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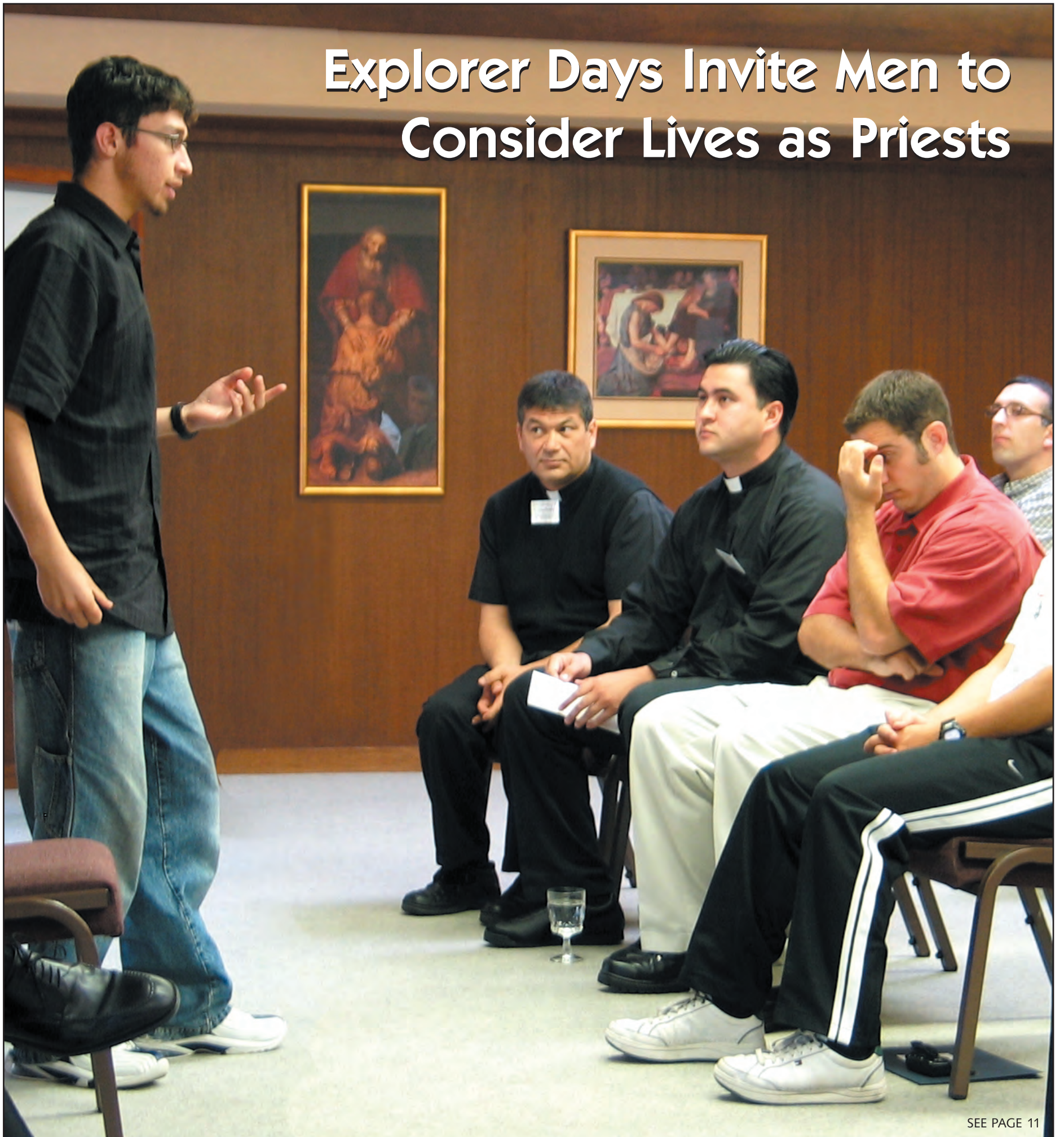
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Church Leaders Wary of Posting Guard, Urge Broader Reform

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush's nationally televised address May 15 on immigration reform got mixed reviews from both sides.

Several Catholic leaders who have been stressing the need for humane treatment of people involved in illegal immigration expressed concern about positioning military personnel near the border, but the opposition was mild as most Catholic leaders stressed the need for comprehensive reform.

Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, said he welcomed the president's speech on the need to reform the immigration system, but expressed concern about "the introduction of military personnel because there has not been an adequate public discussion about its implications, especially for the treatment of migrants."

In his first such nationwide address on a domestic policy matter, Bush gave his most explicit support to date for a program that would provide a way for most of the estimated 11 million to 12 million illegal immigrants in the country to legalize their status. He proposed requiring them to pay a fine and back taxes, learn English and hold a job for an undefined set number of years to be allowed to stay in the country.

Much of the president's speech focused on border enforcement. He said up to 6,000 members of the National Guard would be sent to the border states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, where they would assist the Border Patrol in jobs such as intelligence analysis, installation of fences and barriers, roads construction and training.

In his statement, Bishop Barnes reiterated the U.S. bishops' position that



TIJUANA FENCE: A U.S. Border Patrol agent rides along the fence separating Tijuana, Mexico, from California May 15.

"the real solution to the immigration crisis lies in a comprehensive approach to the problem. This approach must include a long-term strategy to address the root causes of flight, such as combating poverty in sending countries."

The U.S. bishops have previously called for reform of the Mexican economy so that jobs become available in Mexico.

"It also must include comprehensive reform of our nation's immigration laws which features an opportunity to earn citizenship for the undocumented in our country and the creation of legal avenues for migration for migrants to work and join families in a safe, orderly and humane manner," the bishop said.

The use of the word "orderly" in Bishop Barnes' statement signaled that the U.S. bishops do not oppose border enforcement in principal, but that they also do not want it to become the sole, or even primary, feature of immigration reform.

The president of Catholic Charities

USA, Father Larry Snyder, echoed Bishop Barnes in supporting the president's push to move comprehensive legislation forward.

"We're happy to see that the president and leading members of the Senate support finding ways to enable many undocumented workers the opportunity to legalize their status and become U.S. citizens," his statement said. "We will work to make sure that our government policies keep families together, not break them apart."

Those bishops who have spoken publicly have tended to stress the plight of individual migrant people — predominantly poor and sometimes desperate — who enter the United States seeking work.

This has led to tensions with those Catholics who see broader cultural issues of assimilation and law enforcement as germane.

While polls suggest that many Americans would prefer strict immigration enforcement combined with

more opportunities for legalized status for those seeking work in the U.S., some Catholic officials continue to resist enforcement as an element of immigration reform.

In comments after the speech, for example, several Catholic officials focused negatively on the National Guard plan; they included Gary Cooper, an accredited legal representative of immigrants with Catholic Charities' Immigration Counseling Services in Dallas.

Cooper said recent history has shown that adding more technology and vigilance at the border has not kept illegal immigrants out.

Bush, however, received praise from Hector Flores, national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, who agrees with the plan to put National Guard troops on the border.

"Their presence there will stem the flow of more immigrants who may die trying to cross the river or walk across the desert," Flores said. He said the troops may also help protect the rights of people who get into the United States and help stop drug-related killings along the border, a particular problem in parts of the Texas-Mexico region.

Bishop James A. Tamayo of Laredo, Texas, said parishes in Laredo and other border communities every day "witness the human consequences of a broken immigration system, with families divided and human beings exploited by smugglers and dying in the desert."

He said, "We should be able to find a humane solution to the immigration crisis that upholds our national values and preserves human life and human dignity."

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Dead Sea Scrolls to Visit San Diego Museum Next Year

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — A local Catholic parishioner has been given the task of making sure everything runs smoothly as the Dead Sea Scrolls make their only California stop at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Chuck Yash, 57, was recently appointed project manager for the exhibit.

It can be challenging work to spearhead a project with international scope, which demands close cooperation between museum personnel

San Diego will be the only California venue

and foreign authorities. But a love of history and a passion for his Catholic faith made Yash eager to accept the position.

"Here's a piece of history that's well over 2,000 years old, that has a lot of biblical connections with the Old Testament," said Yash, a longtime parishioner at the Church of the Nativity in Ran-

cho Santa Fe. "It's not too many people who get to work on projects with that type of history."

Since their discovery in late 1940s, the Dead Sea Scrolls have been hailed by archeologists and scholars as perhaps the greatest discovery in modern biblical history. Found in a group of caves near the Dead Sea, the more than 800 manuscripts — both complete scrolls and fragments — consist of ancient Jewish religious writings, including the earliest Hebrew and Aramaic copies of almost

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Cuban Christ Statue Portrays A Powerful, Teaching Jesus

HAVANA, Cuba — The Christ of Havana statue rises majestically, powerfully and colossally over the entrance to the port of Havana, between the old colonial fortress of San Carlos de la Cabana and the picturesque port area of Casa Blanca.

Inaugurated Dec. 25, 1958, it is the masterpiece of Cuban sculptress Jilma Madera and has been located in one of the symbolic sites of the Cuban capital.

Madera, who died in 2000, said in an interview that she wanted to depart from the more common image of “a Christ weak and fragile. I wanted to give him the austerity, love and strength that puts him on the side of the poor of this earth.”

In this statue, Jesus appears standing, with one hand on his chest and the other upright in the act of blessing. His look is toward the city. The statue is more than 60 feet tall and weighs 320 tons.

The nearly 50-year-old monument is part of the architectural complex which characterizes the entrance to the old port of Carenas, discovered between 1508 and 1509 by the Spaniard, Sebastian de Ocampo.

This location permits the Christ of Havana statue to be seen across the bay from different points of the city, within sight of those who travel along the shoreline of the sea and those who enter or leave the port.



CHRIST OF HAVANA: *The Christ of Havana statue overlooks the harbor and city of Havana, Cuba.*

The artist started with 600 tons of white marble from Carrara, Italy, which was reduced to 320 tons once the work atop the Cabana hill, which rises about 170 feet above sea level, was finished.

Madera did not use someone else's model to sculpt Christ of Havana. She was inspired by her ideal of male beauty: slanted eyes and fleshy lips in keep-

ing with the mestizo racial characteristics of the Caribbean island.

Madera bought the marble with the money she won in the 1956 competition, “Patronage of Christ of Havana,” to choose the design for the statue. She took with her to Italy a model of the winning design: an approximately 10-foot-high plaster figure, in which she

later sculpted the details.

The construction of the sculpture began in September 1958 with only the artist and 20 marble workers involved. The statue was inaugurated three months later, and since then the sculptress has been known best for this work.

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More Catholic Elementary Students Heading to Catholic High School

By Denis Grasska

CARMEL VALLEY — Drawn by the promise of strong academics and vibrant Catholicism, a growing number of Catholic elementary students are enrolling at the Diocese of San Diego's new, state-of-the-art high school campus in Carmel Valley.

Current enrollment figures suggest the incoming freshmen class at Cathedral Catholic High School, which opened its doors in August 2005, will be both larger and more heavily Catholic than the current freshmen class.

According to admissions director Caroline Fisk, next year's freshmen class might include as many as 525 students, who would share the Carmel Valley campus with an estimated 450 sophomores, 450 juniors and 350 seniors.

By early May, Fisk said, admissions data also suggested a 5 to 7 percent increase in the number of Catholics enrolling as freshmen. This trend is expected to increase the school's total Catholic population, meaning that the school is doing just what it was designed to do — make Catholic secondary education

'Our faith is who we are at Cathedral Catholic High'

more widely available to the Local Church.

Proposed as a larger, technologically advanced replacement for Linda Vista's overcrowded University of San Diego High School (USDHS) campus, Cathedral Catholic is the first of three new Catholic high schools planned for the Diocese of San Diego. The diocesan Secondary Education Initiative will also oversee the construction of Mater Dei High School, which will open in Chula Vista in 2007, and Pax Christi High School, which will open later in the North County.

Diocesan officials and school administrators were initially concerned that families in the vicinity of the old USDHS campus would be unwilling to make the move to the new Carmel Valley location, but such fears have proven unfounded.

In fact, Cathedral Catholic's location has been cited as one of the main reasons for next year's larg-

er freshmen class.

According to Fisk, the move has made the high school an attractive choice for students from North County parochial schools, who would never have considered USDHS because of its location.

“There are a lot of kids up here in the North County area that are Catholic and haven't had a high school to attend and now they do,” said Fisk, who noted that Catholic students from nearby public elementary schools have also enrolled at Cathedral Catholic.

According to Donna Wittouck, principal of School of the Madeleine, her students and their parents recognize Cathedral Catholic as “a great option.” Along with the school's previous dealings with USDHS, she said, visits by Cathedral Catholic representatives and open houses also have brought attention to the opportunities available at the new high school.

Christine Corpora, principal at Good Shepherd School, agrees.

“Some of our parents have attended Uni. So, there's a tradition,” Corpora said. “What can you say about

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World News in Brief

House of Lords Blocks Suicide Bill

LONDON — A British bill to legalize assisted suicide was blocked in the House of Lords, and its supporters accused Church leaders of causing its defeat. One legislator who supported the *Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill* accused Catholic officials of leading a “very unpleasant campaign” against the legislation and causing its defeat. After a seven-hour debate in the House of Lords May 12, members voted 148-100 against the bill. The outcome was seen as a victory for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, which in March began one of the largest campaigns in its modern history to challenge the bill. Opening the debate, Lord Joffe, sponsor of the bill, urged politicians to recognize that the heavy mailbags they had received in response to the bill were the fruit of an unrepresentative lobby led by the Catholic Church.

NY Archdiocese to Launch Sirius Channel

NEW YORK — Beginning this fall, the new Catholic Channel on Sirius Satellite Radio will air nationally seven days a week, 24 hours a day, featuring Catholic-oriented talk shows, music programming and live daily Masses from St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York. The new channel is to be operated jointly by the New York Archdiocese and Sirius. Programming also will include human interest and inspirational stories, shows offering counseling and guidance and educational programs, as well as “regular and previously unavailable content from the Vatican,” the New York-based Sirius said in a news release.

Spanish Archbishop: Say Sorry or No Mass

MADRID, Spain — The archbishop of Valencia has suspended the celebration of all Masses in the town of Sinarcas following a series of incidents culminating in what he says was the attempted beating of the town’s parish priest. Archbishop Agustin Garcia-Gasco Vicente said May 9 in a written statement that he will not permit Mass to be celebrated in Sinarcas until the town council “publicly asks forgiveness for what has happened and expresses its full support of the pastor,” Father Javier Abad Chismol. Father Abad has been threatened and pressured, he said, since speaking out last summer in a homily against the town’s decision “to let young people parody the Church and make fun of the sacrament of the Eucharist during the town’s annual fiestas.”

Polish Nuns Issue Anti-Prostitution Leaflets

WARSAW, Poland — Polish nuns, anticipating an increase in human trafficking and prostitution during the World Cup in Germany, have issued anti-prostitution leaflets in multiple languages for circulation during the competition. “Our resources are extremely limited, but we’re doing what we can,” said Ursuline Sister Jolanta Olech, president of Poland’s Conference of Superiors of Female Religious Orders. “We’re deeply concerned at reports that men’s lives are to be made nicer by importing 100,000 young women from Europe’s poorest countries.” Plans for the leaflets were approved in late April, and in a May 5 interview with *Catholic News Service*, Sister Jolanta said the Union of European Conferences of Major Superiors had asked national organizations to campaign against prostitution during the World Cup, the world’s largest soccer tournament, which will be held in 12 German cities June 9-July 9.

Consciences Must Guide Voters on Ballot Propositions

SACRAMENTO — Two Propositions will appear on the June 6 primary election ballot.

The bishops of California have not taken a position on either proposition, but ask that you:

- Prayerfully study Catholic teaching which speaks to the issues concerned,
- Use prudential judgment based on your own analysis, experiences and observations, and
- Make your decisions using a well-formed conscience.

Proposition 81:

California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006. Put on the ballot by the Legislature. Provides for a bond issue up to \$600 million to fund construction and renovation of public library facilities.

A Reflection on Catholic Teaching:

Government should not replace or destroy smaller communities and individual initiative. Rather it should help them contribute more effectively to social well-being and supplement their activity when the demands of justice exceed their capacities. This does not mean, however, that the government that governs least governs best. Rather it defines good government intervention as that which truly “helps” other social groups contribute to the common good... as “the occasion requires and necessity demands.” (*Economic Justice for All*, # 124)

Economic development must remain under the people’s control; it is not to be left to the judgment of a few individuals or groups possessing too much economic power, nor to the political community alone, nor to a few powerful nations. It is proper, on the contrary, that at every level the largest number of people have an active share in directing that development. (*The Church in the Modern World*, #65)

Fiscal Impact:

State will have to pay \$1.2 billion over 30 years (\$600 million principal, \$570 million interest); local entities will have to pay one-time costs of \$320 million for matching contributions.

Proposition 82:

Preschool Education. Tax on Incomes over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures. Establishes voluntary preschool education for all four-year olds funded by taxes on incomes of high earners.

A Reflection on Catholic Teaching:

The family is the “privileged community” wherein children are meant to grow in wisdom, stature and grace. We are counseled to work with public authorities to insure that the family’s prerogatives are not usurped. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

The common good embraces the sum total of all those conditions of social life which enable individuals, families, and organizations to achieve complete and effective fulfillment. (*Mother and Teacher*, #74)

“A community of a higher order should not interfere with the life of a community of a lower order, taking over its functions.” In case of need, it should, rather, support the smaller community and help to coordinate its activity with activities in the rest of society for the sake of the common good. (*The Hundredth Year*, #48)

The way society responds to the needs of the poor through its public policies is the litmus test of its justice or injustice. (*Economic Justice for All*, #123)

Fiscal Impact:

Increased annual taxes of \$2.1 billion, all of which would be spent on the new preschool program.

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Washington Gets New Archbishop

Cardinal McCarrick resigns, Pittsburgh's Wuerl to replace him

By Patricia Zapor

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick May 16 and named Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh to succeed him as archbishop of Washington.

Archbishop Wuerl will be moving from one of the country's traditional industrial centers to the nation's center of political power. He has been head of the Pittsburgh Diocese since 1988.

At a press conference where he was warmly welcomed by retiring Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Wuerl fielded questions with ease.

With almost two decades of experience in television as host of a long-running, nationally syndicated television catechesis program, and a

history as the author of numerous catechetical books, Archbishop Wuerl time and again deftly answered reporters' questions by emphasizing the importance of teaching the Church's history, morality and theology in addressing a wide range of issues they raised.

That included recommending that people "go back and check the real sources" before accepting as truth the fictions presented in "The DaVinci Code."

In fact, when asked about his agenda, he said, "Being a bishop is sort of the same wherever you are." The main job of any bishop is to teach, he said, and to lead the faithful to sanctity.

Replying to questions about what he would do about Catholic politicians who support keeping abortion legal, Archbishop Wuerl echoed that theme: "The first task of a bishop is to teach. When Jesus sent his apostles out, he sent them to teach."

In a 2004 speech in Pittsburgh, he



ARCHBISHOP DONALD W. WUERL

said the first approach in dealing with such politicians should be to provide clear teaching on abortion and the problems of voting to support abortion-enabling legislation.

But while there is a "clear and grave obligation" to vote against legislation that bolsters abortion, refusing Communion to politicians who support keeping abortion legal is not part of the pastoral tradition of the Church, he said at the time.

At the press conference, in response to questions about pending immigration legislation, he said the task of the Church in the debate is to keep emphasizing the inherent dignity, integrity and respect for all people that should be the foundation of any legislation.

Although Pittsburgh, where Archbishop Wuerl was born and raised, had again been his home since he became bishop there in 1988, he said he was quite familiar with Washington, having graduated from The Catholic University of America and served on its board and attended "many, many meetings" of the bish-

ops' conference here, he said.

Cardinal McCarrick said he couldn't be more pleased that Archbishop Wuerl was chosen to replace him. He said they have been friends for many years and that he knows him especially to be an articulate teacher.

With his move to Washington, Archbishop Wuerl will now have responsibility for 579,000 Catholics, compared to an estimated 800,000 in Pittsburgh, according to the *Official Catholic Directory*.

The Archdiocese of Washington also has fewer parishes, 140, compared to Pittsburgh's 215, as well as fewer diocesan priests, 298 in Washington and 420 in Pittsburgh.

However, Washington also is home to 30 seminaries, nearly all operated by religious orders and three Catholic colleges, which add more than 750 religious order priests to the population of the diocese.

Washington is also a more culturally and ethnically diverse area than Pittsburgh, with liturgies in 22 languages on a regular basis.

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Vatican News in Brief

No Public Ministry for Legionaries' Founder

VATICAN CITY — In a decision approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican has said the founder of the Legionaries of Christ, accused of sexually abusing minors, should not exercise his priestly ministry publicly. The Vatican also said May 19 it would not begin a canonical process against the founder, 86-year-old Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, because of his advanced age and poor health. Vatican sources said the wording of the statement signaled that the Vatican had found there was substance to the accusations. The Vatican had investigated the claims made by former Legionary seminarians against Father Maciel, who founded the Legionaries in his native Mexico in 1941. Following the investigation, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a call that Father Maciel live "a life reserved to prayer and penance, renouncing any public ministry."

Vatican Speakers Discuss Issues with Islam

VATICAN CITY — More needs to be done to correct misunderstandings about Islam in Western nations and to promote religious freedom in predominantly Muslim nations, said some speakers at a Vatican conference on migration. The Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers dedicated its May 15-17 discussions about problems and solutions surrounding people's migration to and from countries with a Muslim majority. The Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, told participants that reciprocity was lacking in "a large number of Muslim countries." Many of these Muslim countries "appeal for full rights for their citizens" who are residing in the West, but they do not often recognize the same rights for migrants of other faiths on their territory.

Guidelines to be Created on Evangelization

VATICAN CITY — Continued misunderstanding over what constitutes proselytism and what represents evangelization has prompted the Vatican and the World Council of Churches to draw up guidelines for making sure ethical norms are followed in converting people of other religious beliefs to Christianity. The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue together with the council's Office on Interreligious Relations and Dialogue planned a series of meetings aimed at assessing the nature of religious conversions and creating "a code of conduct" for Christian churches to follow when spreading the Gospel to people of other faiths. The first of three closed-door meetings was to run May 12-16 in Lariano, a small town south of Rome. The three-year joint project is titled "Interreligious Reflection on Conversion: From Controversy to a Shared Code of Conduct."

Pope: Media Can Draw Attention to the Needy

VATICAN CITY — The Church is attentive to the media not only because they can be used to help spread the Gospel, but also because they can promote solidarity and draw people's attention to situations of serious need, said Pope Benedict XVI. Addressing pilgrims gathered at the Vatican May 21 for the midday recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer, the pope looked specifically at the media's ability to inform people about "the plague of hunger that still afflicts humanity." He praised participants in the May 21 Walk the World marathon sponsored by the World Food Program and, in connection with the event, spoke about the May 28 celebration of World Communications Day. The marathon, he said, is designed to raise awareness about the need for quick, concrete action "to guarantee everyone, particularly children, freedom from hunger."

Orthodox Official Sees Easing Tensions

By Cindy Wooden

ROME — The head of ecumenical relations for the Russian Orthodox Church said he expects the resolution of Catholic-Orthodox tensions to speed up under Pope Benedict XVI.

Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad met May 18 with Pope Benedict, then presided over the May 19 blessing of the new Russian Orthodox church in Rome, St. Catherine the Martyr.

He told reporters later that he had "a deep and important conversation" with Pope Benedict "about possibilities for our churches working together," particularly in Europe.

"The Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church must work together to bring to light again the Christian roots of Europe," Metropolitan Kirill said.

While the centuries-old theological differences separating Catholics and Orthodox must be overcome, he said, "people today want answers to the questions that are closest to them, and

they want one answer. They want the churches to speak with one voice."

He said the pope agreed that promoting moral values in Europe — especially the value of human life and the importance of the traditional family — should be a priority for the two churches.

As for the possibility of a meeting between Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and Pope Benedict — a meeting Pope John Paul II had hoped for, but never was able to have — the metropolitan said more still needs to be done to improve relations between local Catholics and Orthodox.

Metropolitan Kirill said it would be improper to compare Pope John Paul and Pope Benedict, "although I will share my impressions of Pope Benedict."

"As a theologian, he is absolutely autonomous and very strong, and this obviously is reflected in his service as the supreme pontiff of the church of Rome."

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Boston College Professors Protest Rice

By Agostino Bono

WASHINGTON — Boston College's decision to award an honorary degree to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at its May 22 commencement has caused sharp division among faculty at the Jesuit-run institution.

Some faculty members see the decision, which includes having her give the commencement speech, as the college's support for the Bush administration's Iraq War.

Opposition to honoring Rice is also a sign that Catholic institutions should not single out abortion when it comes to taking a stand on public policy issues, said Jesuit Father David Hollenbach, theology professor.

College officials and other professors said that Rice's career makes her worthy of an honorary degree and that honoring her does not automatically mean the college supports U.S. policy on Iraq.

"I recognize that some are not in favor of Dr. Rice's selection, but I and many others judge that she is an

appropriate honorary degree recipient and graduation speaker for Boston College," said Jesuit Father William Leahy, Boston College president.

After the initial announcement May 1 that Rice would be honored, Father Hollenbach and another member of the theology department circulated a petition opposing the decision.

The petition cited the "tragic war in Iraq" and said that the "policies that have shaped the war's ongoing conduct cannot be justified in the light of the moral values of the Catholic tradition."

The petition was signed by about 200 of the school's 1,000 full-time and part-time faculty members.

"One is free to disagree with her policies. But it is grotesque to say she is unworthy of honor by Boston College," said Marc Landy, political science professor, who sent an e-mail to faculty members urging them not to sign the protest petition.

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Pope Asks 'Total Dedication' from Religious

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — Reforms undertaken by religious orders aimed at ensuring deeper fidelity to the Gospel, to the Church and to the poor are threatened by too many adaptations to a modern, materialistic culture, Pope Benedict XVI said.

The pope met May 22 with some 1,500 superiors of women's and men's religious orders representing hundreds of thousands of priests, nuns, brothers and consecrated virgins around the world.

"To belong to the Lord: This is the mission of the men and women who have chosen to follow the chaste, poor and obedient Christ so that the world would believe and be saved," the pope told the superiors.

Consecrated men and women, he said, are called to be a "credible and shining sign of the Gospel and its paradoxes," which encourage humility, self-giving and the renunciation of earthly goods for the sake of spiritual goods.

"The Lord wants men and women who are free, not bound, able to abandon everything to follow him and who find everything only in him," the pope said.

Following the Second Vatican Council, he said, religious orders revised their constitutions and their way of life with a "more evangelical, more ecclesial and more apostolic spirit."

"But we cannot ignore that some concrete choices did not offer the world the authentic and life-giving face of Christ," the pope said.

A desire to modernize and to be able to speak to contemporary men and women sometimes allowed a

"secularized culture" to penetrate the minds and hearts of some religious, he said.

"The consequence is that, alongside an undoubtedly generous commitment capable of witnessing and of total giving, consecrated life today experiences the danger of mediocrity, adopting bourgeois values and a consumeristic mentality," Pope Benedict said.

In an "increasingly disoriented and confused world," he said, members of religious orders are called to live, behave and dress in a way that communicates their total dedication to following Christ and serving others.

The vow of chastity or consecrated virginity, he said, "is the most 'unreasonable' of the Christian paradoxes, and not everyone is able to understand it and live it."

"Religious men and women are called to demonstrate this even in their choice of dress, a simple habit that is a sign of poverty," the pope said.

Pope Benedict expressed his gratitude to all members of religious orders around the world and offered special prayers for those who are elderly, sick or experiencing moments of crisis or loneliness.

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Keepin' It 'Crunk'

ATLANTA — On Monday mornings this year, Father Ricardo Bailey's "church" has been the studio of pop station Q100. His pulpit has been the popular morning show "The Bert Show."

"We call him 'Father Crunk.' It's Father Bailey from Holy Spirit Catholic Church," announced Bert Weiss, as Father Bailey sat across from him, his white priest's collar loose around his neck, headphones on for his segment.

"Crunk" is a type of hip-hop music, but it is also an urban term used to describe a high level of energy — which applies to Father Bailey.

The message of Jesus, Mary and Joseph might seem out of place on a radio station that plays hits from rapper Kanye West to pop superstar Kelly

Clarkson, but Weiss said Father Bailey fits in perfectly.

"I think entertainment is entertainment," Weiss said. "If it's engaging, it's engaging. Father Bailey is entertaining, engaging and talks about subjects our target audience is interested in: pop culture. It was an easy fit."

In preparation each week, Father Bailey said he prays, looks at the entertainment news published on Q100's Web site, and works to turn the Hollywood message into a holy one.

"If you'd have told me when I was back at seminary that one day I'd be on a top 40 radio station, I'd have said you were lying," he laughed. "But all I want to do is lead people to Jesus. That's what it's all about."

No, I'm Goettsche!

VATICAN CITY — The archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica has issued a warning to concert organizers about people presenting themselves as the official organist of St. Peter's or of Pope Benedict XVI.

The only legitimate official organist of the basilica is James E. Goettsche, a Los Angeles native who has held the title since 1989, said Cardinal Francesco Marchisano, the basilica's archpriest.

The cardinal's May 15 letter was published as concert organizers in Germany were promoting a tour of an Italian musician who, organizers claimed, "Pope Benedict XVI has appointed as the new organist of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican."

Goettsche, meanwhile, is in Rome

playing the organ at St. Peter's Basilica during papal Masses as well as during Sunday and feast day prayer services.

"I have been advised to take legal action," Goettsche told *Catholic News Service* May 19, "but for now I am looking more for clarification and correction."

He said he already has had some success: a U.S. agent representing the "phantom organist" has dropped the pretender from his Web site roster of artists and has written a very apologetic e-mail to Goettsche.

Goettsche said he had heard that the Italian organist, in addition to organizing concerts in the United States and Germany, is preparing to perform as the papal organist in New Zealand.



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St. Peter's Newest Resident

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima arrives by helicopter in the square near Castel Sant'Angelo in Rome May 13 on the anniversary of the 1917 Fatima, Portugal, apparitions. The statue was carried by pilgrims to St. Peter's Square, where the 25th anniversary of the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II was commemorated.

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Local News in Brief

Religious Retirement Fund Thanks SD

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Retirement Fund for Religious recently extended their “heartfelt thanks” to Catholics in the Diocese of San Diego who contributed \$358,444.19 this year to the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal, which funds the care of elderly religious. The diocesan contribution represented an increase of almost 19 percent from the \$301,970.96 collected in 2004. Ninety-four cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to religious institutes. In a letter to the diocese, Sister Andree Fries, executive director of the National Religious Retirement Office, called the collection “a great help to senior religious throughout the United States.” She added that donors are “remembered daily in the prayers of the more than 38,000 senior religious who benefit from [their] generosity.”

Oceanside Parish Reaches CPR Milestone

OCEANSIDE — With nearly one-sixth of its parishioners trained in CPR and the use of a defibrillator, St. Thomas More Parish in Oceanside might be one of the safest houses of worship in the nation for victims of cardiac arrest. Tom Oshinski became the 300th parishioner to receive training in these life-saving skills. According to Dr. Philip J. Goscienski, medical director of the CPR program, a cardiac arrest victim at St. Thomas More is no more than a few seconds away from one of the parish’s two automated external defibrillators (AEDs) or a parishioner trained to operate them. The volunteer team of six instructors provides one to three classes per month. Almost all the church’s staff members have also received training in CPR and use of the defibrillator. Dr. Goscienski welcomes inquiries from other faith communities on how to set up such a public access defibrillation program. His e-mail address is drphilg@cox.net.

Young Adults Invited to Theology on Tap

SAN DIEGO — Theology on Tap is back! If you are a young adult looking for a place to discuss life’s big questions, this is it! The Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and St. James Singles Ministry will host a Spring session themed: “Faith, Hope and Love — and the Greatest of these is Love.” May 23, Leo Severino, co-founder of Metanoia Films and an entertainment attorney in Hollywood, will speak on the virtue of “Hope.” On May 30, Msgr. Richard Duncanson will discuss “Love: Deus Caritas Est,” based on Pope Benedict’s first encyclical letter. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the Theology on Tap discussions at Chevy’s Restaurant, located at 2730 Via de la Valle in Del Mar, 92104. Food and conversation start at 7p.m., speaker at 7:30p.m. There is no cover charge; everyone pays for their own food and beverage. Cash is preferred. No prior attendance required. Bring a friend!

Save Date for Annual Ministers Conference

SAN DIEGO — The Annual Conference for Church Ministers, a faith-filled day of workshops and reflections on various aspects of pastoral ministry, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30. The theme will be “A People Called to Holiness.” Workshop presenters will include Bishop Gerald Barnes, Father Frank DeSiano, Bob Hurd, Sister Maureen Sullivan, and Father Dan Groody. The highlight of the day will be the celebration of the Eucharist with bishops, priests and lay ministers of the Diocese of San Diego. For more information and for registration visit www.diocese-sdiego.org.



The following has been announced by the Office of the Bishop:

With the permission of his superior, **Father John Howard, CJM**, has been appointed pastor of St. James Parish, Solana Beach, including St. Leo Mission, effective July 1.

With the permission of his superior, **Father Jose Arboleda, CJM**, has been appointed associate pastor of St. James Parish, Solana Beach, including St. Leo Mission, effective July 1.

Father Ronald Cochran has been appointed pastor of St. Luke Parish, El Cajon, effective July 1.

Father Peter Navarra has been granted permission for a sabbatical that will include a program at the Institute at the North American College in Rome, effective July 1.

Father Richard Perozich has been appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, Escondido, effective July 1.

Father Anthony Saroki has been appointed Director of Priestly Vocations at St. Francis de Sales Center, effective July 1.

Father Roque Vano has been appointed pastor of St. Michael Parish, Paradise Hills, effective July 1.

Father Gerardo Fernandez has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Calexico, effective July 1.

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Spanish-Speaking Men Take Time to Consider God's Call

SAN DIEGO – The Diocese of San Diego, facing a growing need for priests who can minister to Spanish-speaking populations, offered its first-ever Explorer Day in Spanish, April 29.

Explorer Days provide an informational forum to help men answer questions they might have regarding the priesthood and the formation process for the Local Church. They also give men an opportunity to meet others who are responding to God's call to be priests. The days are offered three times each year.

Fourteen men ranging in age from 17 to 47 attended the first-ever "Día de Exploración" held at St. Francis De Sales Center in San Diego.

Participants began by sharing what inspired them to think about the priesthood. Some had recently returned to the practice of their faith. Many shared that a priest had influenced them in their decision to attend the day. They expressed that there was something

missing in their life and that God was calling them to a deeper relationship with him and to something more in the Church.

The men came from different backgrounds with a wide range of life experience and diverse faith journeys. They heard first-hand from two priests currently active in ministry about their experience of serving the People of God. Then, participants were given a tour of St. Francis Center where men begin their road to the priesthood in the Diocese of San Diego. This was followed by a tour of University of San Diego campus where the candidates attend classes.

Two candidates currently in the formation program gave presentations sharing their vocation stories. They also related what it means to aspire to serve our Lord as a priest and spoke about daily life in the program of priestly formation.

The highlight of the day was



CALLING: Father Jaime Escobedo addresses participants at the first diocesan Explorer Day offered in Spanish.

Eucharist. Father Earl Eggleston, Assistant to the director of the Office for Priestly Formation presided. In his homily, Father Eggleston quoted Jesus in the Gospel of the day who said: "It is I, be not afraid."

Father Eggleston pointed out that men who are thinking about a possible vocation to the priesthood should not fear but rather place their trust in Christ. Also, he said that the priest loves the word of God and desires to share it with others.

The day concluded with a question

and answer session. Men were encouraged to share their experience with their pastor, family and friends so as to help them discern whether or not to take further steps toward priesthood. In reflecting on the day, one participant commented that the event provided answers to many of the questions he had regarding life as a priest and how to enroll in the priestly formation program.

The next Explorer Day will take place next fall and be offered in English.

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Well-Traveled Missionary, Barbara Collings, Celebrates Jubilee

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

SAN DIEGO — Raised an only child by loving parents, Barbara Collings had no formal religion in her young life.

It wasn't until she was in nurse training that she began to explore the meaning of faith, to try to fill the void she sensed within. At the invitation of other nursing students, she visited their various churches.

But it wasn't until she went to a Catholic Mass that she felt at home.

"God said, 'There it is,'" she remembers.

She was baptized a Catholic a few years later, after taking classes at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. She credits several women religious with inspiring and nurturing her faith.

"The seed of my faith came from [those] sisters," said Sister Collings. "I have a great gratitude to them and to many others who started me on a journey towards religious life."

The day she read in a Catholic

magazine about the Medical Mission Sisters, she felt an instant attraction.

"I knew, this is it, though you can't say why," she said.

In 1953, Sister Collings entered religious life, taking first vows in 1956 and professing final vows in 1961.

She never looked back.

Galvanized by faith and eager to put her training to use, she went to Dacca, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in 1958, sailing on a freighter out of New York with 30 crates of "luggage" (actually medical equipment for the mission hospital) and arriving in Karachi on the feast of the Holy Family. From Karachi she set out for Dacca, where she spent the next 12 years at Holy Family Hospital, a 150-bed facility built by the Medical Mission Sisters in response to the serious needs of the villagers.

It is the community's charism to bring the best medical and health care possible to the people.

"We took care of the sick and tried



Sister Barbara Collings (left) with sister in Africa.

to teach them to care for themselves," said Sister Collings.

After Dacca, Sister Collings spent a year in Sydney, Australia, studying to receive a special certificate in teaching midwifery.

Finishing her training, Sister Collings asked to return to Karachi, on the eve of the war for independence with Bangladesh. In Karachi,

she took over the school of nursing and taught midwifery to the nurses, so that they, in turn, could help train the women of the villages. She remained in Karachi for three years.

In 1974, her parents, who lived in Escondido, were aging. To be closer to them, Sister Collings moved to Tuba City, Ariz., to work on the Navajo Reservation, accepting the invitation of Sister Betty Doherty, MMS, who was to be Sister Collings' dear friend until her death in 2001.

After five years with the Navajo people, delivering babies and providing pre- and post-natal care to the mothers, Sister Collings moved to San Diego. She was the first Medical Mission Sister to work in San Diego. Today, she and nine others serve the needy in San Diego and Tijuana.

For nine years, she worked at UCSD Medical Center in a special program for training nursing midwives and providing pre- and post-natal care for mothers throughout

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'I would certainly recommend this life to anyone who has a call — to live in simplicity, to make your resources available to others. It's the sharing of lives, talents, time and love. It's family.'

She remained at UCSD doing nursing research.

Shortly after she retired from UCSD, she spent six months in Uganda, a short-term assignment replacing a sister who went to pursue special studies.

Today, Sister Collings serves as a volunteer and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Grossmont Hospital, often working as a surgical liaison, helping communications between surgical teams and patients' family members. She is also the medical liaison for her community.

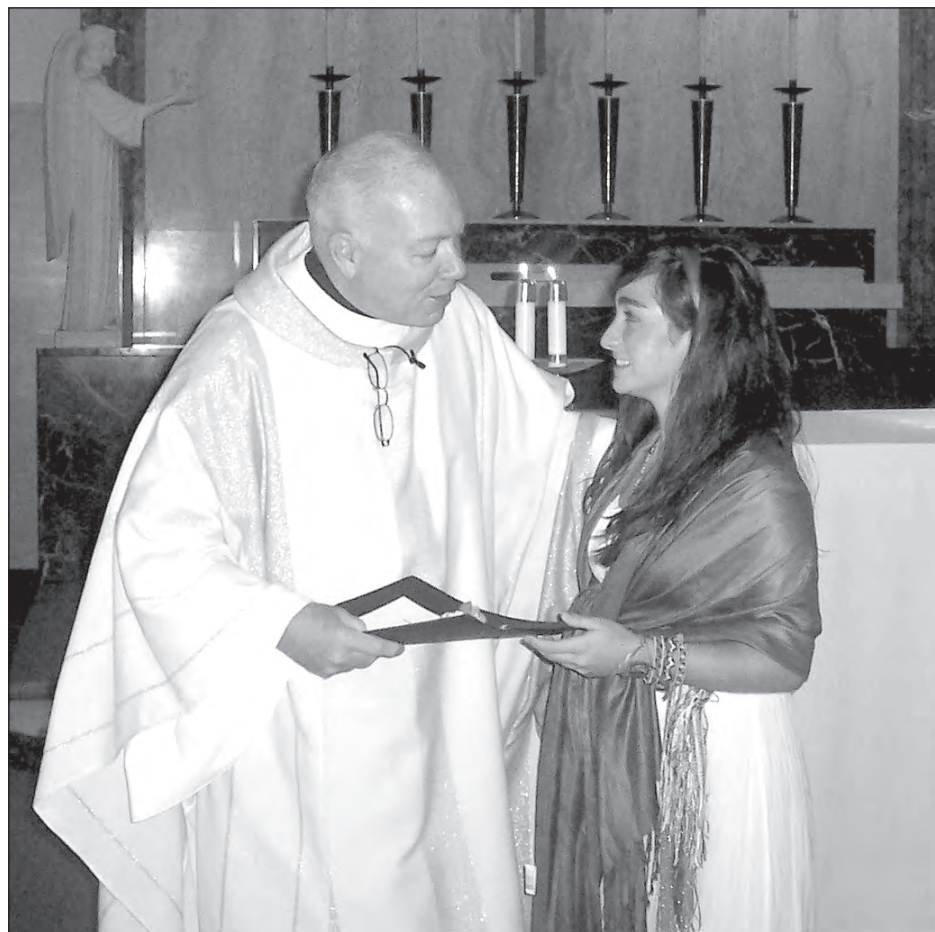
Her religious sisters are her family, she said, which is one of the great blessings of religious life.

"It means everything to me. They are my family, my support. And I hope that I am the same for them. As a family, we can affect a lot more for the people of God.

"I know that God lives in them. That's how I recognize the presence of God. They have been the source of much joy and laughter, good times and sometimes bad. But that's the beauty of living in community. Things always work out.

"I would certainly recommend this life to anyone who has a call — to live in simplicity, to make your resources available to others. It's the sharing of lives, talents, time and love. It's family."

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COURTESY SACRED HEART, CORONADO

Sacred Heart School Is Missionary

CORONADO — A year of fundraising for the Holy Childhood Association at Sacred Heart School in Coronado concluded May 12 with an "International Day" celebration. During the day, students presented a check for \$4,473.06 to the diocesan Office for the Missions. The money was earmarked for the Holy Childhood Association, a Pontifical Mission Society that seeks to raise awareness of missionary work among young children and encourage them to join in raising money for poor children around the world. But according to Father Peter Ruggere, MM, director of the diocesan Office for the Missions, while the monetary donation was appreciated, the event was about much more. On "International Day," students in the seventh and eighth grades served as ambassadors of various foreign countries. Dressed in the traditional attire of their selected country, the students prepared and presented a report on that country during a school assembly in the parish hall. Later, the seventh and eighth grades joined the rest of the school for Mass. "It's a beautiful operation," Father Ruggere said. "Their offering is very generous for the kids of the world, but behind it also, I think it's a very Catholic presentation. 'Catholic' means 'universal' — all peoples, all races are welcome. And I think they're promoting that spirit of tolerance and understanding of all people." With Sacred Heart principal Steve Laaperi's recent appointment as director of the diocesan Office for Schools, Father Ruggere hopes that "International Day" might soon spread to other schools in the diocese. *For more information on the diocesan Office for the Missions or the Holy Childhood Association, visit www.helpthemissions.org.* Pictured, eighth-grader Iris Vildosola presents a check to Father Ruggere on "International Day."

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More than 400,000 expected to visit San Diego exhibit

every book from the Old Testament.

Through an arrangement with the Israeli Antiquities Authority and the Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation, a sampling of the Dead Sea Scrolls will be on display in San Diego from June 29, 2007 through Jan. 13, 2008. After three months, they will be returned to the Israeli Antiquities Authority in exchange for a second collection of scrolls.

According to Yash, the exhibit will document the transmission of the Word of God from the era of the Dead Sea Scrolls to the modern Bible. The texts, though separated by several centuries, are almost identical.

The exhibit also includes displays on the science of the Dead Sea Scrolls, such as the use of carbon-14 dating to determine the age of the ancient documents and DNA analysis to match fragments from the same scroll; a photo exhibit comparing the geographical similarities between Israel and San Diego County, each of which occupy one of the Earth's five regions with a Mediterranean cli-

mate; as well as other ancient scrolls and objects from the same time period, such as pottery, coins and sandals.

Planned events include a series of 22 evening lectures by international biblical scholars.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit represents "a major coup" for San Diego's natural history museum, Yash said, noting that of the few U.S. museums that have exhibited Dead Sea Scrolls over the last two years, San Diego's is the only one in California. Also, while San Diegans will have more than six months to take advantage of the exhibit, most of these other museums have been limited to a 90-day exhibition with the possibility of a two-week extension for special events, he said.

The words written on the scrolls are 'the basis for some of the universal moral values that we cherish.'

Because the Israeli Antiquities Authority has not permitted a single traveling exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Yash said, each museum's exhibit has been an independent venture. Each museum has

also displayed a different set of scrolls.

The Dead Sea Scrolls are important, Yash said, because of the effect their writings still have on modern culture: The words written on the scrolls are "the basis for some of the universal moral values that we cherish." While visiting a recent Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit in Charlotte, N.C., he said he was struck by "the passion and reverence" museum-goers had for the exhibit. He contrasted that with the behavior seen at "a lot of exhibits where ... there's a lot of joking and talking."

He said the scrolls appeal to the part of the human mind that, while accepting the mysteries of faith, still seeks the surrounding historical context.

According to Yash, more than 400,000 people are expected to visit the San Diego exhibit. Among them will be those with an avid interest in history, natural history, Judeo-Christian scriptures or religious faith in general. He suggested this exhibition might be the last opportunity for San Diegans to see these ancient documents outside of Israel because global conflicts and the fragility of the documents themselves might end the practice of allowing foreign museums to exhibit the scrolls.

For more information on the San Diego Natural History Museum, visit www.sdnhm.org.

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Bishop Thanks Women Religious for Local Ministry and Support

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

PASTORAL CENTER — Almost 300 women religious work in ministry in the Diocese of San Diego. On May 13, Bishop Robert H. Brom hosted an appreciation dinner for these women who serve the Local Church as educators, administrators, counselors, prayerful intercessors, advocates and extraordinary ministers. Without their service, hospitals, schools, clinics, advocacy centers and many other entities would suffer or come to an end.

"The dinner provides an opportunity for the bishop to express appreciation, in his name and in the name of the diocese, for the ministry of the sisters here," said Sister M. Veronique Wiedower, CSC, director of the Office for Women Religious.

The ninth annual dinner was held

at the Pastoral Center. Some 138 women religious from the 61 institutes represented in the diocese were able to accept the bishop's invitation to dinner. Among those attending for the first time were the Trinitarians of Mary, a community originally from Tecate, Baja Mexico, dedicated to perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to service of the poor; and the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary, an international congregation, whose sisters here work against human trafficking.

Also among those present were religious from the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. The local vice-province of the community was recently elevated to a province, and Sister Maria Paz Uribe, SJS, was elected provincial.

Sister Wiedower said one of the



SISTER M. VERONIQUE WIEDOWER, CSC

APPRECIATION: An appreciation dinner hosted by Bishop Robert H. Brom celebrated the work of the almost 300 women religious in the diocese.

blessings of the evening was the ability to gather as a single community. "It provided an opportunity for the sisters to see one another and to catch up. With the size of the diocese, this is often one of the few times they have to see one another. The dinner also provided ... an opportunity to speak with the bishop face-to-face, to share ideas, concerns and well wishes."

The dinner is not the sole expression of the Local Church's apprecia-

tion, she was quick to point out. "The structure of the diocesan offices helps to support the ministries of the sisters (Schools, Social Ministries, etc.) and most especially women religious." The bishop also shows his gratitude by supporting the women religious in all of their ministries.

Sister Wiedower also praised Bishop Brom's ongoing support for the vocation of religious life and his active support for the Retirement Fund for Religious Campaign every year.

This was a bittersweet occasion for Sister Wiedower, who will be leaving her office to assume responsibility as novice director and coordinator of initial formation for North America for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. The dinner provided her the opportunity to thank the women religious and the bishop for their blessing in her life.

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Finding God's Plan



for the Sacrament
of Matrimony

By Jan Keith

Pope Benedict XVI begins his new encyclical with the quote “God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him” (1 John 4:16).

These words from the First Letter of John express what God is calling both engaged and married couples to as they journey toward holiness in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

God does not call us to something that is impossible. He gives us direction through Scripture and the teachings of the Church.

Adults Not Informed

A recent report from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (based on a questionnaire issued to those working in Church ministry), made clear that Catholic families and the wider Church have done a poor job teaching children their faith over the last two or three decades. The secular culture has so embedded contrary values in our children that Catholic children are sent out into the world ill prepared to understand and defend their faith.

In the Diocese of San Diego, we see proof of this as we survey the results of the FOCCUS Inventory that each engaged couple participates in during the Pre-Cana Program. Consistently, the religion and values section is the lowest scored category in the couples’ relationship.

Our institutions have put a lot of energy into helping couples with areas such as communication skills, problem solving, intimacy and finances

— and these areas are very important. But they can be covered through agencies outside the Church. What cannot be covered by the secular culture are God’s words and the teachings of the Church regarding marriage — and this material is absolutely vital to Christian marriages and families.

It is true that Catholic couples who attend church regularly, hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist have a greater tendency to seek out the Church’s teachings on marriage. But the culture outside the Church (and sometimes within the Church) has led many couples astray. Therefore, the blessings and the sacramental graces that are so necessary for couples so that they can lead holy and joy-filled marriages can be missed.

Misunderstanding Fertility

Bishop Victor Galeone, author of *Marriage: A Communion of Life and Love*, points to statistics showing that 90 percent of Catholic couples are using a means of contraception and/or sterilization. He says the vast majority of Catholic couples consider contraception a non-issue.

But contraception is an issue, an absolutely vital issue. To comprehend why it is wrong, it is first necessary to understand what God originally intended marriage to be. In the opening chapters of Genesis, we learn that God himself designed marriage for a twofold purpose: to communicate life and love.

“It was not their fault,” Bishop Galeone said of Catholic couples who did not grasp the Church’s

teaching on contraceptives. “With rare exceptions, because of our silence, we bishops and priests are to blame.”

A letter Bishop Galeone received from a young father last year is characteristic:

“Early in our marriage, my wife and I used contraception like everybody else. Today’s culture was telling us that this was the normal thing to do. We knew the ‘official’ Church teaching was against it, but we were not taught why. We even had priests tell us that it was a personal decision; so if we felt the need to use contraception, it was okay. But couples need to be taught why contraception is wrong. We were never taught that the pill can be an abortifacient that can abort a newly conceived child without us knowing it. We were not taught that contraception is a hindrance to building a healthy marriage. We did not know about Natural Family Planning.”

Pope John Paul II wrote *Theology of the Body* early in his pontificate. There, the pope taught that God designed married love to be expressed in a special language — the body language of the sexual act.

Because God fashioned our bodies male and female to communicate both life and love, every time husband and wife deliberately frustrate this twofold purpose through contraception or sterilization they are acting out a lie. The body language of the marital act says, “I’m all yours,” but the contraceptive device ads, “except for my fertility.”

Even worse than lying to each other with their bodies, the couple is tacitly usurping the role of

God. By thwarting the purpose of the marital love embrace, they are telling God, "You may have designed our bodies to help you transmit life to an immortal soul, but you made a mistake — a mistake we intend to correct. You may be Lord of our lives, but not of our fertility." (Bishop Victor Galeone, *Marriage: A Source of Life and Love*)

What Happened to Chastity?

Church programs have also often missed the mark with couples in regards to chastity before and within marriage.

In *God Is Love* Pope Benedict speaks to us about two meanings for the word "love."

"Eros" is a worldly love, and "agape" is a love grounded in and shaped by faith. (Pope Benedict XVI, *God is Love* #7)

So often, young people who have been raised in a "me" generation miss the difference between these two types of love.

They are surrounded by music, advertising, clothing styles and behaviors that mock chastity. If they have no strong influence guiding them to make choices grounded in and shaped by faith, they are often influenced by eros, making it impossible for them to choose chastity.



COURTESY OF THE KEITHS

GENERATIONS: Jan and Don Keith (back row) direct the Office for Marriage and Family Life. They hope to help other couples find God's plan for their marriages.

In order to communicate the meaning of "agape" love to our children, parents need all of the sacramental graces available to us by living out our Sacrament of Matrimony on a daily basis. We need great wisdom and diligence and all the gifts and fruits of the Spirit as we live agape love (love grounded in and shaped by faith) in our families.

Finding God's Plan

My husband Don and I had the desire to follow God's plan and the

Church's teachings in our hearts right from the beginning of our marriage. It was not easy, and we struggled to reconcile the tension we felt between providing materially for our children and living God's plan.

We dedicated our marriage to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and placed a sign of this devotion in our home. We prayed we would have the grace to make right choices and, when Natural Family Planning was introduced in our area, we attended the classes and discovered how God

devised this wonderful healthy way to plan our family through nature.

This plan also proved to be informative of what was happening within my body through the different stages of my fertility.

After 45 years of marriage and three children, we feel passionately about how important this information is for the people of our Church. We want as many couples as possible to know; we want couples who have been caught up in the world's plan for marriage to make the necessary changes in their lives and begin to live God's plan.

To us, this is what Pope Benedict XVI is talking about when he writes "God is Love."

God loves us and wants the best for us and our children. He has provided us with his plan through Scripture and Tradition.

Don and I have experienced his love, through gifts and blessings in our Sacrament of Matrimony. We see how God manifests his love by giving us and other couples the courage to balance the tensions that arise when choosing to live the Sacrament of Matrimony amidst the way of our secular culture.

Jan Keith directs San Diego's diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life with her husband, Don.

Pope Benedict on "Eros" and "Agape"

That love between man and woman which is neither planned nor willed but somehow imposes itself upon human beings was called "eros" by the ancient Greeks. Let us note straight away that the Greek Old Testament uses the word "eros" only twice, while the New Testament does not use it at all: Of the three Greek words for love, "eros," "philia" (the love of friendship) and "agape," New Testament writers prefer the last, which occurs rather infrequently in Greek usage. As for the term "philia," the love of friendship, it is used with added depth of meaning in St. John's Gospel in order to express the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. The tendency to avoid the word "eros," together with the new vision of love expressed through the word "agape," clearly point to something new and distinct about the Christian understanding of love. In the critique of Christianity which began with the Enlightenment and grew progressively more radical, this new element was seen as something thoroughly negative. According to Friedrich Nietzsche, Christianity had poisoned "eros," which for its part, while not completely succumbing,

gradually degenerated into vice. Here the German philosopher was expressing a widely held perception: Doesn't the Church, with all her commandments and prohibitions, turn to bitterness the most precious thing in life? Doesn't she blow the whistle just when the joy which is the Creator's gift offers us a happiness which is itself a certain foretaste of the divine?

But is this the case? Did Christianity really destroy "eros"? Let us take a look at the pre-Christian world. The Greeks — not unlike other cultures — considered "eros" principally as a kind of intoxication, the overpowering of reason by a "divine madness" which tears man away from his finite existence and enables him, in the very process of being overwhelmed by divine power, to experience supreme happiness. All other powers in heaven and on earth thus appear secondary: "Omnia vincit amor," says Virgil in the *Bucolics* — love conquers all — and he adds, "et nos cedamus amori" — let us, too, yield to love. In the religions, this attitude found expression in fertility cults, part of which was the "sacred" prostitution which flourished in many temples.

"Eros" was thus celebrated as divine power, as fellowship with the divine.

The Old Testament firmly opposed this form of religion, which represents a powerful temptation against monotheistic faith, combating it as a perversion of religiosity. But it in no way rejected "eros" as such; rather, it declared war on a warped and destructive form of it because this counterfeit divinization of "eros" actually strips it of its dignity and dehumanizes it. Indeed, the prostitutes in the temple, who had to bestow this divine intoxication, were not treated as human beings and persons but simply used as a means of arousing "divine madness": Far from being goddesses, they were human persons being exploited.

An intoxicated and undisciplined "eros," then, is not an ascent in "ecstasy" toward the divine, but a fall, a degradation of man. Evidently "eros" needs to be disciplined and purified if it is to provide not just fleeting pleasure but a certain foretaste of the pinnacle of our existence, of that beatitude for which our whole being yearns.

From the encyclical letter, Deus Caritas Est

Marital Mutations: 'Me' Plus 'Me' Doesn't Always Equal 'We'

By Theresa Notare

Just when you thought you'd heard the last re-definition of marriage, a new mutation is born. Apparently, while many were hawking the importance of no-fault divorce, blended families, cohabitation, same-sex marriage, and polygamy, a new creature was forming and quietly growing: LATs — Living-Apart-Together.

LATs are relationships in which two people claim to love each other, may have an exclusive sexual relationship, may share some financial expenses, but deliberately do not live together. The bottom line is that LAT "couples" want independence, and don't want to share themselves or their possessions unconditionally with each other.

The number of people in LAT relationships is on the rise in Europe and the United States. Sociologists are at a loss to explain what is causing this trend. Some say it is a reaction to divorce, both from an emotional and economic perspective — "My kids would never get along with him" or "Why bother joining households and lose a great city apartment?" Some point to advantages older LAT couples might have in avoiding the complicated inheritance issues that would arise if they

were to marry. Others say it is just a harmless lifestyle alternative for both young and old. Still, insightful people are worried that LATs may simply be autonomy run amok.

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This last point was starkly highlighted in a *New York Times* article (May 4, 2006) which featured interviews with couples in LAT relationships. Most spoke about their need for "alone time" or "personal space," or said they didn't want to "wait on" the other person. In each case, the couples had a fiercely narrow view of personal freedom as freedom from the inconvenience of others. This is a warped understanding of freedom in which the individual has absolutely no legitimate ties to anyone, according to Jennifer Roback Morse, author

of *Smart Sex: How to Find Life Long Love in a Hook-Up World*. But it also seems like narcissism, taken to another level.

A popular dictionary defines love as "unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another." Love points to a person's deep connection to another. It requires things like saying, "I am yours!" When a man and a woman love each other as spouses, it goes even further: "and the two shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). "Me" becomes "we." John Paul II said of this love that it "involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person" are present. "It aims," he said, "at a deeply personal unity." (*Familiaris consortio*, no. 13). When a man and a woman recognize each other as "my other half," a whole new self-understanding is born. A symphony of give and take, mystery and recognition forms a deep sense of mutuality. One need not fear losing one's "individuality." Living a life of love is restorative. It is nothing short of a return to paradise — how God wants us to love!

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Vatican II Changed Understanding of Marriage for Many Catholics

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

WASHINGTON — The changes to Catholic marriage brought about by the Second Vatican Council have been profound, and the teaching of the council continues to deepen the understanding of Christian marriage.

Among the areas where change has been most visible is interfaith marriages.

Many of the adaptations began long before the council, said Father Joseph M. Champlin, whose 1970 book, *Together for Life*, is still used by four out of five couples planning a Catholic wedding.

In his own family, Father Champlin saw interfaith weddings move from a service in the rectory (his mother and non-Catholic stepfather, in the 1940s) to inside the church, but outside the Communion rail (his brother and non-Catholic sister-in-law, later in the 1940s) to within the church sanctuary and in the context of a Mass in the 1950s.

"It eased a lot of those hurts" and the feelings of rejection sometimes felt by the non-Catholic partner, said the priest, who serves as sacramental priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Warners, N.Y.

After Vatican II, the Church eased another requirement for interfaith couples — that the non-Catholic partner sign a pledge to raise the children as Catholics. Beginning in the late 1960s, the non-

Catholic needed only to make such a pledge verbally.

"It was a source of irritation that people were not taken at their word," Father Champlin said.

A key change in Catholic weddings after the Second Vatican Council was the couples' participation in planning the ceremony.

Pre-Vatican II, elements of the wedding ceremony were "rather rigid and the same for everybody," Father Champlin said. But afterward, "the Church, as with all liturgical rites, urged participation in the liturgy," the priest said. Couples could now select their own Bible readings and music and otherwise personalize the wedding ceremony.

"This immediately resonated with young Catholics," said Father Champlin.

Beyond the ceremony itself, Vatican II revived the very concept of marriage in the Catholic Church, according to H. Richard McCord, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth.

In the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, the council said marriage was not only for procreation and "reached back to the biblical understanding of covenant" to define the sacramental bond between husband and wife, McCord said.

"Marriage to be sure is not instituted solely for procreation; rather, its very nature as an unbreakable

compact between persons, and the welfare of the children, both demand that the mutual love of the spouses ... grow and ripen," the pastoral constitution says. "Therefore, marriage persists as a whole manner and communion of life, and maintains its value and indissolubility, even when despite the often intense desire of the couple, offspring are lacking."

The idea of marriage as a covenant also emphasized "the radical equality of persons" at a time when some still saw women as the property of their husbands, McCord said. Each marital partner was to fully contribute his or her gifts and abilities to the other spouse and receive the same in return, he said.

The *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, also contributed "a key idea that continues to play itself out in the pastoral ministry of the Church" — the concept of the Christian family as domestic Church, McCord said.

This "new way of understanding the role of the Christian family" was an ancient idea first articulated by St. John Chrysostom (347-407), but "rediscovered by the council fathers," he added.

As heads of the domestic Church, parents are the "first evangelizers of their children" and "the first school of life and faith," Pope Benedict XVI said in a recent talk to a group of Mexican bishops.

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Marriage No Romantic Picnic, but Worth the Effort, Therapist Says

By Patricia Bartos

PITTSBURGH — “Our culture has really done a magnificent job of convincing people that good marriages ‘just happen,’” said marriage and family therapist Larry Badaczewski.

Many experts caution against this romantic, magical view of marriage, “but somehow we have got it in our heads that it shouldn’t be that hard,” he said. “It’s almost as if we refuse to see how complex we are as individuals, and that when you take two imperfect people and have them live together, you still somehow expect them to have a perfect life.”

But the reality is much more complicated, said Badaczewski, who has worked with Pittsburgh-area parishes for 21 years.

Marriage is an important and holy vocation because it can get to be so messy. That’s where Jesus reveals himself — in the mess.

Married couples fight over issues that “will be with us till the end of time” — money, sex, parenting, social life, extended family relationships,



division of labor in the household, and how they practice the faith, he told the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, the diocesan newspaper.

The best form of therapy is to “normalize” the conflict, to put things into perspective, Badaczewski added. “If couples just know that what they’re experiencing is not unusual, they can calm down and begin to work through things.”

But when the romance “chemicals” in the brain begin to wear off a year or two into the marriage, the couple can begin to “see (their) differences become more glaring,” the therapist added.

“It’s not exactly what we expected, we get mad, things are not working out the way we thought they should,”

he added.

One way that things go bad, he said, is when people begin to think, “This is too hard, and the reason is that it’s the other person.”

“We build this catalog of offenses against them, put all of our energy into building a case,” Badaczewski said. “I see it over and over again. At that point, the marriage is in deep trouble.”

This is where the differences between a civil marriage and a committed, sacramental one can be seen, he said: a sacramental marriage “withstands physical and emotional demands.”

He recalled the sermon at his own wedding, when the priest said, “It all starts at baptism.” The priest told the

young couple, “You are marked, and called to follow Christ, and marriage is a moral occasion where you are really called to recognize Christ in another person, with that kind of love.”

In today’s society, “we’re not being reminded of God’s love,” Badaczewski said. “It’s a different kind of love than society promotes. We’re up against those images.”

Divorce, he said, “just kills me. If I lose sleep it’s usually when I’m working with people who are dismantling a relationship, especially when you can see any number of ways to make things better.

“They don’t understand the promises they made,” he added. “Just because they’re not ‘in love’ at the moment, they think if they’re in pain at the moment it’s a bad marriage.”

Look at the Gospels, he said. “It’s in pain that we see the face of God. Marriage is such an important and holy vocation because it can get to be so messy. That’s where Jesus reveals himself — in the mess, in those everyday things, that hidden life.

“My message is ‘it doesn’t have to be this way,’ and to infuse hope,” Badaczewski said. “Marriage is our last and best chance to grow up. If we’re good at it, it makes us stop thinking of our own self, reach out to another and see how we can be Christ to anyone, and that it has to be to our spouse first.”

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John Paul the Great Catholic University Launches PR Video

The video showcases university's Catholicism and unique curriculum

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — A new student recruitment video produced by John Paul the Great Catholic University is giving many potential students a first-time look at the new school's innovative curriculum, as well as the types of students it hopes to attract.

The eight-minute video showcases the new university's uncompromising Catholic identity, as well as its revolutionary senior business project, which will require all students to participate in the creation of a viable business plan, with the expectation that many students upon graduation will transform their plans into thriving, ethical businesses.

The video features four prospective students, identified by their first names, who explain the attraction of four years at John Paul the Great Catholic University.

"My two passions have always been video production and my

faith," said Chris, a prospective student. "And now that I know there is a Catholic university that incorporates both, I'm really excited to be a part of it."

Jared, another prospective student, agrees that "the opportunity to be Catholic and have an impact on the entertainment industry is absolutely, overwhelmingly exciting."

According to Sean, "There's such a war on morals and the Catholic faith today that being able to use to media to evangelize people would be just an awesome aspect of life and society."

Also featured on the recruitment video is Pat Villa, youth director for St. James Parish in Solana Beach.

"When you look at the internet, TV, radio," Villa tells viewers, "everything is media. Young people are surrounded by that. What a tremendous blessing that JP Catholic can be to train young people to do it right."

For more information on John Paul the Great Catholic University or to view the university's new student recruitment video, visit www.jp catholic.com.

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CONSOLATION: During a May 10 in-service, Father John H. Howard, CJM spoke on the topic of "Suffering, Death and the Will of God."

Parish Ministers of Consolation Receive Diocesan Day of Training

By Denis Grasska

PASTORAL CENTER — "Freedom is like dynamite," Father John H. Howard, CJM, told a gathering of more than 100 ministers of consolation at a May 10 Pastoral Center in-service.

"It can blow up mountains and make new roads," said the Eudist priest from St. James Parish in Solana Beach. "It can really make human life [easier], but it can also complicate things tremendously."

Father Howard, who has a doctorate in clinical psychology and more than 30 years experience as a therapist, addressed the topic of "Suffering, Death and the Will of God." His presentation examined how Christians have historically understood God's will, while also tracing the source of suffering back to humanity's abuse of freedom.

According to Mary Ann Fallon, director of the diocesan Office for Liturgy and Spirituality, attendance at the in-service far exceeded expectations. The in-service attracted 101 ministers of consolation from 29 diocesan parishes, St. Peter's Chaldean Catholic Church and Scripps Hospital.

Ministers of consolation offer support for members of their parish community who are struggling with grief over the death of a loved one. While their specific responsibilities vary from parish to parish, their duties can

include planning and attending funerals, as well as providing continuing emotional support after the funeral.

In his presentation, Father Howard said, "Jesus said that He came to do the Father's will and that He had come so that we might have life and life in abundance. In other words, He wants us to be happy. The path of happiness is that we keep His commandments."

Though it remains a mystery, it seems clear that suffering enters the world when human freedom is misused or comes into conflict with another person's freedom, Father Howard said. In accepting God's gift of free will, he said, human beings must learn to live with the consequences of that freedom, without feeling the need to blame God.

According to Father Howard, blaming God for suffering reveals an "immaturity of faith." When a person expects a personal deus ex machina whenever tragedy strikes, he said, it's as immature as expecting "daddy to pay your rent all your life." That kind of attitude, Father Howard said, is "unworthy of the living God" and "unworthy of humanity."

For more information on the rapidly-growing local ministry of consolation, contact the Office for Liturgy and Spirituality at (858) 490-8290 or liturgy@diocese-sdiego.org.

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Is Catholic Secondary Education Worth the Investment?

By Eileen Clifton

SAN DIEGO — Catholic schools have a long history in San Diego. This year, San Diego's Academy of Our Lady of Peace celebrates its 125th anniversary. Currently, there are 44 elementary and five secondary schools offering education to more than 17,000 students in San Diego County.

Building on this heritage, the Diocese has undertaken the mission to ensure the future of Catholic secondary education in our county by building three new state-of-the-art high schools and establishing a tuition assistance endowment fund.

Some wonder if Catholic education is worth the investment.

There are various ways of measuring worth, and Catholic schools do well in all of them.

According to *the National Catholic Reporter*, those who attended Catholic high school believe that the Catholic Church is one of the most important parts of their lives, and Catholic high school graduates are associated with higher levels of education and higher levels of income. *The National Catholic Reporter* also states that about half of Catholics who attended Catholic high schools have incomes of \$75,000 or more. The national average per capita income is \$27,640 (*US Bureau of the Census, 2001*).

San Diego's newest diocesan high school — Cathedral Catholic High School (CCHS), which opened doors to students last year, anticipates sending 98 percent of its 2006 graduates to college — 80 percent of them to four-year institutions.

There are various ways of measuring worth, and Catholic schools do well in all of them.

All CCHS students coordinate an academic plan with counselors beginning in their freshman year, and there is a concerted effort by the staff to reach out to all students. Through CCHS class requirements, all students are eligible for the UC/CSU system (dependant on grades). In San Diego County, only 23 percent of public school 12th grade graduates took UC/CSU required course work (*CA Dept. of Education*).

At the new CCHS campus, students are educated in state-of-the-art facilities. Each classroom has high-technology computer stations and "smart boards" for teachers and students to utilize. Fine arts and sporting facilities offer students a world-class experience with modern equipment. Campus ministry empowers students with values that inspire personal and spiritual growth. The students graduate prepared for college life.

Most importantly, a student's experience at Cathedral Catholic High School (and other Catholic high schools) is an integrative process involving the "whole" person — spiritual, intellectual, social and physical. The hope is that graduates will make informed decisions reflective of a well-developed intellect and a value system grounded in the message of Jesus Christ. Nearly all Catholic school parents think that this instruction is an important part of their child's education.

Tuition comparison shows that

Catholic education in San Diego offers significant private school value. Some local private high schools, including Francis Parker, La Jolla Country Day, and The Bishop's Schools are nearly (or more than) twice the annual tuition of CCHS. In the 2005 academic year, tuitions at these schools were well over \$17,000 as compared to \$8,475 at Cathedral Catholic.

In addition, Catholics have long subsidized tuition for worthy children from lower-income families. The Local Church believes that no child should be turned away from a deserved education due to lack of funds. Tuition assistance makes Catholic secondary school education accessible to a broad spectrum of students. More than 400 Cathedral Catholic students (currently one-fourth of the student population) received tuition assistance or scholarships in 2005. That amounted to nearly \$1.3 million dollars of aid.

Cathedral Catholic High School, located in the central coastal section of San Diego (Carmel Valley), is the first of three new high schools planned for the county. Mater Dei Catholic High School will serve South Bay and East County residents and is set to open in the fall of 2007. Pax Christi Catholic High School will serve families in North County. What is more, central San Diego's St. Augustine High

School, with help from the Diocese of San Diego, is embarking on a major facilities upgrade and modernization this summer.

This undertaking requires widespread investment from the Catholic community to reach fruition. The project will cost approximately \$240 million to complete, including land and facilities.

Because of limited space in our existing Catholic high schools, many families who would like a Catholic high school education for their children will not be accommodated if the project is not realized. The enrollment applicants for the incoming 2006/07 freshman class at Cathedral Catholic High School had over 725 applicants seeking one of approximately 500 available spaces.

Together the three new high schools will increase Catholic high school enrollment throughout the Diocese of San Diego to potentially 8,000 students.

Today the Diocese of San Diego includes close to one million Catholics in 100 parishes. The completion of the schools will continue the mission and legacy of quality Catholic education for San Diego's families. The hope is that parishioners understand the value of this mission, and will wish to participate in the shaping of our youth.

Clifton is the Director of Development for Cathedral Catholic High School

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Fears about a loss of Catholic identity were unfounded

tradition? Tradition is very, very important to people, specifically, the Catholicity of the school and what that stands for — the values, the attitude, the work ethic. I mean, that's all part and parcel of what Uni was all about and it carried over, I think, quite smoothly to Cathedral."

James Tschann, president of Cathedral Catholic High School, said he is not only "delighted that we have such great interest in our school," but also happy with the growing number of Catholic students because of a desire to "accommodate as many Catholics and kids from Catholic schools as we can."

If San Diego Catholics were concerned that USDHS's transformation into Cathedral Catholic would entail an influx of public school students and a palpable loss of Catholic spirituality, those fears today seem out of place.

According to Joe Cannon, next year's director of campus ministry, "Cathedral Catholic's spiritual focus

is rooted in the Gospels and is expressed in our every action. The most unique aspect of Cathedral Catholic's spirituality is that it is student-focused and student-facilitated."

"From each morning's Liturgy of the Hours to retreats, Eucharist and service, students play the key role in implementing and planning our spiritual life on campus," Cannon said. "It is not that spirituality is the most important thing at Cathedral. It's more than that. Our faith is who we are at Cathedral Catholic High School."

Almost 60 percent of the current student body is composed of graduates from Catholic elementary schools. The high school's recruitment campaign remains primarily directed toward families from diocesan parishes and parochial schools. Among the elementary schools with the most graduates enrolling at Cathedral Catholic for the 2006-2007 academic year are: St. Michael School in Poway, School of the Madeleine, St. James Academy in Solana Beach, St. John School in Encinitas, St. Patrick School in Carlsbad, The Nativity School in Rancho Santa Fe, Nazareth School, All Hallows Academy in La Jolla, Good Shepherd School and St. Columba School.

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TRADITION: Visitors to Cathedral Catholic High School are greeted by a statue of St. Joseph cradling the Infant Jesus in his arms.

CYRIL JONES-KELLET

Faith Learning for Adults at Diocesan Institute

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Diocesan Institute helps to prepare adults for ministry. Courses are open to any adult who is looking for a mature exploration of the history and theology of the Catholic faith.

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The Institute also provides coursework for

couples who are preparing for ordination to the permanent diaconate.

Upcoming courses are listed below. (Courses in Spanish are listed on page 29.) For information call (858) 490-8212.

S330 The Psalms (15 hrs)

Introduction to the Psalms for contemporary prayer life. Themes of trust and hope, repentance and wisdom, petition and praise to God to be highlighted.

Rev. Patrick Ryan, S.T.L.

Mondays, June 5 — July 3

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

S290 Christian Anthropology (15 hrs)

Christian understanding of the human person, the relationship of body and soul, human persons as images of God, affected by sin and elevated by grace.

Bernadeane Carr, S.T.L.

Thursdays, June 8 — July 6

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

S600 History of Catholicism in the United States (15 hrs)

Terence McGoldrick, S.T.D.

Wednesdays, June 28 — July 26

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan

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C110 Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)

Survey of the Catechism as an introduction to foundational elements of Catholicism. How to navigate the Catechism and use it fruitfully as a resource.

Barbara Kearns, M.T.S.

Wednesdays, June 21 — July 26

6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace, 2766 Navajo Rd., El Cajon: Lauerman Hall

S350 Synoptic Gospels (15 hrs)

Special themes of Matthew, Mark and Luke: the person of Christ, the Kingdom of God; discipleship, faith and conversion; parables, miracles, the Holy Spirit.

Terence McGoldrick, S.T.D.

Mondays, June 26 — July 24

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

C130 Church History: Early Church to Charlemagne (15 hrs)

Fr. John Proctor, M.A., J.C.L.

Tuesdays, August 1 — August 29

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

C110 Catechism of the Catholic Church (15 hrs)

Survey of the Catechism as an introduction to foundational elements of Catholicism. How to navigate the Catechism and use it fruitfully as a resource.

Domenico Camplisson, M.T.S.

Sundays, August 6 — September 10 (no class September 3)

5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Holy Family Church, 1957 Coolidge Street, Linda Vista

S120 Catechetics (15 hrs)

Vocation of the catechist, the history and theology of catechesis, its current methods and directions will be explored.

Bill Bischoff, M.A.

Mondays and Thursdays, August 7, 10, 14, 17, 21 and 24

6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

S300 Pentateuch (15 hrs)

Exploration of history and themes of the first 5 books of the Bible: creation, covenant, the Promised Land; slavery, sin, and liberation of the Chosen People.

John Vignol, M.A.

Thursdays, June 15 — July 13

6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m., Diocesan Pastoral Center

S360 John's Gospel and Letters (15 hrs)

Structure and special themes of John: the person of Christ; truth, love, and the Eucharist; conversion, discipleship and the Holy Spirit; the glory of the cross.

Bernadeane Carr, S.T.L.

Wednesdays, June 14 — July 19

6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Church, 3821 Adams Street, Carlsbad: Patio Room

Local Author Teaches Children About Love, Human and Divine

Book signing May 27
and June 4

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

SAN DIEGO — “How much do you love me?” It’s a question that every child asks at some point in life. In her book, *All the Muchos in the World*, author Diana Pastora Carson tries to provide an answer.

Published by The Daughters of St. Paul and available at Pauline Books and Media, *All the Muchos in the World* is a bi-lingual story of love, both human and divine.

In the book, little Ana is constantly asking her family members how much they love her. Certain of their love, she is equally certain that her love for them is even greater.

“Cuanto me quieres?” Ana asks her mother, her father, her grandmother and her grandfather, all of whom give her different answers, attempting to define the depth of their love.

“I love you a whole lot,” replies her father.

“A mother’s love is so great it can’t be measured,” says her mother.

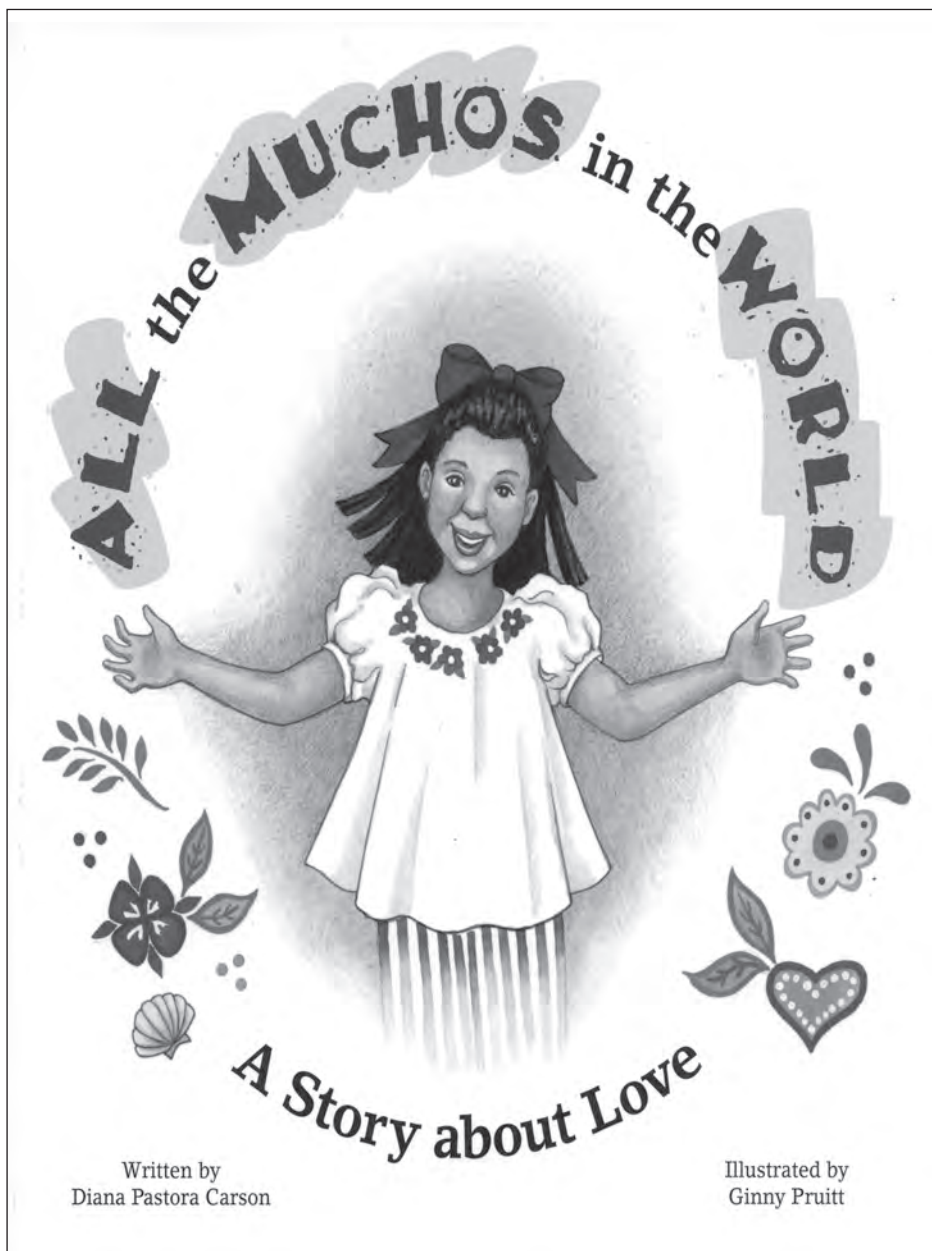
“Yo te quiero mucho,” avows her grandmother, I love you very much.

“Yo te quiero muchisimo,” adds her grandfather.

But somehow, mucho doesn’t seem enough. Ana is sure that “her love was much bigger than any love in the whole world,” writes Pastora Carson. So she asks her familia again, how much do they love her?

“If you count every grain of sand on all of the beaches in the world, you would not even come close to the amount of muchos that make up how much I love you,” says Mama.

“Do you see the many stitches that make up this blanket,” her abuela answers when asked again, holding up a blanket she is knitting. “If I



could make a blanket big enough to keep the whole world warm, and if you could count each stitch in that blanket, their number could not match the amount of muchos there are in my love for you.”

Ana finally gets the message, as each member of the family extends their arms and declares, “I love you all the muchos in the world.”

“Her familia’s love felt like it was the biggest love in the whole wide

world,” thought Ana.

But one last question remained. Kneeling by her bed that night saying her prayers, Ana asked, “Dios, quanto me quieres?”

“She looked up and saw the cross hanging above her bed. She saw that Jesus had his arms stretched out wide.

“Right then, Ana knew that there was a love greater and bigger than her family’s love.”

All the Muchos in the World features delightful, colorful illustrations by Ginny Pruitt, which feature small tokens of Hispanic culture woven into the background, and a helpful parrot who helpfully translates the Spanish words that appear throughout the text.

It seems apparent that anyone who reads this charming story aloud to a child can anticipate the child eventually filling in the questions and responses of Ana and her family.

“Yo te quiero mucho,” is bound to become a family motto for anyone who reads this book.

That tag line is from Pastora Carson’s own life.

Though her mother was Spanish, the family spoke little Spanish at home because her brother had autism, and experts suggested that he might have difficulty learning to speak in a bi-lingual home.

The family, however, did commonly use the phrase, “I love you all the muchos in the world.” It was simply a way to express love, and became the catchphrase for her book.

The San Diego author has two book-signing events coming. On Saturday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pastora Carson will be at O’Connor Church Goods at 3720 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, 92105. On Sunday, June 4, she will be at Caffe Salotto in Eastlake Village Center in Chula Vista from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The 32-page book is written for children ages 5-8 and is a great resource for home, classrooms and homeschoolers. It includes a Spanish pronunciation guide and glossary. Cost is \$8.95. To order, call (617) 876-4463 or visit www.pauline.org.

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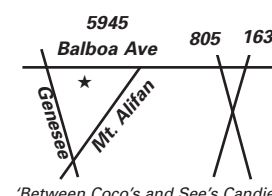
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'Between Coco's and See's Candies'

'Over the Hedge' Provides a Positive Alternative to 'The Da Vinci Code'

NEW YORK — The following are capsule reviews of movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"The Da Vinci Code"

(Columbia) Directed by Ron Howard, "The Da Vinci Code" tells the story of American "symbolologist" Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks), who follows a coded trail leading to a supposedly age-old secret: that Christ was not divine, that he was married to Mary Magdalene and that their descendents survive today. The film makes several outrageously anti-Catholic and blasphemous claims, but a series of historical flashbacks illustrating supposedly dark chapters in Church history were so overdone they provoked catcalls at the Cannes Film Festival. Toward the end of the movie, Langdon tells his sleuthing partner, Sophie Neveu: "You are the last living descendent of Jesus Christ." That line, meant to be the dramatic apex of the film, drew laughs from many of the approximately 900 journalists who viewed the film's first press screening May 16 at Cannes. The derisive laughter, along with widely critical comments from reporters afterward, summed up the reaction to the film. When the credits ran, silence and a few whistles drove home the response. Violence including brutal murders, crude language, irreverent underpinning, rear

male nudity, scenes of corporal mortification, fleeting hint of prostitution, glimpse of ritualistic sex. USCCB classification — morally offensive. MPAA rating — PG-13. (Several Christians are encouraging their fellow believers to protest "The Da Vinci Code" by instead purchasing tickets to the family film "Over the Hedge.")

"Over the Hedge"

(DreamWorks) Computer-animated comedy about a rascally raccoon (voiced by Bruce Willis) who offers to "help" a group of woodland creatures (humorously voiced by Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, Garry Shandling, William Shatner and Eugene Levy, among others) stockpile food for the coming winter by raiding the suburban housing development that has sprung up on their forest doorstep, but not telling them that he intends to use the purloined provisions to save his own fur. Based on a comic strip, directors Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick's good-naturedly entertaining and visually cheery fable relies on nutty sight gags over story, but imparts a commendable message about family and acting unselfishly, while offering some funny commentary on our consumer society. Some mildly crude humor, a few rude expressions and innuendo, and recurring comic action violence. USCCB classification — general patronage. MPAA rating — PG.



SHELL SHOCKED: Verne the Turtle in a scene from Dreamworks' "Over the Hedge."

"Goal! The Dream Begins"

(Touchstone) Familiar but satisfying sports drama about an undocumented Mexican migrant (Kuno Becker) who is given an opportunity to escape his father's (Tony Plana) hardscrabble fate and fulfill his dream of playing professional soccer when a former British scout (Stephen Dillane) visiting Los Angeles offers him a tryout with a top-tier English soccer team. Directed by Danny Cannon, the film has a feel-good underdog theme coupled with Becker's appealing performance, despite a formulaic script, underdeveloped characters and an overlong length. A few crude expressions, suggested drunkenness and carousing, implied sexual situations and some sports roughness, limiting its appropriateness to older adolescents and up. USCCB classification — adults and adolescents. MPAA rating — PG.

"Poseidon"

(Warner Bros.) Reasonably effective but inferior remake of 1972's luxury-liner disaster film, as a tidal wave capsizes the vessel, and a sparring father (Kurt Russell) and daughter (Emmy Rossum), her boyfriend (Mike Vogel), a professional gambler (Josh Lucas), a single mother (Jacinda Barrett) and child, and a Latina stowaway (Mia Maestro) attempt to flee through the bottom of the boat. The character setup is dispatched within minutes, and once disaster strikes, director Wolfgang Petersen keeps the action going, with above-average special effects and decent performances. A few instances of profanity and crass expressions, intense but not gruesome disaster violence, brief veiled sexual exchange, gambling and a suicide attempt. USCCB classification — adults and adolescents. MPAA rating — PG-13.

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London's Trafalgar Square includes a bronze statue of Sir Charles Napier (1782-1853), an architect of the British Raj in India. Few Britons or tourists, pondering Napier's role as a military leader in the Sind campaign, would think of him as an exemplar of interreligious dialogue. But consider this:

As one point in his pacification of Sind, Sir Charles confronted the long-entrenched and religiously-warranted practice of "suttee," according to which a widow was thrown onto the funeral pyre of her dead husband. Napier invited the local leaders to a meeting and said, "You say that it is your custom to burn widows. Very well. We also have a custom. When men burn a woman alive, we tie a rope around their necks and we hang them. Build your funeral pyre; beside it, my carpenters will build a gallows. You may follow your custom. And then we shall follow ours."



George Weigel

Suttee, as you might imagine, quickly disappeared from the areas under Sir Charles Napier's command, as it eventually did throughout the subcontinent. Was Napier's

Robust Interreligious Dialogue

In recent months, various senior Vatican officials are insisting on 'reciprocity'

abolition of suttee an act of cultural aggression or religious intolerance? Is anyone prepared to argue that thriving modern India, the world's largest democracy, would have been better off if Napier had taken the position of today's multiculturalists, that, while there may be your truth and my truth, there's no such thing as the truth — so who am I to impose my values on you?

The parable of Sir Charles Napier and the practice of suttee is worth remembering as Americans and Europeans alike begin to confront the fact that radical, jihadist Islamism is a powerful 21st century force that must be countered and repelled, if the free and virtuous society envisioned by classic political tradition of the West and the social doctrine of the Catholic Church is to be built. The Holy See has begun to confront this hard fact of contemporary international life in recent months, with various senior officials insisting that there must be "reciprocity" if there is to be genuine interreligious dialogue:

that, if a grand mosque can be built in Rome, it is absurd and unacceptable that the Mass cannot be celebrated in public in Saudi Arabia. Or, to take the recent case of the Afghani Abdul Rahman, if Christians are rightly free to convert to Islam, Muslims must be free to convert to Christianity without, like Rahman, being put in jeopardy of their lives.

Multiculturalism and relativism have seeped so far into the consciousness of the West that many Americans and Europeans find it hard to imagine that there are, in fact, Muslims who believe themselves obliged by God to impose their conception of God's will on western societies, by lethal force and the murder of innocents, if necessary; thus the endless search for the "root causes" of terrorism. Similarly, as in the Rahman case, the passions engaged seem, to many, so bizarre as to be incomprehensible. We simply take it for granted, and have for centuries, that it is profoundly wrong to kill someone

because of his or her religious convictions. Yet there are millions, perhaps tens of millions, of Muslims around the world who believe precisely the opposite: that it is profoundly wrong not to kill someone who leaves the House of Islam for, say, Christianity.

Nothing is achieved, and much harm will be done, by denying these realities of contemporary life. If the pattern of recent decades — in which a radical, jihadist Islamism has become the most dynamic force within a global religious community with over a billion adherents — is to be reversed, so that other, less aggressive forms of Islam prevail within Islam's internal culture war, it will not be because Christians confuse tolerance with indifference, as if differences make no difference. Nor will it be because Christians, unable to give a plausible account of their own moral standards, refuse to assert the superiority of those moral standards over other understandings of right and wrong — or imagine that defending those standards in interreligious dialogue means taking an accommodating view of lethal violence in the name of God.

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Letters to the Editor

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Massage Therapy?

Thanks for the excellent May 11 issue of *The Southern Cross*. As always it contains much food for thought as well as inspiration for our continuing journey through life.

One of the articles reports on a recent Day of Renewal for those living with AIDS. While I do not believe we should turn away from sufferers, I do think it should be very apparent that the Church does not accept the homosexual behavior that is very often the cause of AIDS. When a conference about this

disease offers rooms where massage is given, I am offended by the lack of concern that such a service may be mistaken for promoting unseemly behavior.

As I am 78, I have attended many conferences, assemblies, retreats, meetings. Never has there been a massage room offered. Nor would I have thought it necessary or appropriate.

Patricia Sharp,
Carlsbad

Cartoonish Error

I found the cartoon on page 26 of the April 27th issue con-

cerning the HR 4437 illegal immigration bill very disturbing. The claim made that it would make humanitarian assistance to illegal immigrants a felony is a flat out lie.

The sponsors of the bill, Reps. King and Sennsenbrenner made very clear that this was a gross mischaracterization.

Now I see *The Southern Cross*, without qualification, unwittingly running with this falsehood. It is important that with issues like illegal immigration, [on] which it is legitimate for a Catholic to take either side, that respect be shown for both sides.

Integral to this respect is gaining a proper understanding and accurate representation of the other side.

Mr. Turnbloom's cartoon, because it is making a false claim, is, in my view, an example of a total lack of respect for the legitimate views of those who have grave concerns about the myriad problems that unfettered illegal immigration poses.

A retraction and apology from *The Southern Cross* is in order here and hopefully more care will be taken for fact checking in the future when controversial and complex

issues like this are dealt with.

Greg Mockeridge,
Chula Vista

Correction:

An opinion piece in our May 11 issue twice referred to Federal Judge Gordon Thompson Jr. as "Judge Gordon." This was a proof-reading error. Because the article was critical of Judge Thompson's ruling regarding the Mt. Soledad cross, the error appeared disrespectful. The Southern Cross regrets the error and the implication of disrespect.

Con Soluciones Justas Se Puede Derrotar el Terrorismo, Dice Arzobispo NACIONES UNIDAS

Con soluciones justas aplicadas a los problemas políticos, sociales y económicos que llevan frustración a jóvenes inmigrantes en todo el mundo “se les puede privar a terroristas de su oxígeno de odio” y desbaratar los esfuerzos “de reclutamiento de personas susceptibles”, dijo representante del Vaticano ante las Naciones Unidas, el 11 de mayo.

El arzobispo Celestino Migliore, representante permanente de la Santa Sede ante este cuerpo internacional, habló ante la Asamblea General durante consultas informales sobre estrategia contra el terrorismo.

“La exclusión política, social y económica de comunidades de inmigrantes alimenta la frustración de jóvenes y los ha incitado a contravenir el orden en algunas regiones; pero la demanda de una solución justa a estas cuestiones permanece como algo legítimo”, dijo el arzobispo.

“Al resolver tales cuestiones de manera rápida y justa, las naciones les pueden privar a terroristas de su oxígeno de odio y resentimientos, reales o

imaginarios, motivados por los cuales intentan legitimar sus malas acciones y reclutar a personas susceptibles”, añadió.

El arzobispo Migliore también exhortó a las N. U. a que dirijan sus esfuerzos en contra del terrorismo biológico y dispersión de armas, y a que “se incorporen componentes culturales y religiosos en su estrategia global”.

“Cuando la verdadera naturaleza de la religión se entiende correctamente y se conduce la vida personal de acuerdo a ella, puede convertirse en parte de la solución en lugar de ser parte del problema”, dijo.

El nuncio del Vaticano se refirió al terrorismo biológico refiriéndose a él como “una amenaza seria pero a la que no se le ha dado toda la importancia debida” y dijo que “el precio de no hacer nada podría dejar muy atrás el precio de una iniciativa de importancia actual a fin de fortalecer la capacidad de los sistemas públicos de salud par hacerle frente a una tal contingencia”.

Con respecto a las armas, dijo, “debe tomarse

como propósito común y compartido de los estados el asegurar, y en donde sea posible, eliminar armas nucleares, biológicas, químicas o radiológicas, y activar control efectivo nacional y de exportación de material de doble uso relacionado con armas de destrucción masiva”.

El arzobispo Migliore también habló el 11 de mayo ante la Comisión del Consejo Económico y Social de la ONU sobre Desarrollo Sostenible, diciendo que el reciente progreso parece ser modesto “cuando se le coloca junto a la imagen global que parece ser bastante seria”.

Existe la necesidad en especial de cambios en los sistemas de energía en todo el mundo, dijo, dado que “el planteamiento actual causa serio daño a la salud humana, al clima de la tierra y a los sistemas ecológicos de los que depende todo tipo de vida; y porque el acceso a servicios de energía que sean limpios y confiables es un prerrequisito vital para el alivio de la pobreza”.

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Teólogo Pide a Comunidad Hispana Estar Más Involucrada en Ecumenismo

SAN JOSÉ — Los católicos y protestantes hispanos deben entrar en más compartir, colaboración y testimonio ecuménicos, dijo el padre jesuita Thomas P. Rausch en una reunión nacional de líderes ecuménicos católicos el 9 de mayo.

Padre Rausch, profesor de Teología en la Universidad Loyola Marymount, en Los Ángeles, habló durante un almuerzo de la Asociación Nacional de Directores Ecuménicos Diocesanos, realizada conjuntamente con el Taller Nacional Sobre la Unidad Cristiana, llevado a cabo del 8 al 11 de mayo en San José.

Durante los últimos 40 años “el clima ecuménico ha cambiado para siempre” en las relaciones de la Iglesia Católica de Estados Unidos con la mayoría de las iglesias ortodoxas y protestantes, dijo padre Rausch.

Pero entre los católicos hispanos y protestantes hispanos, dijo él, “a pesar de algunas iniciativas recientes, las antiguas hostilidades todavía son fuertes. ... Esto es particularmente lamentable, dado el rápido crecimiento de la comunidad hispana en Estados Unidos y el alto nivel de hispanos que continúan practicando su fe cristiana”.

“La vitalidad religiosa de la comunidad hispana de Estados Unidos, de

ambos, católicos y protestantes, mantiene una promesa considerable para la renovación del cristianismo estadounidense”, dijo él. “Pero sin individuos en ambos lados que tomen pasos hacia llevar las dos comunidades a la conversación y en última instancia a la comunión, será difícil superar” las tensiones interreligiosas, la hostilidad y la inercia ecuménica encontradas actualmente allí.

Una de sus sugerencias claves fue que los líderes católicos y protestantes hispanos se conozcan unos a otros y encontrar ocasiones para colaborar y presentarse juntos en público, siendo un ejemplo para su gente.

Él dijo que un estudio reciente de tres años realizado entre iglesias hispanas en la vida estadounidense encontró que el 93 por ciento de los latinos se identifica como cristiano y un poco más del 70 por ciento dice que es católico. Del otro 23 por ciento que es cristiano, el 88 por ciento es evangélico o pentecostal “nacido de nuevo” o carismático.

Él reconoció que uno de los obstáculos a un mayor ecumenismo católico-protestante entre los hispanos es que las iglesias evangélicas y pentecostales tienden a no estar muy orientadas al ecumenismo.

Otro problema es que en Estados Unidos, como en toda América Latina, el crecimiento de las iglesias evangélicas y pentecostales “ocurre en gran parte a expensas de las congregaciones católicas; los católicos las acusan de obtener prosélitos o ‘robar ovejas’”, dijo él.

“Los católicos que se han convertido en pentecostales hablan del culto pentecostal animado y afectivo en contraste con los rituales más formales del catolicismo, de un énfasis en la sanación y en el ministerio laico y de la capacidad de los pentecostales de ayudarles a cambiar el aspecto desordenado de sus vidas sin juzgarlos”, dijo él.

Aun si esos individuos experimentan vidas transformadas, sin embargo, “estos cambios de lealtad eclesial introducen divisiones dolorosas en las familias hispanas”, dijo él. Él dijo que esas divisiones pueden causar “tensiones y amargura” en los eventos claves de la familia, tales como bodas y funerales.

Aunque él reconoció las tensiones, padre Rausch comentó: “La simple verdad es que el ecumenismo no ha sido una prioridad para los hispanos, ni en Estados Unidos ni en América Latina”.

Él dijo, sin embargo, que los hispanos católicos y evangélicos o pen-

tecostales “comparten varios valores y preocupaciones” que podrían dar lugar a la colaboración ecuménica.

Ellos “comparten una visión global religiosa similar” que es débil en doctrina formal pero fuerte en simbolismo, en la experiencia personal de Dios, en la orientación hacia lo trascendental, “en una creencia implícita en los milagros” y en un énfasis en la sanación, dijo él.

Él dijo que ellos también “tienen mucho más en común políticamente que lo que es reconocido generalmente” y “comparten lo suficiente como para trabajar juntos en asuntos educativos, sociales y políticos — entre estos la oración en las escuelas, los vales de educación, las iniciativas de elección caritativa y la enseñanza de ambas, la creación y la evolución”.

Señalando el creciente número de hispanos que no tienen iglesia, él sugirió desarrollar programas de evangelización católica orientados a fortalecer la religiosidad popular hispana, tales como invitar a los hispanos que no tienen iglesia a las posadas navideñas o a otras celebraciones o realizar bendiciones de hogares a las cuales se invitan los vecinos no practicantes.

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Obispos Critican Presidente Venezolano por Amenaza de Abandonar Bloque Comercial

Por Jason Lange

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO — Los obispos de Perú y Colombia han criticado al presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez por amenazar con retirarse de un bloque de comercial sudamericano porque uno de sus miembros firmó un acuerdo comercial bilateral con Estados Unidos.

Chávez, quien frecuentemente critica la diplomacia y la política económica estadounidenses, dijo el 7 de mayo que su país probablemente abandonaría también el bloque comercial Grupo de Tres — Venezuela, Colombia y México — después que Colombia firmó un acuerdo de comercio libre con Estados Unidos. Chávez también criticó a México por ser demasiado acogedor con Estados Unidos.

“Nosotros, como colombianos, estamos muy afectados por la toma de esta clase de política por el presidente Chávez, la cual nos hará mucho daño porque el comercio Colombia-Venezuela es muy importante”, dijo el obispo Fabián Marulanda López, de Florencia, secretario

general de la conferencia episcopal colombiana.

Chávez, quien ha forjado alianzas con el presidente cubano Fidel Castro, ha estado en enfrentamiento con Estados Unidos y ha acusado a Washington de orquestar un atentado de golpe de estado en el 2002 que lo sacó brevemente de su puesto. Él también ha acusado a Estados Unidos de planificar invadir a Venezuela.

El obispo Marulanda, quien estaba en Ciudad de México para las preparaciones para la Quinta Conferencia General de Obispos Latinoamericanos, a realizarse el año próximo en Aparecida, Brasil, dijo en conferencia de prensa el 11 de mayo que Chávez no tiene fundamento moral en cuanto a los países que buscan comercio con Estados Unidos porque Venezuela es uno de los proveedores mayores de petróleo de Estados Unidos.

El obispo peruano Miguel Irizar Campos, del Callao, dijo que él estaba de acuerdo con el obispo Marulanda e hizo un llamado a Chávez a



FOTO CNS/ALBERTO PIZZOLI, POOL VIA REUTERS

EL PAPA CON CHAVEZ: Benedicto XVI se reúne con el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez durante una audiencia privada en el Vaticano, el 11 de mayo. El Papa trató con Chávez el asunto de la importancia de proteger el derecho a la vida.

ser mejor vecino con otros países sudamericanos, señalando que las relaciones entre Venezuela y Perú han estado especialmente tensas.

Perú y Venezuela retiraron sus embajadores en mayo después que Chávez apoyó abiertamente un candidato presidencial peruano y amenazó con romper relaciones diplomáticas con Perú si el candidato no ganaba la elección. Chávez también atrajo algo de ira regional en abril por retirarse del bloque comercial Pacto Andino Sudamericano debido a tratos comerciales peruanos y colombianos con Estados Unidos.

El director de la conferencia episcopal venezolana, el arzobispo Ubaldo Santana Sequera, de Maracaibo, dijo que él no podía comentar sobre la situación, enfatizando la tensión existente en las relaciones entre la Iglesia Católica y Chávez.

Los funcionarios eclesiásticos han acusado al gobierno de intentar restringir la democracia y apoyaron el golpe de estado contra el presidente liderado por militares en el 2002. Chávez ha denunciado los líderes eclesiásticos como elitistas.

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Cursos en Español

C110s Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (15 horas)

Revista general del Catecismo como introducción a los elementos fundamentales del Catolicismo, y cómo utilizarlo como recurso para profundizar la fe.

Vicente Leal, M.A.

Los lunes, el 5 de junio al 3 de julio, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Escuela de San Juan Evangelista, 1003 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas: Rm 7B

S310s Los Profetas (15 horas)

Desarrollo de temas específicos de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento: la Alianza, el pecado, la justicia social, y la esperanza del Mesías.

Hna. Gloria Galván, SFCC, Dipl.

Los martes, el 18 de julio al 29 de agosto (no hay clase el 15 de agosto), 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego

S295s María, Madre de Dios y de la Iglesia (15 horas)

Enseñanzas bíblicas y doctrinas Católicas sobre María. Clásicas devociones marianas y las apariciones marianas aprobadas, serán examinadas.

Ricardo Ramírez Bedolla, Dipl.

Los martes, el 11 de julio al 8 de agosto, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

St. Charles, 990 Saturn Blvd., Imperial Beach: Parish Center

PROGRAMAS DIOCESANOS

PASTORAL JUVENIL

Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana

Se reunirán los delegados del Encuentro Nacional junto con los obispos, Ministros laicos y agentes de Pastoral Juvenil en Notre Dame desde el 8 al 11 de junio. Este evento histórico es el final de un proceso de consulta con los jóvenes para conocer sus necesidades, aspiraciones y desafíos. San Diego será representado por 21 delegados mas las dos directoras de Pastoral Juvenil Marissa Esparza y Raquel López.

MATRIMONIO Y VIDA FAMILIAR

Planificación Familiar Natural (En Español)

Se ofrecen clases en Planificación Familiar Natural en las siguientes localidades:

Iglesia Resurreccion, Escondido – Victorino y Magdalena Avalos. (760) 749-6892

Iglesia de Santa Maria, Escondido – Liz y Ismael Onofre. (760) 749-8671

Nuestra Sra. Del Sagrado Corazon – Carmela Caverro. (858) 694-0254

Tambien se ofrecen clases particulares. Llame al instructor de Planificación Familiar Natural mas cercano a usted.

Método De La Ovulación (Billings)

La instrucción consiste de tres clases con citas individuales entre las clases. Es importante participar en el programa completo y la pareja deben atender juntos.



Nothing Is Dull on the Evening News

The American media are ridiculously excitable. This is the main reason that few people really put much faith in the media to tell them the truth. It is not so much that media people are biased (everyone is) or that they are corporate lackeys (very few are). It is that the American media chase stories, and they do so with a kind of hen-like passion that would embarrass the town gossip.



Cyril Jones-Kellett

Local television news, for example, is simply not worth watching — unless you absolutely have to know every grotesque, violent or ridiculous thing that has happened on the local scene in the last 24 hours.

Most evenings, the half hour news presents the viewer with maybe 90 seconds worth of usable material — and most of that involves weather or scores. The rest is the live shot of the reporter on the scene of the fire, or the water main break, or the murder, or the car accident. And guess what, whether the news cameras show up or not the fire will be put out, the water main will be repaired, the murderer will be pursued by the police, and the car accident will be cleaned up.

The fact that these things have been beamed into my livingroom has made absolutely no difference to anyone, except, perhaps, to make it harder for me to get to sleep.

And why do news people spend so much time on ambulance chasing? Because there really isn't much else for them to do. Life goes on, people get through their days, and the news director — no matter what — has got a thirty minute show to put on seven days

a week — sixty minutes on some channels.

It is no accident that stations hire lots of beautiful women to perform the evening news duties. Most nights, there is no other reason to watch.

But there is a good side to this story. Because these news departments spend their days chasing stories, they are ready to help the community when really important stories happen.

That is, on any given night it is close to a total waste of time to watch the evening news, but every now and then it is not. Every now and then there is an earthquake or a terrorist attack or an epidemic — and having news departments with well-trained staffs comes in quite handy at those times. It turns out that those beautiful news women are also smart and skilled, and they do a real service on the rare occasions that there is real news.

News divisions, in other words, spend most of their time on make work. They know, and you and I know, that the junk they are reporting tonight really doesn't matter. They're just doing what they've got to do to make tonight's episode shine. But what they are also doing is being ready, keeping their skills sharp for tomorrow night or the next night or whenever the community really needs them.

Of course, the negative side of this is that the habit of hyping the news gets ingrained in news organizations. News people learn to sell the news, to make the unimportant sound and look important, because otherwise it will be a dull half-hour.

News people never open the newscast saying, "Well, it's sort of a slow news night tonight, but here's what we've got." Instead, they open every newscast as if they are about to present you with simply the most engrossing and important information available in this galaxy at this moment.

This habit of hyping the news is essentially dishonesty. And as much as news divisions help the community when there is real news, they often harm the community when there is not. They become like the old aunt who always has to have something to say. The need to have something to say leads one to say lots of unhelpful, inaccurate or downright wacky things.

Last year, a guy wrote a book about how Abraham Lincoln was secretly gay. Lincoln has been dead for 150 years, yet this discovery was made.

This kind of thing is ridiculous on its face, and yet every newscast had to give it notice. "Could one of America's greatest leaders have hidden a secret sexual life? A new book says he did and we'll take a look at the evidence right after this..."

News directors and producers become defensive about such things, "Well, it's news," they say.

Right, probably would have been news to Lincoln, too.

A similar thing happened recently with the *Gospel of Judas* — which, like the Abraham Lincoln book, was written 150 years after the fact.

And yet news divisions hyped it as revealing a previously unseen side of Judas and Jesus.

Maybe a reporter calls and asks what one thinks of the new Gospel of Judas, and maybe one gives the only sane response — "Nothing."

"Why not?" the reporter wants to know.

"Because it has nothing to do with the real Jesus or the real Judas. I'm into reality."

This does not seem helpful to the reporter, who calls someone else for a quote.

The Southern Cross

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EVANGELIZATION & CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

For more information, email jmorrow@diocese-sdiego.org, call (858) 490-8232 or visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm

Basic Catechist Formation Course

48-hour course prepares catechists to begin teaching. Catechists receive California Basic Catechist Certification. Cost: \$50. Upcoming courses offered at the following centers:

St. Thomas More, Oceanside, beginning Thursday, May 25, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Call (760) 757-3250, ext 341.

Corpus Christi, Bonita, beginning Tuesday, June 20, 6 - 9 p.m. Call (619) 482-3953.

National Directory for Catechesis Conference (with Dr. Carole Eipers) From 9:15 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at the Pastoral Center.

Special Religious Education Certification Course (with Debbie Higdon, M.Ed.) From 6:30 - 9 p.m., May 23, May 30 and June 6.

Leadership Retreat

End-of-Year Leadership Retreat (with Sister Pat McGinley) From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Thursday, June 1, at St. Gregory the Great Parish.

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS

LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

For more information, call (858) 490-8290 or email liturgy@diocese-sdiego.org.

Ministers of the Word

This series helps readers develop their ability to proclaim the Word in the liturgy. Requirements: minimum of 16 years old; pastor's recommendation needed to attend. The next workshop will be held at the Church of the Resurrection from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20, and from 6:30 - 9 p.m., Monday, May 22. Participants must attend both sessions. Registration: \$25 (deadline May 12); pre-registration only.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

For more information, call (858) 490-8299.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Ovulation Method class — Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., at St. Thomas More Parish — beginning

June 21. Class continues 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16 and 8/30. Call (760) 598-4136.

Ovulation Method class — Wednesdays 7-9 p.m.,

at St. Thomas More Parish — beginning

July 12, 2006. Class continues 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20. Call (760) 598-4136.

Sympto-Thermal Method class — Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., at Diocesan Pastoral Center —beginning Sept. 6. Class continues 9/20, 10/18 and 11/15. Call (619) 303-5053.

For more information on these classes, call (858) 490-8297.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For more information, call (858) 490-8260 or e-mail y-yconnect@diocese-sdiego.org.

Leadership Inservice

"National Directory for Catechesis" (with Carole Eipers). From 9:45-noon, May 18, at the Pastoral Center. For information, call (858) 490-8230.

Preparing for College: Covenant Retreat

A retreat for incoming college students (18 years and older) will be held from Friday, July 7 to Sunday, July 9, at Kamp Kuper. The retreat will help

attendees learn what to expect at college and gain practical advice on how to live their faith on campus, while meeting other college students and praising God.

Summer Leadership Camp

Summer Leadership Camp: Catholic to the Core Open to high school youth leaders (14-18 years old). Aug. 6-10 at Whispering Winds. For registration information, call (858) 490-8260.

Theology on Tap

Tuesdays, May 9-May 30, at Chevy's in Del Mar (2730 Vial de la Valle, 92014). Hosted by the St. James Singles Ministry, the theme for this series will be "Faith, Hope and Love, and the Greatest of these is Love." These events are for young adults in their 20s and 30s.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Detention Ministry

Want to find out more about ministering to inmates through prayer, scripture and discussion? For introduction and training seminars for Detention Ministry volunteers, call Jim Walsh at (858) 490-8375 or visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/detentionministry.

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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.

First Saturday Devotion

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Oceanside, will hold the First Saturday Reparation Devotion on the first Saturday of each month, following the 7 a.m. Mass. Call (760) 231-1342 or (760) 722-9085.

Rummage Sale

The St. Didacus Altar Society will be holding a rummage sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday May 26, and Saturday, May 27, in the parish hall. Location: 4772 Felton Street.

Healing Mass

A Mass with prayers for healing will be held May 30 at the Church of St. Timothy, Escondido. Celebrant: Father James Rafferty. Songs and praise, 6:45 p.m.; Mass, 7 p.m. Call (760) 741-0866.

Annual Bazaar

St. Rita Parish will hold its annual parish bazaar from noon-8 p.m., June 3, and from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., June 4. Features games, food and fun, including continuous bingo.

Parish Bazaar

St. Charles Parish, Imperial Beach, will hold its parish bazaar from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., June 3 and 4. Features live entertainment, food, games, crafts and a raffle with cash prizes. From noon-5 p.m. on June 4, a barbecue dinner will be available for only \$6.50/person.

Concert

San Rafael Parish's annual Festival Choir Concert will be at 7 p.m., June 4. The concert, a celebration of Pentecost, includes sacred songs performed by the Festival Choir and the parish handbell choir. Free admission. Call (858) 487-4314.

Golf Tournament

The annual Guardian Angels Parish

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golf tournament will be held June 25 at Carlton Oaks. Cost: \$90 (includes golf, cart, putting contest, dinner and prizes). For information, call (619) 448-1213. Enter by May 30 to receive a free mulligan.

GROUPS

Meeting/Luncheon

The Oceanside Deanery, Council of Catholic Women will host a meeting and luncheon at 11 a.m., June 14, at St. Mark's Church in San Marcos. Cost: \$5. RSVP by June 9. Call (760) 727-4987.

High School Reunion

The Marian High School Class of 1966 will celebrate its 40-year reunion from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., Aug. 5. The event will be at Marian Catholic High School. For information and dinner reservations, call (619) 997-3939 or (619) 669-0404.

Stewardship Network

All parishes welcome at the "Parishes of San Diego Stewardship Network" every other month. Call (760) 945-8000 or (858) 459-2975, or e-mail sonraetoo@yahoo.com cindyb@allhallows.com

St. Thomas More Society

The St. Thomas More Society for judges, attorneys and legal professionals will hold its monthly luncheon on the first Friday of the month. For information, call VINO at (619) 595-4294.

Spirit Ministries

• First Friday Mass: 7 p.m., June 2, at Most Precious Blood Parish. Celebrant: Father Jerry Bevilacqua

• Bible Class: 7 p.m., every Monday, at Holy Spirit Parish Hall

• Pentecost (Charismatic) Mass and Healing Service: 7:30 p.m., June 3, at St. Mary Magdalene.

• For more information, call Spirit Ministries at (619) 262-9685 or visit spiritministries.net.

GROUPS

Young Adults

Singles and couples in your 20s and 30s, check out www.stocya.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. Or call (858) 755-5343.

The St. Therese of Carmel Young Adult Group hosts a weekly Bible study at the Carmel Valley home of Damian Farry. Call (858) 794-0180 or email djfarry@hotmail.com

Catholic Singles Club

The Catholic Singles Club provides single Catholics (ages 21 and older) the opportunity to meet their peers for religious, social, sports and charitable activities. Visit www.cscsd.com or call (619) 491-3751.

Catholic Singles Network

Catholic Singles Network introduces good Catholic men and women, based on common interests and positive values; offers friendship introduction services; and sponsors social events. Call (888) 208-9555 ext. 87 or email heatherh@catholicsinglesnetwork.com.

Catholic Alumni Club

Catholic Alumni Club welcomes single Catholics for social, recreational and religious activities, including potluck dinners, bowling, miniature golf, movies and walks. Ages 30 and over are welcome. A list of current activities is available. Call (619) 491-1224.

St. James Singles Ministry

St. James Singles Ministry in Solana Beach presents a Christian Dating Seminar, "God's Roadmap For Marriage." Alternate Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.stjames-singles.org.

Blessed Sacrament Singles

Blessed Sacrament "CATHOLIC 35+ Singles" meets in the parish's meeting room every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to build a sense of community and a more spiritual life. Call (619) 582-5073 or email bscatholicsingle@gmail.com.

GROUPS

Catholic Widows/Widowers

Social and spiritual activities are offered for those ready to move on. For information, call Irene at (619) 287-4149 or Pegi at (619) 698-3923.

Chastity Group

The Goretti Group hosts ChasteMasters, 7 p.m., Second Wednesday, at St. John the Evangelist. Contact www.thegorettigroup.org

2006 Chastity Leadership Training ("Purity is Hardcore!") will be held July 30 - Aug. 1 at San Diego State University.

Disalced Carmelites

The St. Joseph Community, Secular Order of Disalced Carmelites, meets the third Sunday of the month. For information, call (619) 444-2467.

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. Visit our Padre Pio website at www.saintpio.org

Padre Pio Devotions

To learn more about St. Pio of Pietrelcina and to receive a copy of his prayers, send three stamps and your address to: St. Pio's Prayers, P.O. Box 191545, San Diego, CA 92159.

Bible Studies

• Women's Christian Fellowship - prayer, praise and Bible study, Thursdays (until May 25; resumes in September), 9:30 a.m.-noon, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center, Carlsbad. Childcare available: (760) 476-9693 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.logosmin.org. Call (858) 487-4314.

• Bible class every Monday at Holy 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.

Adoracion Nocturna

El primer sabado del mes en Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, SD; 2do sabado en San Leo, Solana Beach; 3er

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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 (June 10, Sept. 9, Dec. 9). Guest priest celebrates Mass at 10 a.m. and shares story of his vocation. 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.

Support Group

If you or a family member have a sexual attraction to members of the same sex, COURAGE can help you live the chaste Christian life. 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.

• 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) 839-5254.

• Stalpar Club: single/widowed men/ women over 35, First Sundays, St. John's Church. Social, 3:30 p.m.; meeting 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 available at: San Rafael Parish, Rancho Bernardo; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ramona (second Sunday of the month); Guardian Angels, Santee; St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista; Our Lady of Guadalupe, El Centro. Bible Study every Wednesday, religious education every Saturday at St. Rose of Lima. Call (760) 767-5701 or visit

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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 from 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.

• Pro-life rosary every Wednesday, 6 p.m., at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Call (619) 460-5150

• Pro-life rosary every Tuesday, 8 a.m., at St. Elizabeth Seton (Chapel). Call (760) 804-9656. Mass follows at 8:30 a.m.

WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS

Meditation and Relaxation

"Meditation & Music: A Guide to Self-Healing" will be presented by Melynnique Seabrook, M.A., from 1:30-2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28, at San Rafael Parish in Rancho Bernardo. All are welcome to learn more about meditation and relaxation techniques. Cost: \$6/session. Pre-registration required. Call (858) 674-1145 or email adulded@sanrafaelparish.org.

"Healing and the Eucharist"

10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 17, with Father Lou Cerulli and Dominic Bernardino, at the St. Therese Social Center. Cost: \$20/person. Healing Mass included. Call (858) 278-0526.

Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter weekends will be held June 23-25 and Aug. 11-13. For more information or to register, call (619) 449-3987.

Beginning Experience Weekend

This peer-to-peer ministry is for divorced, widowed and separated persons ready to move beyond their grief. Upcoming dates are July 14-16 and Nov. 10-12. For more information and to register, contact (858) 538-4208.

Pilgrimage to Poland

Women and men suffering from a past abortion are invited to take part in a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Czestochowa, from Oct. 8-18. Leader: Father Mariusz Koch of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Reservations are confidential. For information, call (877) 586-4621.



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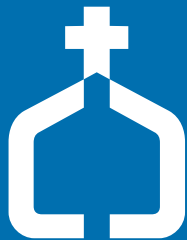
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