



ABOVE: Amilcar Ramirez weeps as he holds a U.S. flag at a May Day rally in Washington May 1. Demonstrators at rallies across the nation criticized Arizona's new immigration law which makes it a state crime to be in the United States illegally. (CNS photo/Jonathan Ernst, Reuters)

Rallies in Phoenix, Dallas, across nation take aim at Arizona immigration law

BELOW: Montserrat Arredondo and Rosie Villegas-Smith lead other protesters in the Rosary April 21 outside the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix. More than 100 people turned out to urge Gov. Jan Brewer to veto a bill recently passed by the Legislature, which would make being in the United States illegally a crime. (CNS photo/J.D. Long-Garcia, CATHOLIC SUN)

**By J.D. Long-Garcia
Catholic News Service**
PHOENIX — About 10,000 protesters rallied May 1 at the Arizona State Capitol to demonstrate against the state's new immigration enforcement law, SB 1070.

Bigger rallies took place the same day in states not affected by the law. In Los Angeles, an estimated 50,000 gathered, while a reported 20,000 assembled in Dallas. Two rallies took place in New York City.

Other cities holding rallies included St. Louis; Oakland, San Jose, San Mateo, Berkeley and Gilroy, California; Wichita, Kansas; Columbus, Ohio; and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The law, which sets into place tough new standards, has galvanized immigrant rights groups around the United States.

It also resulted in a late-night April 29 session of the Arizona Legislature to limit the bill's scope.

Whereas the original bill, signed into law April 23, previously required law enforcement to make a "reasonable attempt" to determine legal status during "any lawful contact," it now limits the reach to any lawful "stop, detention, or arrest."

Another revision states that law enforcement "may not consider race, color, or national origin," striking the word "solely" that many of the bill's opponents took issue with.

Before the revisions, immigrant rights groups vowed to challenge the bill in court. Those speaking at a news conference where the vow was voiced included Dolores Huerta, sister-in-law of the late United Farm Workers union founder Cesar Chavez, and singer Linda Ronstadt, an Arizona native with both German and Mexican ancestry.

Frank Perez brought a group of
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Pope calls Shroud of Turin 'icon' of Christ's solidarity with humanity

By Catholic News Service
TURIN, Italy — The Shroud of Turin is an icon of "the most radical solidarity": Christ sharing the loneliest moment of human existence by lying in a tomb, Pope Benedict XVI said after he

knelt in silent prayer before the linen cloth.

The pope did not discuss the authenticity of the shroud as the cloth used to wrap the dead body of Jesus, but he said it clearly "is a burial cloth that wrapped the body

of a man who was crucified in a way corresponding completely to what the Gospels tell us of Jesus."

Pope Benedict paid a daylong visit to Turin May 2, celebrating an outdoor Mass, venerating

the shroud in Turin's cathedral, meeting with young people and visiting the sick.

During his evening visit to the exposition of the shroud, which is on public display until May 23, the 83-year-old pope said that while

he has seen it before, this time there was a special "intensity, perhaps because the passing of years has made me more sensitive to the message of this extraordinary icon."

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Two longtime Dallas priests ordained as auxiliaries of diocese

**By David Sedeño
Editor, The Texas Catholic**
DALLAS — With Catholic Church dignitaries, friends, and family watching in a packed Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, two longtime Dallas priests were ordained bishops April 27.

Bishops J. Douglas Deshotel and Mark J. Seitz became auxiliary bishops of Dallas and will assist Bishop Kevin J. Farrell in ministering to a growing diocese that exceeds more than 1 million people and stretches across nine counties of North Texas.

Because of the limited seating at the cathedral, the ordination was broadcast via TexasCatholicTV.com and simulcast to the par-

ish communities of St. Monica and St. Rita, where hundreds of people, including school children, watched the Mass.

Eighteen bishops, including Fort Worth Bishop Kevin Vann, about 150 priests, dozens of deacons and more than 50 seminarians attended the ordination Mass.

Bishop Farrell thanked them and also thanked the families of the two men, including Janet Seitz, mother of Bishop Seitz.

"The mother of a priest is a very special person, so I want to thank you for being here," he said.

"Each of you brings important gifts to the episcopacy," Bishop Farrell told the two men. "You have been and will continue to be

pastors. This will not change."

He also said they would remain brother priests who would mentor other priests, deacons, and religious in special ways, telling them that they must "respect the flock that you have been called to shepherd."

"The prayer of ordination admonishes you to work tirelessly to serve people in the night and day," he said.

"Your episcopal ministry will be to lead, not goad; inspire, not shame; encourage, not rebuke the sheep that comprise the pilgrim Church on earth.

"This diocese is a brilliant myriad of cultures, of countries of
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Auxiliary Bishops J. Douglas Deshotel and Mark J. Seitz face the congregation at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe after their April 27 episcopal ordinations in Dallas. (Ben Torres, THE TEXAS CATHOLIC)

Bishop Vann encourages us to live up to our Catholic and American legacies and welcome the immigrant

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, the issue of immigration and immigration reform has been pushed to the forefront of the news with Arizona's very problematic immigration control law. I add my concern to that of Bishops Olmstead and Kicanas in this matter.

Far from resolving the problems of a broken immigration system, this law only further politicizes the issue and turns the focus away from the fact that immigration and the need for immigration reform are not only political issues but affect the lives of many poor people. As long as immigration reform is treated in this way, we will not live up to our Christian calling and our American legacy.

The issue of immigration reform is very close to my heart, not only because I am the shepherd of a large diocese in Texas, but also because I have seen firsthand the struggles and suffering of people searching for a better way of life both here and in Mexico. During my visits to Mexico, I have walked and talked with many men and women who labor intensely to provide the bare necessities for their families. These are real people with real problems who are searching for real solutions. Dismissing



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their desire to move to places where they may receive a decent wage degrades their humanness. Likewise, calling for the removal of all undocumented immigrants shamelessly ignores the benefits these people have accrued not just for themselves but for our society — and it can separate children from parents.

Resisting the temptation to view illegal immigration as a strictly "law-and-order" question, we may see it as a profound human issue with serious moral dimensions. It is hypocrisy to point fingers at the undocumented and not recognize the many ways in which their labor has been implicitly sought and frequently exploited. True immigration reform will go beyond securing borders to address the manifold concerns of justice to people who have laid down roots in the United States.

The plight of the immigrant is an ancient as well as contemporary Christian story. Today is not really different from Biblical times when the prophets judged society as faithful to God by its treatment of "strangers," that is immigrants, along with widows and orphans. Our Lord, along with the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, were aliens in Egypt. The rich tradition of

Catholic Social Teaching claims the right of the poor to emigrate for economic necessity (*Pacem in Terris*, #25). Immigrants have infused customs, ideas, as well as numbers to give the Church in the United States spiritual and moral dynamism. As Pope Benedict stated in his first encyclical: "Concern for our neighbor transcends the confines of national communities and has increasingly broadened its horizon to the whole world" (*Deus Caritas Est*, #30).

Therefore, since "man is the path of the Church," we as members of the Body of Christ must work diligently to see that the basic human rights of all men and women are respected. At the moment this work involves appealing to our Congressional representatives for meaningful immigration reform that as much as possible meets the needs of all, especially the poor. To this end, I along with the Bishops of the United States and, more specifically, with Bishop Farrell and my brother Bishops in Texas have called for comprehensive changes that include the following measures:

- a viable path to permanent residency for the undocumented population;

- a new worker program that includes appropriate worker protections, wage levels, and an opportunity to earn permanent residency;
- reductions in family reunification backlogs;
- the restoration of due process protections lost in the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA); and
- policies that address the root causes of migration, such as economic development in sending countries (*Letter from Texas Catholic Conference to US Senators, May 2007*).

It is our convicted view that these measures will justly treat immigrants and help resolve the long-standing problems that set in motion massive emigration.

Last Sunday we heard at Mass the words of Jesus: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (*John 13:34*). Solidarity rooted in Jesus' command to love, calls all Catholics to work for significant immigration reform. I urge you, as members of our communion of faith, the Body of Christ, to support the Bishops of Texas and the Bishops of the United States in our efforts to bring about legislation that corrects our flawed immigration system and creates an order that upholds human dignity and provides hope for impoverished people. This is not "political" activity, but a response of faith.

Kevin W. Vann

+ Bishop Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD
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Report: Pope to create Vatican department for 'new evangelization'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is planning to create a Roman Curia department charged with overseeing the "re-evangelization" of traditionally Christian countries, an Italian newspaper reported.

The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization will be announced in an apostolic letter being prepared by the pope and will be headed by Italian Archbishop Rino Fisichella, *Il Giornale* said April 25. The Vatican had no immediate comment on the report.

The step would represent the first major Roman Curia innovation under Pope Benedict, who has frequently spoken about

the need to renew the roots of the faith in European and other Western societies.

It was Pope John Paul II who first used the term "new evangelization," and *Il Giornale* said a proposal to create a Vatican department to promote this type of activity was made in the 1980s by Father Luigi Giussani, the founder of the Italian lay movement Communion and Liberation.

More recently, the newspaper said, Cardinal Angelo Scola of Venice re-proposed the idea to Pope Benedict, and the German pontiff decided to move ahead with the project.

Archbishop Fisichella has headed the Pontifical Academy for Life since 2008.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:

• In the April 23 issue of the *North Texas Catholic*, the home base of the abortion doctor seen leaving the Henderson Street Planned Parenthood facility in the story on the Good Friday Rosary Vigil on page 28 was Tyler, not Wichita Falls.

• Also in the April 23 issue, the parishes over goal in the second block of parishes in the *All Things Possible* campaign were listed: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Decatur; Holy Name of Jesus, Fort Worth; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Fort Worth; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Wichita Falls, Santa Rosa, Knox City; St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport; St. Mary of the Assumption, Fort Worth; St. Mary, Gainesville; St. Matthew, Arlington; St. Mary, Jacksboro; and St. Mary, Quanah.

A reader from one of the parishes to go over goal out of the Block One group of parishes suggested that they deserved recognition as well. We agree. So here, also honored are the parishes from Block One of the *All Things Possible* campaign who went over their goals: Good Shepherd, Colleyville; Holy Family, Fort Worth; Holy Rosary, Cisco; Holy Trinity Mission, Azle; Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls; St. Francis Xavier, Eastland; St. John, Strawn; St. Joseph, Nocona; St. Rita, Ranger.

• Congratulations to all these and to all Catholics who have given for the good of the local Church. May future generations of Catholics here remember and appreciate your generosity, as we appreciate the generosity of those who have built the Church for us.

Seminarians, inspired by pioneer priest, Fr. Tolton, pray for black vocations

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In his breviary, seminarian Christopher S. Rhodes carries a special holy card depicting Father Augustine Tolton, the first recognized black priest in the United States. In 2012, Rhodes hopes to be ordained as the first African-American priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, in more than two decades.

"I use that (holy card) always as a source of encouragement. If he could do it as the first, I could do it," said Rhodes, who is the only African-American seminarian now studying at Theological College, the national seminary of The Catholic University of America.

Rhodes now serves as the president of the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association, and he organized and sang as a cantor at an April 24 Mass at the Theological College Chapel to mark the National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Community.

Washington Auxiliary Bishop Martin D. Holley, one of 16 African-American bishops, celebrated the Mass, which was held on the 124th anniversary of Father Tolton's ordination to the priesthood.

"I would not be standing here as a priest and a bishop if not for Father Augustine Tolton," said Bishop Holley. "The odds were stacked against him. He persevered because of faith and the grace of God."

Born into slavery in 1854 and baptized a Catholic, Father Tolton was encouraged by an Irish-

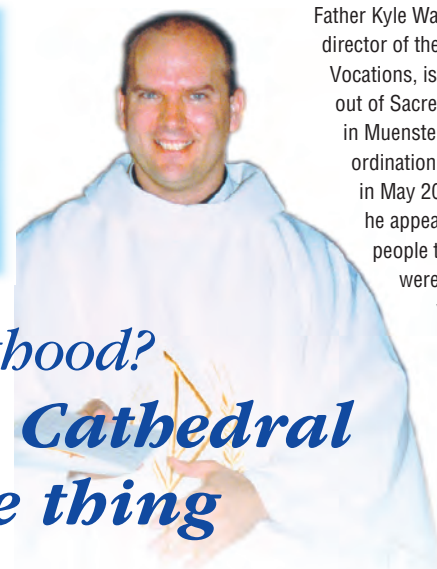
American priest to pursue a vocation, but no U.S. seminary would accept him because of his race. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on April 24, 1886, and sent back to serve as a missionary in the U.S. Despite the racism he endured, he became renowned as a preacher, and founded St. Monica Parish, the mother church for black Catholics in Chicago. He died in 1897 at age 43.

The Archdiocese of Chicago announced in March that it was beginning the sainthood process for Father Tolton.

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, about 75 seminarians of African descent, most of whom are immigrants from Africa, are studying to be priests in the United States. About 250 African-American priests, 400 African-American sisters, and 50 black religious brothers are now serving in the United States, which has 3 million African-American Catholics.

At the Mass, Bishop Holley encouraged the seminarians to likewise serve their people with love and help lift up vocations. He noted that in today's world, there are "so many obstacles to hearing the voice of the Lord," and he pointed out how the African-American community faces challenges like high rates of abortion, AIDS, drug addiction, and incarceration. "It's going to take good people like you to reach out... Evangelize, reach out to them."

*Responding
to God's Call*



Father Kyle Walterscheid, director of the Office of Vocations, is shown walking out of Sacred Heart Parish in Muenster following his ordination to the priesthood in May 2002. Even then, he appeared to be inviting people to ask if they were being called to a vocation.

Curious about priesthood? Breakfast at the Cathedral might be just the thing

If you are a young Catholic man, interested in your faith, and are wondering what God has in mind for your future, then the open invitation from Bishop Kevin Vann to have Mass and "Breakfast at the Cathedral" is an opportunity to learn about the fulfilling and selfless life of priesthood that you won't want to miss.

Breakfast at the Cathedral is a golden opportunity for young men between the ages of 16 and 25 who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to join Bishop Vann on Saturday, May 15. Bishop Vann will celebrate the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, followed by a short question and answer session. After breakfast, provided by the Serra Club, we will have talks given by our seminarians, view the powerful "Fishers of Men" video, as well as take a look at the many steps involved in discerning one's vocation.

We all want our priests, men of prayer dedicated for life to Christ and the Church, to be there with us in every stage in our lives; from baptisms, to first Holy Communion, to confessions, to our youth groups, our retreats, our marriages, to bless our new homes, our anniversaries, when we are ill, and at our funerals. Besides this, the priest is to set the example for the rest of the Church and for all of society. We need

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seminarians in a short Saturday morning session at the end of the academic year for college students and near the end of the academic year for high school students.

The end of an academic year is the perfect time to have young men consider their calling as they reach a new stage in their lives. This gathering is simply a beginning step to help young men see the priesthood as a real option in their lives, to talk with men their age (seminarians) who are learning about their faith and their calling as they deepen their spiritual lives and are committed to serving others.

On a few occasions, I have seen young high school age men who already know they are called to consider the priesthood, are mature for their age, and are free to enter the seminary immediately after high school. Most young men, however, want to experience college life and know what it is like to live on their own. This is very healthy too, as it gives young men time and space to mature in many ways. Still others, called by God to consider the priesthood, want some time after college to enter the work force for a few years, and this, once again, can bring much needed resolve and maturity before entering the seminary.

For any young man interested, please RSVP by Wednesday, May 12, so that we may know how many to expect for breakfast. Call the Vocations Office at (817) 560-3300 ext. 105 or e-mail Fr. Kyle at kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org. "Peter, do you love me ... tend my sheep" *John 21:15-18*.

Father Kyle Walterscheid is the director of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Worth. He can be reached by e-mail to kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org.

good men!

Parents, if you want a brighter Church for tomorrow, then you ought to be willing to give your brightest son to the Church. If you want a more compassionate Church, then you ought to be willing to give your son who has the biggest heart to the Church. A calling to the priesthood is a calling from Christ Himself who leads his flock by self-denial of personal desires in order to save his sheep. Christ was not a hired hand, but gave his life to protect his sheep and He calls young men in every generation to consider doing the same.

Breakfast at the Cathedral, it is hoped, will be an annual invitation of young men to meet our bishop and semi-

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Corpus Christi Sunday will be celebrated June 6

Bishop Kevin Vann will celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday with a special Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral on Sunday, June 6. The Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. and an outdoor Eucharistic Procession at St. Patrick's will be held following the Mass. All are invited to participate.

For more information, contact the cathedral office at (817) 332-4915. St. Patrick Cathedral is located at 1206 Throckmorton St. in downtown Fort Worth.

Eagle Classic Golf Tournament will be held May 14

The eighth annual Eagle Classic Golf Tournament benefiting St. John the Apostle School will be held Friday, May 14, at Iron Horse Golf Course, 6200 Skylark Circle in North Richland Hills. Check-in time for the tournament will be 11:30 a.m. and tee-off time will be 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player and includes golf cart, goodie bag, bucket of balls, banquet, and awards ceremony. Sponsorship levels are also available. Non-players are invited to attend the dinner and awards ceremony for \$10 per person.

Participants may register online at www.stjs.org/golf.htm or by contacting Sandra Gonzalez at golf@stjs.org or (817) 235-6552.

Icon workshop to be offered in Irving June 12-16

St. Basil the Great Byzantine Church, 1118 East Union Bower Rd., Irving, will sponsor an ecumenical workshop in painting icons during the week of July 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn the various techniques iconographers have employed in the ancient art of icon painting through the centuries. Father Elias Rafaj, workshop instructor, will also explain the symbolism, meaning, and religious uses of icons in public services and private devotions.

Fr. Rafaj is the pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Church of Houston and assistant director of religious education for the Byzantine Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Pittsburgh. He holds a licentiate degree in Eastern Christian studies from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

For additional information on the workshop, contact St. Basil Parish at (972) 438-5644 or web@stbasilsinirving.org.

Annual Vocation Awareness Program will be held June 25-27

The 2010 Vocation Awareness Program will be held June 25-27 at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving. The weekend is open to all individuals who are Catholic, 18 to 40 years of age, and have an interest in learning about the ministry as a

DCCW Benediction to Mankind award nominations

Do you want to give a woman in your parish some long overdue recognition? The Fort Worth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is accepting nominations for the Benediction to Mankind Award. The award will be presented by Bishop Kevin Vann and Father Ivor Koch at the DCCW convention on Oct. 20 at St. Jude Parish in Mansfield.

The nomination forms were included in the Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Women's Update Newsletter mailed to women in the diocese. The nomination must be submitted with the DCCW form and signed by the pastor or administrator of the parish submitting the nominee. All forms must be postmarked no later than July 1 and mailed to Kathleen Thome at 6491 Peden Rd. East, Fort Worth, TX 76179.

For more information, call Kathleen at (817) 236-8518.

Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held June 25-27

"One year or 50, no matter how long you've been married, a Marriage Encounter Weekend is a great way to breathe new life into your relationship," according to promotional material. The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held June 25-27 at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge St., Fort Worth.

Marriage Encounter is a weekend program for married couples led by married couples. It consists of carefully designed steps that lead couples to honestly examine all aspects of their life together. There is a series of presentations given by trained "team couples," followed by an assignment. National Marriage Encounter is an ecumenical and interfaith organization and based in Judeo-Christian traditions. All couples are welcome.

Reservations are required and a \$60 non-refundable deposit is required to hold each reservation. The balance of the weekend cost is due at the program. Space is limited. Marriage Encounter is a non-profit organization and supported entirely by couple donations. To cover lodging, meals, and other expenses, the weekend costs \$175 for each couple. In the case of financial needs, scholarship funds are available. A partial deposit is still required. For more information or to register online, visit the Web site at www.ntexasme.org.

priest, brother, or sister.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Father Kyle Walterscheid, director of Vocations, at (817) 560-3300 ext. 105 or kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org, or visit <http://www.vapinfo.org>.

People & Events

of Importance for the Church of Fort Worth



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI — Parents and families of children enrolled in St. Francis Children's Discovery Center Preschool gathered for the blessing of a statue of St. Francis donated in honor of the staff at the preschool. The statue, placed in the Children's Garden, was blessed April 22 by Father Jacob Alvares, SAC, parochial vicar of St. Francis Parish in Grapevine. The blessing coincided with the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

NTC publication deadlines

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Sacred Heart Church, Seymour will celebrate centennial

Sacred Heart Church in Seymour will celebrate its 100th anniversary June 11, the feast of the Sacred Heart, and June 12. On Friday, June 11, the celebration will begin with a Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a catered meal in Mosler Hall. Father Stephen Berg, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Worth, Father Charles Gorantla, HGN, sacramental minister of Sacred Heart, and priests who have served Sacred Heart in the past will celebrate the Mass.

Saturday's celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with vendors, a horseshoe tournament, volleyball, and kids' activities on the grounds. A Polka Dance will be held in Mosler Hall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. A Mass at 7 p.m. will round out the day's festivities.

The parish community extends a special invitation to former parishioners. There will be family displays of history/memorabilia. Those wishing to attend the dinner Friday night, set up a family display, or have any questions regarding the event are encouraged to contact the church office at (940) 889-5252.

Sacred Heart Church is located two-and-one-half hours from the Fort Worth area into the country going 199 West to Jacksboro and then 114 West to Seymour.

Natural Family Planning class to be offered at two locations

The Couple to Couple League offers classes in the symptothermal method of natural family planning for married and engaged couples. To register for a course starting May 23 at 2 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Church, 7341 Glenview Dr., North Richland Hills, contact Andrew and Samantha Mudd at (817) 284-5117. To register for a course starting May 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1501 Ninth St., Wichita Falls, contact Jacob and Lauren Morath at (940) 544-2515. Visit www.ccldfw.org for more class dates and information.

St. John Parish to offer weekly summer camp

St. John the Apostle Parish will offer a weekly summer camp June 1 to Aug. 27 for children ages one through eighth grade. The camp will be available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. A summer Parents Day Out program will also be offered from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays only or Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages one through five years.

St. John's is located at 7341 Glenview Dr. in North Richland Hills. For more information, call (817) 595-2654.

St. Patrick Cathedral to host evening with Frank Kelly May 11

St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, will host Frank Kelly Tuesday, May 11. Kelly will share the tale of how he survived electrocution. "His story shines with his strong Irish Catholic heritage and love of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, with a special devotion to Padre Pio who appeared to him in the hospital following his electrocution," according to event organizers.

Kelly's journey is the subject of the book *Short Circuit to God*, by David Long. Long will be available for questions and book signing following the talk. All book proceeds will go to missions in India and Ghana.

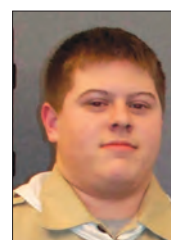
The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by the talk and individual healing prayers as time permits. For more information, call the Queen of Peace Center message line at (817) 244-8191, or call (817) 244-7733 or (817) 558-9805, or visit the Web site at www.frankkellyministry.com.

Holy Family golf tournament to be held May 21

The HFCS Dads' Club will be hosting its fourth annual golf tournament benefitting Holy Family School. The tournament will be held Friday, May 21 at Hawk's Creek Golf Club, 6520 White Settlement Rd., in Westworth Village. The format will be a Best Ball, Four-person Scramble with featured events including a Ball Drop, Hole in One, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, auction, and team awards. The tournament will kick-off at 10 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per player or \$600 for a team of four players. Register before May 20 for early bird savings. The fee includes a round of golf, cart, driving range use, golf shirt, drinks, catered lunch, and more. Sponsorships and volunteers are welcome. All proceeds will help with planned improvements to the Holy Family School's athletic facilities.

For more information visit the Web site at www.holyfamilygolf.org, e-mail info@holyfamilygolf.org, or contact Marc Meadows at (817) 927-8101 or Chris Murphy at (817) 845-0310.

Cory Cowden earns Eagle Scout Award with project for Holy Rosary



Cory Cowden

Cory Cowden, son of Morris and Denise Cowden, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America. Cory chose to do his Eagle Scout Leadership Project for Holy Rosary School in Arlington. Along with the help of many friends, family, and fellow scouts,

Film 'You Shall Believe...' will be presented at San Mateo

"You Shall Believe..." a documentary film on the Eucharist will be presented at San Mateo Mission in English and Spanish. The Spanish presentation will be offered Sunday, May 16. and the English presentation will be offered Sunday, May 23. Both sessions will begin at 5 p.m. Discussion time with Australian journalists Ron Tesoriero and Mike Willesee will follow the film.

Mike, a senior investigative journalist, and Ron, a lawyer, have been researching claimed supernatural events in the Catholic Church for a number of years. Their work became the basis for the making of the television program broadcast internationally on the Fox network in 1999, "Signs from God. Science Tests Faith." They are currently researching "the blood of Christ" through science and through history. What they have to say will touch the hearts and minds of all that hear them, according to program materials.

For more information and to make a reservation, visit the Web site at www.youshallbelieve.com. San Mateo Mission is located at 3316 Lovell Ave., Fort Worth.

Young adults invited to participate in 'Adventure' retreat May 28-31

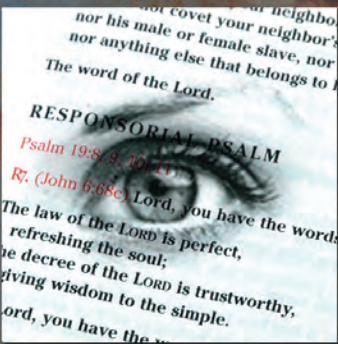
"The Adventure: An Ignatian Experience," a retreat program based on St. Ignatius' *The Spiritual Exercises*, will be offered May 28-31 for participants between the ages of 19 and 25. The retreat will take place at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, 600 N. Shady Shores, Lake Dallas.

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he worked closely with Mr. Chad Riley, the school's principal, in conducting an inventory of furniture and equipment, then entering the data along with corresponding pictures onto the schools inventory database and created a personalized CD of the database for backup documentation.

Cory is a graduate of Holy Rosary School, and he is looking forward to his graduation from Mansfield Summit High School. He plans to attend college and pursue a degree in computer science.



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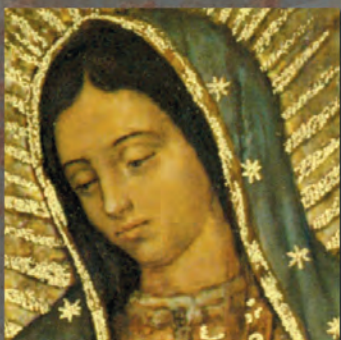
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Fr. Gonzalo Morales to celebrate silver jubilee May 18

Father Gonzalo Morales will mark his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood May 18. He was ordained by Bishop Joseph Delaney on that date in 1985 at his home parish of St. Philip the Apostle Church in Lewisville.

Fr. Morales, a native of Hart, Texas and the son of the late Concepcion Cuellar Morales and Maria Ramos Martinez Morales, has recalled in previous interviews that he began to discern his vocation to the priesthood during his high school years, with the help of his then-pastor, Monsignor Joseph Scantlin, who now serves as pastor of Most Blessed



Fr. Gonzalo Morales

Sacrament Church in Arlington. Fr. Morales entered Pontifical College Josephinum in Colum-

bus, Ohio and graduated in 1981 with a degree in Latin American studies. He completed seminary studies at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio with a Master of Divinity degree in 1985.

Having served his pastoral internship at parishes in Vernon, Quanah, and Crowell, Fr. Morales was ordained to the diaconate at Holy Family Church in Vernon in March of 1985 and, after ordination to the priesthood, served as parochial vicar at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth until 1988. He also served at Immaculate Conception Church in Denton before his five-year appointment as director of vocations for the Dio-

cese of Fort Worth in 1989. From 1994 to 2002, he served as pastor at St. John the Baptizer Church in Bridgeport, St. Mary Church in Jacksboro, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Decatur, regularly traveling approximately 150 miles between the three rural communities.

A beloved spiritual leader and gifted homilist, Fr. Morales is also known for his service at St. Joseph Church and Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Arlington and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mineral Wells; Holy Angels Church in Clifton; and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Morgan. He now

serves as parochial vicar at both St. Frances Cabrini Church in Granbury and St. Rose of Lima Church in Glen Rose.

Angela Behrens, coordinator of youth ministries at St. Frances Cabrini Church, notes that Fr. Morales will preside at the regular Saturday 5 p.m. Mass at the parish May 15, and a casual buffet dinner celebration will be held afterwards in celebration of his anniversary. "He has been such a blessing to our parish, and we are so excited to share this special occasion with him," said Behrens. To RSVP to attend the parish dinner celebration, contact her at the parish at (817) 326-2131.

Composer William Marsh was the heart of Catholic music locally for decades

Greenwood Memorial Park in West Fort Worth shelters the grave of William John Marsh, an internationally recognized composer, with rich ties to the history of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He lies with several family members beneath a tall stone cross, close in death as he was in life to his parents, four sisters, and brother. A marker, placed at his gravesite in 1985 by the Texas Historical Commission, notes that Marsh — a native of England — was the composer of "Texas, Our Texas", the state's official song.

While that may be the most commonly known fact about the musical legend, William Marsh — fondly known to generations of local music students as "Uncle Billy" — it is only a small part of the legacy of a man still remembered by many as the musical heart of the Catholic community of Fort Worth for more than 40 years.

Marsh began his service to the local Church as organist and choirmaster at St. Patrick Cathedral on New Year's Day, 1920, and stayed until his retirement in 1963.

"My husband, Art, and I both knew Mr. Marsh very well, because he taught organ and voice at Our Lady of Victory School [in Fort Worth] where I attended school," recalled Patricia Dickerson, a longtime parishioner of St. Patrick Cathedral, "and he also led music at Laneri [High School] where Art was a student.

"As young adults, Art and I would come to the cathedral for noon Mass, and we would sing in the choir. We knew all the music," she said, "because it was music that Mr. Marsh had composed and we learned it in school. He was always so welcoming and kind to us."

To be a Catholic school student in the Fort Worth area in the '40s



William J. Marsh at the keyboard in an undated photograph from the archives of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur.

and '50s meant learning to sing many of the Masses, anthems, and hymns written by the prolific musician, agreed Mary Naron McMullin, a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Keller. McMullin was also a student at Mount Carmel Academy and later, at Our Lady of Victory Academy in Fort Worth. She took private voice lessons with Marsh from 1955 to 1966, and considered him both a mentor and a nurturing family friend.

"I was 12 years old when I began my lessons with Mr. Marsh, going to the house he shared with his two sisters," said McMullin. "I remember how he would pull up the piano bench, pat the seat next to him, and say, 'Let's get to work.' Then his sisters — and they were both educators, themselves, and they, like Mr. Marsh, never married — would come in with their notepads and their cups of tea, and they would critique my performance during my lesson. Every member of his family knew music. They were all wonderful people, and so kind to me."

Marsh was born in Woolton, England, near Liverpool, on June 24, 1880. The oldest of six children, William was considered a musi-

cal prodigy and began studies in music at the age of 12 at Ampleforth College in Yorkshire, having served as his parish's organist and choirmaster from the age of 16.

The young man moved to Fort Worth in 1904, with the intention of staying for one year. A relative, Morris Berney, was the son-in-law of Neil P. Anderson, who owned the cotton brokerage where Marsh soon began work as a bookkeeper. He quickly became the company's office manager and held that position for 35 years, while also serving as organist and choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth for 36 years and at Congregation Beth-El Synagogue for 22 years.

By the time Marsh became an American citizen in 1917, his parents and siblings had joined him in Fort Worth. It was not until he became choirmaster at the cathedral that Marsh became involved in liturgical music, according to a brief biography written by his niece-in-law, Mrs. Owen Thomas. She also notes that Marsh wrote an opera in 1931 and began to teach organ, harmony, and counterpoint at Texas Christian University in 1934, while also serving as director of choral activities at the school for 17 years.

"In 1939, he began to teach piano, organ, voice, and chorus at Our Lady of Victory Academy," added Thomas. "To that he added a night job as the music critic for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Both of these ventures were to be a part of his life for over 20 years."

Even a degenerative spinal disease, which led to his retirement from the cathedral in 1963 and eventually resulted in his paralysis, could not keep him from his beloved music. He continued to dictate his compositions to an organist friend, Lt. Col. Howard Christian, until shortly before his

William Marsh's Centennial Mass, other works, to be performed at St. Patrick Cathedral, May 23

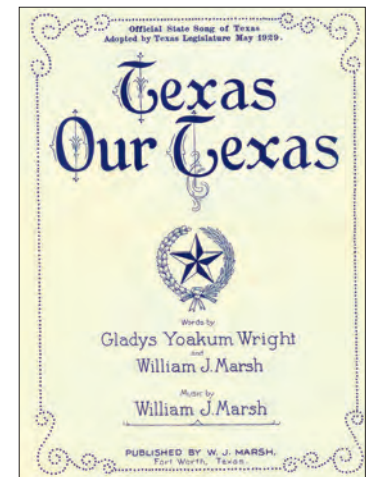
The "Centennial Mass," written by longtime cathedral organist William J. Marsh and beloved by generations of St. Patrick Cathedral parishioners, will be sung by the cathedral choir at the Sunday, May 23 Mass at 11 a.m. "May 23, 1929 is the date that the Texas legislature adopted 'Texas, Our Texas,' which was composed by Mr. Marsh, as our state song. And so we hope to honor the memory of a very special part of our cathedral history by singing Mr. Marsh's compositions," explained Kay Fialho, archivist and historian for the cathedral.

While the Mass was written by organist William Marsh over 70 years ago, it continues to be a favorite of cathedral choir members, said Doug Parsons, interim organist and choirmaster for the cathedral. Parsons will accompany the choir on the organ at the May 23 Mass.

Calling Marsh's music "state-ly, but also very easy to sing," Parsons noted that the *Sanctus* and the *Gloria* sections of the Mass are "very big and majestic, very dramatic, and very joyous." In honor of the occasion, choir members will sing "Texas, Our Texas" as the recessional at the conclusion of Mass, added Parsons. "Mr. Marsh wrote the song in what is called a 'chordal' style, which makes it really almost like a hymn," he explained.

death Feb. 1, 1971, at 90.

Mary McMullin remained a friend of her mentor until the end, making frequent visits to the home he shared with his sisters at 3525 Modlin Street, near the city's art museums. "I remember



This copy of the sheet music for "Texas Our Texas", the official state song composed by William J. Marsh, is from the archives of St. Patrick Cathedral.

William Marsh's "Centennial Mass" was first sung by a choir of 3,000 Catholics from across North Texas. The occasion was a Mass held at the Stadium at Fair Park in Dallas, on Oct. 12, 1936, "Catholic Day" at the Texas Centennial Exposition.

While Marsh wrote the Mass in honor of the Venerable Antonio Margil, a Spanish Franciscan missionary who founded missions in Texas in 1716, he dedicated the Mass to Bishop Joseph Patrick Lynch of Dallas. For more information about the May 23 Mass or about the legacy of William J. Marsh, contact the cathedral office at (817) 332-4915.

how he used to stand outside his house on his sidewalk, looking out over downtown, saying, 'Isn't Fort Worth beautiful? I just love Fort Worth,'" recalled McMullin. "I think Fort Worth really loved him, and his family, in return."

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Sr. Helen Mary Gieb, SSND 1928-2010

Sister Helen Mary Gieb, a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame religious congregation for more than 75 years, died April 14 in Dallas after a brief illness. The Mass of Resurrection was held at the Holy Family Chapel at St. Joseph Village in Coppell on April 19; interment was at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Born Nov. 17, 1928 to Joe and Helen Gieb in Gainesville, Sr. Helen Mary attended St. Mary's

School in Gainesville, where she was taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She professed her first vows within the order in 1949. With a degree in elementary education and a graduate degree in special education, Sr. Helen Mary taught students with special needs in Louisiana, Illinois, and Missouri before she was asked to establish a school for students with developmental disabilities in Dallas.

After founding Notre Dame School in 1963, where she served as principal until 1970, Sr. Helen Mary went on to establish and implement a special education program at Regina Caeli Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she served as principal until 1990. She then returned to Dallas to work with young adults with developmental disabilities while serving as director of the Association for Independent Living (AFIL), a non-profit organization that works to maximize the independence of mentally challenged individuals by providing training and support for daily living skills.

From 2002 until early 2009, Sr. Helen Mary ministered at AFIL as an apartment supervisor before her retirement and subsequent

volunteer ministry at Christus St. Joseph Village in Dallas, where she resided until her death. Sister Helen Mary is lovingly remembered by her family and her religious community as a visionary educator and selfless advocate for all individuals with special needs. She is survived by her siblings Lucille Evans and Evelyn Schafer of Gainesville; Joe Gieb of Midland and Annabell Gaughan of Kansas City, Missouri; nine nieces and nephews and a large extended family; the members of her religious congregation, and many friends.

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Catholic Scouts earn recognition for religious study, service



Above: Boy Scouts from St. Andrew Parish who have received the *Ad Altare Dei* emblem and their leaders gather around scouting legend Bob Connelly, senior member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Connelly has devoted more than 75 years of his life to Scouting.



Right: Boy Scout Nick Abshire of Troop 97 in St. Andrew Parish in Southwest Fort Worth receives the *Ad Altare Dei* emblem from Bishop Vann.

Photos by Ernest Doclar

Uniformed Scouts and their leaders gathered in troops and groups and dens as they prepared to take part in the Diocese of Fort Worth's Religious Awards ceremony April 18 at Good Shepherd Parish in Colleyville.

More than 200 youth and adult leaders had gathered to receive awards and emblems honoring their excellent work in religious programs.

Bishop Kevin Vann, presided over the assembly and personally presented each individual Scout with his or her award, as they came forward single file in their uniformed Scouting glory.

Awards were presented to Girl Scouts, Campfire youth, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers.

Teresa Harner coordinated presentation of the awards to Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls. Tom Moore, emblems chairperson of the Fort Worth Diocese Committee on Scouting, did coordination of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturer emblems.

Assisting Bishop Vann with the presentation were Susan Schbel and Mark Thornsburg, members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Richard Matthews, chair of the committee, announced the recipients' names.

Presented this year were the Guardian Angel Award, the purpose of which is to recognize Tiger Cubs and Daisy Girl Scouts for

advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation as they seek to develop a spiritual knowledge of how God protects them in every area of their lives; the Family of God Award, for girls 7 to 9 years old, designed to help them discover the presence of God in their daily lives; and the Hail Mary Award, for first- and second-graders, who worked to recognize God's presence in their homes and communities.

Third and fourth grade girls received the Holy Family Award, for learning to recognize God in their homes and communities. Girls 9 to 11 years earned the I Live my Faith Award, which teaches appreciation of God and religion in daily life, and encourages participation in the community of faith.

The Marian Medal, for young women aged 12 to 15 years, recognizes active involvement in understanding Mary as the model of openness and spirituality, and development of a Christian spirit of hope, faith, and joyful Christian community.

Boys who are Tiger and Wolf Cub Scouts earned the Light of Christ, by studying the sacraments, especially baptism, Eucharist, and reconciliation, while Cub and Webelo Scouts received the *Parvuli Dei* Award, a national emblem that recognizes advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

Sixth to eighth grade Boy Scouts earned the *Ad Altare Dei*

Right: Girl Scouts who received the Marian Award pose with Bishop Vann after the Religious Awards Ceremony at Good Shepherd Church in Colleyville, April 18. The girls are from St. Joseph Parish, Arlington and Sacred Heart, Muenster



Below: Cub Scout Eric Easley of Pack 307 in St. Michael Parish receives his Light of Christ emblem from Bishop Vann. Assisting Bishop Vann are Susan Schabel and Mark Thornsburg, members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Below Right: Boy Scouts and Venturer Scouts pose with Bishop Vann after the Religious Awards Ceremony April 18.



For more information on Catholic Scouting, go to www.bsaccs.org

Award, preparing to take their places as maturing Catholics and Americans; and the Pope Pius XII Award recognized Scouts' potential to develop as leaders in Church and community.

John Corpany an adult leader of Cub Scout Pack 32 of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Keller represented the pack in receiving its unit award, the Pope Paul VI Award. Qualifications for that honor are adult leadership response to training, with Scouts participating in the religious emblem programs of their particular levels in Scouting, and work to benefit the Catholic community in and around Keller.

Adult awards presented last December were recognized in the program and included the Bronze Pelican and St. George Emblem. The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan recognition presented to those who have made significant contributions to Catholic Scouting. Receiving the Bronze Pelican were Bob Grubbs of Troop 384 at St. Ann Parish, Burleson, and Deacon Don Warner, of Pack 32, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Keller.

In recognition of outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of America, the St. George Emblem was given to Oahn Ngoc Nguyen, Troop and Crew 304, St. Maria Goretti Parish, Arlington, and Jeremy Stephens, Troop 9168, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Lewisville.

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More than 1,000 teens gather for Youth 2000 to refocus their lives as they

Focus on God

Story and photos by Joan Kurkowski-Gillen / Correspondent



ABOVE: Brother Maximillian, CFR, offers a reflection beside the tiered platform of candles that supports a gold monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament.

BELOW: A Franciscan Sister of the Renewal leads a small group in prayer along the Nolan Catholic drive.



BELOW: One of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal leads a group discussion of on the Nolan lawn.



BELOW: There was much reverent kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, as the young people and their leaders took part in Eucharistic Adoration.



BELOW: Alyssa Trutter of St. Ann Parish, Burleson claps her hands in time to the music as she sings.



There was a time when no one ever expected Lorenzo (TK) Cocjin to attend — much less speak — at a Youth 2000 rally.

Seven years ago, as Catholic youth groups from across Texas were making travel plans to attend the annual spiritual retreat in Fort Worth, Cocjin, then a Nolan Catholic High School sophomore, was lying near death at Cook Children's Medical Center. A ventilator kept him alive after bacterial meningitis caused an ischemic stroke. With tests showing little brain activity, doctors told his parents to prepare for the worst and allow friends and family to say their goodbyes.

But, instead of giving up, relatives and people who knew the teenager through the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton youth group and parish, or Nolan, began to pray.

"Every hour three members of the youth group prayed the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet in my room," says Cocjin, who was in a coma and remembers nothing of the swirl of activity around him. "Other friends and their families offered vigil prayers in front of the exposed Holy Eucharist at church." Addressing a hushed crowd of more than 1,000 teens and young adults attending the 2010 Youth 2000 retreat inside Nolan's Hartnett Arena on April 9-11, the 23-year-old credited the healing power of God for helping him survive the medical crisis. The stroke left the patient with the cognitive abilities of a second-grader and unable to walk or perform other tasks.

"He gave me the strength and perseverance to endure what it takes to recover," admits Cocjin who still receives therapy. "He sent compassionate, determined doctors, nurses, therapists, psychologists, priests, counselors, teachers, and coaches to help me regain my bodily function. With God's grace, I'm still progressing."

The Tarrant County College student encouraged his impressionable listeners to turn to God in times of trouble.

"We are not alone on our journey," the speaker added reassuringly. "He's in control, and his grace is sufficient to carry us through all our undertakings."

The power of prayer experienced by Cocjin is one of the messages organizers of Youth 2000 try to drive home with young retreat participants hoping to develop a closer relationship with God. Heartfelt testimonials of faith and conversion from peers are one of the highlights of the emotionally charged weekend.

Sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Worth and led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, the three-day event is structured around inspirational talks, upbeat music, personal reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration. The hours of prayer and devotion culminate with a Mass celebrated on Divine Mercy Sunday. This year's gathering brought together church groups from across the state of Texas and from Louisiana.

To help the assembly focus on God during the retreat, young people and their chaperones sit around an imposing, tiered platform of candles that serves as an altar for a gold monstrance bearing a consecrated host. For many young people, the high point of the weekend is the Saturday evening Eucharistic Procession when the priest carries the monstrance through the crowd of worshippers. The rite reinforces the belief that God is real and truly present in their lives.

Taliza Rubledo, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Fort Worth, called the procession "a powerful moment."

"I got to touch the veil of Jesus," she said, describing how young people reached out to stroke the humeral cloth used by the celebrant to carry the monstrance around the room. "It was like magic. You felt God's presence there with you."

The 14-year-old, who was coaxed into attending the retreat by her sister, says the experience makes her feel closer to God.

"I'll definitely be back next year," she adds, enthusiastically.

For many first-time Youth 2000 attendees, the weekend is just the first step in a journey of discovery and deepening faith, according to Elizabeth Victory, chair of the organizing committee.

"This is an initiative. Young people want to give back to the Church. They want to be part of the Church, so this is a beginning," she explains. "It's the opening up of their heart and soul to God."

One retreat volunteer from Long Island, New York told the assembly of young people how the Youth 2000 movement helped her repair the emotional and spiritual damage of an abortion. Fighting

RIGHT: More than 1,000 youth and their sponsors crowded the Hartnett Arena of Nolan Catholic High School for the three-day event, which featured inspirational speakers close to their own age, special Masses, upbeat music, Eucharistic Adoration, and small group discussions. Youth 2000 is sponsored by the diocese and led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.



ABOVE: Lorenzo (TK) Cocjin tells the story of how God used the prayers of his friends and family to bring him back from a coma caused by a stroke brought on by bacterial meningitis.

to hold back tears, she remembered being involved in the pro-life movement as a teen attending a Catholic high school.

"But I found God a little boring in college," the young woman admits, calling the years of partying and drinking a time of "darkness in the world."

At 22, she began dating a young man and became pregnant. The newly pregnant mom wanted to keep the baby. He didn't.

"The battle for the life of my baby was the worst three months of my life," she confessed.

Desperate to keep the relationship, it was a battle she would ultimately lose.

"I walked out of that (abortion) clinic feeling dead inside," said the speaker, who tried to cope with the loss of her boyfriend and baby by drinking more. "I was resigned to the fact that I had given my life to darkness, and God would not forgive me."

An invitation to World Youth Day in France and a burgeoning friendship with the Sisters of Life in New York City started the healing process.

"He's the reason I'm here today," she announced as she pointed to a large banner of the Divine Mercy. "I carry this cross every day, but God is merciful. The Lord forgives this sin of mine."

The speaker implored her listeners not to follow in her footsteps.

"I beg you to choose life," she pleaded tearfully. "I pray once a month outside an abortion clinic, and my heart breaks for every woman who walks inside."

The young woman's testimony brought tears to the eyes of Leticia Guerrero. The high school sophomore attended Youth 2000 to fulfill a confirmation requirement and expected boredom — not a life-changing experience.

"The entire weekend has been amazing. I can feel the power of the Spirit," explained the 14-year-old member of St. Stephen Parish in Weatherford. "I just feel as if I want to go to church all the time right now. I'm feeling good!"



Viewpoints

If the Church is the Body of Christ, where else should we go?

By David Mills

Sometimes picking up the newspaper or looking at the Web is just too painful. We know the major media twist a lot of the stories about the sex abuse scandal, but some very bad men did some very bad things, and other men let them. Some of them were monsters, and monsters people called "Father."

I'm afraid there's no good comeback to offer people who use the news to score points against the Church. They make the simple equation: "Bad clergy = bad Church." For them it's obvious.

There are some good long answers to that charge, but few people are going to sit still for them. They won't listen to us while we distinguish the Church as the Body of Christ and the Church as we see it on the evening news. The idea that God may accomplish his purposes through sinful men is too subtle for them.

But that is the key point, whether or

not they want to see it. God could have wrapped up human history after the Resurrection, but he didn't. He left men to do his work, knowing full well what some of them would do.

Or rather it's part of the key point. The other part is that God established a body that would be his whatever his followers did to it. It would always give the body and blood of Christ to his people, and forgive their sins. It would guard the truth, so they would always know what He wanted them to know and to do. It would always make saints, who would show everyone else what holiness looks like.

We believe God knows what He's doing, even if we can't see the reason. For evidence, look at the kings of Judah, says the Old Testament scholar Gary Anderson, in an article published in an Italian newspaper. Anderson, who became a Catholic while teaching at Harvard, of all places, points out that of the 14 kings of Israel listed in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew, 12 were bad guys. God kept his promise to give David an heir (whom we know to be Jesus) through men who worshipped idols, killed people when useful, slept around, robbed their people for their own gain.

As in the Old Testament, so in the New. As Anderson writes, "when God called the Church into being, he did not alter the moral DNA we share with the rest of the human race What is divine about the Church, however, is not the moral character of its officeholders but the eternal promise that God has be-

Sinners tend to wreck whatever they touch. But only something divinely guided and empowered would have survived everything its members have done to it, much less shown that amazing ability for renewal and revival that marks the Church's history.

stowed upon it."

My family and I were received into the Church in 2001. After the stories about the Archdiocese of Boston started appearing in 2002, a friend said, "I bet you're sorry now." No, I said. We came into the Church knowing every bad thing that can be said against the

Church. No new evidence that Catholics are sinners surprises us. We had only to look at our own lives to know that.

In fact, the sins of Catholics were an argument for the Church's claims to be who she says she is. *Of course* a human institution as big and old and complex as the Church will have scandals and horrors. Sinners tend to wreck whatever they touch. But only something divinely guided and empowered would have survived everything its members have done to it, much less shown that amazing ability for renewal and revival that marks the Church's history.

In the sixth chapter of John, after the crowds had listened to Jesus long enough to decide they weren't going to follow him — he said some crazy things, that preacher from Nazareth — Jesus asked the apostles if they were going to leave too. Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

That seems to me the best answer to challenges like my friend's, not that people like that will always listen. Where else should we go? The Church is the Body of Christ. Despite the great sins of its members — despite our sins — we meet the Lord there in a way we meet Him nowhere else on Earth. There He offers us the words of eternal life.

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Lessons from my 90-year-old mom

By Father Peter J. Daly

My mother turns 90 this month.

If you talk to her, she says that she is the same today as she was when she was 50. However, she has noticed that all of her eight children have certainly gotten older.

I drove up to see her in Baltimore at Easter.

She was tired from going to the Easter Vigil the night before.

I asked her, "How are you, Mom?"

She told me that she had broken the frames of her glasses and her hearing aids weren't working.

"Well," she said sarcastically, "I can't hear and can't see. But apart from that I'm alright."

It was nothing serious. A spot of super glue fixed the glasses. It turned out the hearing aid batteries were in backward.

Mom still lives in her own apartment, but it can hardly be said she "lives on her own."

When you are 90, you have staff. Her permanent staff consists of her eight children. She says the reason for having eight children is so that you never have to go into a nursing home.

She lives on the 11th floor of a high-rise. My brother Kevin lives one floor below. He takes care of her medicines and bills. Together with my sister Maureen, who lives a few blocks away, he drives Mom to church, the doctor, the hairdresser, and everywhere else. They get the "caregiver award."

Besides the children, Mom has two paid caregivers, one in the morning and one in the evening.

The morning visitor is generously paid for by the state under Medicaid. It is a program intended to keep people out of nursing homes, which would cost the state much more.

The evening visitor Mom pays out of her own savings.

Each visitor stays about an hour. They change the bed and help Mom bathe. The morning worker gets her up and makes breakfast. The evening worker gets her to bed.

Mom also has Meals on Wheels, which brings a hot lunch and a cold dinner five days per week. Even in the terrible snow storms this winter they came faithfully.

Currently the meals are delivered by a nice young man in his 20s. Every day Mom tells him he is a nice-looking boy.

Mom is definitely low-income. She lives on Social Security, a tiny pension, and her savings. Every month her savings diminish a little. But, hey, that's what they are for.

Every six weeks or so, Mom comes to stay with me for a week. It gives her a break in "the country house," as she calls the rectory.

She does not want to live out in the country. "Too boring," she says.

She also goes to visit my sisters Brenda, Rena, Deirdre, and Brigid at their houses. The perpetetic Mrs. Daly!

Every day Mom receives telephone calls from her children in diaspora from New York to Illinois to Florida.

No matter how old you are, you call your mother.

Every day she prays. She was never a traditional Catholic exactly. She was always a thinker and a questioner. She keeps her own prayer ritual from her days as a third order Dominican. She reads the Scriptures with a critical mind and a poetic heart.

At 90, Mom has peace. She lives in the present. She forgives (and forgets) the past. She hopes for the future and heaven. She enjoys the little things, like chocolate milkshakes. But she values the big things: life, family, faith, and love.

Happy birthday Mom. You go girl!



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Refusing to Choose

who must suffer

By Richard M. Doerflinger

Some teachers like to pose riddles to their students on “lifeboat ethics.” Various members of a ship’s crew — from the captain to a lowly cabin boy — are drifting at sea in a lifeboat, with limited provisions, and they have to decide which member to kill so the others can survive.

The final situation with health care reform this spring might have been crafted to stump these students. The House of Representatives had passed a reform bill that the Catholic bishops commended for ensuring access to health care for the poor and immigrants, and for respecting longstanding current laws on abortion and conscience rights. But the Senate refused to consider this bill. Instead it approved its own version that was deficient in all these areas, and said: This is our final answer. Due to a change of one Senate seat, that chamber said it no longer had 60 votes to pass any bill with further substantive changes (though it could make purely fiscal changes under a “reconciliation” process requiring a simple majority).

So the final “take it or leave it” bill could be improved on affordability. But it would perpetuate injustices to both legal and undocumented immigrants. It excluded a conscience rights provision that prevents government entities in other federal health programs from discriminating against doctors, nurses, and hospitals that don’t provide abortions. It refused accommodations for religious institutions that need to purchase health coverage consistent with their moral values. And it violated the Hyde amendment, which

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keeps every other federal program from funding elective abortions and health plans that cover such abortions. The federal government would now subsidize plans covering abortion, and require those plans to collect a special fee for such abortions from all purchasers whether they object or not. Finally, the bill appropriated its own new funds from the Treasury that were exempt from the Hyde policy against abortion, including billions of dollars for community health centers serving the poor.

So who would the Catholic bishops throw off the boat? Uninsured citizens, or immigrants and the unborn? The answer was: None of the above. The bishops refused to choose between one moral wrong and another. They reaffirmed that all the human lives at stake are of inestimable worth, and that Congress must pursue reform in ways that do not attack innocent human life, deny conscience rights, or ignore immigrants.

Congress did not have the political will to do this, so it passed a law that does many welcome things but is also, as USCCB president Cardinal Francis George said, “profoundly flawed.” Repairing those flaws will take enormous effort in the months and years to come.

Some expected the bishops to give in, to conclude that expanding health care for the

uninsured “outweighed” the legislation’s moral flaws. But Catholic moral reasoning doesn’t work that way. As the U.S. bishops explained in their *Faithful Citizenship* document in 2007, doing good and avoiding evil are equally pressing demands. There is no “ceiling,” no upper limit, to the good we are called to do for the poor and vulnerable, and their needs must never be forgotten. But there is a “floor” to that commitment, beginning with respect for the most fundamental good of the human person, life itself. In particular, we cannot “do good” by expanding direct attacks on innocent human life. The rule for passing health care legislation is the same as the rule for medical ethics generally: First, do no harm.

The bishops surely knew that many would be disappointed, and some would see them as being unrealistic. But sometimes we get to change the world, and occasionally we can only keep the world from changing us. After all the “realists” have spoken, somebody still has to speak up for that cabin boy.



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God sent me a hurt little friend whose
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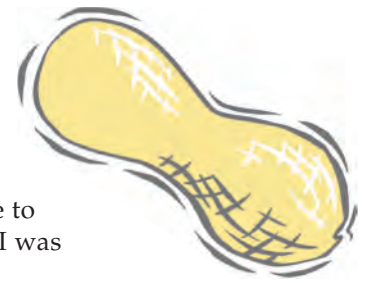
By Mary Morrell

“Jesus is God’s wounded healer: through his wounds we are healed. Jesus’ suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; his rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others.”

— Henri Nouwen

Each spring my backyard becomes home to a host of critters who are a continual source of delight to me. For the past two years my favorite has been the hyperactive squirrel who seemed to rejoice, in his own squirrel way, in being alive.

He had a penchant for sliding across canvas awnings, swinging in the neighbor’s hanging planters, and jumping up on my patio table to join me for coffee when I was least expecting it.



This season there is a different squirrel, one that doesn’t do much sliding or swinging. And when he does run, it’s with the characteristic of a crab, always stage right. Obviously, he is wounded.

I noticed him one morning, picking up a peanut from under my lawn chair. He seemed to be listing, like he was drunk. Occasionally he would lose his balance and hit the frame of the chair. I thought he was just having a bad day. But later, as I watched him try to sit on his hind legs to eat another peanut, he fell over sideways, a tiny version of Arte Johnson on *Laugh In* when he used to fall over with that little tricycle. It was funny, but worrisome. I went outside to see if he was OK, and then I realized that, though he was lying on his side, he was still eating the peanut. When he was done, he got up, found another peanut and promptly fell over sideways again.

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Above: A view of the front portion of Hospital Santo Hermano Pedro in Catacamas.

Left: Hospital director Alberto Valledares, Bishop Mauro Muldoon, of the Diocese of Juticalpa, Minister of Health Arturo Bendaña, and third vice president of Honduras, Victor Hugo Barnica cut the ribbon for the new hospital.

Individuals and groups join the dioceses of Fort Worth and Juticalpa in a massive, six-year international effort to relieve...

Human suffering

By Juan Guajardo
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For years, Catacamas, Honduras, was the largest municipality in Central America without a hospital.

That is until the dioceses of Fort Worth and Juticalpa, the local government of Catacamas, the federal government of Honduras, and several groups and individuals came together in a united international effort to build a complete Catholic hospital in a populated yet impoverished region of Honduras that had long needed one.

The hospital, costing approximately \$6.5 million, was dedicated April 14 and is set to soon open its doors to the more than 150,000 people living in Catacamas and its neighboring towns and villages.

Among the 500 people at the dedication were Bishop Mauro Muldoon of the Diocese of Juti-

calpa; Archbishop Luigi Bianco, papal nuncio to Honduras; Victor Hugo Barnica, vice president of Honduras; Dr. Arturo Bendaña, minister of health; Elena de Lobo, Honduras' first lady; Carlos Zelaya, brother of former president Manuel Zelaya; Lincoln Figueroa, the mayor of Catacamas, and other high ranking officials.

Traveling through mountain villages on his way to the hospital dedication, Jonathan Willmer, a parishioner of Holy Redeemer in Aledo, saw the elegant building rise out of the horizon.

"I was really struck by the impact of it, I knew it was a large project, but I had no idea quite how large it was," Willmer said. "I had never been to Catacamas before and it's all unpaved roads ... and there's a whole load of shacks and tumbled down buildings, and you're going through these dirt roads, and then suddenly in the distance you see looming up, this huge building — it looks like it's just been lifted out of Fort Worth and just put down here."

The dedication ceremony began with Mass celebrated by

Archbishop Bianco and celebrated by Bishop Muldoon and several local priests in the hospital's large assembly hall. After the Mass, two hours of speeches were given before the happy and excited crowd.

"There's almost like an atmosphere of disbelief, that people can't believe that it's really happened," Willmer said.

Bishop Muldoon told how Franciscan friars arrived 66 years ago and built roads, installed electricity, built youth centers, schools, and the regional hospital, San Francisco de Asis, in Juticalpa 35 miles away. It is now joined by Hospital Santo Hermano Pedro Betancourth, named after the missionary Franciscan brother who founded a hospital, school, and shelter in 1652 in Guatemala for the poor and elderly.

"It's fitting to ask our gathered community two questions," Bishop Muldoon said. "Why a hospital in the city of Catacamas? And why a Catholic hospital?"

"The answer to the first is evident. Until now, there was only one single municipal hospital ...

“Like Mary at the foot of the Cross, Hospital Hermano Pedro will embrace all those who suffer.”

Bishop Mauro Muldoon

for the majority of the population [in this area] the trip to Hospital San Francisco is a long journey... at least a one-day trip, or maybe two or three days.

"Here, in the municipalities of Catacamas, Santa María del Real, and Dulce Nombre de Culmi, we have 150,000 human beings without emergency services, without specialized surgeries, without modern maternity care."

In reply to his second question, he said, "The answer sometimes lays hidden in the social doctrine of the Church ... Christ sent his apostles to spread the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick Hu-

man suffering is a special experience of the cross and resurrection of the Lord. Like Mary at the foot of the Cross, Hospital Hermano Pedro will embrace all those who suffer."

Executive director of the hospital, Alberto Valledares, said the hospital would do its best to treat those in need.

"To all those present and to all those listening, we say: We don't want to be only a hospital; we want to be quality in health services with a human focus to give relief to those who need our services," he said.

He went on to thank several of the individuals involved includ-



L-R • About 500 people attended the dedication ceremony which included a Mass and a tour of the building. • Bishop Muldoon and Arturo Bendaña, minister of health, sign a cooperation agreement during the dedication. • The h

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ing Bishop Muldoon, Bishop Kevin Vann, several individuals from the Diocese of Fort Worth, and many others.

Concluding his speech, Valledares reminded the crowd, "Life is full of challenges and difficulties, but the goals we set should be accomplished with the help of God."

Following the presentations, Bishop Muldoon and Dr. Arturo Bendaña, the minister of health, signed an agreement ensuring that mutual cooperation will continue between the government of Honduras and the Diocese of Juticalpa.

The day ended with a ribbon cutting ceremony and Bishop Muldoon and Carlos Zelaya, brother of former president Manuel Zelaya, unveiling honorary plaques. Zelaya represented his mother, Hortensia Rosales de Zelaya, who funded one of the wings of the hospital.

While the building project started in January 2009, according to Peter Flynn, diocesan director of finance and administrative services, the planning for the hospital was a process taking six years and many dedicated people.

The idea started with a mission group of doctors and nurses led by Dr. William Runyon, an oral surgeon in Fort Worth, Flynn said. The group had been going down to Catacamas on a yearly basis to treat thousands of needy people as part of a parish-to-parish mission relationship.

Upon return from one of those mission trips in 2003, Runyon told Flynn, "If we want to do something significant — if we can — as a diocese we need to consider stimulating some discussions about building a hospital."

The pair soon began brainstorming and planning. Several months, trips, and meetings later, the local government of Catacamas offered to donate land for the hospital. A breakthrough arrived when Flynn, Bishop Muldoon, Runyon, Valledares, and others, had lunch with the first lady of Honduras in 2008. They spent the next day and a half meeting with government officials and the vice president.

"So a plan was hatched with the idea that the Diocese of Fort Worth would put \$1.5 mil-



Alberto Valledares, director of the new hospital, Archbishop Luigi Bianco, papal nuncio to Honduras, and Bishop Muldoon pose by a statue of Santo Hermano Pedro, considered by many as the St. Francis of the Americas.

lion on the table and the government of Honduras would put \$2.6 million on the table, and then the Honduran congress would pass a bill so the hospital could get some operating money on an annual basis from the federal government," Flynn said.

The \$1.5 million comes from the diocese's *All Things Possible* campaign, currently under way.

"It's a lot of work; you just start laying some groundwork and [having some] discussions and start making commitments and getting people interested in it," Runyon said. "And the ball started rolling. It kind of developed its own momentum."

The momentum continued when Bishop Vann, Flynn, Runyon, and Bishop Muldoon gathered with several doctors from across the U.S. during a meeting late in 2008 in St. Louis. There the doctors, who were themselves active in medical missions to Honduras, agreed to donate \$125,000 to ship medical equipment to the hospital, Flynn said.

Then Bishop Vann enlisted the help of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, whom he knew from his many years in Springfield, Illinois. Their donation came from their Mission Outreach program, through which the sisters annually donate \$6 million in used and surplus medical equipment to hospitals in third world countries. With their help, Bishop Vann and Bishop Muldoon were able to get crucial equipment for the hospital.

Flynn said Hospital Hermano Pedro, which is in the final stages of construction, has an outpatient intake, an emergency area, two fully operating surgical rooms, several inpatient rooms, various laboratories, a full radiology lab,

and a maternity ward.

"Eventually it will be a complete, full-functioning hospital," Flynn said.

"I just think the people of the Diocese of Fort Worth should have an enormous satisfaction in knowing that they have reached [and benefited] people on into many, many years to come," Flynn said. "[People] that they will never know, who they will never see or talk to, but they had a hand in providing them medical assistance. That's what we're all about."

"God puts before us opportunities, and it's up to us to grab hold of them and do something with them."

Bishop Vann said the hundreds of thousands of people there will now be able to get the care they need, thanks to the work of many dedicated individuals.

"It's a great testimony of faith that you have people up here and folks down there working together for a common goal, and that's no easy task to accomplish, but it was accomplished," he said.

The people of Catacamas were overjoyed with the hospital, Willmer said. But their joy probably came from more than just having a hospital, he noted.

"Clearly there's a real buzz in the air of hope and celebration and obviously a lot of that is for the hospital — with all the lives that hospital is going to save over the years, but it goes beyond that," Willmer said. "It shows people what can be done by people getting together and working together. I think it's given people the vision that they can rise above their circumstances. If this hospital is the impossible, it's kind of opened people's eyes to what sort of things can be achieved."

Before hospital, many lacked basic medical care

By Juan Guajardo
Editorial Assistant

Every year hundreds of locals would flock to receive medical care from the group of doctors, surgeons, and nurses from the Diocese of Fort Worth doing medical missions in Catacamas, Honduras and its outlying towns and villages.

Julie Montague, a Good Shepherd parishioner and registered nurse who went on two of those medical missions, witnessed how the people would walk "miles and miles" to receive care after the local parish in Catacamas put the word out that the group was coming.

"There's no question that the need was there," Montague said. "We cared for patients about five days and one day we saw 800."

Led by Dr. William Runyon, the volunteer group would work anywhere from 12 to 15 hours each day, going out to rural locations and serving about 2,500 people on each trip.

It was on those trips that Runyon and the group saw the great need for a hospital. They would help hundreds of people each day, but some they could do little for, like the young boy who suffered third-degree burns on his leg and needed to be rushed to a hospital several hours away, or the young pregnant woman with a dangerous prenatal condition who was denied care at the nearest hospital.

"Juticalpa didn't have space available," Runyon said of the overcrowded hospital located 50 minutes from Catacamas.

"There were so many stories, every year it kind of multiplied," Runyon said of the serious cases the group came across. "I can go on and on."

Runyon, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Fort Worth, has led medical missions to Honduras five times in the past seven years. And while his group has grown to almost 30 nurses and doctors from Holy Family Parish and other parishes in the diocese, with scarce medical supplies and only a week each time, he noticed there was only so much they could do.

The municipality's small health clinics are often not operated daily, close at dark, and lack the expertise and equipment that a hospital can provide, said Hilda Flores, director of the diocesan Mission Council. As a result, childbirth, dengue fever, malaria, HIV, and countless other emergencies and infirmities go untreated.

On one of his 16 trips to Honduras, Peter Flynn, Fort Worth diocesan director of finance and administrative services, met a

schoolteacher in Catacamas who saw firsthand the need for emergency care. The teacher, Rafael Macias, said one of his students had been hit on the head by a 3-inch wide crossbar that fell from the soccer field's goal. The teacher rushed the boy to a local clinic where the doctor turned him away, telling him he could not treat the injury. Macias took him to another clinic, and again was turned away. So he drove all the way to Santa María de Real, a city north of Catacamas. There, the boy was halfway treated but died soon afterward.

"So what does this hospital mean?" Flynn asked. "This means that maybe there will be some kids that don't lose their lives."

The nearest hospital, located in Juticalpa, is inaccessible to the majority of residents, since they don't own vehicles and can't afford the cost of the bus, Flynn added.

According to Bishop Mauro Muldoon of the Diocese of Juticalpa, the average income is about "\$60 a month for a family."

"A \$2 bus ride is like you spending \$200," Bishop Muldoon said in an interview with a film crew sent by the Diocese of Fort Worth to document the situation. "In general, a large number of people do not have access to healthcare."

Those who do make it to a distant hospital still face the risk of being turned away and denied care because of overflow or lack of resources — like the young pregnant woman Runyon's group met on their medical mission.

"They don't even know if she made it and if the baby was alright," Hilda Flores said. "But that remained in Dr. Runyon's head — that we need to help these people."

When Runyon returned from that medical mission in 2003, he and Flynn came up with the idea for a modern, Catholic hospital that would be affordable and run locally. The dioceses of Fort Worth and Juticalpa, the government of Honduras, the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis in Springfield, Illinois, and several other individuals both in the U.S. and Honduras quickly joined the effort.

Six years later that hospital became a reality when it was dedicated on April 14 before a crowd of 500 people.

At the dedication, Bishop Muldoon expressed the significance of the hospital for the 150,000 lives it will serve.

"If Hospital Hermano Pedro saves only fifty lives per year, five per month, or just a single life, it's more than worth all the time, all the effort, all the sacrifice to make it a reality."



Hospital during construction in December 2009 • Minister of Health Arturo Bendaña (center) takes a tour of the hospital with other visitors.

Bishops vow to continue serving rapidly-growing Dallas Diocese

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origin, of dialects, of languages," he said. "It is a mosaic and a stained-glass window that comes to life every single day just like the rising of the sun. As bishops, I exhort you and all of us here today to revere Christ, who comes to us in each other."

In the rite of ordination, the two bishops-designate stood, sat, and knelt at the foot of the altar. After the reading of a mandate signed by Pope Benedict XVI and Bishop Farrell's homily, the two men laid prostrate in front of the altar.

Then, Bishop Farrell and the

co-consecrators, Bishop Michael G. Duca of Shreveport, Louisiana, and retired Bishop Charles V. Grahmann of Dallas, led the other bishops, archbishops and cardinals in the laying on of hands on the two men's heads.

After communion, the new bishops walked through the sanctuary with their crosiers and blessed the congregation. Before the final blessing, they were able to address the congregation.

Bishop Deshotel remembered his deceased parents, Paul and Luna Deshotel, and his deceased pastor for inspiring him to seek the

priesthood as a vocation. He also thanked the congregations of the parishes in which he has served and his brother priests.

"They are the dedicated and self-sacrificing men who work very hard for all of you each day, and I am inspired by all of them, and I thank them for that inspiration for me," he said. "I promise I will try to be a good bishop, to serve you and to work hard in our Diocese of Dallas."

Bishop Seitz thanked Bishop Farrell and pledged to work to help him in his ministry and to "lighten your burden." He also

thanked his mother, his siblings and his brother priests.

Speaking in Spanish, he told the numerous Spanish-speaking congregants of his love of the Hispanic culture and their faith.

"For you and your faith I know the Lord better, and I know the significance of the word community. Your embrace of this 'gringo' brings me lots of joy," Bishop Seitz said, to laughter from the Mass participants. "I hope that as bishop I can continue serving the Latino community with all of my heart. Here in Dallas we have grown significantly, thanks to your

faithful dedication."

At a reception afterward, the new bishops mingled with family and friends in the church's Grand Salon.

"These are young, dynamic men who are committed to the work of God, and they will be great bishops and leaders for the Church here in the Dallas area. And I expect great things for them in the days to come," Archbishop Michael Sheehan of Santa Fe, and former rector at the Dallas Diocese's Holy Trinity Seminary, said after the Mass.

Contributing to this story was Franz Klein.

Arizona Catholics prepare to challenge new immigration law

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traditional Mexican dancers from St. Catherine Parish in Phoenix to the May 1 rally. He said he turned out to support immigrant customs.

"We need to help each other in both the good and the bad times," Perez said. "This is a hard time for Hispanic culture. With the help of our Lord and the Virgin Mary, we can pull through and build a bridge. We must live as one, as human beings."

Juan Carlos Tapia, a member of St. Anne Parish in Gilbert, said he lives every day with the fear of being deported. He and his wife — who is also undocumented — have eight children, all born in

the United States.

"We live with the fear of being separated from our children," he said. "But through this demonstration, we can testify that God is with us. God can change the hearts of our legislators. I hope God will bring them clarity of thought so they can see how we are suffering."

Nelson Severino of Casa Grande, while a legal immigrant from the Dominican Republic, fears the new law will lead to discrimination against all Hispanic immigrants.

"We come to work," Severino said, adding that his children were born in the United States. "There's a lot of criminals, but there's also a lot of good people."

"People need to be calm," said

Ron Johnson, executive director of the Arizona Catholic Conference, April 29, noting that the law had not yet taken effect. "The local Church is concerned with how this will be enforced."

Ignacio Rodriguez, associate director of ethnic ministries for the Diocese of Phoenix, said his office was receiving lots of calls from concerned parishioners.

"They don't know if they're just going to get pulled over in the street," Rodriguez said. "People are already looking to move back to Mexico or to other states like New Mexico and Texas."

Jose Robles, director of diocesan Hispanic ministry, said he was pleased to see legal challenges to

"this punitive law."

He encouraged Catholics to turn to prayer. "There's been a lot of emotion and media reporting on this," he noted. "We're asking our parishioners to remain calm, not to overreact to the situation. Don't be paranoid."

Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration, joined with the bishops of Arizona in criticizing the new law in a statement issued April 27.

"SB 1070 is symptomatic of the absence of federal leadership on the issue of immigration. For years now, the U.S. Catholic bishops have called upon Congress and two Administrations to enact

meaningful and just comprehensive immigration reform," Bishop Wester said in the statement.

Bishop Wester also criticized the politicization of the immigration issue and urged lawmakers to make a bipartisan effort to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

"While many of our federal elected officials have made good faith efforts to pass reform, too many still view the issue through a political lens, using it to gain political or partisan advantage. This gamesmanship must stop. ... Until immigration reform is passed, other states will attempt to create and enforce immigration law, with harsh and ineffective consequences."

Vatican grants 'recognitio' to new English version of missal

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced April 30 that the Vatican has given its "recognitio," or confirmation, of the new English translation of the Roman Missal, but said the exact date for its implementation in U.S. parishes remains to be determined.

The approval came in a letter dated March 25 from Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, prefect for the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, although the missal is still undergoing final editing by Vatican officials, the USCCB announcement said.

The Vatican also approved a series of adaptations and proper texts for use in the United States.

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, USCCB president, received the decrees personally while he was in Rome for meetings of the Vox Clara

Committee, an international group of bishops who advise the divine worship congregation about English liturgical translations.

Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, New Jersey, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship, expressed gratitude for the approval.

"I am happy that after years of study and review, the congregation for divine worship has concluded its work and provided us with a text that will enable the ongoing renewal of the celebration of the sacred liturgy in our parishes," he said.

In the coming weeks, Bishop Serratelli's committee will give Cardinal George its recommendation on when to implement the new translation in U.S. parishes. The cardinal will then announce the date to the bishops, along with an implementation timeline and process.

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The Bible accounts say that Jesus was in the tomb from Friday night to dawn on Sunday—a time that was "chronologically brief, but immense, infinite in its value and meaning," the pope said.

For a day and a half, Jesus' body lay dead in the tomb and it appeared as if God had hidden himself from the world, the pope said.

Most modern men and women have had the experience of God seeming to hide from them and from the world, he said. Even if they cannot explain their feeling in those terms, they experience "a void in their hearts that spreads," he said.

"After the two world wars, the concentration camps and gulags, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, our age became increasingly a Holy Saturday," the day when Jesus' body lay lifeless in the tomb, the pope said.

"We have all had the frightening sensation of having been abandoned, which is precisely the part of death that makes us so afraid; like children we are

afraid to be alone in the dark and only the presence of a person who loves us can reassure us," Pope Benedict said.

As with a "photographic document" with a positive and negative image, he said, the shroud conveys that "the darkest mystery of faith is at the same time the brightest sign of a hope without limits" because it reminds people that Christ willingly embraced death to give all people the possibility of eternal life.

"The shroud is an icon written with blood: the blood of a man flagellated, crowned with thorns, crucified and wounded on his right side," exactly as the Gospels say Jesus was, the pope said.

Visiting the sick immediately after venerating the shroud, the pope said that in the linen cloth, which is about 14 feet long and 43 inches wide, Christians see not only a sign of intense suffering, but also a sign of the power of the resurrection that transforms suffering into redemption.

"Living your suffering in union with the crucified and risen Christ, you participate in the mystery of his suffering for the salvation of the world," the pope told the sick.

"By offering our pain to God through Christ, we can collaborate in the victory of good over evil because God makes our offering — our act of love — fruitful," he said.

At the morning Mass in the city's St. Charles Square, the pope said the shroud is a reminder that Jesus, who died for the sins of humanity, also rose from the dead.

In the shroud, "we see reflections of our suffering in the suffering of Christ," he said. "Precisely for this reason it is a sign of hope: Christ faced the cross to erect a barrier against evil, to allow us to see in his Resurrection an anticipation of that moment when, for us, too, every tear will be dried and there will be no more death, nor mourning, wailing nor pain," he said.

On the eve of the pope's visit, the Archdiocese of Turin said more than 1.7 million people had made reservations for a specific time to view the shroud up close during its April 10-May 23 exposition. The archdiocese also said it expected an average of 70,000 visitors each week to arrive without reservations; they are allowed to view the shroud from farther away in the central aisle of the cathedral.

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A group of Nolan students participate in a program that teaches them to

LIFT others

as they mentor young adults with challenging conditions

Story and Photos by Joan Kurkowski-Gillen
Correspondent

When Eric Gray told his Christian Ministry students at Nolan Catholic High School the class would spend 90 minutes each week mentoring mentally challenged young adults, Ashley Lopez was a little apprehensive.

"At first I was so uncomfortable, I didn't know what to do," the graduating senior said, describing her visits with 18- to 22-year-olds participating in Fort Worth ISD's Life Industrial and Functional Training (LIFT) program. "But every time I went, I became more comfortable and understood more. Most of all I learned patience and how to interact with the kids."

LIFT is a transition program for young people coming out of special education who need additional help coping with the world. Courses are designed to improve motor movement and teach occupational and life skills.

Lopez is one of 29 Nolan students who travel every Thursday to the Transition Center to help LIFT young people learn

how to use kitchen appliances, operate a computer, or behave properly in social situations. The visits are also enlightening for Nolan students who spend a portion of their time at the center listening to a brief presentation on traumatic brain injuries, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and other disorders they encounter. Nolan Catholic is the only area school involved with LIFT students on a regular basis.

The interaction between the two groups of young people benefits everyone, according to Terry Guthrie, LIFT program supervisor.

"It helps our students learn appropriate interactions with folks," the special education director explained. "At the same time, they experience acceptance by the general community and begin to understand that interaction with other people is OK."

Every six weeks, the mentally challenged young adults in Guthrie's care are treated to a special activity. A March 11 excursion brought 31 LIFT participants to Nolan where they spent part of the morning playing basketball, soccer, and golf games in the school's gym with their uniformed hosts. During a break from physical activities, the visitors fashioned Olympic-style medals from paper.

"Typically, we would do this on our campus, but we thought coming here was an awesome way to incorporate them into the Nolan Catholic community," Guthrie continued. "And we chose the physical activi-



ABOVE: Nolan students Brian Johnson (right) and Michael Ingram (back) cheer on one of the LIFT students as he prepares to shoot a basketball.

LEFT: Nolan student Emily Collins hugs a LIFT student.

BELOW: Nolan student Alyce Anderson helps LIFT students make "medals" out of paper for the games held in the high school's gym that day.

ties because it's on the heels of the Winter Olympics and in conjunction with the Special Olympics."

Exposing Christian Ministries students to the problems facing the mentally handicapped is a way of showing them the different ways people need help, explains Eric Gray, Nolan's director of Christian Ministry.

"It erases the stereotypes some people have about those with mental disabilities," he added. "Through knowledge and interaction our students learn these kids are just like ev-



erybody else. They're competitive. They're happy, sad, and smart. They have good days and bad days just like everybody else."

Several students in Gray's class have expressed an interest in pursuing careers in medicine, nursing, or education that involve special needs children.

Christian Ministry student Gabrielle Canard came to the LIFT program with more experience dealing with mental disabilities than most of her peers. The Nolan senior is a Special Olympics volunteer who enjoys working with younger age groups.

"I've worked with little kids for years, but now I think I understand the older ones better," said Canard, who plans to become a special education

teacher. "They react to situations differently than younger children."

The college-bound senior considers the time spent with mentally challenged young adults a leaning experience that will help her later in life.

"And it's fun," she enthused.

For Ashley Lopez, teaching the LIFT students simple skills like how to kick a soccer ball or swing a golf club has been a lesson in acceptance and understanding.

"I now know there are people around me with challenges, and you learn to work with that," she explained. "These are really funny, cool kids, and they're normal. It just takes them longer to understand. They're teaching me to have patience."



NCHS students sing the school's alma mater to the LIFT students. They are holding their two index fingers together to form a "V" for Vikings — the school's mascot.



May 16, Ascension of the Lord.
Cycle C. Readings:

- 1) Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-9
- 2) Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel) Luke 24:46-53

By Jean Denton

The story of Jesus' ascension to his Father in heaven surprisingly directs us not divinely skyward but humanly forward. As he ascended, Jesus exhorted his disciples to await the power of his Spirit to bear in their own lives his workings in the world. The angel left behind reinforces that thought by reminding them not to keep looking back for the earthly Jesus they knew.

This week's readings, anticipating Pentecost, tell us Jesus will continue to live in the world through his actual spirit in and among us, not through a memory of the man.

For a college freshman I know, this spiritual empowerment came in the form of an earthquake. Danny was visiting Haiti for the first time in January when the quake struck. He was there with two other people from his home parish on a mission that changed at the moment of disaster.

Before he knew it, Danny was in a van with

his host Haitian pastor driving through Port-au-Prince, helping him search through the horrific scene for family members and friends among the dead, and transporting the injured to homes and hospitals in the countryside.

He never stopped to look heavenward and wonder what would Jesus do. He simply did what he was driven to do. He used his French language skills to assist his pastor for the few days that he remained in Haiti. After returning home, he stayed in contact every day. The pastor and people of the community looked to him for help in finding long-term assistance for their community.

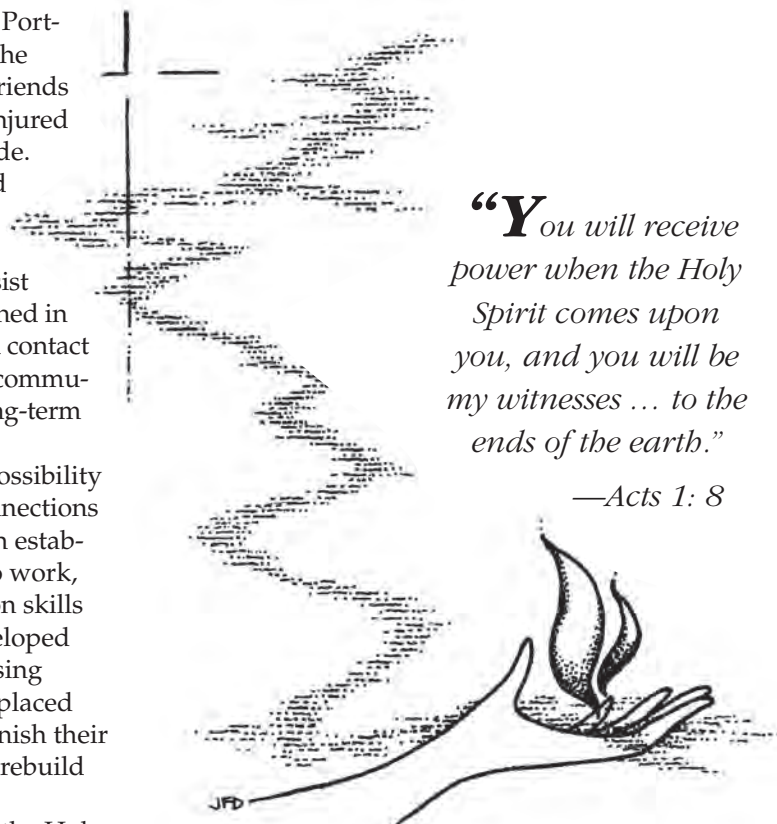
Danny never gave a thought to the possibility that many people might have better connections than he or that he was a newcomer to an established mission to Haiti. He simply set to work, using organizational and communication skills beyond his years. Within weeks he developed a program, including scholarships, housing arrangements and funding, to bring displaced Haitian college students to the U.S. to finish their studies and be better able to return and rebuild their community.

Concern for his new friends through the Holy Spirit empowered Danny to bear Jesus' work justly and compassionately. Whenever, wherever he's spoken about the project, people have listened and responded. Never looking back, this 19-year-old has become a missionary leader.

QUESTIONS:

How does Jesus' place with the Father in heaven help his Spirit to empower your actions in your place in the world? When have you experienced this power?

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“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.”

—Acts 1: 8

Pope praises two Italian saint-priests for their great charity

By Sarah Delaney
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Anticipating his upcoming visit to Turin, Pope Benedict XVI highlighted the lives of two saints from the northern Italian city who as priests devoted their lives to the care of the people who most needed their help.

The two 19th-century priests were “outstanding for their love of God and their devotion to Christ and the Church,” the pope said during the general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

The pope has been devoting his weekly audiences to a series of talks about the unique mission, duties, and responsibilities of priests.

He spoke at the April 28 audience about St. Leonard Murialdo, the founder of the Congregation of St. Joseph, and St. Joseph Cottolengo. The pope said the two men were “outstanding examples of charity” for their generosity and energetic dedication to the poor.

St. Leonard, who lived from 1828 to 1900, “saw his priestly vocation as a gracious gift of God’s love,” and devoted much of his life to the care and educa-



Pope Benedict XVI greets people as he arrives for his general audience in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican April 28. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

tion of orphans by founding the Congregation of St. Joseph, the pope said.

St. Leonard “encouraged his confreres to unite contemplation and apostolic zeal, and to confirm their preaching by the example of their lives,” he said.

St. Joseph, who lived from 1786 to 1842, set up schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other institutions in which he could help the poor and disadvantaged. He founded the Little House of Divine Providence, an

organization the pope called “a great charitable outreach which continues today.”

St. Joseph was able to involve many volunteers to help form his family-style communities that helped the most needy, the pope said.

The pope said the two priests lived their ministry “giving their lives totally to the poorest, neediest, and the last ... with the profound conviction that it is not possible to practice charity without living in Christ and in

the Church.”

He said he hoped their example would “continue to inspire and sustain the many priests today who generously devote their lives to God and to the service of our brothers and sisters in need.”

Pope Benedict was scheduled to travel May 2 to see the Shroud of Turin, the cloth that tradition holds to be the burial shroud of Christ. The shroud is on public display for the first time since it underwent restoration in 2002. It was previously shown 10 years ago, when more than one million people lined up to catch a glimpse of the cloth imprinted with the negative image of a man.

At the end of the audience, the pope greeted members of the Pave the Way Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to remove obstacles to interfaith understanding. They were led by Gary Krupp, the Jewish founder of the group who actively supports the cause of sainthood for Pope Pius XII, the wartime pontiff accused by many Jewish groups of failing to speak out against Nazi Germany’s persecution of Jews.

Krupp, reached by telephone,

said the group gave the pope a wristwatch with two faces: one showing Rome time and one showing Jerusalem time.

He said the group was made up of author Rabbi Shmuley Boteach; Rabbi Eric Silver of Temple Beth David in Cheshire, Connecticut; Rodney Adler, a Jewish businessman from Australia; and David Victor, president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

In their brief meeting with the pope on the steps of St. Peter’s, Krupp said, “the rabbis wanted to express their solidarity with the Roman Catholic Church as it is dealing with the sexual abuse problem.”

The Church is facing a widening scandal as more victims of priestly sexual abuse of minors come forward in Europe and the United States. The pope has expressed his shame and dismay and pledged to root out the problem within the Church.

“They wanted to let him know they stand with him and know that he has taken major steps to deal with the problem,” Krupp said.

Scripture Readings



May 23, 2010 Pentecost Sunday
Cycle C. Readings

- 1) Acts 2:1-11
Psalm) 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel) John 20:19-23

By Jeff Hedglen

Just the other day I received a message via Facebook from a person I met in 1982 but had not spoken with since then. In our exchange of messages I learned that over the years and as the Internet progressed, Paul had tried to find me. He had searched me out to thank me.

I was, to say the least, surprised. We had met at a regional Catholic youth conference and spent two days together. We were from different dioceses and somehow met and became quick friends. I remember that he hung out with the group from my diocese a lot that weekend. After the conference we exchanged a couple of letters and that was about it.

He said that he wanted to thank me because I had made a huge impact on his life. He shared with me that the time of the conference was a very low point in his life. He said that the time we spent together and the friendship we shared,

along with some other influences, started him on a path toward self improvement.

As I read his story and his thankfulness, after all these years, I was simply floored. I was a 17-year-old, crazy teen having a great weekend of faith and friends, and somehow this made a difference. What could I have done or said that could have impacted him?

The answer to my question came when I read this week's readings. They tell the story of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit. They express the inescapable truth that the Spirit is given to us for one another and that each person is given gifts, not so much for their own edification, but to lift up others.

There is a famous phrase attributed to St. Francis that says "Preach the Gospel at all times; use words when necessary." I think this is impossible to do without the power of the Spirit.

I had no idea that I was having an impact on my new friend. I was just being me, having fun, and making friends. Little did I know behind the scenes the power of the Spirit was at work. There certainly are times when we are called to speak the Gospel, but every moment of every day we are called to live it.

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth."

QUESTIONS:

What are some ways we can preach the Gospel with our lives? Can you point to a time when the Spirit used you to touch another person? Who is a person that you believe the Spirit used to touch your life? How were you touched?

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To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

—1 Corinthians 12:7

When I underestimate God, I ask Him to **help my unbelief**

By Jeff Hedglen

There is a spot on a Facebook profile page where you can type anything you want.

Some people use it for a funny quote or a comical description of themselves, others do not post anything there at all, but most people I have seen use it to say something that is important to them, whether it is a song lyric or a quote from an author or even a verse from Scripture. Based on some recent events in my life I've changed mine to: "All too often I underestimate the power of God ... Lord, I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Last month I took a group of youth from our parish to a Youth 2000 retreat. This is a weekend of inspirational talks, lively music, praying the Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours, along with going to confession and celebrating Mass. All of this takes place

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on the floor of a gymnasium gathered around the exposed Blessed Sacrament — Jesus body, blood, soul, and divinity.

To be honest, physically this can be a brutal experience. There is a lot of kneeling and sitting on the floor. The days are long and there are few breaks. But spiritually this weekend is uniquely powerful. On the surface nothing extraordinary happens. The speakers were not overly amazing, and the music, while good, was not the highlight of the event. Yet, after the weekend each person who went from our parish had a significant experience. One young man

who attended with us had been asking everyone he could find big questions like "How can sin be sin if everyone does what they do based on the events of their past?" and "If God is so loving, why does he allow bad things to happen?" After the weekend he said, I do not have the answers to my questions, but I have peace with them.

I was completely floored, especially since not one of his questions had been addressed by the speakers. I can only conclude that his, and the others' experience came about simply by encountering the sacraments of the Church and by being

in the presence of Jesus for 48 hours.

I also recently was sent an e-mail from a friend that told the story of his fiancée's experience at daily Mass. In short, there was a woman sitting in front of her who was having trouble standing and sitting during Mass. As she watched this woman she felt a strong urging to ask the woman if she could pray over her. After Mass she asked, and the woman said yes. She prayed for healing, not just physical but also for relationships. She did not know why she was praying this, it just came out. The next week she saw this woman again, and the woman shared with her that she was not in as much pain and that a long felt pain in her heart was completely gone. Also the woman shared that the week before she had asked God to give her a sign that she would be healed, and the moment her prayer ended my friend tapped her on the shoulder and asked if she could pray for her.

The final thing that prompted me to announce on Facebook that I all too often underestimate

the power of God is a Bible study I have been involved with since September. We have covered Genesis through 2 Kings. This is many books in a short amount of time. Studying this way really makes three central themes of these books jump out: 1) God loves us, created us, and wants our best; 2) If we but surrender and follow faithfully all will be OK; and 3) The farther we get from God the more trouble we will encounter.

After these three experiences I can only surmise that my underestimation of the power of God is a result of me changing, and not in a way I like. It seems that God is still his faithful self. From creation to today God simply holds out a hand offering his very self, inviting us to take hold and receive all we ever needed. God I do believe this, yet help my unbelief.

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Through the Ascension, Christ opens the gates of heaven

By Lucas Pollice

As we continue to celebrate the grace and the joy of the Easter season, we look with anticipation to the celebration of Ascension Sunday in which we commemorate the Ascension of Christ as the completion of his earthly ministry and his entrance into heavenly glory.

The Ascension is a profound manifestation of Christ as the true Good Shepherd and the eternal High Priest of heaven. Jesus first enters into eternal glory so that we too may have access to the throne and grace of God.

CHRIST AS THE TRUE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Ascension of Jesus is first the full revelation and manifestation of Christ as the true Good Shepherd who leads his sheep to safety and salvation. Indeed the Ascension is the fulfillment of Christ's words in the Gospel of John:

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."

— John 10:1-7

The Ascension perfectly fulfills this passage. Through the Ascension, the Father who is the gatekeeper opens the gate for the Shepherd who is Christ. By way of the Ascension, Christ becomes the only and true way or gate to the Father and to everlasting glory: "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."

Therefore, the Ascension is the full manifestation of Christ as the Good Shepherd who becomes for his sheep "the way, the truth, and the life." Through the Ascension, Jesus is the one and only way to the Father. We as followers of Christ are called to listen to the voice of our heavenly Shepherd so that by hearing the truth about God and ourselves, we may come to have fullness of life through Christ: "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Christ is the only way to salvation! As St. Peter boldly proclaims

to the Sanhedrin: "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

JESUS AS THE ETERNAL AND HEAVENLY HIGH PRIEST

The Ascension is also a manifestation of Christ as the eternal and heavenly High Priest who on our behalf enters the sanctuary of heaven and once again gains access to the grace of the Father and eternal life. This profound truth is particularly developed and explained by the author of the Book of Hebrews. Speaking to the Hebrew people of Jerusalem, the Book of Hebrews teaches that just as the high priest of the temple entered the Holy of Holies on behalf of the Jewish people to offer sacrifice to God, more profoundly, Jesus Christ, who is both Priest and Victim, offers himself as an everlasting sacrifice so that He can enter into heaven, the true Holy of Holies, and become the one mediator of grace and truth for all:

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

— Hebrews 9:11-15

The Ascension is precisely when Jesus "passes through the greater and more perfect tabernacle" and enters into the sanctuary of heaven. Jesus now seated at the right hand of the Father becomes the mediator of the New and Everlasting Covenant between God and humanity. Jesus has literally pierced through the veil of sin and death and through the Ascension, rents open the veil of heaven so that we may through Him have access to the throne and grace of God.

THE ASCENSION AND THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Through the Ascension, Christ also becomes for us the way into the life of the Trinity. It is through Christ that we have access to the Father in and with the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, there is a causal connection between Christ's "departure" at the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus says in the Upper Room during the Last Supper, "It is to your advantage I go away; ... if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7). Jesus knows that He

By way of the Ascension, Christ becomes the only and true way or gate to the Father and to everlasting glory: "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep."



(CNS photo / Gregg Newton, Reuters)

must depart, first, through the sacrifice of the Cross, but then more profoundly through the Ascension into heaven so that He might become for us the Way to the life of the Trinity and bring about the sending of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the "sorrow" of Christ's departure at the Ascension is overcome by the enormous joy of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in the hearts of his disciples. As Pope John Paul II beautifully states:

Therefore Jesus Christ says in the Upper Room: "It is to your advantage I go away; ... if I go, I will send him to you." The "departure" of Christ through the Cross has the power of the Redemption — and this also means a new presence of the Spirit of God in creation: the new beginning of God's self-communication to man in the Holy Spirit.... The Holy Spirit comes at the price of Christ's "departure." While this "departure" caused the Apostles to be sorrowful, and this sorrow was to reach its culmination in the Passion and Death on Good Friday, "this sorrow will turn into joy," For Christ will add to this redemptive "departure" the glory of his Resurrection and Ascension to the Father. Thus the sorrow with its underlying joy is, for the Apostles in the context of their Master's "departure," an "advantageous" departure, for thanks to it another "Counselor" will come. At the price of the Cross which brings about the Redemption, in the power of the whole Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit comes in order to remain from the day of Pentecost onwards with the Apostles, to remain with the Church and in the Church, and through her in the world.

— Lord and Giver of Life, 14

Therefore, Ascension Sunday in many ways serves as a "bridge" — it brings to a close the early ministry of the Resurrected Christ and brings to a culmination the celebration and joy of the Easter season. It also brings about a hopeful

anticipation of the coming of the Spirit and calls us to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Pentecost.

Finally, the Ascension of Christ completes Christ's work of salvation until He comes again in his glory at the end of the age. The Ascension is a celebration of hope, for God and humanity will never again be separated because we have such a great Shepherd and Mediator in heaven who, through his real and continuing presence in the Word of God, the Church, and the Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist, leads us to eternal life and salvation. As Pope John Paul II proclaims:

The mystery of the Ascension throws open before us the spiritual horizon before which such a gain must be situated. It is the horizon of the victory of Christ over sin and death. He ascends into heaven as king of love and of peace, source of salvation for the whole human race.

— Homily at the Close of the Extraordinary Consistory, May 24, 2001

We now joyfully await the second coming of Christ, when all things will be brought under his feet and the Kingdom of Christ will be complete, and with all the angels and saints in heaven we can joyfully proclaim, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing" (Revelation 5:12).



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Obispo nos aconseja que vivamos de acuerdo a nuestra tradición católica, y que le demos al inmigrante la bienvenida a este país

Estimados Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Recientemente, el tema de la inmigración y la reforma migratoria está a la vanguardia de las noticias con la muy problemática ley de control de inmigrantes a Arizona. Agrego mi preocupación a la de los obispos Olmstead y Kicanas sobre esta materia.

Lejos de resolver los problemas de un sistema migratorio quebrado, esta ley solamente politiza más el tema, y desvía la atención del hecho que la inmigración y la necesidad de reforma migratoria no son sólo temas políticos, sino afectan la vida de mucha gente pobre. Mientras la reforma migratoria se trate de esta manera, no viviremos a la altura de nuestra vocación cristiana y nuestro legado americano.

El tema de la reforma migratoria está muy cercano a mi corazón, no sólo porque soy pastor de una diócesis grande en Texas, sino también porque he visto de primera mano las luchas y el sufrimiento de personas que buscaban una mejor vida, tanto aquí como en México. Durante mis visitas a México, he caminado y hablado con hombres y mujeres que trabajan fuerte para proporcionar las necesidades mínimas para sus familias. Éstas son personas reales con problemas reales que están buscando soluciones reales. Ignorar su deseo de mudarse a los lugares en donde puedan recibir un salario decente degrada su humanidad. Asimismo, pidiendo el regreso de todo inmigrante indocumentado



Bishop Kevin W. Vann

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vergonzosamente ignora los beneficios que estas personas han logrado, tanto para si mismos como para nuestra sociedad — y puede separar niños de sus padres.

Resistiendo la tentación de ver la inmigración ilegal como solo un asunto de “ley y orden”, podemos verla como un asunto profundamente humano, con serias dimensiones morales. Es hipocresía señalar a los indocumentados y no reconocer las muchas maneras en que tácitamente se ha solicitado y frecuentemente explotado su trabajo. La verdadera reforma migratoria irá más allá de asegurar las fronteras para tratar las múltiples preocupaciones de justicia para las personas que han echado raíces en los Estados Unidos.

El dilema del inmigrante es tanto una historia antigua como una historia cristiana contemporánea. Realmente no somos tan diferentes de la época bíblica cuando los profetas juzgaron a la sociedad como fiel a Dios por su trato de “extranjeros”, o sea inmigrantes, junto con viudas y huérfanos. Nuestro Señor, junto con la Santísima Madre y San José, fueron extranjeros en Egipto. La rica tradición de la *Doctrina social católica* establece el derecho de los pobres para emigrar por necesidad económica (*Pacem in Terris*, #25). Los

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inmigrantes han infundido costumbres, ideas, así como números (de feligreses) para darle a la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos un dinamismo espiritual y moral. Como el Papa Benedicto ha indicado en su primera encíclica: “La preocupación por nuestro vecino trasciende los confines de comunidades nacionales y ha ensanchado cada vez más su horizonte al mundo entero” (*Deus Caritas Est*, #30).

Por lo tanto, puesto que el “hombre es la trayectoria de la Iglesia”, nosotros como los miembros del cuerpo de Cristo debemos trabajar diligentemente para asegurarnos de que los derechos humanos básicos de todos los hombres y mujeres sean respetados. En este momento, este trabajo implica el apelar a nuestros representantes en el congreso para una significativa reforma migratoria que en lo posible cubra las necesidades de todos, especialmente los pobres.

Con este fin, yo, junto con los obispos de los Estados Unidos y, más específicamente, con el obispo Farrell y mis hermanos obispos de Texas, hemos pedido cambios comprensivos que incluyen las medidas siguientes:

- una trayectoria viable para la residencia permanente de la población indocumentada;

- un nuevo programa para trabajadores que incluya protecciones apropiadas para el trabajador, niveles de salario, y una oportunidad para ganar residencia permanente;
- reducciones en los atrasos de reunificación de familias;
- la restauración de las protecciones procesales correspondientes que fueron eliminadas en la *Ley de reforma de inmigración ilegal y responsabilidad del inmigrante* (IIRIRA) de 1996; y
- políticas que busquen solucionar las causas fundamentales de la migración, tales como el desarrollo económico en los países de envío (*Carta de la conferencia católica de Texas al senado de los Estados Unidos*, mayo de 2007).

Es nuestra convencida opinión que estas medidas tratarán con justicia a los inmigrantes y ayudarán a resolver los problemas de muchos años que provocaron la emigración masiva.

El domingo pasado oímos en Misa las palabras de Jesús: “Les doy un mandamiento nuevo, que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado” (Juan 13:34). Solidaridad enraizada en el mandamiento del amor llama a todos los católicos a trabajar por una significativa reforma migratoria. Les urjo, como miembros de nuestra comunión de fe y el Cuerpo de Cristo que apoyen a los obispos de Texas y a los obispos de los Estados Unidos en nuestro esfuerzo para traer una legislación que corrija nuestro dañado sistema migratorio. Debemos crear un orden que mantenga la dignidad humana y proporcione la esperanza para un pueblo empobrecido. Ésto no es actividad “política”, sino una respuesta de fe.

+ Monseñor Kevin Vann
Obispo de Fort Worth

Se necesita nuevo hospital financiado por la diócesis en Catacamas, Honduras, para proveer de básica asistencia medica

Por Juan Guajardo
Asistente Editorial

Cada año centenares de personas locales se reúnen para recibir asistencia médica del grupo de doctores, cirujanos, y enfermeras de la diócesis de Fort Worth que llevan a cabo misiones médicas en Catacamas, Honduras y sus alrededores.

Julie Montague, feligrés de la *Parroquia Good Shepherd* y enfermera registrada, quien fue

a dos de esas misiones médicas, atestigua que la gente caminaba “millas y millas” para recibir cuidado medico después que la parroquia en Catacamas anunció que venía el grupo.

“No hay duda de que allí había necesidad”, dijo Montague. “Cuidamos de pacientes por casi cinco días y un día vimos a 800”.

Llevado por el Dr. William Runyon, el grupo voluntario trabajaba de 12 a 15 horas cada

día, saliendo a las áreas rurales y sirviendo a cerca de 2,500 personas en cada viaje.

Fue durante esos viajes que Runyon y el grupo vieron la gran necesidad de un hospital. Ayudarían a centenares de personas cada día, pero no se podía hacer mucho por algunos pacientes, como el joven que sufrió quemaduras de tercer grado en su pierna y necesitaba ser llevado inmediatamente a un

hospital que quedaba a varias horas de distancia, o la joven embarazada con una condición prenatal peligrosa, a quien se le negó cuidado medico en el hospital más cercano.

“Juticalpa no tenía espacio disponible”, dijo Runyon del hospital abarrotado de pacientes, localizado a 50 minutos de Catacamas.

“Habían tantas historias, y cada año se multiplicaban”, dijo Runyon

de los serios casos enfrentados por el grupo. “Puedo seguir con muchas más historias”.

Runyon, un cirujano oral y maxilofacial en Fort Worth, ha llevado misiones médicas a Honduras cinco veces en los últimos siete años. Y mientras su grupo ha crecido a casi 30 enfermeras y doctores de la *Parroquia Sagrada Familia* y otras parroquias en la diócesis, el grupo sufre por

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Arriba: Una vista de la fachada delantera del Hospital Santo Hermano Pedro en Catacamas.

Izquierda: El director Alberto Valledares; el obispo Mauro Muldoon, de la diócesis de Juticalpa; el ministro de salud Arturo Bendaña; y el tercer vicepresidente de Honduras, Victor Hugo Barnica, inauguran el nuevo hospital con un corte de cinta.

Grupos e individuos aúnan esfuerzos con las diócesis de Fort Worth y de Juticalpa, en un masivo esfuerzo internacional de seis años para aliviar ...

El sufrimiento humano

Por Juan Guajardo
Asistente Editorial

Por años el municipio más grande de Centroamérica sin hospital fue Catacamas, Honduras.

Esto cambió al unirse las diócesis de Fort Worth y Juticalpa, el gobierno local de Catacamas, el gobierno federal de Honduras y varios grupos e individuos. Todos se unieron en un esfuerzo internacional para construir un hospital católico en una región poblada y empobrecida de Honduras, que llevaban mucho tiempo necesitando uno.

El hospital, de un costo de aproximadamente \$6.5 millones, fue dedicado el pasado 14 de abril y pronto abrirá sus puertas a las más de 150.000 personas que viven en Catacamas y sus pueblos y vecindades aledañas.

Entre las 500 personas presentes en la dedicación estuvo monseñor Mauro Muldoon, obispo de la diócesis de Juticalpa; monseñor Luis Bianco, nuncio papal para Honduras; Victor Hugo Barnica, vicepresidente de Honduras; Dr. Arturo Bendaña, ministro de salud; Elena de Lobo, la primera dama de Honduras; Carlos Zelaya, el hermano del presidente anterior Manuel Zelaya; Lincoln Figueroa,

el alcalde de Catacamas, y otros altos funcionarios.

Viajando a través de los pueblos de la montaña — camino a la dedicación del hospital — Jonathan Willmer, feligrés de la *Parroquia Holy Redeemer* en Aledo, vio como en el horizonte iba surgiendo el elegante edificio.

“Realmente me impacto; sabía que era un proyecto grande, pero no tenía idea de cuan grande era”, dijo Willmer. “Nunca había estado en Catacamas y todos los caminos están sin pavimentar... hay muchas cabañas y edificios que se están cayendo, y mientras viajas a través de estos caminos de tierra, de momento en la distancia se ve asomándose este edificio enorme — parece como si lo hubiesen sacado de Fort Worth para dejar caer aquí”.

La ceremonia de dedicación comenzó con la Misa celebrada por el monseñor Bianco y concelebrada por el monseñor Muldoon y varios sacerdotes locales en el gran salón del hospital. Después de la Misa, se ofrecieron dos horas de discursos ante una feliz y emocionada multitud.

“Hay una atmósfera de incredulidad. El pueblo no puede creer que realmente sucedió”, dijo Willmer.

El monseñor Muldoon

habló de los frailes franciscanos, que llegaron hace 66 años y construyeron caminos, instalaron servicio eléctrico, construyeron centros para la juventud, escuelas, y un hospital regional, *San Francisco de Asís*, en Juticalpa, a unas 35 millas de distancia. Ahora se une a todo esto el *Hospital Santo Hermano Pedro Betancourth*, nombrado en honor del misionero hermano franciscano que en 1652 fundó un hospital, una escuela, y un refugio en Guatemala para los pobres y los ancianos.

“Es apropiado hacerle dos preguntas a nuestra comunidad reunida aquí”, dijo el monseñor Muldoon. “¿Por qué un hospital en la ciudad de Catacamas? ¿Y por qué un hospital católico?”

“La respuesta a la primera es evidente. Hasta ahora, había solamente un solo hospital municipal... para la mayoría de la población, el viaje al *Hospital San Francisco* es un viaje largo... por lo menos un viaje de un día, o quizás dos o tres”.

“Aquí, en los municipios de Catacamas, de Santa María del Real y de Dulce Nombre de Culmi, tenemos 150,000 seres humanos sin servicios de emergencia, sin cirugías especializadas, sin un moderno cuidado de maternidad”.

En contestación a su segunda

“Como María al pie de la cruz, el *Hospital Hermano Pedro* abrazará a todos los que sufren”.

— Monseñor Mauro Muldoon,
Obispo de Juticalpa, Honduras

pregunta, dijo, “La respuesta a veces está oculta en la doctrina social de la Iglesia... Cristo envió a sus apóstoles para extender el reino de Dios y para sanar a los enfermos... El sufrimiento humano es una experiencia especial de la cruz y resurrección del Señor. Como María al pie de la cruz, el *Hospital Hermano Pedro* abrazará a todos los que sufren”.

El director ejecutivo del hospital, Alberto Valledares, dijo que el hospital haría lo mejor para asistir aquellos en necesidad.

“A todos los presentes y todos los que nos escuchan, les decimos: No queremos ser solamente un hospital; queremos tener calidad en servicios médicos, con un enfoque humano para dar alivio a los que necesiten de nuestros servicios”.

De seguido le dio las gracias a todos los involucrados en el proyecto, incluyendo al monseñor Muldoon, el monseñor Kevin Vann, varios individuos de la diócesis de Fort Worth, y muchos otros.

Concluyendo su discurso, Valledares le recordó al pueblo que la “vida está llena de desafíos y de dificultades, pero las metas que fijamos deben ser realizadas con la ayuda de Dios”.

Después de las presentaciones, el monseñor Muldoon y el Dr. Arturo Bendaña, el ministro de salud, firmaron un acuerdo asegurándose de que continuará la cooperación mutua entre el

gobierno de Honduras y la diócesis de Juticalpa.

El día terminó con una ceremonia de corte de cinta y el Monseñor Muldoon con Carlos Zelaya, hermano del presidente anterior Manuel Zelaya, desvelando placas conmemorativas. Zelaya representaba a su madre, Hortensia Rosales de Zelaya, que financió una de las alas del hospital.

Mientras el proyecto del edificio comenzó en enero de 2009, según Peter Flynn, director diocesano de finanzas y servicios administrativos, la planificación del hospital fue un proceso de seis años, y participaron muchas personas dedicadas.

La idea comenzó con un grupo misionero de doctores y enfermeras llevadas por el Dr. William Runyon, cirujano oral en Fort Worth, dijo Flynn. El grupo había estado yendo a Catacamas cada año para cuidar a miles de personas necesitadas; esto fue parte de una relación misionera de parroquia a parroquia.

Al regresar de un viaje misionero en 2003, Runyon le dijo a Flynn, “Si queremos hacer algo significativo — si podemos — como una diócesis necesitamos considerar el estimular discusiones sobre la construcción de un hospital”.

Los dos pronto comenzaron a inspirarse y a planear. Varios meses, viajes, y reuniones después, el gobierno local de Catacamas

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Aproximadamente 500 personas asistieron a la ceremonia dedicataria, que incluyó una Misa y un recorrido por la instalación.



El obispo Mauro Muldoon y Arturo Bendaña, ministro de salud, firman un acuerdo de cooperación durante la dedicataria.

América

Hospital

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ofreció donar la tierra para el hospital. Fue un gran logro cuando Flynn, el monseñor Muldoon, Runyon, Valledares y otros, almorzaron con la primera dama de Honduras en 2008. Pasaron el próximo día y medio en reuniones con oficiales de gobierno y el vicepresidente.

“Se desarrollo un plan con la idea de que la diócesis de Fort Worth adelantara \$1.5 millones y el gobierno de Honduras pondría \$2.6 millones más. Finalmente, el congreso Hondureño aprobaría un proyecto de ley para que el gobierno federal cubriera algo de los gastos operacionales anuales del hospital”, dijo Flynn.

Los \$1.5 millones vienen de la

campana diocesana *Todo es posible*, actualmente en curso.

“Es mucho trabajo; intentas a desarrollar una base e iniciar discusiones y comienzas a comprometerte y personas se van interesando en el proyecto”, dijo Runyon. “Así comenzó el proyecto. Desarrolló su propio ímpetu”.

El ímpetu continuó cuando el monseñor Vann, Flynn, Runyon, y el monseñor Muldoon reunieron a varios doctores de los Estados Unidos una tarde del 2008 en St. Louis. Allí los doctores — activos en misiones médicas para Honduras — acordaron donar \$125.000 para enviar equipo médico al hospital, dijo Flynn.

Entonces el monseñor Vann consiguió la ayuda de las *Hermanas Franciscanas de Hospital*, conocidas por él por sus muchos años en Springfield, Illinois. Su donación

llegó por medio de su programa *Servicios misioneros*, a través del cual las hermanas anualmente donan \$6 millones en equipo médico usado y sobrante a los hospitales en países del tercer mundo. Con su ayuda, el monseñor Vann y el monseñor Muldoon podrían conseguir equipo crucial para el hospital.

Flynn dijo que el *Hospital Hermano Pedro*, cuya construcción está casi terminada, tiene área para pacientes ambulatorios, área de emergencia, dos cuartos quirúrgicos completamente funcionales, varios cuartos para pacientes, laboratorios, radiología, y una sala de maternidad.

“Será eventualmente un hospital en pleno funcionamiento”, dijo Flynn.

“Pienso que la feligresía de la diócesis de Fort Worth debe tener

una enorme satisfacción al saber que han alcanzado y beneficiado a personas por muchos, muchos años”, dijo Flynn. “Personas que nunca conocerán, nunca hablarán con ellas o las verán, pero ellos han tenido mano en proveerles asistencia médica. Así funcionamos”.

“Dios nos pone oportunidades, y nos incumbe tomarlas y hacer algo con ellas”.

El monseñor Vann dijo que los cientos de miles de personas podrán ahora conseguir el cuidado médico que necesitan, gracias al trabajo de muchos individuos dedicados.

“Es un gran testimonio de fe que hay personas aquí y allá trabajando juntos por un objetivo común, ya que no es tarea fácil de lograr, pero sí fue logrado”, dijo el obispo.

El pueblo de Catacamas estaba encantado con el hospital, dijo Willmer. Pero su alegría probablemente vino por algo más que un hospital.

“Lo que me impresionó de nuestro viaje a la dedicación es que claramente hay un vibrar de esperanza y celebración en el aire debido al hospital — por todas las vidas que dicho hospital va a salvar durante los próximos años — pero va más allá de eso”, dijo Willmer. “Esto le demuestra al pueblo todo lo que se puede hacer cuando personas se unen y trabajan juntos. Creo que esto le ha demostrado al pueblo que ellos pueden elevarse por encima de sus circunstancias. Si este hospital nuestra lo imposible, entonces le ha abierto los ojos al pueblo para entender todo lo que se puede lograr.”

Necesidad

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escasos suministros médicos y con solamente una semana de servicios médicos cada vez. Runyon notó que era muy limitado lo que ellos podían hacer.

Las pequeñas clínicas de salud del municipio no están abiertas todos los días, cierran al atardecer, y carecen de la experiencia y equipo que un hospital puede proporcionar, dijo Hilda Flores, directora del *Concilio diocesano de misión*. Consecuentemente, nacimientos, fiebre de dengue, malaria, VIH e incontables otras emergencias y enfermedades van sin cuidado médico.

En uno de sus 16 viajes a Honduras, Peter Flynn, director diocesano de finanzas y servicios administrativos, encontró a un maestro en Catacamas que vio de primera mano la necesidad de cuidado de emergencia. El profesor, Rafael Macias, dijo que una barra transversal de 3 pulgadas de ancho, que cayó del gol del campo de fútbol, había golpeado uno de sus estudiantes en la cabeza. El profesor llevo de inmediato al muchacho a una clínica local donde el doctor le negó ayuda médica, diciéndole que él no podría tratar la herida. Macias lo llevó a otra clínica, y una vez más fue negado cuidado médico. De allí condujo hasta Santa María de Real, una ciudad al norte de Catacamas. Allí, lo trataron, pero murió a poco tiempo después.

“¿Entonces, que significado tiene este hospital?” pregunto Flynn. “Esto significa que quizás algunos no perderán sus vidas”.

El hospital más cercano, situado en Juticalpa, es inaccesible para la mayoría de los residentes, puesto que no poseen sus propios vehículos y no pueden cubrir el costo del autobús, agregó Flynn.

Según el obispo Mauro

Muldoon, de la diócesis de Juticalpa, los ingresos mensuales de aproximadamente “\$60 por familia”.

“Un paseo de \$2 en autobús es como gastar \$200”, dijo el monseñor Muldoon en una entrevista con un equipo de medios de comunicación enviado por la diócesis de Fort Worth para documentar la situación. “Una gran cantidad de gente no tiene generalmente acceso al cuidado médico”.

Los que llegan a un hospital distante todavía corren el riesgo de ser negado cuidado médico, debido al número de pacientes o por carencia de recursos, como el caso de la joven embarazada que el grupo de Runyon vio en su misión médica.

“Incluso no saben cual fue el resultado final, y si ella o la criatura sobrevivieron y están bien”, dijo Hilda Flores. “Pero eso permanecía en la mente del Dr. Runyon — que necesitamos ayudar a esta gente”.

Cuando Runyon volvió de esa misión médica en 2003, él y Flynn tuvieron la idea de un hospital moderno católico, que sería económicamente asequible y funcionara localmente. Las diócesis de Fort Worth y de Juticalpa, el gobierno de Honduras, las *Hermanas Franciscanas de Hospital* en Springfield, Illinois, y varios otros en los Estados Unidos y Honduras se unieron rápidamente en este esfuerzo.

Seis años más tarde el hospital se convirtió en realidad cuando fue dedicado el 14 de abril ante una multitud de 500 personas.

En la dedicación, el monseñor Muldoon expresó el significado del hospital a las 150,000 vidas que servirá.

“Si el *Hospital Hermano Pedro* salvará solo cincuenta vidas por año, cinco por mes, o aun una sola vida, valió toda la inversión, todo el esfuerzo, todo el sacrificio en hacerlo realidad”.

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Day of *Communio* offers a good look at Catholic Charities services, how they work

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always easy to help the truly needy in the community.

"I was head of Catholic Charities in Minneapolis-St. Paul for a number of years," Fr. Snyder said. "People would come there. They obviously had not bathed for weeks. Their behavior was pretty offensive at times, and that was mostly because they were suffering from some kind of mental illness.

"It was real hard to look at some of these folks and say, 'There goes the image and likeness of God,' but that's what we're called to do. When you see the people that Catholic Charities opens its doors to, and the people you see your parish open its doors to, who have nowhere else to go, that's our vocation."

Fr. Snyder's talk focused on the core values that motivate the charitable work of both

Catholic Charities and the Church, tracing their origins back to the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments.

Fr. Snyder was named to the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*, which oversees the Church's charitable programs throughout the world, in 2007, and the President's Council of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships in 2009.

The Day of *Communio* also featured breakout sessions after the keynote speakers addressed the general session.

In one of the workshops, titled "Family Stabilization-Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing," session leader Erin Trahan, program manager for Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention Services, said Catholic Charities works hard to help people with financial difficulties to stay in their homes.

"We provide rental assistance from one to 18 months, rental deposits, and we'll pay late fees," Trahan said. "We also provide utility assistance. The clients are required to be in case management and to participate in financial education, and we also provide credit counseling."

Through the end of March, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc. had provided homelessness prevention assistance to 79 households in Tarrant County alone.

Bishop Vann said Catholic Charities is an organization that truly exemplifies what the Church means when it talks about Catholic Social Teaching.

"I think, especially in more recent years, it has made a significant impact," Bishop Vann said. "They really have helped so many people, and do great work."



LEFT: Fr. Tim Thompson and Fr. Victor Cruz, HGN, share notes between workshops offering insight into how they can help their parishioners tap into Catholic Charities services or channel volunteer energies and funds to assist Catholic Charities in its mission to serve those in need.



BELOW: Laura Sotelo, Parish Outreach Coordinator for Catholic Charities, offers information on how parishes can either offer help to Catholic Charities or receive help for their parishioners.



LEFT: Xergio Chacin, immigration specialist with Catholic Charities, gives a workshop on the prospects of comprehensive immigration reform in the current Congress and how the Church can help immigrants through the immigration process.

FAR LEFT: Presenters held the large audience, filling the St. Bartholomew Parish Community Center, in rapt attention. Fr. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, presented the scriptural basis of the Church's service of the poor and Heather Reynolds, of Catholic Charities Fort Worth outlined the breadth of its programming and services for children, families, those in need and immigrants and refugees.

Morrell...

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Some mornings I would open the door and find him just lying on his side very still. I would worry that he had finally succumbed to his wounds. But always on closer inspection, I would see him nibbling away on a peanut, almost as if he had mastered the art of reclining at table.

I looked at this little creature of God with admiration, considering how I have not always been able to adapt to my wounds and just get on with life, which in his case meant making sure he had enough nourishment every day. As human beings we are often sidetracked by any number of wounds. Our lives may come to a grinding halt. Our work and relationships suffer, our growth stops, our compass for self-nurturing no longer points

north. Sometimes we deny the wound because we feel shame or anger. Sometimes we allow the wound to become who we are, identifying always with the pain rather than the possibilities. When this happens, fear of becoming someone new prevents us from simply becoming, and healing never happens.

When I was suffering with depression, I eventually felt called to share my journey publicly because I had discovered how many people suffer needlessly in silence, without support or professional help because they are ashamed to acknowledge their disease.

I was worried that my admission would jeopardize my job, and was letting fear make my decision for me. My spiritual director reminded me that no one had to experience more shame than Jesus, hanging naked on the cross, perceived by all who knew him, as a failure. I should embrace this Jesus as

my strength. So I did.

Henri Nouwen wrote: "Nobody escapes being wounded. We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not 'How can we hide our wounds?' so we don't have to be embarrassed, but 'How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?' When our wounds cease to be a source of shame, and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers."

Each day I am grateful for the lessons my Father provides, especially through the smallest of his creatures, who teach me not only what is, but what should be. In spending some time each morning with my wounded furry friend, I am reminded that once our wounds have been healed, it is not enough for us to simply gather our own supply of peanuts each day. We are called to share the bounty; to love others as we love ourselves, wounds and all.



By Jean Denton

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Calendar

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Bishop Kevin Vann will celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday with a special Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral on Sunday, June 6. The Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. and an outdoor Eucharistic Procession at St. Patrick's will be held following the Mass. All are invited to participate. For more information, contact the cathedral office at (817) 332-4915. St. Patrick Cathedral is located at 1206 Throckmorton St. in downtown Fort Worth.

IGNATIAN EXPERIENCE

"The Adventure: An Ignatian Experience," a retreat program based on St. Ignatius' *The Spiritual Exercises*, will be offered May 28-31 for participants between the ages of 19 and 25. The retreat will take place at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, 600 N. Shady Shores, Lake Dallas. *The Spiritual Exercises*, according to a retreat flyer, "can be successfully made at almost any stage, but they are specially designed for that proud, bold time in your life when virtually all life-determining options, and life-derailing mistakes, are made." "The Adventure" is a personal guided tour of the heart, in silence, and is described as an "identity-defining opportunity." The cost is \$100. For more information or to register, call Montserrat at (940) 321-6020.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held June 25-27 at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge St., Fort Worth. Marriage Encounter is a weekend program for married couples led by married couples. It consists of carefully designed steps that lead couples to honestly examine all aspects of their life together. There is a series of presentations given by trained "team couples," followed by an assignment. National Marriage Encounter is an ecumenical and interfaith organization and based in Judeo-Christian traditions. All couples are welcome. Reservations are required and a \$60 non-refundable deposit is required to hold each reservation. The balance of the weekend cost is due at the program. Space is limited. Marriage Encounter is a non-profit organization and supported entirely by couple donations. To cover lodging, meals, and other expenses, the weekend costs \$175 for each couple. In the case of financial needs, scholarship funds are available. A partial deposit is still required. For more information or to register online, visit the Web site at www.ntexasme.org.

HEALING STORY

St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, will host Frank Kelly on Tuesday, May 11. Kelly will share the tale of how he survived electrocution. His story shines with his strong Irish Catholic heritage and love of Jesus, Mary, and the saints. Kelly's journey is the subject of the book *Short Circuit to God*, by David Long. Long will be available following the talk for questions and book signing. All book proceeds will go to missions in India and Ghana. The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by the talk and individual healing prayers as time permits. For more information, call the Queen of Peace Center message line at (817) 244-8191, or call (817) 244-7733 or (817) 558-9805 or visit the Web site at www.frankkellyministry.com.

MINISTRY FOR GAYS, LESBIANS

The Fort Worth diocesan Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics, Other Sexual Minorities and Their Families regularly meets the fourth Thursday of the month for prayer and conversation at the Catholic Renewal Center at 4503 Bridge St. in Fort Worth. The next meeting will be held May 27. For more information, contact Father Warren Murphy, TOR, at (817) 927-5383 or Doreen Rose at (817) 329-7370.

ST. AUGUSTINE GROUP

The St. Augustine Men's Purity Group, a support group for men who struggle with sources of sexual impurity such as those found on the Internet, meets regularly in Room 213 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, located at 2016 Willis Lane, Keller. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.sampg.com, or e-mail to Mark at seasmenspurity@yahoo.com.

To Report Misconduct

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct by anyone who serves the church, you may

- Call Judy Locke, victim assistance coordinator, (817) 560-2452 ext. 201 or e-mail her at jllocke@fwdioc.org
- Or call the Sexual Abuse Hotline (817) 560-2452 ext. 900
- Or call The Catholic Center at (817) 560-2452 ext. 102 and ask for the chancellor/moderator of the curia, Father James Hart

To Report Abuse

Call the Texas Department of Family Protective Services (Child Protective Services) at (800) 252-5400

VOCATION AWARENESS

The 2010 Vocation Awareness Program will be held June 25-27 at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Dr., Irving. The weekend is open to all individuals who are Catholic, 18 to 40 years of age, and have an interest in learning about the ministry as a priest, brother, or sister. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Father Kyle Walterscheid, director of Vocations, at (817) 560-3300 ext. 105 or kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org, or visit <http://www.vapinfo.org>.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

The next Engaged Encounter weekend will be offered May 14-16 at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4305 Bridge St., Fort Worth. The weekend retreat is designed to help couples examine the life-long commitment they are making to one another and to better understand the rich meaning of Christian marriage. The weekend is presented by a team of married couples and a chaplain. It lasts from Friday evening to around noon on Sunday. Throughout the weekend, the presenting team will give a series of talks. An opportunity will be given following each talk for personal reflection. Couples will also have the chance to share ideas, dreams, feelings, and hopes with each other. To register, contact Jeri Edmunds at (817) 346-9320. Registration forms are available online at www.fwdioc.org under Family Life, Engaged Encounter.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

Father Hector Medina, a composer and pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Arlington, will be the keynote speaker during Magnificat's Spring prayer breakfast Saturday, May 22. In addition to the talk, this gathering will focus on the feast of Pentecost. The breakfast, sponsored by the Grapevine chapter in North Texas, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 785 State Hwy. 121, Lewisville. Fr. Medina was ordained a priest on June 23, 1984, has served in a number of parishes in the Fort Worth area, and is a composer with four songs published by Oregon Catholic Press, *Canto de Despedida*, *Aleluya*, *Al Paraiso*, and *Bajo la Sombra*. Fr. Medina studied Canon Law at Catholic University of America and has worked with the Marriage Tribunal office for the Diocese of Fort Worth. The topic of his speech will be "Our Relationship with Jesus." Tickets for the Magnificat breakfast are \$18, and can be purchased through May 18 at the following Catholic bookstores: Keepsakes Catholic Books and Gifts, Lakewood Center, Arlington; Little Angels Catholic Store, 600 E. Sandy Lake Rd., Coppell; Catholic Art and Gifts, 2761 Valwood Pkwy., Farmers Branch; St. Anthony's Bookstore, 3121 McCart Ave., Fort Worth; and Divine Mercy Catholic Book Store and Gifts, 262 S. Interstate 35 E., Denton. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Nanci Ferri at (817) 498-7980. The breakfast will also offer periods of prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and confession.

COURAGE SUPPORT GROUP

Courage D/FW, a spiritual support group for Catholics striving to live chaste lives according to the Catholic Church's teachings on homosexuality, meets the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month. For more information, e-mail to CourageDFW@Catholic.org or call (972) 938-5433.

MEN'S / WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT

The Vocations office sponsors a Men's Monthly Discernment the second Monday of each month for single men ages 16 to 50 and a Women's Monthly Discernment the third Monday of each month for single women ages 16 to 50. The groups meet at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, from 6 to 9 p.m., to pray together, share their vocational call, listen to God, break open the Word, and to share a meal together. For more information, contact Father Kyle Walterscheid, director of Vocations at (817) 560-3300 ext.110 or kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org.

DISCERNMENT AT OLV

Single women, ages 18 to 45 are invited to come for an evening of prayer, supper, and sharing, hosted by the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, the first Friday of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Center, 909 W. Shaw St., Fort Worth. For more information, contact Sister Yolanda Cruz, SSMN, at (817) 923-3091 or sycruz@sbcglobal.net.

NTC SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The *North Texas Catholic* is published twice monthly, except during the months of June, July, and August when it is published monthly. The deadline to submit information is noon on the Wednesday of the week before the paper is published. Items for the May 21 issue must be received by noon on May 12. Items for the June 25 issue must be received by noon on June 16. Send information to jrusseau@fwdioc.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Couple to Couple League offers classes in the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning for married and engaged couples. Since the course consists of three classes at monthly intervals, engaged couples are encouraged to attend a course beginning at least four months before their wedding. To register for a course starting May 23 at 2 p.m. at St. John the Apostle Church, 7341 Glenview Dr., North Richland Hills, contact Andrew and Samantha Mudd at (817) 284-5117. To register for a course starting May 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1501 Ninth St., Wichita Falls, contact Jacob and Lauren Morath at (940) 544-2515. Visit www.ccldfw.org for more class dates and information.

ST. JOHN SUMMER CAMP

St. John the Apostle Parish will offer a weekly summer camp June 1 to Aug. 27 for children ages one through eighth grade. The camp will be available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration may be made for the entire summer or specific weeks. In addition, a summer Parents Day Out program will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays only or Tuesdays and Thursdays for children ages one through five years. Registrations are also being accepted for the fall sessions. St. John's is located at 7341 Glenview Dr. in North Richland Hills. For more information call (817) 595-2654.

BENEDICTION AWARD NOMINEES

The Fort Worth Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is requesting nominations for the Benediction to Mankind Award to be presented by Bishop Kevin Vann and Father Ivor Koch at the DCCW convention on Oct. 20. The convention will be held at St. Jude Parish in Mansfield. The nomination forms were included in the Fort Worth Diocesan Catholic Women's Update Newsletter mailed to women in the diocese. The nomination must be submitted with the DCCW form and signed by the pastor or administrator of the parish submitting the nominee. All forms must be postmarked no later than July 1 and mailed to Kathleen Thome at 6491 Peden Rd. East, Fort Worth, TX 76179. For more information, call Kathleen at (817) 236-8518.

'YOU SHALL BELIEVE...'

"You Shall Believe..." a documentary film on the Eucharist will be presented at San Mateo Mission in English and Spanish. The Spanish presentation will be offered Sunday, May 16, and the English presentation will be offered Sunday, May 23. Both sessions will begin at 5 p.m. Discussion time with Australian journalists Ron Tesoriero and Mike Willesee will follow the film. Mike, a senior investigative journalist, and Ron, a lawyer, have been researching claimed supernatural events in the Catholic Church for a number of years. Their work became the basis for the making of the television program broadcast internationally on the Fox network in 1999, "Signs from God. Science Tests Faith." They are currently researching "the blood of Christ" through science and through history. What they have to say will touch the hearts and minds of all that hear them, according to program materials. For more information and to make a reservation, visit the Web site at www.youshallbelieve.com. San Mateo Mission is located at 3316 Lovell Ave., Fort Worth.

ICON WORKSHOP

St. Basil the Great Byzantine Church, 1118 East Union Bower Rd., Irving, will sponsor an ecumenical workshop in painting icons during the week of July 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn the various techniques iconographers have employed in the ancient art of icon painting through the centuries. Father Elias Rafaj, workshop instructor, will also explain the symbolism, meaning, and religious uses of icons in public services and private devotions. Fr. Rafaj is the pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Church of Houston and assistant director of religious education for the Byzantine Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Pittsburgh. He holds a licentiate degree in Eastern Christian studies from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. For additional information on the workshop, contact St. Basil Parish at (972) 438-5644 or web@stbasilsinirving.org.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The eighth annual Eagle Classic Golf Tournament benefiting St. John the Apostle School will be held Friday, May 14 at Iron Horse Golf Course, 6200 Skylark Circle in North Richland Hills. Check-in time will be at 11:30 a.m. and tee-off time will be 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$100 per player and includes golf cart, goodie bag, bucket of balls, banquet and awards ceremony. Sponsorship levels are also available. Non-players are invited to attend the dinner and awards ceremony for \$10 per person. Participants may register online at www.stj.org/golf.htm or by contacting Sandra Gonzalez at golf@stj.org or (817) 235-6552.

HFCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The HFCS Dads' Club will be hosting its fourth annual golf tournament benefitting Holy Family School. The tournament will be held Friday, May 21 at Hawk's Creek Golf Club, 6520 White Settlement Rd., in Westworth Village. The format will be a Best Ball, Four-person Scramble with other featured events. The event will kick-off at 10 a.m. with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The registration fee is \$150 per player or \$600 for a team of four players. Register before May 20 for early bird savings. The fee includes a round of golf, cart, driving range use, golf shirt, drinks, catered lunch, and more. Sponsorships and volunteers are welcome. For more information visit the Web site at www.holyfamilygolf.org, e-mail info@holyfamilygolf.org, or contact Marc Meadows at (817) 927-8101 or Chris Murphy at (817) 845-0310.

GARAGE SALE

The Parent Action Team will host a garage sale in the St. Ignatius building, 1206 Throckmorton St., Fort Worth, May 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Useable and clean items — furniture, clothes, home accessories — will be accepted during the week of May 10-14. Anyone wishing to donate items is asked to contact Patty at St. Patrick Cathedral at (817) 338-4441. The proceeds from the garage sale will benefit the Religious Formation department.

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OMM TEACHER POSTION

Our Mother of Mercy School in Fort Worth is seeking candidates for the position of lead teacher of the middle school (grades 6-8). The ideal candidate will demonstrate a commitment to creating an environment that fosters high expectations for academic success within a highly disciplined and faith-filled community. Experience with Teach America or KIPP programs would be a plus. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic and have at least a BA degree with 12 hours of education. Submit a letter of interest, résumé, references, and a request for an application to Catholic Schools Office, Our Mother of Mercy Search, 800 West Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108-2919.

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP

The Diocese of Dallas is currently searching for a full-time director of Worship who will oversee the liturgy department at the Pastoral Center. The director of Worship serves as a liturgical resource for parishes, institutions, and diocesan staff in liturgical matters. Qualifications include MA in theology/liturgy, five to 10 years working in liturgy/music in a parish or on a diocesan level. Spanish is preferred but not required. Résumés along with a cover letter can be e-mailed to tvega@cathdal.org or mailed to Director of Worship Search Committee, PO Box 190507, Dallas, Texas 75219. A detailed job description can be found at www.cathdal.org listed under Employment.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

General construction work/repairs inside and out including topsoil, sand, gravel, washed materials, driveways, concrete, backhoe, and tractor services. Custom mowing lots and acres. Call (817) 732-4083.

DIRECTOR

The Diocese of Dallas is currently searching for a full-time director of Catechetical Services to oversee the Office of Catechetical Services at the Pastoral Center. The director of Catechetical Services directs and moderates all the catechetical activities in the diocese in collaboration with other diocesan departments and serves as a resource to parishes and staff in the area of catechetical formation. Qualifications needed include MA in theology/religious studies and extensive parish and or diocesan experience in catechesis. Proficiency in English and Spanish is highly recommended. Résumés along with a cover letter can be e-mailed to tvega@cathdal.org or mailed to Director of Catechetical Services, PO Box 190507, Dallas, Texas 75219. A detailed job description can be found at www.cathdal.org listed under Employment.

MAINTENANCE POSITION

Holy family Church is seeking a full-time maintenance worker, 40 hours per week, to provide routine maintenance for the church, parish buildings, and grounds. Necessary qualifications include high school diploma; minimum of four years experience working with building and ground maintenance and/or industrial; good mechanical aptitude and skills; on-call availability for emergencies. Send résumé to Karen Roach, Holy Family Catholic Church, 6150 Pershing Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107 or e-mail to kroach@holyfamilyfw.org. Deadline to submit résumés is June 1.

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Good Newsmakers



Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, spoke with passion — and his hands and face — about our obligation as Christians to help the poor.

Catholic Charities was the focus for the first Day of Communio April 15

COMMUNIO ET CARITAS

COMMUNION AND CHARITY

Story by John English / Correspondent • Photos by Juan Guajardo / Editorial Associate



Bishop Kevin Vann addresses the more than 260 priests, deacons, nuns, and lay people who serve the Church of Fort Worth.

Community health care coordinator Jackie Gordon, gives a workshop describing how to obtain medicines for parishioners in need through the St. Joseph Health Care Trust.



More than 260 parish, school, and diocesan ministers filled the community center of St. Bartholomew Parish in Southwest Fort Worth April 15, for the first Day of *Communio*.

Focused this year on the mission and services of Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc., the benevolence of the social service organization was never more apparent, as Charities President and CEO Heather Reynolds showed, during a video featuring first-person accounts of two clients who needed the organization's services.

Tears flowed as a woman described her abusive relationship in detail, recounting the broken arm she sustained in one act of domestic violence and another violent episode in which she shielded her baby as her spouse beat her viciously.

In the second account, a man who had worked hard to establish a comfortable life for himself and his wife described his experience with a serious illness that caused him to lose his job. Eventually, the couple lost almost everything they had.

Both sought help from Catholic Charities, which is celebrating its 100-year



Heather Reynolds, president and CEO of Catholic Charities Fort Worth, Inc. shared stories about clients in great need and the 34 programs Catholic Charities offers to help them.

anniversary in 2010, and both are doing much better now thanks to the efforts of the organization.

"This video never gets easier to watch," Reynolds told the gathering of priests, deacons, nuns, and lay ministers. "This is the reality of the business of Catholic Charities, and what we see every day."

Catholic Charities provided assistance to more than 111,000 people last year alone.

The organization was the focus of the event, which was formerly called the *Ministerium* but renamed by Bishop Kevin Vann who said he wanted to "bring together ministers from all over

our diocese to pray, reflect, and build a sense of *Communio* in our diocese."

Reynolds said that every Catholic Charities employee had his or her own most memorable encounter with a client.

For Reynolds herself, it was a 7-year-old girl whose mother suffered with paranoid schizophrenia. She would chase the girl around the house with a knife when she was going through one of her episodes, trying to kill her.

"For me at age seven, my biggest concern was whether I was going to get to go to McDonald's and get a Happy Meal, or if I was going to get to play outside after school," Reynolds said. "I came from parents who loved me and cared about me.

"At seven years old, what she was dealing with was unreal, and that was just one of the 111,000 people that we served."

Reynolds said she wants people to understand that Catholic Charities has one major objective that comes before everything else.

"Our organization exists for one reason, and that is to live out our Catholic faith in order to provide hope to the most needy in our communities," Reynolds said. "That is who we are."

Reynolds said Catholic Charities works to promote good health care among pregnant mothers, protect abused and neglected children, assist the elderly and disabled, and help immigrants.

The keynote speaker for the event, Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, said sometimes it is not

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