailto:KDalassio@cox.net).

### Golf Tournament

St. John of the Cross PTC, Cottonwood Golf Course, May 14, 2 p.m. \$90/person, includes buffet, raffle and more. Call Tim at (619) 579-3949.

### Spirit Ministries

Call (619) 262-9685 or visit [www.spiritministries.net](http://www.spiritministries.net) for info on:

- Monday night Bible Class with Father Jerry Bevilacqua at Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 7 p.m.
- First Friday Mass, April 1 at St. Katherine's in Temecula. Masses start at 7 p.m.
- Third Monday of the month Mass & healing service at Holy Spirit Parish, 7 p.m. April 18.
- 2005 dates for the Contemplative Retreats are March 8-13, April 26-

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May 1, May 17-22, June 21-26, Oct. 25-30 and Nov. 15-20.

• Day of Renewal hosted by St John's Altar Society (in Encinitas) with speaker Father Jerry Bevilacqua, Feb. 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. RSVP (619) 262-9685.

### Young Adults

Singles and couples in your 20s and 30s, check out [www.swoyya.org](http://www.swoyya.org) for a calendar of activities sponsored by St. Therese of Carmel (formerly St. William of York) Young Adult group. Opportunities include spiritual, service and social events. Visit [www.swoyya.org](http://www.swoyya.org) or call (858) 755-5343.

### Secular Franciscans

• Secular Franciscans meet the second Sunday of each month at St. Patrick's, San Diego, noon to 4 p.m. Call (619) 296-2385.

• San Luis Rey Fraternity of Secular Franciscans meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center. Call (760) 738-5288 or (760) 728-2707.

### Padre Pio

Padre Pio devotions first Monday of month, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Rosary at 6:35 p.m. followed by Mass and benediction. Call (619) 697-5958. If you would like to receive more information about Padre Pio and the prayers he said daily, send 4 stamps and your address to: St. Pio's Prayers P.O.Box 191545 San Diego 92159. Visit our Padre Pio website at [www.saintpio.org](http://www.saintpio.org)

### Bible Studies

- Women's Christian Fellowship - prayer, praise and Bible study, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center. Childcare available (909) 699-3712 or (858) 279-8450. For WCF info, call (760) 436-3875.
- Dr. Bill Creasy's Logos Ministries Bible Classes, Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., San Rafael Parish. Text of current class can be found at [www.logos-min.org](http://www.logos-min.org). Call (858) 487-4314.
- Bible class every Monday at Holy

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Spirit Parish Hall with Father Jerry Bevilacqua, 7:15-9:15, followed by prayer circle until 11. Call (619) 262-9685.

### Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelite communities of San Diego invite adults interested in integrating Carmelite spirituality into their lives to call (760) 739-5989.

### Discalced Carmelites

The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order meets on the third Sunday of every month at the Carmelite Monastery on Hawley Blvd. Call (619) 444-4971.

### Adoracion Nocturna

El primer sabado del mes en Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, SD; 2do sabado en San Leo, Solana Beach; 3er sabado, Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, Chula Vista; 4to sabado en Mte. Carmelo, San Ysidro; 8 p.m.-8 a.m. (619) 656-8432 o (619) 462-7112.

### Vocations Prayer

• Love our Priests prayer group meets quarterly at Ascension Parish. Guest priest celebrates Mass at 10 a.m. and shares story of his vocation. Conclude with informal potluck. Next meeting is Sept. 11. Call (858) 278-5497.

• Rosary for vocations every Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Carlsbad.

• Every first Friday, holy hour for vocations, after 8 a.m. Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church, Encinitas.

• Holy hour and rosary following 8 a.m. Mass at St. Mark's, third Tuesday of each month. Sponsored by North County Serra Club.

### Thomas Merton

• The San Diego Thomas Merton Society gathers at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Brigid Parish, Pacific Beach in room 3-B of the parish center. Call (858) 490-0507.

• International Thomas Merton Society will meet at USD, June 9-12. Speakers include Father John Dear, SJ, Sister Jose Hobday, OSF, Jim

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Wallis and Mother Antonia Brenner. Limited 400 people, on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [www.SanDiegoMerton.org](http://www.SanDiegoMerton.org), or write to St. Therese Parish, 6016 Camino Rico, San Diego, CA, 92120.

### Support Group

If you have sexual attraction to members of the same sex, COURAGE can help you live the chaste Christian life. If you have a family member who self identifies as "gay" or "lesbian," ENCOURAGE can help. Call (858) 271-0207.

### Divorced/Widowed

• "Picking Up the Pieces" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Room 3. Ongoing programs. Call (619) 401-6445, (619) 588-1543, or (619) 561-5809.

• New Paths meets at Sacred Heart, Coronado. Call (619) 435-6136 for current schedule.

• Single Again meets at Our Mother of Confidence Church on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. Call (858) 535-8044.

• St. Francis in Vista meets every Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Founder's Hall. Potluck every second Friday. For remarried couples, potluck first Saturday of each month from 7-9 p.m. Call (760) 941-1625.

• Widows/widowers of North County build friendship through religious/social activities. Call (760) 966-1725.

• Stalpar Club: single/widowed men/women over 35, First Sundays, St. John's Church, 1638 Polk Ave. Social, 3:30 p.m.; mtg. and dinner. Call (858) 292-4621 or (619) 448-2370.

• Good Grief, an 8-week bereavement workshop. Call (760) 745-2655 or (760) 746-5642.

### Catholic Deaf Community

Interpreted Masses every Sunday: San Rafael in Rancho Bernardo: noon; Immaculate Heart of Mary; Ramona, 8:30 a.m. (second Sunday of the month); Guardian Angels, Santee, 10 a.m.; St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista, 10 a.m.; Our Lady of Guadalupe, El Centro, noon. Bible Study every Wednesday 7 p.m., religious educa-

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tion every Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima. For more information, call (760) 767-5701, e-mail [Fr\\_B\\_Hayes@Hotmail.com](mailto:Fr_B_Hayes@Hotmail.com), or visit [www.Deafmass.org](http://www.Deafmass.org).

### Pro-Life Prayer Hour

• Benediction, scriptural rosary and meditations on the Right to Life, third Sun. of every month, 7-8 p.m., Holy Family Church.

• Rosary at abortion clinic, 120 S. Craven in San Marcos, every Tuesday 10-11 a.m.

• Every Saturday. Call (858) 748-2109.

• Pray Rosary each Saturday, 9-11 a.m. at 2859 Sixth Avenue, Hillcrest. Call (619) 466-1507.

• Holy Hour for protection of unborn, 8 p.m. in Perpetual Adoration Chapel, Our Lady of Grace Church. Meet at 7:40 p.m. at Memorial for the Unborn behind the church to pray Chaplet of Mercy. Call (619) 466-1507.

## WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS

### Marriage Encounter

Take your talking to a deeper level of listening and understanding. Register for marriage encounter weekend, April 15-17 or May 20-22. Call (619) 449-3987.

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• Spanish Sept. 23-25. Call (619) 423-0182.

### Beginning Experience

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