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A Place of Beauty and Reverence



DEDICATION: Members of St. Gabriel Parish prepare to enter their new church July 8. Tables are set out for the catered reception that followed the dedication of the new church.

St. Gabriel Parish's new church has 'distinctly international flavor'

POWAY — Hundreds of curious residents from Poway and surrounding communities wandered through the new St. Gabriel Church at its open house July 10.

Visitors admired the beauty of the new worship space as parishioners, serving as docents, explained the stories behind the uncommon altar, the impressive retablo behind it, and other features.

Just two days earlier, the new 975-seat church had been blessed and dedicated by Bishop Robert H. Brom.

"The new church design is inspired by the California Mission style and features a distinctly international flavor," said Father Michael Froidurot, pastor. "It's really one of the more beautiful churches in the San Diego Diocese. A lot of generous people made this possible."

Upon entering the church, a section of the floor design is patterned after Kumeyaay Native American baskets. The Kumeyaay tribe originally resided on the land where St. Gabriel's is located. Artifacts unearthed during construction have been returned to the tribe's representatives.

The altar includes 16 statues and plaques

made by a nun in central France. The center of the altar base has the Lamb of God and four angels representing the four Gospels. Also included are statues of several saints, Blessed Teresa of Kolkata and the Pieta.

The retablo behind the altar was built in Spain, is a replica of an original built there in the 1700s, and features carved ornaments gilded in 24-karat burnished gold. Symbols on the retablo represent the Holy Trinity and include the "eye of God," a dove and the crucifix. The arch opening for the retablo is 25 feet high.

The wrought-iron detail around the tabernacle is from Tijuana, and the baseboards are Mexican hand-painted tiles. A mosaic design in the floor of the baptismal font was made in Lebanon.

The church's bell tower includes five bells that were made in a bell foundry in Orleans, France. The bells' motors were made in Germany, and each bell's counterweight is made of African hardwood. The largest bell weighs 4,000 pounds and will ring on Sept. 11, 2011 to remember 9/11 victims.

The new church was designed by the architectural firm Hyndman and Hyndman and constructed by T. B. Penick & Sons, Inc.

St. Gabriel Parish was established in 1973 under founding pastor Father Charles Dollen. There was no church building then, so he initially celebrated Masses in private homes and Twin Peaks Middle School.

For much of the parish's history, Masses

were celebrated in a multi-purpose building on the parish campus.

"I have waited for this moment for 38 years, so I am absolutely thrilled to have a permanent church to attend," said Kathy Auten, a parishioner since 1973. "I love everything about the new church, and I believe it will inspire a much more reverent atmosphere than the old church."

Stan Friesenhahn, who also has attended St. Gabriel's since 1973, was "awestruck" by both the new church's interior and exterior. "The golden retablo was so magnificent and lit up that I felt as if I'd strayed into heaven ... It is easy to pray here."

For Kelly Terwilliger, a parishioner since 1979, excitement over the new church commingled with sadness over leaving the older one.

"I was married there, my children were baptized there. That's where I grew up," she said. "But I'm excited, too, since my daughter and nephew are among the first group of altar servers in the new church."

As the parish looks toward a bright future, Father Froidurot believes this moment is also a proper time to consider the past.

"It's important that we remember Father Dollen at this time," said Father Froidurot. "It was in the mid-1980s he actually initiated a master plan that included construction of a new church, and now we finally have it."

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Diocese Forms Young Catholic Leaders at Camp Emmaus

By Denis Grasska

JULIAN — Some 140 Catholic youth honed leadership skills and had the opportunity to deepen their faith and make new friends during an annual diocesan summer camp.

Sponsored by the diocesan Office for Youth Ministry, Camp Emmaus was held July 7-11 at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center, located in Julian. Gerardo Rojas, director of the Youth Ministry Office, said the camp will be offered again Aug. 7-11, when more than 180 youth are expected to attend.

Camp Emmaus is currently in its ninth year. After almost 250 youth attended the camp in 2008, the decision was made to offer the program twice each summer.

The camp is open to current high school students who are leaders in their parish youth groups or are believed to have leadership potential. Participants must have completed at least one year of high school and have at least one year remaining before graduation.

“What we are trying to do is form young leaders in our Church, and the way that we go about doing that is we bring them together for this camp,” Rojas said. “It’s a dynamic experience.”

Each year, Camp Emmaus has a new theme. This year’s is “Discover Jesus Christ — The Way.” A series of large-group presentations and break-out training workshops are all centered around the selected theme. The workshops are offered on four



CAMP EMMAUS: Catholic youth pray over their youth ministers on the final day of Camp Emmaus July 11.

separate tracks: for first-time attendees, returning participants, young adults serving as volunteers and chaperones, and those involved with music ministry.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide attendees with the practical skills they will need to be effective Catholic leaders, while the large-group sessions are designed to be inspirational and faith-enriching.

The Camp Emmaus experience also includes social activities, such as a talent show and a dance lesson. Because of the location, recre-

ational activities such as hiking, swimming and sports are also available.

But the most important part of the camp is its spiritual component.

“Everything is really accentuated by liturgical experiences,” Rojas said. “So, we’ll have prayer throughout the day. We’ll have an opportunity for reconciliation. For three of the five days that we’re there, Mass will be celebrated. And we’ll also have Eucharistic adoration.”

This year’s schedule also includ-

ed a “vocations panel” featuring priests, women religious, married couples and single Catholics, who spoke to the youth about the different vocations to which God might call them.

Rojas sees value in holding Camp Emmaus in a location like Whispering Winds, with its distance from city life.

“We need to get them out of their element, we need to get them out of their daily routine, even out of their own parish setting, so they can experience something new” and “from a new perspective.”

Mariah Arguilez, a 16-year-old from Corpus Christi Parish in Bonita, said this was her third time at Camp Emmaus “and probably the best time.” She said the week strengthens youth who are struggling with their faith and, for those who already are close to God, “this camp gives you an extra kick, really kicks you into gear,” and prepares you to be a leader.

Those interested in learning more about Camp Emmaus or registering for the August camp should visit www.ymsd.org.

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Conference Organizers Promise Inspiring Speeches, Public Prayer

By Denis Grasska

SAN DIEGO — The organizers of the second annual Mother of Life Conference pride themselves on the quality of their keynote speakers.

This year, the niece of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. is among those scheduled to speak.

In addition to Dr. Alveda King, a pastoral associate for Priests for Life, other speakers will include Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life; Eduardo Verastegui, a popular Mexican actor, model and singer; and Dr. Jim Garlow, senior pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church in San Diego.

The conference, which will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the University of San Diego’s Jenny Craig Pavilion, is presented by the San Diego chapter of the Knights of Columbus. Organizers hope that attendees will be inspired by the prominent speakers to become more deeply involved with the pro-life movement.

“A lot of people ... are pro-life in beliefs, but they keep it to themselves. They don’t go and evangelize others,” lamented Kamal Alsawaf, conference chairman and past chapter president of the Knights of Columbus.

In addition to the speakers’ presentations, public prayer also will be a major component of the conference schedule. The rosary will be recited before the first talk. The third talk will be preceded by a “program of holiness,” which will include Catholic hymns led by the Trinitarians of Mary. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited before the fourth talk. The conference will conclude with Mass.

“We’re not going to be able to change the minds and hearts of people without prayer,” Alsawaf said. “We want people to pray about this issue. That’s the only way we can achieve this goal.”

In choosing the speakers for this year’s conference, Alsawaf said, organizers took great care to ensure that the diversity of the pro-life movement would be represented. In particular, he said, they wanted to open the conference to Protestants who share their commitment to the sanctity of human life. The inclusion of Garlow and King on the speaking roster reflects this goal.

Alsawaf said he hopes that men, who also suffer from the pain of abortion, will seriously consider attending the conference. An effort also has been made to reach out to youth and young adults. All local Knights of Columbus councils

have been asked to donate 20 conference tickets to their parish youth group. Youth also will receive a discounted rate on tickets.

Nearly 2,000 people attended last year’s Mother of Life Conference, said Alsawaf, who hopes to see the numbers double this year. While conceding that “the economy is tough and people are watching their dollars,” he stressed that the conference is still very affordable and offers an uplifting experience comparable to a retreat.

Some 60 exhibitors, including retailers of Catholic merchandise as well as pro-life organizations that will be handing out information and brochures, are expected to set up booths outside the Jenny Craig Pavilion in Eagen Plaza.

Conference tickets are \$45 each for adults and \$20 for youth aged 13-25. Admission is free for pre-registered pastors, priests, religious and seminarians. All net proceeds from the conference will be distributed to local pro-life organizations and crisis pregnancy centers.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.motheroflifeconference.com or see the ad on Page 10.

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University Returns to Single-Sex Dorms

By Carol Zimmermann

WASHINGTON — John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, announced June 13 that the university would be taking a stand against binge drinking and the “culture of hooking up” by phasing out coed dorms.

He likened the move to a “slightly old-fashioned remedy” to combat what he described as the “two most serious ethical challenges college students face.”

The shift will begin with next year’s freshmen, who will be assigned to single-sex residence halls.

Garvey made the announcement public in an op-ed piece in *The Wall St. Journal* where he said the transition will “probably cost more money” and will involve architectural adjustments as well as a change in the ratio of students admitted each year. “But our students will be better off,” he wrote.

The university president, who has been at the school’s helm since last July, also said he knew his proposal was countercultural, citing the fact that more than 90 percent of all college housing is currently coed.

Garvey said his decision is supported by recent studies. He noted that according to some studies, students in coed housing are more likely than students in single-sex residences to consume excessive amounts of alcohol, known as binge drinking, and have permissive sexual attitudes or casual sexual relationships referred to as “hooking up.”

Garvey specifically cited Christopher Kaczor, a philosophy professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, for pointing out the data from these studies.

In a May 11 article, “Rethinking Single-Sex Dorms” in *First Things* magazine, published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life, Kaczor argued that “by reducing levels of binge drinking and participation in the hookup culture, universities committed to the academic and ethical growth of students can better fulfill their mission. The time has come to stop bemoaning campus culture and to take concrete steps to improve the situation.”

At many U.S. colleges, coed dorms appeared in the late 1960s or early 1970s. In the past decade, coed dorm rooms have been an option at some universities. According to the news Web site Inside Higher Ed, the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International was not aware of another college or university that had changed from coed housing back to single-sex dorms.

In the coed dorms at Catholic

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Class of 2011 Makes History at Mater Dei Catholic

By Denis Grasska

CHULA VISTA — The class of 2011 has earned a place in the history of Mater Dei Catholic High School.

The class was the first to attend all four years at the school and included the first graduates of the school’s Academy of Science.

Mater Dei Catholic carries on the academic, spiritual and athletic legacy of Marian Catholic High School, which closed its doors in July 2007 after 46 years as a provider of Catholic secondary education.

The first three graduating classes at Mater Dei Catholic included students who began their high school education at the older Marian Catholic campus near Imperial Beach before transferring to the newer, state-of-the-art Mater Dei Catholic campus in Chula Vista.

A baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert H. Brom was held June 9 at The Immaculata Parish, located on the grounds of the University of San Diego. The commencement ceremony took place the next morning at Mater Dei Catholic.

In his closing remarks at the baccalaureate Mass, Principal George Milke described the class of 2011 as “the first true generation of Mater Dei Catholic graduates.”

“To the class of 2011,” he



GRADUATES: Members of the class of 2011 toss their caps in the air June 10 at Mater Dei Catholic High School.

said, “you will be faced with many decisions in the years to come. We hope and pray that you will always make the right decision, remain close to your faith and always remember the past, embrace the present and plan for your future.”

“May God bless each and every one of you,” he concluded, “and may He always hold you in the palm of His hand.”

The commencement ceremony June 10 began with opening remarks from Thomas Beecher, president of Mater Dei Catholic.

“While we begin this day with intense joy, we also remember the sacrifices made by those who have brought us all to this wonderful place,” Beecher said. “They include the sacrifices of parents, grandparents and family, who made it possible for these graduates to take advantage of the opportunity for a Catholic education.”

He also noted the sacrifices of the school’s dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the donors and diocesan personnel “whose contributions of time, talent

and treasures built the school that we enjoy today.”

The commencement address was delivered by Claudia Skaggs Luttrell, president of the ALSAM Foundation. It was through a generous donation from her father, Sam Skaggs, and the ALSAM Foundation that Mater Dei Catholic was founded.

Fourteen members of the Marian Catholic High School class of 1966 were seated on the stage as distinguished guests.

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New York Bishops Denounce Same-Sex Marriage Approval

ALBANY, N.Y. — Following passage of legislation to allow same-sex marriage in the state, the Catholic bishops of New York expressed concern “that both marriage and family will be undermined by this tragic presumption of government.”

In a June 24 statement, the heads of the state’s eight Catholic dioceses said they were “deeply disappointed and troubled” at approval of a bill that will “alter radically and forever humanity’s historic understanding of marriage.”

The state Senate passed the measure 33-29 in an evening vote June 24, and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat and a Catholic, signed it into law later that night. Unless it is delayed by legal challenges, it will take effect in late July.

New York would then become the sixth state to permit same-sex marriage. It currently is allowed in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, in addition to the District of Columbia.

The bishops said the true definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman “cannot change, though we realize that our beliefs about the nature of marriage

will continue to be ridiculed, and that some will even now attempt to enact government sanctions against churches and religious organizations that preach these timeless truths.”

The statement was signed by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Bishops Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, Edward U. Kmiec of Buffalo, Terry R. LaValley of Ogdensburg, Matthew H. Clark of Rochester, William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre and Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse.

In a separate statement, Bishop DiMarzio directed Catholic schools in his diocese “to refuse any distinction or honors” bestowed by Cuomo or by any legislator who voted for same-sex marriage and told pastors and principals “not to invite any state legislator to speak or be present at any parish or school celebration.”

Bishop DiMarzio said the request was intended “as a protest of the corrupt political process in New York state.”

“More than half of all New Yorkers oppose this legislation,” he said. “Yet the governor and the state Legislature have demonized people of faith, whether they be Muslims,

Jews or Christians, and identified them as bigots and prejudiced” if they opposed changing the fundamental definition of marriage, he added.

A last-minute amendment to the legislation exempts any clergy members who decline to perform same-sex weddings and protects any employee “being managed, directed or supervised by or in conjunction with a religious corporation, benevolent order or a not-for-profit corporation.”

It also says failure to provide same-sex ceremonies would not “result in any state or local government action to penalize, withhold benefits, or discriminate against such religious corporation, benevolent order, a not-for-profit corporation operated, supervised or controlled by a religious corporation.”

Bishop DiMarzio said the amendment showed that “our political leaders do not believe their own rhetoric.”

“If they did, how in good conscience could they carve out any exemption for institutions that would be proponents of bigotry and prejudice?” he asked.

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Briefs

West Point Chaplains
Feel 'Sense of Privilege'

WEST POINT, N.Y. (CNS) —

Augustinian Father Edson Wood has a campus ministry assignment like none other. As brigade chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy, he is responsible for making sure that 4,400 college students have the opportunity to follow their religious traditions. While most cadets identify themselves as Catholics or Protestants, Father Wood said there are more than 70 denominations and religious traditions represented in the student body. Father Wood supervises resident chaplains of other faiths and arranges pastoral visits by off-campus clergy. The academy is a rigorous training ground for future U.S. Army officers. It is also a highly selective four-year coeducational federal undergraduate liberal arts college. Father Wood said he is the first Catholic brigade chaplain in the school's 209-year history. "There's a sense of privilege in knowing young men and women who are dedicating themselves to a particular ideal in support of the country and the belief that they are doing what God wills for them," he said.

Bishops Oppose New
Law About Textbooks

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (CNS) — The California Catholic Conference opposes a bill passed by the state's legislators and signed by the governor that requires social studies texts for kindergarteners through high school seniors in public school to specifically include the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans. The bill also prohibits the state Board of Education from adopting instructional materials that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. The state Assembly July 5 passed the bill, called the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful Education Act. It passed the state Senate in April. Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law July 14, making California the first state to require public schools to teach about the historical contributions of gays and lesbians. Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said the bill "amounts to the government rewriting history books based on pressure-group politics."

Peyton Sainthood Cause
Moves to Next Stage

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS) — Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany celebrated Mass June 28 to close a tribunal formed to review a possible miracle attributed to the interces-

sion of Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton. The priest, whose popular radio and television programs promoted family prayer, was known for coining the phrases "The family that prays together, stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace." Father Peyton emigrated from Ireland to the United States in 1928 when he was 19. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1941 and founded Family Rosary in Albany the following year. He conducted rosary crusades in 40 countries, drawing 28 million people. Father Peyton died in 1992 and the cause for his canonization was opened 10 years ago. The tribunal in the Albany Diocese was appointed at the request of the postulator of the cause, Andrea Ambrosi. The findings have been closed and will be sent to the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes.

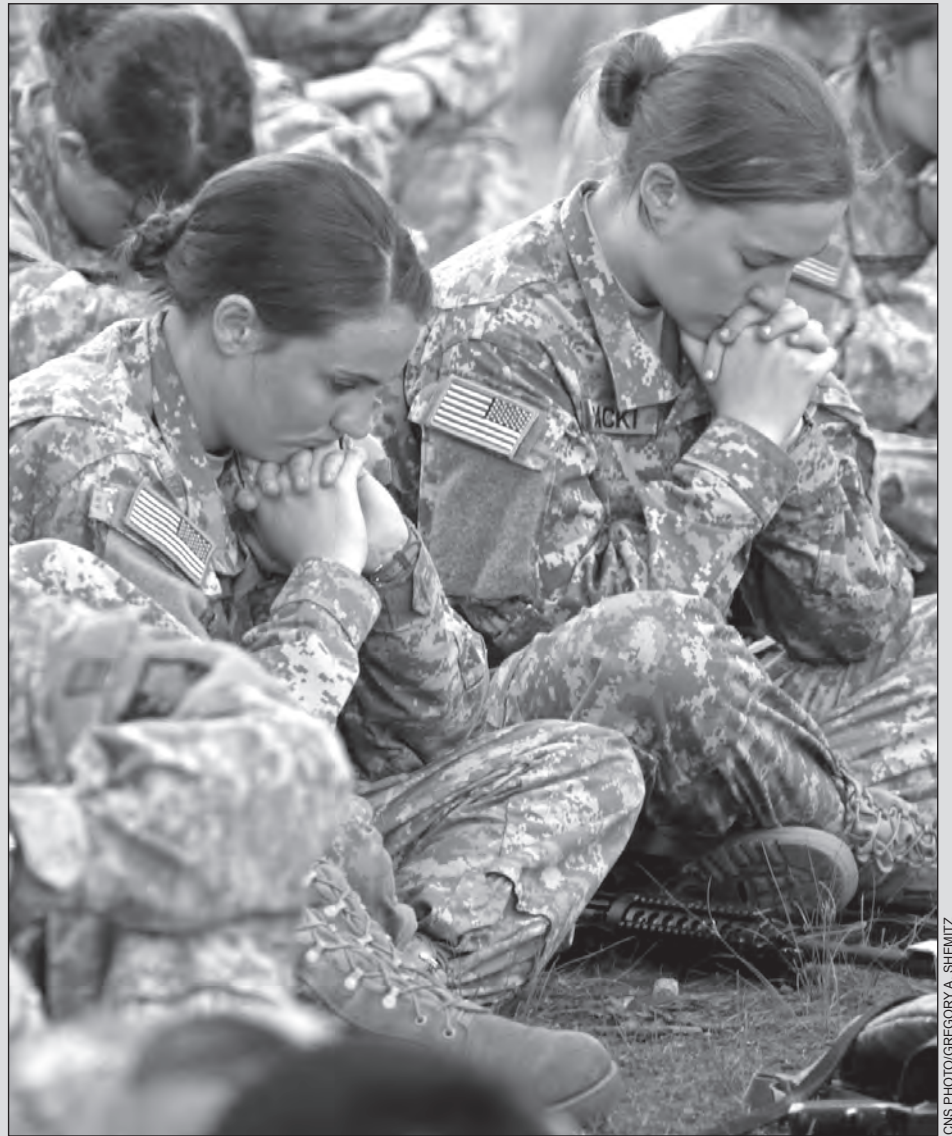
Vigilance Urged on
Human Trafficking

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A coalition of religious investors want officials at 27 major companies to look deeper into the role human trafficking may play in the operation of their firms. The investors, who are members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and include about 80 Catholic religious congregations and health care providers, are asking companies such as Costco, American Airlines and Kohl's to stop doing business with suppliers who violate basic human rights and to train employees to recognize trafficked people in their midst. The ICCR correspondence, in the form of an investor statement dated June 24, offers an explanation of the prevalence of human trafficking in various industries; details legislative steps taken to control it; and outlines actions the coalition wants the companies to take to end demand for what is widely considered modern-day slavery.

World Youth Day
Registration High

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Organizers of this year's World Youth Day say that the figures for registration and requests to volunteer are higher than ever and auger well for a successful and joyful gathering in Madrid in August. Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to attend the event and organizers said they expect more than 1 million young pilgrims to join him. Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, who leads the Vatican agency organizing the huge event, said that some 440,000 young people had already signed up six weeks before the event was to take place. More than 35,000 young Catholics have applied for one of 22,500 places in the vast volunteer corps, he said. World Youth Day will take place Aug. 16-21.

Cadets at Prayer



U.S. Military Academy cadets pray while attending Mass at Camp Buckner in West Point, N.Y., June 26. Camp Buckner is the site of a summer field-training program for second-year cadets.

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College Breaks Ground
on Maternity Home

BELMONT, N.C. (CNS) — Belmont Abbey College broke ground June 20 on a campus pregnancy and aftercare maternity home called Room at the Inn. The project's organizers say the center is the first college-based maternity center in the nation. The 10,000-square-foot maternity home will be located on four acres donated by the Benedictine monks at Belmont Abbey. The facility is adjacent to Belmont Abbey monastery and the campus of Belmont Abbey College. Room at the Inn, an initiative of a nonprofit maternity and aftercare center of the same name based in Charlotte, will have two residential wings, one for maternity and one for aftercare, and will be able to house up to 15 mothers, 15 infants and eight toddlers for free for up to two years. Staff and volunteers at Room at the Inn in Charlotte have long dreamed of a place where college-age pregnant women could find shelter for themselves and their children while finishing their studies. Participants don't have to be Catholic or

Christian or students at Belmont Abbey College to be accepted.

Ethicists Back Proposed
Patent Ban

LONDON (CNS) — Twenty-five ethicists and lawyers from 11 European countries have stated their support for a proposed ban on patenting technologies derived from experiments on human embryos. In a letter to the journal *Nature*, published June 30, the group argued that commercial interests alone were not sufficient to decide European policy. The group was led by David Jones, director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre in Oxford — formerly the Linacre Centre, a bioethics institute serving the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland. Signatories sought to express their opinion in the face of pressure put on the European Court of Justice to allow such patenting in spite of the opinion of Judge Yves Bot, one of its eight advocate generals, that it should be forbidden. The advocate general recommended March 10 that European law should not

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allow inventions derived from human embryos to be patented “for industrial or commercial purposes.” He argued that patents were not allowed on the human body “at the various stages of its formation and development,” including the embryonic stage.

Traditionalist Society's Ordinations 'Illegitimate'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The ordinations of 20 new priests for the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X are “illegitimate, period,” said the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi. Although Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication of the society's four bishops in 2009, Father Lombardi said, he made it clear that until the society had reconciled fully with the Vatican — particularly regarding its position on doctrinal questions — its members have no official standing in the Church. The group ordained four priests in mid-June in Winona, Minn., 12 new priests in late June at its headquarters in Econe, Switzerland, and 4 new priests July 3 at its seminary in Zaitzkofen, Germany. Responding to reporters' questions July 5, Father Lombardi quoted from the letter Pope Benedict wrote in 2009 explaining the status of the society: “As long as the society does not have a canonical status in the Church, its ministers do not exercise legitimate ministries in the Church.”

UN Awaits Vatican Report on Child Rights

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A United Nations-mandated report on compliance with international obligations regarding the protection and rights of children will be ready for submission this autumn, a Vatican diplomat said. Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, the Vatican's representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva, said the report was nearing completion and would probably be presented in September or October. The U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child calls for governments of signatory countries of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to submit a comprehensive review of how convention regulations are being implemented, as well as progress reports every five years. The Vatican is party to the convention and did not send its report when first due in 1997. The Vatican's report is awaited with particular interest, especially by some human rights groups, because of reports of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and other Church figures.

Journalists Misrepresented Abuse Reports

NEW YORK (CNS) — Many news stories about the recently released report on “The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States, 1950-2010” tried — and failed — to capture its complex findings in a sound bite, according to the principal investigator for the study. Writing June 23 in *The Crime Report*, an online publication of the Center

on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay and the Criminal Justice Journalists organization, Karen Terry of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York said some media wrongly said the report attributed the clergy sex abuse crisis to social attitudes attributed to Woodstock or the “swinging ‘60s.” Instead the report concluded that “the factors ... were complex,” she said. “Critics suggested that since we relied only on data from the dioceses, the bishops influenced the study findings,” she said. But the data “were derived from bishops and priests, victim assistance coordinators, victim advocates, survivors, clinicians, seminaries, historical and court documents,” she said.

Pope's Summer to Include Writing Projects

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI officially began his summer vacation July 7, taking a helicopter from the Vatican to the hilltop town of Castel Gandolfo, less than 15 miles south of Rome. “One can find everything here: mountains, the lake, the sea, a beautiful church with a restored facade and good people,” the pope said as soon as he arrived. He was speaking from the balcony of the papal villa to a crowd that had gathered to welcome him to the small town. “I am happy to be here. Let's hope that the Lord will give us a good vacation,” he said. The pope will be based at Castel Gandolfo until the end of September, said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman. For the month of July, the pope has suspended his Wednesday general audiences, but he will pray the Angelus each Sunday with several thousand people who gather in the courtyard of the villa at Castel Gandolfo.

Catholics Asked Not to Support Komen Fund

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio, has told Catholic institutions and schools in the Diocese of Toledo to suspend fundraising efforts for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a foundation that supports breast cancer research, and instead direct such donations to a local group of Catholic-run cancer centers. In a July 5 letter to Catholics, Bishop Blair cited Komen's contributions to Planned Parenthood and noted the foundation does not exclude the possibility of funding research that uses embryonic stem cells as reasons Catholic entities should not support the nonprofit organization. “While we want to do everything possible to support the search for a cure [for cancer], sadly the landscape of medical research today is sometimes marred by the erroneous belief that research is not bound by moral norms rooted in faith and reason, as reflected in the teaching of the Church,” said Bishop Blair. He acknowledged Komen does not currently fund research using embryonic stem cells, but said its “policy does not exclude that possibility.”

Sign of Communion



Pope Benedict XVI talks with Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles after presenting a pallium to him during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican June 29. The woolen pallium is a sign of the archbishop's communion with the pope and his pastoral responsibility as shepherd.

Pope: Psalms Show How to Speak with God

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said that the Book of Psalms from the Old Testament is a timeless and powerful “prayer book” that teaches Christians how to communicate with God. The 150 “inspired songs” were originally gathered by the Jewish people, but were prophetic of the coming of Jesus Christ, the pope said June 21 at the weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. Indeed, he said, the prayers from the Book of Psalms were used by Jesus himself, “thus revealing their full and profound meaning.” Pope Benedict said the prayers, or songs, manifested all the shades of human nature, emotions and faith, making them particularly relevant today for their ability to “teach us how to pray.” The pope said the prayers in the Book of Psalms showed the inseparable intertwining of supplication, laments and praise. Believers pray to God lamenting a condition but asking for intercession, knowing they will be heard by a good and merciful God, the pope said. Prayers of praise are offered when supplications have been answered or confessions received with forgiveness, he said.

Indian Bishops Call for Unity Against Terrorism

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Indian bishops called for unity in the country's fight against terrorism a day after three bombs in Mumbai left at least 17 people dead and more than 140 injured. “We believe this is a moment in which the entire nation needs to be united in order to face terrorism with the greatest resolve. United in the spirit of brotherhood, we will be able to overcome the powers that are trying to destabilize our country,” said a July 14 statement from the Indian bishops' conference. The July 13 explosions struck three crowded sites in Mumbai almost simultaneously during the evening rush hour. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks. The bishops offered condolences to the families of the dead and expressed hope for a speedy recovery of the injured, many of whom were rushed to the city's hospitals. The bishops appealed to the Indian government to do everything possible to stop the terrorists. The entire Indian society, they said, should work together to oppose the “nefarious designs of criminal groups” in the country.

Bishops Approve First Major Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Taking on the issue of physician-assisted suicide in the state where voters most recently approved it, the U.S. bishops declared suicide “a terrible tragedy, one that a compassionate society should work to prevent.”

Approved 191-1 June 16 at the bishops' spring general assembly near Seattle, the policy statement called “To Live Each Day With Dignity” is the first document on assisted suicide by the bishops as a body.

Introducing the statement June 15, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said he hoped it would counter the recent “strong resurgence” in activity by the assisted suicide movement.

“With expanded funding from wealthy donors, assisted suicide proponents have renewed their aggressive nationwide campaign through legislation, litigation and public advertising, targeting states they see as most susceptible to their message,” the document says. “If they succeed, society will undergo a radical change.”

It specifically criticizes the former Hemlock Society, “whose very name reminded people of the harsh reality of death by poison,” for changing its name to Compassion & Choices.

“Plain speaking is needed to strip away this veneer and uncover what is at stake, for this agenda promotes neither free choice nor compassion,” the policy statement says.

Physician-assisted suicide was approved



SPRING MEETING: U.S. bishops gather for Mass June 15 before the opening session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual spring meeting.

by voters in Washington state in November 2008. It is also legal in Oregon, where voters approved it in 1994, and Montana, where a state court has ruled it is not against public policy.

At a news conference June 16, Cardinal DiNardo said the bishops were making a contribution to a “fundamental public debate” based on “our moral tradition and sense of solidarity with people.”

“The compassionate way is to bring assistance to people,” not to encourage their deaths, he said. It is part of the American tradition that “when someone is in need,

we come to their rescue,” as when Americans responded recently with massive aid to those affected by the tornado in Joplin, Mo., he added.

“Compassion isn't to say, ‘Here's a pill,’” the cardinal added. “It's to show people the ways we can assist you, up until the time the Lord calls you.”

In the document, the bishops say the assisted suicide movement “actually risks adding to the suffering of seriously ill people.”

“Their worst suffering is often not physical pain, which can be alleviated with com-

petent medical care, but feelings of isolation and hopelessness,” the statement says. “The realization that others — or society as a whole — see their death as an acceptable or even desirable solution to their problems can only magnify this kind of suffering.”

In addition, the document says, “one cannot uphold human freedom and dignity by devaluing human life.”

“A choice to take one's life is a supreme contradiction of freedom, a choice to eliminate all choices,” it says. “And a society that devalues some people's lives, by hastening and facilitating their deaths, will ultimately lose respect for their other rights and freedoms.”

The document also criticizes the idea of involving physicians in helping their patients commit suicide, calling it “a corruption of the healing arts.”

“Catholics should be leaders in the effort to defend and uphold the principle that each of us has the right to live with dignity through every day of our lives,” the document says. “The claim that the ‘quick fix’ of an overdose of drugs can substitute for these efforts is an affront to patients, caregivers and the ideals of medicine.”

The statement is paired on a USCCB Web site (www.usccb.org/toliveeachday) with a variety of fact sheets on such issues as the role of depression, views of medical experts, assisted suicide as a threat to good palliative care, lessons from Oregon and Washington state, lessons from the Netherlands and other topics.

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Catholic Newspapers Described As ‘Not a Luxury,’ but ‘a Necessity’

By Sam Lucero

PITTSBURGH — Although social media is the rage in today's world of communication, one Catholic bishop offered an impassioned speech in support of Catholic print publications.

During a panel discussion June 23 at the 2011 Catholic Media Convention, Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik said Catholic newspapers and magazines continue to be the best way to reach people in the pews.

“There has been no greater and more consistent success in Catholic communications in the United States than through the use of print,” the bishop said.

‘I believe that it is incumbent on us as bishops and on us as Church to maintain a vital Catholic print presence.’

He cited figures from the Catholic Press Association's official directory, which showed that Catholic newspapers and magazines in the United States and Canada reach almost 13 million households.

“That is an extraordinary number and that is still going on today,” said Bishop Zubik. “We can and we must use every means of social communications available to us today: television, radio, Twitter, Facebook, Skype and whatever has evolved since you and I began our meeting this morning. But I believe that it is incumbent on us as bishops and on us as Church to maintain a vital Catholic print presence.”

His remarks were greeted with applause.

Bishop Zubik noted that he could not predict whether the printed word would still have the same impact in 20 years, but today, “absolutely and fundamentally the best option ... to evangelize the evangelizers, is through Catholic print.”

The cost of publishing a newspaper remains an obstacle for diocesan publications, Bishop Zubik said, offering several suggestions.

“First of all, the key is circulation,” said Bishop Zubik. “Bishops ... need to know the content of their newspaper. But they also must know how the newspaper operates financially.”

A large circulation helps generate advertising, he said, “and the advertising revenue pays the bills.”

“Ideally, newspapers can exist without subsidies through circulation and advertising revenues, but this can only be done through the parishes,” Bishop Zubik continued.

He said that his diocesan newspaper, the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, with a circulation of 111,250, has been operating with a parish



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GOOD NEWS: Pope Benedict XVI reads a copy of *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper, at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, last July.

mandate since 1972.

“The mandate is based on 40 percent of the number of households in each given parish. This has generated in turn enough advertising income that we in Pittsburgh have not had to raise our subscription rates in nearly 10 years,” Bishop Zubik said. “The higher the circulation, the more attractive [the paper is] to advertisers.”

While not all dioceses have a concentrated Catholic population like Pittsburgh, Bishop Zubik said all dioceses do have something advertisers want: a “coveted niche audience and that goes a long way for paying for the newspaper. Build circulation

and that is a step well in the direction of financial stability.”

He said bishops/publishers must use the newspaper consistently “as the chief means to communicate with all of the people of the diocese,” and they also “must be the most vocal supporter of the diocesan newspaper.”

“Sisters and brothers,” Bishop Zubik said, “a Catholic newspaper today is not a luxury. It is a necessity. And to my mind, at least for the moment, it remains the best vehicle for adult faith formation that we have.”

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Bishops Urged to Fight War of Words to Defend Traditional Marriage

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland, Calif., urged his fellow bishops June 15 to fight back in the war of words over efforts to redefine traditional marriage.

The chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage said organizations advocating the legal redefinition of marriage have been using words like "human rights" and "hate" in discussions of same-sex marriage.

"Strategies of language are crucial here, and what we see happening in the marriage debate with terms such as 'equality' is similar to the manipulation of language found in the pro-abortion rhetoric of 'choice,'" Bishop Cordileone said.

"Many of our young people have now come to see what 'pro-choice' really means, and embrace instead a culture of life," he added. "A similar task lies before us in our efforts to protect marriage."

As one weapon in the war of words, he cited the video series "Marriage: Unique for a Reason" that is being produced by the USCCB in English and Spanish. He announced completion of the second video in English, called "Made for Life," which focuses on the indispensable place of both mothers and fathers in the lives of their children.

"Our culture is one that often forgets the sacred gift of the child, and in so doing it also fails to recognize the vital importance of a mother and a father together for the life and upbringing of that child," Bishop Cordileone said. "In contemporary debates about the meaning of marriage, the rights and dignity of the child should be at the

forefront."

Two other videos in English — called "Made for the Common Good" and "Made for Freedom" — will be completed in 2012, he said, and a Spanish-language, "telenovela"-style video is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Bishop Cordileone said the final video, "Made for Freedom," will stress the important connection between marriage and religious liberty.

"To be considered and labeled a 'bigot' or 'discriminator' by the government and by law has serious implications for the religious liberty of both institutions and individuals and their freedom of conscience," he said. "The video will seek to demythologize popular claims and call attention to what is really at stake."

Bishop Cordileone's subcommittee, formerly the Ad Hoc Committee for Defense of Marriage, recently was renamed to include the word "promotion," he noted.

"Our efforts to protect the institution of marriage from legal redefinition and cultural deconstruction hinge upon the promotion of the truth, goodness and beauty of marriage itself," he said, calling marriage "a unique adventure and responsibility that only one man and one woman can embark upon together."

Bishop Cordileone said there were "many strong signs for encouragement and hope" in the campaign to preserve traditional marriage, such as the defeat of same-sex marriage legislation in Maryland and progress toward amendment-level protection of marriage in Minnesota.

"The good news is often undermined or covered over, but the facts remain," he said.

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A handful of U.S. Catholic colleges offer only single-sex dorms

University, men and women reside on separate floors.

A handful of U.S. Catholic colleges offer only single-sex dorms, including Belmont Abbey in Belmont, N.C.; Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Fla.; Christendom College in Front Royal, Va.; Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio; John Paul the Great Catholic University in San Diego; and the University of Dallas.

Garvey said he was surprised that there had been so much reaction, primarily positive, to his decision. "I think it touched a cultural nerve," he added.

He said the decision came about after a lot of discussion, meetings and campus workshops focusing on developing student virtue.

The conversation about challenges today's students face started many years ago at the

Garvey home since he and his wife, Jeanne, have put five of their children through college.

He also said he initiated the possibility of single-sex dorms when he was interviewed last year by the university's board of trustees.

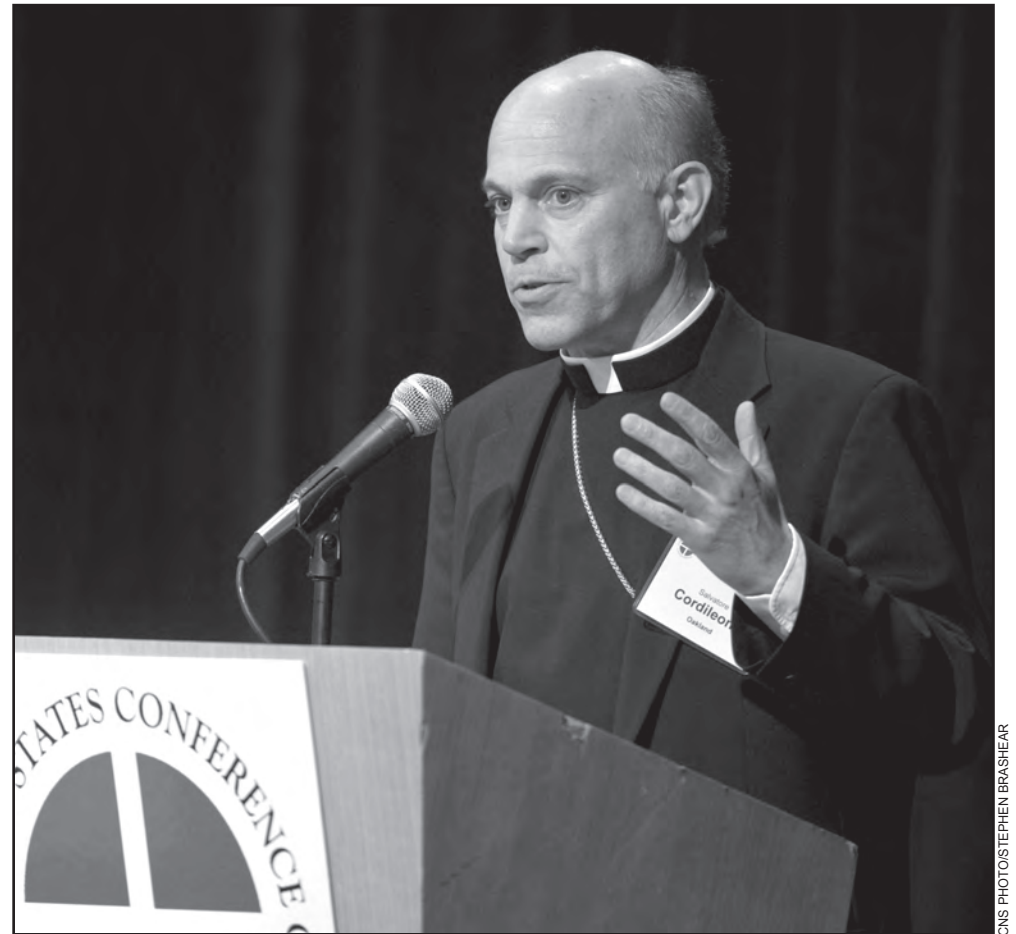
Regina Conley, a rising junior at Catholic University and editor of the student newspaper *The Tower*, said the announcement was generating a lot of student conversation through Facebook and Twitter.

The overall reaction of Catholic University students seems mixed, she said, with girls more in favor of it and guys against it. Since it doesn't affect current students, she pointed out that the reaction might be somewhat more subdued.

Conley called the decision a "great move" because it "sets the school apart." She wasn't sure if it would impact binge drinking or premarital sex since that can also take place off campus, but she said the decision emphasizes "even subtly" that students who choose to go to Catholic University are "called to a higher standard and to respect boundaries."

"It's a good move by Garvey. He'll see good results," she added.

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DEFENDING MARRIAGE: Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone is pictured June 15 during the annual spring meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"The myth of the inevitability of same-sex 'marriage' remains just that — a myth."

He cited two key challenges, however — the decision by the Obama administration to abandon "a robust defense of the Defense of Marriage Act," the federal law declaring that marriage can only be between one man and one woman, and the rise in arrangements such as civil unions and domestic partnerships.

"These are planted within a strategy of incremental erosion of marriage," Bishop Cordileone said. "Originally proposed as a compromise with assurances that this was not an attempt to give recognition to same-sex 'marriage' in the law, now arrangements such as civil unions are often advocated precisely as a stepping stone to the legal redefinition of marriage."

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It's a Green Machine

Pope Benedict XVI will be traveling in greener style in the future when a project for a new hybrid popemobile gets off the drawing boards and on to the road, a papal spokesman said.

Mercedes-Benz is making plans for an energy-saving papal vehicle that could be used at home or abroad, said Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office.

On papal trips, Pope Benedict is usually driven in a white Mercedes with bullet-proof glass that allows him to sit and wave at the crowds from the back.

Vatican officials said late last year that the pope, who has said he is committed to sav-

ing energy at the Vatican, would welcome an electric vehicle as a symbol of his support for measures that promote energy sustainability.

News reports have said that Vatican security vetoed an all-electric option because they feared it wouldn't have enough power to accelerate quickly should there be an emergency. Father Lombardi did not confirm those reports.

A hybrid vehicle has both an electric motor and a gasoline engine.

The new vehicle will not be completed in time for the pope's Sept. 22-25 trip to Germany, Father Lombardi said.

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Not Going Nuclear

Raised Catholic by Jewish and Catholic parents, Msgr. Robert L. Stern loved his faith but never planned on becoming a priest.

The outgoing head of the international Vatican agency Catholic Near East Welfare Association said that when he was in college, the priesthood seemed like a "gloomy road" and he had his eyes instead on the brighter path of becoming a nuclear physicist.

"It was the 'in' thing at the time," he said.

But God had different plans for the native New Yorker, and the "temptation" to enter ordained life grew while he was an undergraduate student.

The tall, spritely 78-year-old clergyman said he only thought about the priesthood because he felt the Holy Spirit call-

ing him strongly and "I wanted to do what God wanted."

Yet it was with "fear and trepidation" that he started exploring a priestly vocation in his junior year at college.

However, the increased workload of getting up to speed on Latin and Greek, which were necessary at the time before entering a diocesan seminary, meant he had to compromise and pursue a less demanding major in mathematics.

"I started out in one direction and God pushed me in another," he said.

That priestly ministry soon took him on a 24-year-long "fantastic and wonderful learning experience" when he was asked to lead CNEWA from its New York City headquarters in 1987.

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An Auspicious Beginning

"Not to be superstitious, but the moment in which the elderly archbishop laid hands on me, a bird — perhaps a lark — flew up from the main altar in the cathedral and began chirping joyfully, which for me was like a voice from on high had said: This is okay, you are on the right path."

— Pope Benedict XVI, then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, recounting the story of his priestly ordination in his book *Memoirs: 1927-1977*

Tackling the Issue

"You can't teach something that you don't have, so two men will never be able to show a woman how to be a woman."

— Former New York Giants wide receiver David Tyree expressing his opposition to same-sex marriage during a June 15 interview with the *National Organization for Marriage*

A Kind of Antidote

"In an increasingly individualistic culture in which Western societies are immersed — and which is tending to spread throughout the world — the Eucharist is a kind of 'antidote' which operates in the minds and hearts of believers and is continually sowing in them the logic of communion, of service, of sharing — in other words, the logic of the Gospel."

— Pope Benedict XVI in his *Angelus* message for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 26, in St. Peter's Square

Up, Up and Away!



A statue of Superman welcomes visitors to Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center in Julian.

At a superhero-themed summer camp held at Whispering Winds, participants were encouraged to draw closer to Jesus, "the ultimate superhero."

The Summer 2011 Family Camp was offered June 17-19, June 24-26 and July 15-17. It will be offered again July 22-24.

A Thoughtful Gift

Members of the College of Cardinals celebrated Pope Benedict XVI's 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination by making a personal donation to pay for a special lunch for hundreds of poor people living in Rome.

Four large buses brought 220 disadvantaged people to the gardens behind the Basilica of St. John Lateran June 29 for a full-course meal that included a large cake decorated with the pope's coat of arms. The cake was then cut and served by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the dean of the College of Cardinals.

Cardinal members of the college told the pope about the gift during their own anniversary celebration lunch with the pope

in the Apostolic Palace July 1.

Cardinal Sodano told the pope the only other pope in recent memory who celebrated a 60th anniversary of priestly ordination was Pope Leo XIII in 1897, when he was 87 years old. He said the cardinals back then gave Pope Leo a large grandfather clock with a Latin inscription saying, "May this clock only chime a time of serenity."

However, because of Pope Benedict's great concern for the people of his Rome Diocese, the college members "wanted to give you a different sort of present" — a donation to feed the poor in the city, Cardinal Sodano told him.

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Briefs

Assistant Editor Honored for Journalism



SAN DIEGO — Denis C. Grasska, assistant editor of *The Southern Cross*, was among the winners in the Society of Professional Journalists' annual San Diego-area

journalism competition. At a banquet, held July 7 at the Bali Hai restaurant on Shelter Island, awards were presented to local journalists whose work represented "the best in San Diego print, broadcast, online and student journalism." In the special awards category, Grasska won the James Julian Memorial Award, which is given to the best community service story in a newspaper with a circulation of less than 65,000. He received the award for his article "Former 'Bumfights' Star Seeks to Inspire Others with His Story." Grasska previously won the James Julian Award in 2006, 2007 and 2009. This year, he also took first place in the education category (non-daily newspapers) for an article about a homebound student who used videoconferencing to participate in class. Grasska also won first place in the feature headline category for "It Takes a Church to Raise a Village"; the accompanying article recounted the history of St. Vincent de Paul Village and its ministry to the local homeless community.

Mission Supplement Takes First Place

PITTSBURGH — *The Southern Cross* was among the winners of this year's Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Awards, taking first place for its World Mission Sunday 2010 supplement. The eight-page supplement, which ran in the publication's October issue, featured articles about Catholic missionaries and their work. The award was presented June 24 during the Catholic Media Convention in Pittsburgh, Penn. *The Southern Cross* shares this honor with the diocesan Office for the Missions. Contest judges praised the supplement as "comprehensive and detailed." In the program from the award ceremony, it was stated that *The Southern Cross*' submission featured "colorful photos and crisp writing." First presented in 1993 by the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, the Archbishop O'Meara Awards recognize excellence in coverage of world mission news in the Catholic press. The award's namesake served as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, from 1966-1979. He died in 1992, after serving 12 years as archbishop of Indianapolis.

Father Joe's Villages Seeks New CEO

SAN DIEGO — After 30 years of service, Msgr. Joseph Carroll recently announced his retirement as CEO of Father Joe's Villages and St. Vincent de Paul Village. Given this new change, the board of directors is seeking to hire a new CEO. Anyone interested in applying for the position can

Mini-Jamboree



CHRIS JUNGMAN

Venture Crew Leader Dan Marks from Troop 362 is seen during the recent San Diego Heritage Mini-Jamboree.

The event, which was hosted by the San Diego Catholic Committee on Scouting, was held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It took place during Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, at Rancho San Vicente in Campo, Calif. Some 175 Scouts and 65 adult Scout leaders were in attendance.

The weekend's activities included rifle and archery range time, a climbing wall, hiking, cooking, a campfire program, a presentation by a missionary, a lesson on the history of the California missions and much more. There were also two Masses during the weekend. The Sunday liturgy was celebrated by Msgr. Joseph Carroll, president emeritus of Father Joe's Villages and chaplain of the San Diego Catholic Committee on Scouting. After the Mass, Father Joe was presented with proclamations in recognition of his decades of leadership as a national and local Boy Scout chaplain. He also received a plaque from the participating Scouts.

Concert to Help Woman Pursue Vocation

CARLSBAD — Maryruth "Ruthie" Culver, grew up in a large faithful Catholic family in North County San Diego. After four years of studying music, touring internationally as a harpist and vocalist, she has decided to lay down her dreams of pursuing a music career in order to respond to God's call to religious life. Culver was accepted this year to enter the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her entrance date is set for Aug. 28. Sadly, the only thing that stands in the way is her remaining \$24,000 of student loans from her bachelor's degree at the University of Arizona. She has been working three jobs, and offering free will offering concerts in an effort to make her entrance date. But she is still not there yet. She is begging anyone who might be interested in having a free will offering concert, or who might consider making a contribution to her efforts to contact her at Harp4joy@aol.com or (760) 877-2216. The Serra Clubs of San Diego Diocese District 79 is hosting a benefit concert for her at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 31, at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlsbad. For more information on the concert, contact Don Herman at donherm@juno.com or (760) 749-2321.

New Members Elected to USD Board of Trustees

SAN DIEGO — Michael B. Kaplan, owner of ARKA Properties Group, Inc., a residential property management and development company based in Beverly Hills, Calif., and James D. Power IV, managing director of the JDP Family Office in Westlake Village, Calif., have been elected to the University of San Diego's Board of Trustees, effective July 1. A 1972 alumnus of the USD School of Law, Kaplan is rejoining the board after leaving as a distinguished Trustee Emeritus in the 1990s. Since that time, he has served as a member of the School of Law's Board of Visitors, where he assisted with a successful capital campaign. Power is a distinguished 1985 alumnus of USD. Recipient of the 2006 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award by the College of Arts and Sciences, Power is a familiar figure on the Linda Vista campus. He is currently an active member of the university's Alumni Association Board of Directors, where he has been involved with various committees and alumni strategic planning initiatives.

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Local Student Receives Top Honors



RANCHO SANTA FE — Teenagers today are presented with many challenges: peer pressure, school work, sports, friendships, technology. It is truly

remarkable, then, that Christopher Heffner, a resident of Carmel Valley, and recent graduate of The Nativity Middle School, a Catholic school located in Rancho Santa Fe, not only finds time to be a normal teenager, but at the same time, to shine as a student. At his graduation June 10, Christopher won a \$10,000 scholarship to St. Augustine High School. This scholarship is awarded based upon his perfect score on the Explore entrance exam at St. Augustine. Scholarships are awarded to the top 10 performers on the test. In addition, Christopher was awarded the Augustine Medal. It is given to select incoming freshmen, who represent the values of St. Augustine High School, which are truth, charity and unity.

Eucharistic Conference Coming to Ramona

RAMONA — The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy are once again preparing for a Eucharistic conference. It will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Ramona. The guest speaker will be Marian Father Donald Calloway. He will also celebrate Mass and sign copies of his book, *No Way Out*. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each. Lunch will be provided. The day will include Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, Benediction and the sung Divine Mercy chaplet. *For more information, call* (760) 789-8723.

Diocese Plans Event for WYD Pilgrims

PASTORAL CENTER — All San Diegans who plan to attend the upcoming World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, are invited to a special event at the diocesan Pastoral Center. The diocesan offices for Youth and Young Adult Ministry invite World Youth Day pilgrims to attend a commissioning Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert H. Brom. The liturgy will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 21, in the Pastoral Center's chapel. Light refreshments will follow. *To RSVP, send an e-mail to* mgalvan@dioces-sdiego.org.

Hospice Recognized As Leader in Veteran Care

SAN DIEGO — LightBridge Hospice & Palliative Care is the first hospice in San Diego County to meet stringent "We Honor Vets" Level II requirements in improving the care and support of veterans. The program, founded by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and Veterans Affairs, is designed to empower hospice professionals to meet the unique needs of dying veterans. To meet the requirements, LightBridge staff and volunteers attend veteran-specific training and have created a culture focused on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grate-

ful acknowledgement. In addition, the hospice conducts ongoing community outreach with the VA San Diego Healthcare System, Veterans Home of California-Chula Vista and Veterans Village of San Diego. In addition to enhanced, targeted assessment to identify and address the needs and challenges faced by veterans and their families, LightBridge also has created special services and programs for the veterans they serve. *For more information, visit* www.LightBridgeHospice.com.

Jubilees

SAN DIEGO — Three members of the Sisters of Mercy, each with ties to San

Diego, recently celebrated jubilees. Sister Barbara Checkhart entered the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame, Calif., in 1951. In 1983, she came to Mercy Hospital in San Diego, where she served as a hospital chaplain for 20 years. Sister Sheila Murphy entered religious life in 1949. Among her many assignments, she was a counselor at Mercy Hospital San Diego's behavioral health department and then in 2003 became a volunteer in the Health Sciences Library at Scripps Mercy Hospital, helping staff find needed medical materials. Sister Mary Estelle Small was professed as a Sister of Mercy in 1951. She is a former assistant principal of Marian Catholic High School in San Diego.

A Fond Farewell



Dolores Walsh (right) and Patricia Huffman (left), long-time teachers at St. Mary School in Escondido, are seen at their retirement celebration June 6.

The two veteran educators taught at the school for more than 40 years. Walsh taught five of her own children and prepared more than 900 children for their first Communion. Huffman prepared countless eighth-grade students for high school success.

During the 8 a.m. Mass, June 6, Father Richard Perozich praised the teachers for their service. After Mass, they were surprised by students, fellow teachers, alumni and staff, who had gathered for the celebration. Guests signed a memory book for each teacher.

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TURNING 75: Diocese Marks

Four bishops concelebrate jubilee Mass with Bishop Brom

By Denis Grasska

ALCALA PARK — The Diocese of San Diego marked its 75th jubilee anniversary, fittingly enough, with a Eucharistic celebration on July 11.

Bishop Robert H. Brom presided over the concelebrated Mass, which was held at The Immaculata Church on the campus of the University of San Diego. Four other bishops, each with ties to the diocese, served as the principal concelebrants.

Retired Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco had been auxiliary bishop of San Diego from 1967-1971. Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez served in that capacity from 1974 until his retirement in 2007. Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of Oakland was an auxiliary bishop of San Diego from 2002-2009.

Retired Bishop Phillip F. Straling, who was ordained in 1959 as a priest of this diocese, was appointed the first bishop of the neighboring Diocese of San Bernardino, which was formed in 1978 from territory that previously had been part of the San Diego Diocese.

In his homily, Archbishop Quinn reflected on Bishop Charles F. Buddy, who was appointed in 1936 as the founding bishop of San Diego.

“Two images fill my thoughts on this memorable day,” the archbishop said. “The first is a photograph of Bishop Buddy, taken in San Diego in 1937. ... The second image in my memory is seeing him two days before his death in 1966.”

In the photograph, he said, Bishop Buddy was “tall, vigorous and standing beneath the great fronds of a California palm tree.” He said the image of this young man, who was “eagerly beginning the journey into the future,” can serve as a reminder of “the truly great and remarkable works and accomplishments on which future generations have built.” Among these, he said, are parishes, schools, monasteries, hospitals and other local Catholic institutions.

But the archbishop noted that a jubilee represents, not only an opportunity to celebrate “great human works,” but also an occasion to remember “the powerful providence of God and His great gifts.”

“The memory of the great past accomplishments,” he explained, “is a call to give thanks for all that God has done for us and to know and to believe that our God is still faithful to us now.”

Archbishop Quinn then shifted focus from the image of the young bishop to that of a much older Bishop Buddy. He said he saw the bishop, only two days before his death, sitting on a bench outside The Immaculata and reading a prayer book. This second image, the archbishop said, is a reminder that “the covenant between God and His Church is an interior covenant.”

“Alongside the truly great achievements, the Church of San Diego has had its full measure of testing, hardship, darkness,” he said. “Whatever has been, whatever will be, this Church must walk in hope.”

He contrasted “worldly hope, based on the idea that there will be no contradictions and no hardships,” with the type of hope described in Psalm 46, which identifies God as “our refuge and our strength” and urges confidence in God even amid earthquakes and other terrifying natural phenomena.

Official programs handed out at the 75th anniversary Mass described the event as a “presbyteral observance” of the diocese’s anniversary, intended primarily for priests. But, in addition to 137 priests, the well-attended liturgy attracted even greater numbers of lay Catholics and consecrated religious. At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Brom thanked them for their presence and urged them to stay for a parish-hosted reception in front of The Immaculata.

The four bishops greeted local Catholics outside the church doors, exchanging pleasantries and posing for photos before joining the priests for a private reception and dinner at La Gran Terraza, a fine dining restaurant on the USD campus.

Before dinner was served, Archbishop Quinn revealed that Bishop Buddy’s sister had gifted him with the late bishop’s pastoral staff. The archbishop presented the heirloom to Bishop Brom as “a heritage for the Diocese of San Diego.”

Archbishop Quinn also presented to him a book of the decrees of the Second Vatican Council. The book had been given to San Diego’s second bishop, Francis J. Furey, by Pope Paul VI for being one of the Council Fathers. The archbishop described the book as “another historical object, which I believe should belong to the bishop and to the Diocese of San Diego.”

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JUBILEE: (Clockwise from top left) A reception takes place outside The Immaculata Church while a statue of San Diego’s founding bishop, Charles F. Buddy, stands in the foreground; Bishop Robert H. Brom greets local Catholics after the anniversary Mass; (left) Bishop Salvatore J. Cordileone converses with women religious after Mass, and (right) Mary Jo Waggoner serves as a lector; (foreground, from left) Archbishop John R. Quinn, Bishop Cordileone, Bishop Phillip F. Straling, Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez and (background) Bishop Brom; concelebrating priests at prayer; cantor leads the assembly in song.

Major Milestone



COLFS Reveals New Logo, Web Site and Events

By Carol Deeb

SAN DIEGO — Participating as an active member of the pro-life community has been made a little easier.

Hillcrest-based Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS), which provides crisis pregnancy counseling, ultrasounds, medical care and more, has recently updated its Web site with a new look and a simple way to donate. The nonprofit's online donation feature at www.colfs.org allows you to make one-time gifts to the organization or choose to have regular donations deducted from your bank account without ever having to write a check or stamp an envelope.

'At COLFS, we try to help [women] realize that they are carrying a child ... and that we can offer material and spiritual support to choose life.'

Also, the Web site, featuring the organization's new logo, is a good way to stay abreast of local pro-life activities and events. For example, June 12 marked the first annual COLFS "Our Lady's Tea" in the garden of the historic Darlington House in La Jolla.

More than 200 participants were treated to an introduction by COLFS board member Colleen Maalouf. The honorary chair for the event was longtime pro-life commu-

nity leader Joan Patton, who spoke of what it has been like to fight the good fight against abortion during the last 35 years in San Diego.

Dr. Karen Saroki, a family physician with COLFS, affectionately referred to "Mama Mary" and the influence of her own mother, Faiza, on her vocation of working for a pro-life organization. Also, Scott Maxwell, the new executive director of development, and Debbie Bradel, COLFS' crisis pregnancy counselor, were formally introduced to the enthusiastic crowd.

The organization is now prepared to enhance its outreach to dramatically increase its supporters and the number of babies saved each year from the death sentence of abortion.

"At COLFS, we try to help [women] realize that they are carrying a child; that the child is weak and needs its mother's protection, and that we can offer material and spiritual support to choose life," Bradel said. "Women find us on the Internet, even when they are searching for an abortion clinic. We plan to increase our accessibility and visibility on college campuses."

Maxwell emphasizes that supporting the pro-life movement can be as simple as choosing who to see when you need medical care.

"Drs. George Delgado and Karen Saroki offer a full-service family practice office that accepts most forms of insurance," he said. "You can support pro-life simply by switching doctors and placing our Catholic physicians as your primary care practitioners. As an added benefit, our Escondido office is available for appointments, too."

To maintain a strong presence in the pro-life community, COLFS will continue its successful programs, as well as implement new ones.



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OUR LADY'S TEA: Robin Cooper-Wood (left) and Kathy Wasylczenko (right) enjoy the first annual Our Lady's Tea event June 12.

The "Gabriel Project" needs volunteers to follow and mentor women who have chosen life for their child but require continued support and encouragement.

The ongoing baby bottle drive, a productive fundraiser and awareness campaign, allows parishioners at diocesan churches to fill bottles with money to be used to support the ministry and keep the pro-life cause in the forefront of family life. Those interested in organizing a baby bottle drive at their parish are invited to contact Bradel at (619) 807-9582.

In addition to exhibiting with other pro-life organizations at this year's San Diego

County Fair, COLFS will have a presence at the Catholic Family Conference July 22-23 in Ontario, Steubenville San Diego July 29-31 at San Diego State University and the Mother of Life Conference Aug. 13 at the University of San Diego.

San Diegans also are invited to listen to "Health Matters," a radio show hosted by Dr. Delgado on Catholic Radio of San Diego. The show can be heard at 6 p.m., every third Thursday, on AM 1000.

For more information about these and other events, or to learn how to help COLFS, contact Maxwell at (619) 807-9605.

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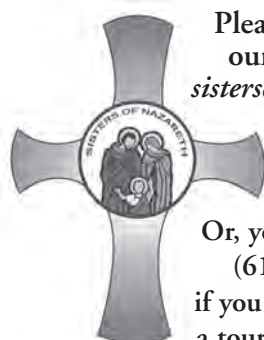
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Construction Projects Represent Years of Preparation, Sacrifice

SAN DIEGO — The new church at St. Gabriel Parish in Poway (see cover story) is not the only construction-related news in the Diocese of San Diego.

In recent months, two other parishes kicked off significant construction projects, while another saw a major project come to completion. Still other projects are scheduled to begin soon.

The following is an update on parish-funded construction projects.

Corpus Christi Parish, Bonita

When a parish celebrates its feast day, it is always a special occasion. But for members of Corpus Christi Parish, this year's celebration took on added significance.

On June 25, the community welcomed Bishop Robert H. Brom to inaugurate their new catechetical facility, the Thomas Aquinas Center, and celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving.

In his homily, Bishop Brom challenged parishioners to be faithful to their parish's name, which is Latin for "the Body of Christ," in mission and ministry. He urged the people to make Eucharist a way of life.

The new building, named after the theologian St. Thomas Aquinas, measures more than 22,000 square feet. It consists of new parish offices, seven classrooms and a large social hall with a full kitchen.

The project represents years of planning and sacrifice. Construction was completed in 12 months in coordination with Lord Architecture, Inc. and Roel Construction, Inc.

"Some might say that this building is the culmination of lots of hard work," said the parish's pastor, Father Patrick Mulcahy. "I think the real work begins now as we remember the words from Sacred Scripture: 'To those given more, more will be expected.' God expects a lot of good things to happen in this new facility. That is the task that lies ahead."

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vista

Following several years of building campaigns, St. Francis of Assisi Parish broke ground May 18 in anticipation of the first of several planned structures, a new parish cen-



DIGGING IN: Bishop Robert H. Brom (third from left) participates in a groundbreaking at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

ter that will accommodate the needs of a new school, parish ministry offices and conference rooms.

Some 300 people gathered for the blessing of the property and ceremonial groundbreaking led by the parish pastor, Father Edward "Bud" Kaicher. The crowd cheered as a handful of parish and school children shared in the first breaking of the ground.

"Today's groundbreaking is a huge step forward in a long process to replace aging facilities that no longer serve the growing faith community at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church," Father Kaicher said. "Years of hard work and great sacrifice by the clergy, staff and people of St. Francis have made this day possible."

This phase of construction includes grading of the property; construction of one new roadway and improvement of one existing roadway; undergrounding of all utilities; construction of a new athletic field and parking lot; and preparation of the area where the new building will go in the next phase of construction. The phase also includes landscaping and irrigation of the property and construction of handicapped-accessible pathways.

Diocesan approval for the parish's loan request and permission to begin building

came in early May. Suffolk-Roel Construction in San Diego began construction in mid-July. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-October.

The next phase of the parish's master plan includes building a 50,000-square-foot parish center. The parish will then begin preparing for the construction of a new sanctuary that will accommodate 1,400 parishioners.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, San Diego

Hundreds of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishioners and guests joined Bishop Brom and their pastor, Father Patrick Murphy, at a groundbreaking ceremony May 10.

The long-awaited start of construction of a new church for the Rancho Penasquitos parish was a joyful culmination of years of planning, preparation and hard work by Father Murphy, Deacon Robert Holgren, their staff and the entire parish community. Msgr. Henry Fawcett, pastor emeritus, was

among the speakers at the ceremony.

The months ahead will be challenging for the parish, which will continue to provide services during the entire construction period. Portions of the property will be off-limits for periods of time as construction progresses through its phases. A "traffic ministry" has been organized to ensure safety, especially on Sundays.

Construction work began on Carmel Mountain Road in mid-July. The project is expected to require eight to 10 months for site improvements and preparation, then another 14 months for the actual building of the church. While parishioners are aware that delays are often encountered during the construction process, the parish hopes to celebrate its first Mass in the new church on Easter 2013.

The new church will have a maximum seating capacity of 1,071 and will also include a daily Mass chapel that will accommodate 150 to 200 worshippers. A 50-foot dome will highlight the exterior of the building.

The present facility has served as both worship space and social hall for many years, but the construction of the new church will provide parishioners with a space set apart for prayer, meditation and worship.

Several additional projects will commence or reach completion in the months ahead. For instance, Ascension Parish in Tierrasanta will begin construction on a new parish hall this summer. Construction should be completed this fall on parish halls at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlsbad and St. Pius X Parish in Chula Vista. This fall, Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in Calexico also expects to see the completion of a new two-story classroom structure.

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Friends Remember Msgr. Moloney As Generous, Dedicated Priest

By Sylvia Rojas

SAN DIEGO — Msgr. Alphonsus Moloney, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego, died June 17.

Msgr. Moloney, 82, is being remembered by his fellow priests and former parishioners as a good priest, dedicated to his ministry and generous with his time.

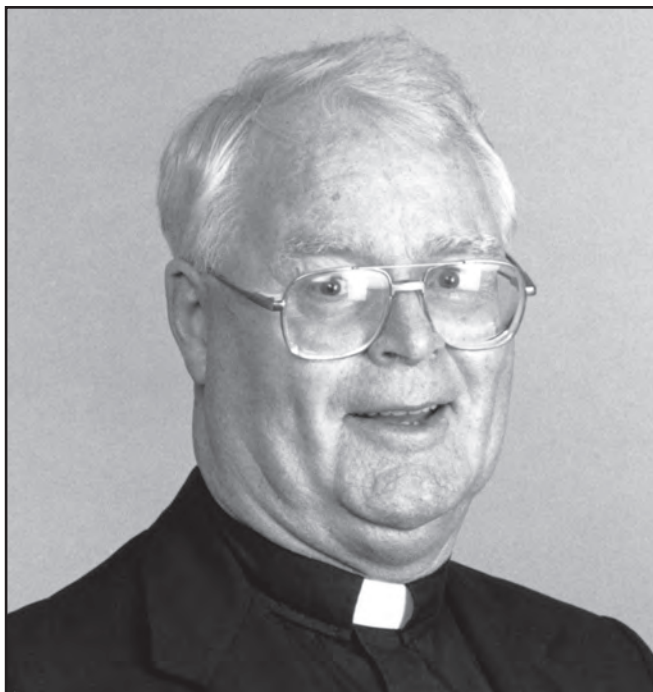
He was born Jan. 15, 1929, in Limerick, Ireland, and began his seminary studies in 1946. He was ordained June 2, 1963, for the Diocese of San Diego, where he served in active ministry for 40 years.

Msgr. Moloney first served as an assistant pastor at St. John of the Cross Parish in Lemon Grove and Sacred Heart Parish in San Diego. As pastor, he was assigned to St. Louise de Marillac Parish in El Cajon, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Carlsbad, and Immaculate Conception Parish in Old Town. At the latter, he ministered for a decade until his retirement on July 1, 2003.

From 1967-1977, he served on the diocesan tribunal, where he worked on marriage annulment cases. He was named a monsignor on Dec. 16, 1988.

In his retirement years, Msgr. Moloney regularly assisted as a supply priest at St. Agnes Parish in Point Loma. From 2003 until his death, he resided at St. Michael's Priest Retirement Facility at Nazareth House.

Msgr. Thomas Prendergast, a priest in residence at



MSGR. ALPHONSUS MOLONEY

Immaculate Conception Parish, described his late friend as a "very nice man, very dedicated to his ministry and very dedicated to serving people and bringing the sacraments."

Msgr. Moloney was known for giving his time freely for the betterment of his people and the many parishes in which he served, Msgr. Prendergast said, and he was highly respected by local clergy and laity.

Msgr. Mark Campbell, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, reflected on his predecessor's life in a message penned for the parish bulletin.

He said Msgr. Moloney, who was popularly known as "Father Alfie," was recognized by many as "a wise spiritual director and commonsense counselor."

Furthermore, Msgr. Campbell said, "He was blessed with a large number of wonderful friends from his various assignments. He loved to travel and experience the adventure of visiting countries around the world. He was a very keen photographer and maintained his study of photography throughout the years, especially with the advent of the digital camera. He was also a purist when it came to musical recordings, of which he had a large collection."

Friends and family of Msgr. Moloney gathered June 23 at Immaculate Conception Church for a rosary and vigil for the deceased. The funeral Mass was celebrated June 24, also at Immaculate Conception, and was followed by burial at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum.

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Students' Ukulele Concert Supports Disaster Relief in Japan

MIRA MESA — Third-graders at Good Shepherd Catholic School recently put their prowess with the ukulele to a good cause.

Under the instruction of their teacher, Julia Tondo, the students learned to play the instrument as part of their music curriculum. Near the end of the school year, they staged a benefit concert for victims of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

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The concert was held May 31 at Good Shepherd School. Money raised through the concert was donated to Catholic Relief Services, the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. CRS is working with Caritas Internationalis on disaster relief efforts in Japan.

aster relief efforts in Japan.

More than 200 people, including parish pastor Father Michael Robinson, attended the ukulele concert. The students delivered a message of faith, unity, love and service as they performed such songs as "Prayer of St. Francis" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." Before closing the show, the students chanted together: "We're one class, one family ... and through prayers, music, dedication and faith in our one true God, we can help save the world! One people, one love, one mission: to love and serve others!"

After the concert, Tondo presented a \$1,500 check to Jim DeHarpporte, the regional director of Catholic Relief Services West.

"I want to thank all of you for being here," DeHarpporte told the audience, which included families, friends, teachers and faculty. "I want to thank especially Julia Tondo and the children who have entertained us. You have not only raised a lot of money that will support the programs of Caritas Japan, but even more importantly, you have reminded us that all people are our brothers and our sisters. You have shown us that we are all part of one human family."

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Saint Charles Caritas Celebrates a Decade of Outreach

SAN DIEGO — A local ministry is celebrating a decade of outreach to the poor of San Diego and Tijuana.

"I am happy to see that Saint Charles Caritas is still functioning, serving the needs of the poorest of the poor, after 10 years," said its chairperson, Merlyn Baker.

Baker founded the organization with her husband, Jim, in March 2001. The couple had been looking for a Tijuana-based Catholic charity to support. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, then pastor of St. Charles Parish, recommended Casa de los Pobres, an urban relief center operated by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Peace.

"Originally, we were known as the Friends of Casa de los Pobres, because we helped only one charity in Tijuana by that name," Baker recalled. "Later, we expanded to seven charities in Tijuana and two in San Diego."

Those charities include residential facilities for orphans, disadvantaged children and the elderly; an organization that provides assistance to pregnant women and those with small children; and a community of contemplative nuns.

Every third weekend, St.



CHARITY: Youth pack food items that Saint Charles Caritas will deliver to the poor in Tijuana.

Charles Parish holds a special collection for Saint Charles Caritas. Once a month, the organization's volunteers use the collected money to purchase basic food items and cleaning products, which are distributed to the sponsored charities.

Because there are no administrative costs or overhead expenses,

Baker said, all of the funds received are used to purchase essential items for the poor.

Every three months, Saint Charles Caritas distributes food and clothing to those who live near the garbage dump in Colonia Aurora, which is located in western Tijuana. The organization also supports La Esperanza Clinic,

which provides medical care to the poor who live near the dump.

At the dump site, children receive cookies from the Saint Charles Caritas volunteers, while adults are given a plastic bag containing such items as canned food, rice and beans, oatmeal, salt, pasta, corn, ramen and toiletries.

Since its founding, Saint Charles Caritas has enjoyed the support of seven pastors. The recently installed pastor, Father James Bahash, previously supported the organization eight years ago when he was associate pastor under Msgr. Mikulanis and Father Fernando Ramirez.

Volunteers and donors are kept informed of the organization's activities through a monthly e-mail bulletin. Ten to 40 volunteers can be expected to participate in a typical project.

For Baker, the most rewarding part of her involvement with Saint Charles Caritas has been seeing the food distributed to poor children, adults and seniors. She said she also has been touched by the generosity of the organization's donors, most of whom are parishioners, though some hail from outside the parish boundaries and, in a few cases, even out of state.

"I don't know what the future of the organization will be, but God does," Baker said, "and we pray for success every day."

For more information on Saint Charles Caritas, contact Baker at (619) 428-0199 or mbaker2020@aol.com.

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Blogging for Clarity: *Fides* Launches Site for Chinese Catholics

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY — Sometimes the need for delicacy in handling politically sensitive situations conflicts with the need of the faithful to have clear guidance. That's what seems to be going on with the Vatican's China policy, particularly surrounding the ordination in June of a bishop without papal approval.

The delicacy came in a Vatican statement July 4 that left some room for interpretation, particularly regarding the status of the bishops who acted as co-consecrators at the ordination of Father Paul Lei Shiyin June 29 in Leshan.

The Vatican's official statement said he was ordained illegitimately, "has no authority to govern the diocesan Catholic community," and he incurred sanctions "through violation of the norm of canon 1382 of the Code of Canon Law."

The statement did not explicitly say that the sanction referred to is automatic excommunication for the one being ordained and for the bishops ordaining him.

The faithful in China were left with questions.

The questions were answered in a rather blunt pastoral response posted July 12 in a new blog, "Being Catholic in China." The blog is operated by the *Fides* news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, but there is no link to it on the Vatican Web site, the congregation's Web page or the *Fides* news site.

The debut of the blog, which is written in Chinese and English, came just about six months after Pope Benedict XVI appointed as secretary of the evangelization congregation Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, a Salesian who was born in Hong Kong and who had translated the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* into Chinese.

The blog's launch also came two days before the ordination of another bishop without Vatican approval: Father Joseph Huang Bingzhang was ordained bishop of Shantou July 14.

The ordination of a bishop without papal approval is an act that is "contrary to the unity of the Universal Church," Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters July 14.

The day after it was launched, *Fides* published a story saying the blog would be "a means of information and training for Chinese Catholics" at a time that "requires a careful reading of the situation," and it hoped the blog would promote unity within the Chinese Catholic community and between Chinese Catholics and the Universal Church.

Father Lombardi said the new China blog is an initiative of *Fides* but does not have the official status that statements of the congregation or the *Fides* news bulletins have.

The blog said the staff of *Fides* consulted canon lawyers in formulating their response to questions about the situation of the bishop ordained for Leshan without papal approval.

The first question was if he was excommunicated. "Yes!" was the response.

"Excommunication is a very severe form of penalty in the Church that excludes the excommunicated person from the visible communion of the faithful," it explained.

By invoking excommunication, the Church is calling on the cleric "to repent at once" and is notifying the Catholic faithful that they should pray for him, but not receive the sacraments from him since he is no longer authorized to celebrate them in the name of the Church, the blog said.

While acknowledging that the ordination was valid, but illic-

it, the blog insisted on referring to the cleric as "Father Lei."

But it also said that he can be forgiven if he approaches the pope with true repentance.

Even then, though, he would not automatically become bishop of Leshan, the blog said. "The removal of excommunication is one thing; and the episcopal appointment is another."

The Vatican said that even before the ordination, it had made clear there were serious reasons why it did not approve his nomination as a bishop, the blog said.

Canon law also foresees excommunication for bishops who participate in the ordination of a bishop without papal approval, but in the case of China, the Vatican always has said that the penalty would not apply if the bishops were forced or coerced to attend.

However, the *Fides* blog said the bishops are presumed to be excommunicated until such time that they can prove to the Vatican that they were acting under duress.

"First and foremost, it is their duty to immediately approach the Holy See for forgiveness and to explain reasons for which they have participated in the illegitimate episcopal ordination and wait for the reply from the Holy See," it said.

The blog told Chinese priests and faithful that while they have no right to judge the conscience of the participating bishops, they should "avoid receiving sacraments administered by them" until their status is clarified by the Vatican.

The primary duty of the faithful in China, the blog said, is to pray that their bishops would be strong in the faith and to give thanks to God that so many Chinese bishops and faithful have heroically endured suffering for the sake of their faith.

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Paris Is Most Beautiful in the Rain

By Father Robert Barron

When I was a doctoral student in Paris in the late 1980s and early 1990s, I used to fantasize about the Paris of the 13th century, when my hero, Thomas Aquinas, was composing his theological masterpieces and when the cathedral of Notre Dame and the Sainte Chapelle were being brought to completion. From the perspective of late 20th-century Paris, when a bored skepticism held sway in much of the high culture, that time when ardent faith and high intellectual achievement went hand in hand seemed to me a golden age indeed. It is just this tendency to hanker nostalgically after a beautiful lost epoch that Woody Allen affectionately mocks in his witty new film, "Midnight in Paris."

The story centers around Gil Pender, a writer of third-rate Hollywood movies who longs to compose a great novel, like those of Hemingway, Gertrude Stein and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Gil finds himself with his fiancée in modern-day Paris, but the present interests him much less than the Roaring Twenties, when his heroes strode the cultural stage in the City of Light. Tired after a late-night stroll through the city, Gil reclines on a set of stairs and considers his sad condition. Suddenly, a car from the 1920s pulls up and a group of revelers beckon him to join them. They deliver him to a rollicking gathering where he meets a young woman, in full flapper mode, who introduces herself as "Zelda," and her husband, who blandly presents himself as "Scott Fitzgerald." While Gil tries to make sense of what can only be an elaborate prank, he spies Cole Porter at the piano, singing one of his most fetching lyrics, and then, to his utter astonishment, a dashing, black-mustachioed young man enters the room and is greeted as "Hemingway." Gil realizes that he has indeed passed through a sort of time warp into the Paris of the 1920s.

In the course of three or four visits to this new/old world, Gil manages to meet most of the major cultural players of the period. Besides Hemingway, Porter and Fitzgerald, he runs into Picasso, Dali, Man Ray, Luis

Bunuel and T.S. Eliot — and everyone acts precisely according to type. Hemingway speaks in the clear, chiseled prose of his novels and is always angling for a fight; Dali is both charming and bizarre; Picasso is all stormy intensity; Cole Porter is unfailingly witty and urbane. I was, at first, put off by what I took to be a rather cartoonish evocation of these figures, but I then surmised that Woody Allen is exposing (and mocking) precisely our romanticizing predilection to paint the past in primary colors.

At Gertrude Stein's salon, Gil meets a young woman, who is currently the mistress of Picasso and who had also had flings with Modigliani and Braques (why not?). As he shares with her his boundless enthusiasm for the Paris of the 1920s, she registers a certain boredom and sadness. How much better than the present, she says, was the Paris of the belle époque, when Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Degas and Van Gogh dominated the artistic scene and when Maxim's glowed in all of its splendor. Someone from inside Gil's fantasy world exhibits, in short, the same tendency to denigrate the present and romanticize the past, to live somewhere other than in the now. In a sort of dream-within-a-dream sequence, Gil and his girlfriend are transported from the Twenties back to the Maxim's of the belle époque, where they meet Toulouse-Lautrec and Gauguin, who wax nostalgically about the Renaissance! The grass, it seems, is always greener on the other side of the temporal divide between now and "back then."

The point seems to be that fantasizing about the past is, psychologically and spiritually, a non-starter, for the only time that is fully real is the present. And in this, Woody Allen makes common cause with many of the great spiritual teachers, who have warned about the dangers of living so thoroughly in the past (or the future) that we miss the opportunity to sink into the dense texture of the here and the now. His gentle mocking of Gil and his girlfriend is meant as a kind of spiritual exercise: Don't create fantasies about the past. Realize that the



CITY OF LIGHT: Rachel McAdams and Owen Wilson star in a scene from the movie "Midnight in Paris."

same Hemingway who wrote splendid, crystalline prose was also a tortured man who eventually took his life; realize that the same Scott Fitzgerald who composed some of the most beautiful sentences of the 20th century was also a hopeless alcoholic who died penniless; realize that the same Picasso who was the best painter since Rembrandt was also a shameless abuser of women. This exercise is not meant to sully the memories of these people; it is meant to remind us that the past was every bit as grubby and ambiguous as the present. Therefore, we should live now; create now; love now; fol-

low the will of God now. For this time, with all of its complexity and darkness, is the time that we have.

At the end of the film, Gil reveals that he got this message. Paris, he says, is always most beautiful in the rain.

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IN LOVING Memory

INTO THY HANDS, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of thy eternal happiness and peace. AMEN

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NEW YORK — The following are capsule reviews of movies recently reviewed by Catholic News Service.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2”

(Warner Bros.) One of the most successful movie franchises of all time goes out in style with director David Yates’ gratifying wrap-up to a decade of blockbuster adaptations. As the titular wizard (Daniel Radcliffe), now grown to maturity, continues to battle his evil nemesis, Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes), he’s once again aided in the epic struggle by his two closest friends (Rupert Grint and Emma Watson). Much action violence, brief gory images and a single crass term. Catholic News Service *classification* — *adults and adolescents*. MPAA rating — PG-13.

“Larry Crowne”

(Universal) Suddenly fired from his long-time job, a middle-aged suburbanite (Tom Hanks) enrolls in his local community college and falls for one of his professors (Julia Roberts). For Catholic viewers, the second chances on offer include problematic marital mulligans since Hanks’ character has recently been divorced, while his instructor is still in the process of splitting from her lazy, porn-obsessed spouse (Bryan Cranston). Brief nongraphic but adulterous sexual activity, acceptability of divorce, pornography theme with fleeting suggestive images, a bit of sexual humor and some rough terms. CNS *classification* — *adults*. MPAA rating — PG-13.

“Zookeeper”

(Columbia/MGM) Scattershot, sometimes earthy comedy in which a mild-mannered Boston zoo attendant (Kevin James) discovers that the animals under his care (voiced by an ensemble that includes Nick Nolte and Adam Sandler) can communicate with him. Their “Wild Kingdom”-style mating advice, however, does little to help him recognize that a caring colleague (Rosario Dawson) is the gal he ought to be pursuing instead of the attractive but shallow ex-girlfriend (Leslie Bibb) with whom he continues to be infatuated. Probably

acceptable for mature teens. Cohabitation, brief implied frontal nudity and some scatological and restrained sexual humor. CNS *classification* — *adults*. MPAA rating — PG.

“Transformers: Dark of the Moon”

(Paramount) The mechanical mayhem continues in director Michael Bay’s 3-D third installment of a franchise based on a line of Hasbro toys. Now an underemployed college graduate, the same ordinary human (Shia LaBeouf) who saved the world on two previous occasions struggles once again to secure victory for a race of good shape-shifting alien robots in their renewed battle with an evil army of their own kind. Pervasive stylized violence, cohabitation, brief partial nudity, some sexual banter and some crude language. CNS *classification* — *adults*. MPAA rating — PG-13.

“The Lion of Judah”

(AMG) This 3-D animated musical reimagines the events of the first Holy Week through the adventures of a bunch of wise-cracking animals. At the center of the tale is a spunky lamb (voice of Georgina Cordova) chosen as the Passover sacrifice because he is pure and unblemished. On the way to Jerusalem, he busts out of his cage and meets a sitcom-worthy group of stable dwellers, led by a wise rat (voice of Ernest Borgnine) and a sassy rooster (voice of Alphonso McAuley). When the sheep is recaptured, and the rooster stows away in his cage, the remainder of the menagerie band together to set their friends free. CNS *classification* — *general patronage*. MPAA rating — PG.

“Mr. Popper’s Penguins”

(Fox) The arrival on his doorstep of a half-dozen live penguins — a bequest from his father, a world traveler and arctic explorer — turns the life of a work-obsessed Manhattan real estate developer (Jim Carrey) upside down. Though their antics threaten to derail a deal vital to his career, his growing bond with the unruly creatures also change his outlook, inspiring him to repair frayed ties to his ex-wife (Carla Gugino) and two young kids (Madeline



EVERY LITTLE THING HE DOES IS MAGIC: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson star in “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2.”

Carroll and Maxwell Perry Cotton). CNS *classification* — *general patronage*. MPAA rating — PG.

“Cars 2”

(Disney/Pixar) In this family-friendly sequel, some of the anthropomorphic vehicles of the first feature depart Route 66 for an around-the-world adventure as a veteran racecar (voice of Owen Wilson) accepts a challenge to compete in the first-ever World Grand Prix across three countries. A case of mistaken identity, meanwhile, sees the amigos mixed up in James-Bond-style intrigue involving an Aston Martin (voice of Michael Caine) who is the superspy of British Intelligence. CNS *classification* — *general patronage*. MPAA rating — G.

“Super 8”

(Paramount) In 1979 Ohio, a half-dozen youthful film enthusiasts (most prominently Elle Fanning, Joel Courtney and Riley Griffiths) use the local railroad station as a set for the endearingly amateur zombie flick they hope to enter in a local festival. But things take an unexpected turn when they witness — and their camera captures — a mysterious train accident. Though the mili-

tary arrives in force, trying to conceal the truth about the incident, the wreck sets in motion a series of odd and ominous events that one of the moviemakers’ dads, the town’s deputy sheriff (Kyle Chandler), is determined to investigate. Much action violence with some gore, drug use and references, and several instances of profanity. CNS *classification* — *adults*. MPAA rating — PG-13.

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It was 1979. Bruce Jenner had won the gold medal almost three years earlier, and now he had everyone running. He smiled for the Wheaties cereal box and promoted the concept of jog-a-thons as a fundraiser idea. I was the class treasurer that year. Junior prom was two years away, and the fundraiser sounded like a good way to generate some cash so we would be able to put on a prom for the seniors that would really wow them.

Denise Bossert

So, we sent away for a jog-a-thon kit and passed out forms. The whole class was going to participate, and we begged family and friends to pledge a couple of bucks for every mile we successfully completed. Our class moderator, Mr. Canterbury, set aside a three-mile route through our home town and marked off the area with orange cones. The traffic was diverted in order to keep the runners safe. Sixty kids showed up in shorts and tennis shoes, ready to run, jog or walk. Three miles into it, I was done.

Some managed to run five or 10 miles, repeating the three-mile route over and over again.

Darrin Ripley decided it was a good day to run his first marathon. We were in awe of him.

The folks who had made a per-mile pledge were not as thrilled with Darrin. Five dollars per mile adds up, especially when a freshman boy is trying to prove something to a bunch of freshmen girls — or maybe

just trying to prove something to himself.

On Monday morning, the students turned in their earnings. I counted out the money. Darrin's supporters had paid up. They probably swallowed hard as they did it, but Iowans know how to keep a promise.

I think it must be like that for some parents when their son or daughter discerns a call to religious life. The promise to raise one's children in the faith suddenly has a higher price than expected. It makes eight years of parish religion classes or 12 years of Catholic education seem like a small sacrifice in comparison.

Some parents probably swallow hard as they dig deeply into their souls and promise to give their full support to a child who has discerned a call to the priesthood or religious life.

But I also think that there are some parents like Darrin's dad. Mr. Ripley didn't blink an eye when Darrin said that he'd run over 26 miles. Mr. Ripley was a coach —

and he probably understood his son more in that moment than he ever had.

He probably smiled when he wrote that check to his son's class at Riceville Community High School. Darrin turned the money in promptly that Monday morning, and we were in awe once again. The newspaper photographer came out to take our picture. I got to be in the picture because I was the treasurer. Darrin got to be in the picture because nobody else had even come close to running as far as he had. We'd won an award from Bruce Jenner and Wheaties. Our class of 60 students had come in third in the nation for jog-a-thons that year.

And we gave the seniors one fantastic prom the year we were juniors.

In reality, though, the people who made good on their promise to pay had something to do with it. No matter how much we ran that day, we needed the support of those who signed our pledge cards.

Encouraging Vocations Is Worth Every Sacrifice

Moms and Dads, it's time to encourage our children to follow God completely, even if the price is high.

And there's a lesson in that as well. The faithful pray that God will send Mother Church more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We make a pledge to support them, encourage them and respect them for giving themselves so fully to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Moms and Dads, it's time to encourage our children to follow God completely, even if the price is high, even if the marathon ends with the sacrament of Holy Orders.

It's time for the faithful to sign their pledge cards and give their support. We do this when we remember to pray for vocations and when we make good on our promise to hold our religious up through prayer. We do this when we make good on our promise to respect them as one standing in the place of our Lord. In persona Christi.

We aren't investing in a junior prom. No, our celebration trumps all celebrations. We are investing in the future of Mother Church. We are doing all that we can to make sure the Mass is celebrated throughout the world and that the laity have access to the sacramental life.

This is the eternal celebration. And it is worth every sacrifice.

God, our Father, send us holy priests and more vocations to religious life — all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. Amen.

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Henri Nouwen was perhaps the most popular spiritual writer of the late 20th century and his popularity endures today. More than 7 million of his books have been sold worldwide, and they have been translated into 30 languages. Fifteen years after his death, all but one of his books remain in print.



Father Ronald Rolheiser

Many things account for his popularity, beyond the depth and learning he brought to his writings. He was very instrumental in helping dispel the suspicion that had long existed in Protestant and evangelical circles towards spirituality, which was identified in the popular mind as something more exclusively Roman Catholic and as something on the fringes of ordinary life. Both his teaching and his writing helped make spirituality something mainstream within Roman Catholicism, within Christianity in general and within secular society itself. For example, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has stated that his book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, is the book that has had the largest impact on her life.

He wrote as a psychologist and a priest, but his writings also flowed from who he was as a man. And he was a complex man, torn always between the saint inside of him who had given his life to God and the man inside of him who, chronically obsessed with human love and its earthy yearnings, wanted to take his life back. He was fond of quoting Soren Kierkegaard, who said that a saint is someone who can "will the one thing," even as he admitted how much he struggled to do that. He did will to be a saint, but he willed other things as well: "I want to be a saint," he once wrote,

The Gift That Was Henri Nouwen

"but I also want to experience all the sensations that sinners experience." He confessed in his writings how much restlessness this brought into his life and how sometimes he was incapable of being fully in control of his own life.

In the end, he was a saint, but always one in progress. He never fit the pious profile of a saint, even as he was always recognized as a man from God, bringing us more than ordinary grace and insight. And the fact that he never hid his weaknesses from his readers helped account for his stunning popularity. His readers identified with him because he shared so honestly his struggles. He related his weaknesses to his struggles in prayer and, in that, many readers found themselves looking into a mirror. Like many others, when I first read Henri Nouwen, I had a sense of being introduced to myself.

And he worked at his craft, with diligence and deliberation. Nouwen would write and rewrite his books, sometimes five times over, in an effort to make them simpler. What he sought was a language of the heart. Originally trained as a psychologist, his early writings exhibit some of the language of the classroom. However, as he developed as a writer and a mentor of the soul, he began more and more to purge his writings of technical and academic terms and strove to become radically simple, without being simplistic; to carry deep sentiment, without being sentimental; to be self-revealing, without being exhibitionist; to be deeply personal, yet profoundly universal; and to be sensitive to human weakness, even as he strove to challenge to what's more sublime.

Few writers, religious or secular, have influenced me as deeply as Henri Nouwen. I know better than to try to imitate him, recognizing that what is imitative is never creative and what is creative is never imitative. Where I do try to emulate him is in his simplicity, in his rewriting things over and over in order to try to make them simpler, without being simplistic. Like him, I believe that there's a language of the heart (that each generation has to create anew) that bypasses the divide between academics and the street and which has the power to speak directly to everyone, regardless of background and training. Jesus managed it. Nouwen sought to speak and write with that kind of directness. He didn't do it perfectly, nobody does, but he did do it more effectively than most. He recognized too that this is a craft that must be worked at, akin to learning language.

I dedicated my book, *The Holy Longing*, to him, with this tribute: He was our generation's Kierkegaard. He helped us to pray while not knowing how to pray, to rest while feeling restless, to be at peace while tempted, to feel safe while still anxious, to be surrounded by light while still in darkness, and to love while still in doubt.

If you are occasionally tortured by your own complexity, even as your deepest desire is to "will the one thing," perhaps you can find a mentor and a patron saint in Henri Nouwen. He calls us beyond ourselves, even as he respects how complex and difficult that journey is. He shows us how to move towards God, even as we are still torn by our own earthly attachments.

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Your Moment in the Mass: 'And with Your Spirit'

Catholics are very familiar with the parts of the Mass — perhaps too familiar. Sunday after Sunday, we recite certain words such as, “Amen ... Thanks be to God ... Alleluia ... Holy, Holy, Holy Lord ...” These words are so ingrained in us that we often say them, almost robotically, out of routine. Indeed, if someone poked us in the middle of the night and said, “The Lord be with you,” many of us probably would roll over and instinctively respond, “And also with you.”

Dr. Edward Sri

But do we really grasp the meaning of these words? Do we understand the significance of what we are doing and saying in the liturgy?

The new English translation of the Mass, which will be promulgated this Nov. 27, will provide a unique opportunity for Catholics to reflect on the meaning of the prayers in the liturgy. This updated translation will bring about the most significant change in the way most English-speaking Catholics participate in the Mass since the years following the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), when the liturgical texts were translated into English and officially used in worship for the first time.

The basic structure of the prayers will remain the same, but the changes in wording at many points throughout the liturgy will be quite noticeable. For a time, most Catholics will no longer be able to walk into church on

Sunday and automatically recite the Gloria, the Creed and other Mass parts by memory. They will need a guide to help them become accustomed to the new translation of these prayers.

As we are taken out of our routine, we will have the opportunity to ponder the significance of all that we say and do in the liturgy and rediscover the splendor of the Mass.

For example, consider the meaning behind one of the most noticeable changes found near the opening of Mass. It involves the people's response to the priest's greeting, “The Lord be with you.” In the new translation, we will reply, “And with your spirit.” This more adequately reflects the Latin text of the Mass and the biblical language of St. Paul (see Gal 6:18; Phil

4:23; 2 Tim 4:22).

It also more fully expresses an important theological point. When we said, “And also with you” in the older translation, one might get the impression that our response was merely intended to express an exchange of personal greetings or reciprocal good will: “May the Lord be with you, too, Father.”

But there is much more to this response.

When a man is ordained a priest, the Holy Spirit comes upon him in a unique way, enabling him to perform the sacred rites of the Mass and consecrate the Eucharist. By responding, “And with your spirit,” we acknowledge the Spirit's activity through the priest during the sacred liturgy. We are referring to the “spirit” of the priest, the

very core of his being, where he has been ordained to offer the sacrifice of the Mass. Indeed, we are acknowledging that while God works through the priest who is offering the Mass, ultimately it is Jesus Christ who is the head of the community gathered for the liturgy, and it is His Spirit who is the primary actor in the liturgy, regardless who the particular priest celebrating Mass may be.

This is just one of many spiritual gems found in the new Mass translation.

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Amidst the excitement of John Paul II's beatification on May 1, the 20th anniversary of the late pope's most important social encyclical, *Centesimus Annus*, got a bit lost. Blessed John Paul II was not a man given to rubbing it in. Still, it is worth noting that the encyclical, which celebrated the collapse of European communism and probed the social, cultural, economic and political terrain of the post-communist world, was dated on May Day, the great public holiday of the communist movement. It was a subtle but unmistakable reminder that, in the contest between the Catholic Church and communism, someone had won and someone else had lost.



George Weigel

Twenty years after it was issued, *Centesimus Annus* remains a hard encyclical to swallow for those whose politics require them to defend the constant growth of the welfare state and to identify such bureaucratic and budgetary growth with compassion for the poor. The encyclical was also a sign of contradiction to those who had long insisted that Catholic social doctrine proposed some “third way” that was neither communism's state ownership of the means of production, nor the free market of the liberal democracies. By abandoning “Catholic third way” fantasies, *Centesimus Annus* firmly anchored the Church's teaching on economic life in the realities of the post-industrial global economy while insisting (as the social doctrine had, all along), that economic decisions, like political decisions, are always subject to careful moral scrutiny.

What else did *Centesimus Annus* teach that remains urgent and relevant today?

John Paul taught that what the Church proposes is not simply the free society, but

The Enduring Importance of *Centesimus Annus*

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the free and virtuous society. It takes a certain kind of people, possessed of certain virtues, to make free politics and free economics work toward genuine human flourishing. Democracy and the market are not machines that can run by themselves, so a vibrant public moral-cultural life is essential to disciplining both the market and democratic politics. In fact, in the Catholic vision of the tripartite free and virtuous society — democratic polity, free economy, vibrant moral-cultural sector — it's the latter that's most important over the long haul. The habits of heart and mind of a people are the best defense against their allowing their political and economic liberties to become self-destructive.

John Paul also taught the Church new ways of thinking about the poor and about economic justice. In the emerging global economy, the pope recognized, the source of wealth was less stuff in the ground than ideas and skills. Thus economic justice meant including a greater and greater number of people in the networks of productivity and exchange by which wealth was created and distributed: Rather than problems-to-be-solved (as 20th-century welfare states understood them), the poor should be

thought of as people-with-potential. Inclusion, not redistribution, became the paradigm of economic justice; empowerment and getting people off the dole became the measure of how well a social welfare system worked; philanthropy and the independent social welfare agencies it made possible, not just taxes and government, were the means by which the poor were to be empowered.

The encyclical's analysis of the collapse of communism is also relevant to contempo-

rary debates. Denying God, communism had a false view of the human person, and that was ultimately its undoing: It could not build a humane culture, politics or economics. This truth has implications for a world without communism, too. Culture is the key to making free economies and free politics work well, and at the heart of culture was religious conviction, John Paul insisted. Thus religious freedom had to be defended, not only against the hard totalitarianism of communist systems, but against softer, but nonetheless aggressive, forms of political pressure: pressures summed up in Pope Benedict's biting (and wholly accurate) phrase, the “dictatorship of relativism.” Governments that impose political correctness through coercive state power — as, say, Canadian human rights tribunals do when they fine pastors for preaching biblical morality — are violating both religious freedom and weakening the moral-cultural foundations of democracy.

Centesimus Annus at 20 is coming into a needed maturity.

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Characteristics of Homelessness

37% are men 31-50 years old

37% have a disability
The typical homeless family: single African-American mother with two children

BETWEEN 2007 and 2010 the number of people using homeless shelters in cities has decreased 17 percent but increased 57 percent in suburban and rural areas

78% are adults
62% are men

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minority groups 58% white men 42%

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Praying to Mary and the Saints

Explaining a Catholic practice through analogy

By Ginny Golden

I was thinking about people praying to Mary and to the saints, even though the grace or favor actually comes from God, and I came up with this analogy:

I am a stay-at-home mom, so it is my husband who brings in an income. But my kids will ask *me* for money: “Mom, can I have \$20 for Scouts?” And when I give it to them, they say “thank you” to *me*; if they tell someone else about it, they’ll say, “My mom gave me \$20 for the Scout trip.”

Now, that money didn’t actually come from me; it came from my husband. And if the kids were to stop and think about it, they would acknowledge, “Yeah, Dad’s the one who earned that money and gave it to Mom.” But I don’t expect them to ask, “Mom, could you please ask Dad if he could give me \$20?”, or to say, “Tell Dad thank you for the money.” It’s just understood.

Similarly, if I’m having a trying day, I may pray, “Mary, give me the patience I need to be a good mother,” even though the grace of patience actually comes from God. And when I make it through the day, I say, “Thank you, Mary.”

As I type this, I thought of another way the analogy works. When my kids ask for money, I don’t have to go to my husband and ask him, “Honey, the boys have a Scout trip coming up that they’d really like to go



on, and I think it would be a good idea. Could you give me \$20 that I could give to them?” No, I just go with my sons to the ATM and distribute the cash as I see fit. I have access to the bank account because, in

the union of our marriage, there is trust and understanding.

Similarly, when I pray, “Mary, give me patience,” she doesn’t have to go to God and ask, “Lord, Ginny is having a rough day and

could really use some help with her patience. Could you give me some extra grace that I could give to her?” No, she just showers down graces. God has opened to her the treasury of graces to help distribute as she sees fit, because her will is so united to His that she couldn’t possibly do anything He wouldn’t approve of.

Of course, asking for a virtue like patience will probably be granted. On the other hand, if I prayed, “Mary, I’m having a rough day; give me a Hawaiian vacation,” her answer — like God’s — would probably be, “That’s not really what you need right now.”

Maybe this analogy could be stretched to the saints. Now that they are in heaven, they too are perfectly in union with God’s will. So when I ask St. Anthony to help me find my lost keys, or ask St. Joseph to help me sell my house, they know whether it’s God’s will or not. And if it is, they are free to grant me that favor.

And to stretch it just a little more, just as my kids should remember their dad’s hard work and love, and should appreciate it and occasionally express their gratitude to him, we too should remember God’s love as shown through His saints and express our gratitude to Him.

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EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

For more information, e-mail jedwards@diocese-sdiego.org or call (858) 490-8230.

Infant Baptism Team

Formation course, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 23, at St. Mark Parish, San Marcos. Lunch included. Fee: \$30.

New DCMs and Coordinators

Orientation workshop, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. No fee.

Leadership In-Service

“Evangelizing the Domestic Church” with Dr. Patricia McCormack. From 9:30 a.m.-noon (with a business meeting to follow), Thursday, Sept. 1, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. No fee.

Special Presentation

“EPIC: A Journey Through Church History” (Part 1) starts Monday, Sept. 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and continues Monday evenings until Nov. 21. Part 2 starts Jan. 9, 2012. Fee: \$40.

Catechist Workshop

“Preparing for Reconciliation” workshop, 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the diocesan Pastoral Center. Fee: \$15.

Fall Catechetical Conference

“I Know Who You Are and I Saw What You Did” with Sister Carol Cimino, SJJ. From 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at Cathedral Catholic High School’s Guadalupe Center. Fee: \$20.

Curso de RICA

Curso, comienzo 23 de agosto, 6-9 p.m., y continuará 30 de agosto, 6 y 13 de septiembre. Costo: \$65.

Orientación para Nuevos Directores Parroquiales

Taller, 25 de agosto, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., en el Centro

DIOCESAN PROGRAMS

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Conferencia de Verano

“Haced esto en conmemoración mía” con José Antonio Medina, 27 de agosto, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. en la parroquia el St. Jude, Shrine of the West. Costo: \$20.

Curso de Formación de la Fe de Adultos

Curso, comienzo 22 de septiembre, 6-9 p.m., y continuará 29 de septiembre, 6, 13 y 20 de octubre en el Centro Pastoral. Costo: \$65.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Camp Emmaus

Youth leadership camp, Aug. 7-11, at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp and Conference Center. Open to all incoming high school sophomores through incoming high school seniors. The cost is \$275 and includes meals for all five days, lodging and camp materials. To sign up, contact your parish youth minister. For additional information, call (858) 490-8260 or e-mail mgalvan@diocese-sdiego.org.

Campamento Emaús

7 al 11 de Agosto, Campamento Whispering Winds; Costo: \$275. El campamento Emaús de liderazgo esta diseñado para estudiantes que se encuentran en el 2do al 4to

año de preparatoria. El costo incluye desayuno, almuerzo y cena por los (5) días, hospedaje y material del campamento. Para inscribirse, comuníquense con el coordinador de jóvenes adolescentes de su parroquia. Para mas informes, llamen al (858) 490-8260.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org, or call (858) 490-8260 or e-mail cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

WYD Commissioning Mass

All those planning to attend World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, are invited to attend a special commissioning Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert H. Brom. The Mass will take place at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 21, at the diocesan Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego 92117). Light refreshments will be available after Mass. RSVP by e-mailing mgalvan@diocese-sdiego.org.

Theology on Tap (Single & Married)

Join other single and married Catholic young adults (aged 18-39) for food, fellowship and dynamic speakers on Mondays, July 11-Aug. 1, at Off Shore Tavern (2253 Morena Blvd., San Diego 92110). Dinner, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; speaker, 7:30-9 p.m. Remaining installments include: “Being My Brother’s Keeper” (July 25) and “Faith and Finance” (Aug. 1).

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Crime Victim or Family Member?

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

Friends/Family of Incarcerated

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Ministry to the Incarcerated

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

Courage

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

Encourage

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

ADULT FAITH COURSES OFFERED BY DIOCESAN INSTITUTE

For a schedule of evening faith education courses offered for adults, in English and Spanish, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/SDDIRegister. Register online or by calling (858) 490-8212.

PARISH EVENTS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

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

Healing Prayer

Held at St. James Parish in Solana Beach. Every Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass, first Mondays from 9-10 a.m., second Tuesdays from 7-8:15 p.m., and on third Saturdays after the 5 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. For information, call (888) 590-5095.

Healing Masses

- 7 p.m., Aug. 16 and Oct. 18, at St. Timothy Parish in Escondido. For information, call (760) 741-0866.
- 7 p.m., July 27, at St. James Parish in Solana Beach. Mass preceded by music and testimony at 6:30 p.m. Celebrant: Father Juan Gabriel Castillo, CJM. For information, call (888) 590-5095.

Harp and Voice Concert

MaryRuth Culver will present a concert for vocations at 2 p.m., July 31, at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Carlsbad. For information, contact Don Herman at donherm@juno.com or (760) 749-2321.

Parish Festival

Resurrection Parish, Escondido, will hold its annual festival Aug. 26-28, from 5-10 p.m. on Friday and from 1-9 p.m. on Saturday/Sunday. Includes carnival rides, games, entertainment and international food. Free admission. For information, call (760) 747-2322.

GROUPS

Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus St. Luke Council 10512 will host its sixth annual charity golf tournament Aug. 28 at Cottonwood Golf Course. Registration at noon; shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. Cost: \$120/player or \$450/foursome. For information, contact John Clark, Sr. at supply8@sbcglobal.net.

Central SD Magnificat

A ministry to Catholic women. Next breakfast: 9:30 a.m., Aug. 20, at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Christine Watkins will speak on Mary's great love for us. To RSVP, call (858) 342-9022.

'Love Our Priests' Prayer Group

Next Mass: 10 a.m., Aug. 27, at Ascension Parish (11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Tierrasanta). Guest speaker: Dominican Father Luke Buckles from Rome. Guests welcome. Bring a potluck item to share. For information, call (858) 560-7132.

Pro-Life Rosary

A group of North County parishioners meets every Monday, from 10-10:30 a.m., to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic (1820 Marron Rd.). For information, e-mail JHodges001@hotmail.com.

Writer's Group

A writer's group open to adults of all ages, genres and levels of writing meets at 7 p.m., every third Tuesday, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (1638 Polk Ave.). Participants must be practicing Catholics faithful to the Magisterium. Group offers faith, encouragement and support. For information, call (619) 220-8652 or (619) 312-5924.

'Glory Immersion'

A prayer ministry at St. Timothy Parish, Escondido. Praise and worship starts at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month. All are invited. For information, call (760) 741-1134.

GROUPS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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

Council of Catholic Women

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold a board meeting July 27, hosted by the La Jolla Deanery. For information, call Geraldine at (619) 276-1321.

Support for Separated/Divorced

A support group for anyone suffering from the pain associated with a separation or divorce meets at 10:15 a.m., every Sunday, at the St. James Parish Ministry Center in Solana Beach. For more information and a meeting calendar, call (760) 533-1520 or e-mail fugrant@gmail.com.

Scout Emblem Training

The San Diego Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a training session for adults on the Boy Scout religious emblem program. Training will take place Sept. 10. To RSVP, call (619) 446-2116.

Divorce Healing Ministry

The Divorce Healing Ministry support group meets from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at St. Luke Parish in El Cajon. Interested parties are asked to first call (619) 401-6445.

Pro-Life Prayer Group

Helpers of God's Precious Infants is looking for people to join us in prayer in front of abortion clinics. Please help us save lives. Call Luis at (619) 259-3906.

St. Thomas More Society

The St. Thomas More society for judges, attorneys and legal professionals holds its monthly luncheons on first Fridays. For information, call (619) 595-4294.

GROUPS

Holy Spirit Ministry

- Healing Family Retreat, July 29-31, in Pecos, N.M.
- Monthly holiness class continues, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 13, in the St. Augustine High School chapel.
- 7:30 p.m. Mass/healing service, Aug. 5 at St. Pius X Parish (Chula Vista) and Aug. 15 at Holy Spirit Parish. Healing service includes Eucharistic adoration.
- Women's retreat, Sept. 16-18, at a new location in Pine Valley, Calif.
- Bible study continues, 7:30 p.m., in the hall at Holy Spirit Parish. Listen online at <http://www.newce.com/live>.
- For information, call (619) 262-9685 or visit www.holyspiritministry.net.

Merton Society San Diego

Meets every Thursday for meditation/contemplation in Room 3 at St. Brigid Parish in Pacific Beach. The meeting lasts from 6:15-7:15 p.m., except on second Tuesdays, when it is replaced by a potluck social/senior lounge and concludes at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Walt Tice at waltmilli@sbcbglobal.net or (858) 483-3343.

GROUPS

Alumni Reunion

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School will hold an alumni reunion at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 9, in the school gym (4106 42nd St., San Diego 92105). Bring memoirs of classmates and staff to share. RSVP by Aug. 26 at OLSHalum@gmail.com or (858) 349-9149.

WORKSHOPS, RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

Monastic Experience Retreat

Single men aged 21-45 are invited to learn about and experience the Benedictine monastic life July 25-29 at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. For information, e-mail vocationmonk@aol.com or call (760) 967-4200, ext. 302.

Bible Study

Study the entire Bible with Dr. Bill Creasy. Class meets from 7-9 p.m., every Wednesday, in St. Francis Chapel at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. Cost: \$85/quarter. Register at www.logosbiblestudy.org.

Beginning Experience

A three-day retreat designed to facilitate

WORKSHOPS, RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

healing for the separated, divorced or widowed, will take place: Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at Marywood Retreat Center, Orange, Calif.; and Nov. 11-13 at Prince of Peace Abbey. For information, call (619) 447-0622.

Vocational Discernment

A free online test can help you discover whether you are called to be a monk, nun or priest. To take the test, visit www.testyourcalling.org.

Catholic Renewal Convention

40th annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention, "One Body, One Spirit," Sept. 2-4, at the Anaheim Convention Center. Includes 45 popular Catholic speakers and activities for teens, young adults and children. Register at www.scr.org

Women's Retreat

St. Stephen Parish will hold a women's retreat Dec. 2-4 at the Divine Word Retreat Center in Riverside, Calif. Led by Benedictine Father Stephanos Pedrano of Prince of Peace Abbey. Includes healing service. For information, call Valerie Rizzotto at (760) 533-6564.

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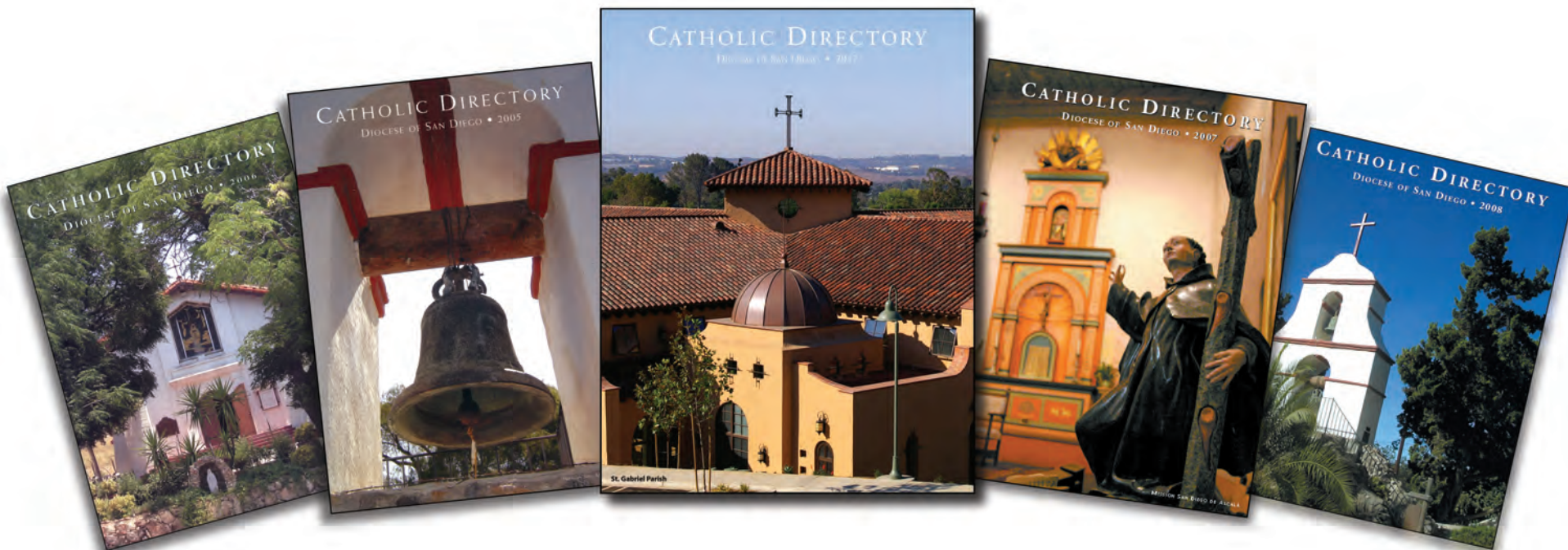
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