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**POPE GREETES CHILDREN** — Pope Benedict XVI embraces a group of children during his visit to Fazenda da Esperanca (Farm of Hope) drug rehabilitation center in Guaratingueta, Brazil, May 12. The Franciscan-founded facility treats mostly those who have failed to kick their addiction in other programs. (CNS photo/Tony Gentile, Reuters)

## Immigration bill takes shape behind scenes; debate to begin in late May

By Patricia Zapor

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Negotiators were closer May 16 to crafting a Senate immigration bill that could be introduced as soon as May 23.

The bill seemed likely to include a legalization plan for most of the nation's illegal immigrants, but was viewed as far from ideal by the director of migration and refugee policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and other supporters of a comprehensive immigration reform bill.

Director Kevin Appleby said that among the problems with the bill, it would make it much more difficult for relatives to join their family members in the United States, making spouses and children wait eight years before they could immigrate legally.

Other provisions would eliminate some categories of family visas, such as those for adult children of legal residents, and cut in half the number of visas available to the parents of adult immigrants.

On May 15 Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, postponed for the second time in a week plans to put an immigration bill up for consideration on the Senate floor.

With progress being made on negotiating legislation behind the scenes, Reid said he would wait until May 23 to open floor debate. If a negotiated bill was not ready by that date, debate would be based on the immigration bill passed by the Senate in 2006 as a "placeholder." The 2006 bill died at the end of the 109th Congress. SEE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE..., P. 15

## Pope tells Latin Americans to meet challenges by focusing on Jesus

By John Thavis

APARECIDA, Brazil (CNS) — On a five-day visit to Latin America, Pope Benedict XVI identified a host of social and religious challenges and said the church should respond by focusing more clearly on the person of Jesus Christ.

"This is the faith that has made America the 'continent of hope.' Not a political ideology, not a social movement, not an economic system: faith in the God who is love — who took flesh, died, and rose in Jesus Christ," the pope

said on the final day of his May 9-13 visit to Brazil.

It was a comment echoed in many of his encounters, which included a rally with young people, the canonization of the first Brazilian-born saint, and the inauguration of the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The pope cited inroads by secularism, threats against the family and the institution of marriage, and an erosion of traditional Latin America values, and said that in response, the church

needs to put greater emphasis on the religious education of its own members.

One big reason the evangelical sects have attracted Catholics, he told Brazilian bishops, is that many Catholics are insufficiently evangelized and their faith is weak, confused, and easily shaken.

In a country where televangelists have had great success with simplistic religious messages, the pope did not hold out any easy solutions.

SEE LIVING CHARITY..., P. 12

## Vatican tones down papal remarks on pro-abortion Catholic politicians

By John Thavis

SAO PAULO, Brazil (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's comments on excommunication for pro-abortion Catholic politicians touched on huge and sensitive issues — so sensitive that the Vatican issued a toned-down

version of his remarks the following day.

Speaking with journalists on the plane taking him to Brazil May 9, the pope left the impression that he agreed with those invoking excommunication for SEE POPE'S REMARKS..., P. 21

## Teacher fired for inappropriate behavior with a minor about six years ago

**Editor's Note:** The following news release was sent to news media outlets in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Friday, May 18.

A 30-year-old religion teacher at Sacred Heart School in Muenster has been fired after admitting to Diocese of Fort Worth officials to improper sexual conduct with a minor approximately six years ago while he was serving

as a youth minister at St. Mark Church in Denton, diocesan officials announced Friday.

Kelly B. Bayer was terminated by Vicar General Father Michael Olson Thursday after Bayer admitted engaging in improper acts with a minor in 2001. He was removed from the school immediately Thursday night. The Denton police are now conducting a criminal investigation.

Bayer had taught religious education classes at Sacred Heart School for the last two school years. No incidents of improper sexual conduct with minors have been reported while Bayer has taught at Sacred Heart School.

A possible incident involving Bayer and a minor was reported to diocesan officials recently by two female retreat participants. SEE TEACHER FIRED..., P. 9



**FIRST COMMUNION** — Girls sing a song for family and friends during their first Communion service at St. Theodore's Church in Gates, New York, May 5. More than 800,000 children in the U.S. are expected to receive their first Communion this year. (CNS photo/Mike Crupi)

# Pentecost brings with it the freshness of the Holy Spirit's fire; may the Spirit purify, illumine, and renew our church

Dear Friends in the  
Diocese of Fort Worth,

**W**e are now in the final weeks of our Easter season and the next high point will be Pentecost, the "birthday" of the Church. I would like to share with you a paragraph from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on this great feast of Pentecost.



Bishop Kevin W. Vann

*731 On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.*

**P**entecost is the gift, our birthday gift, of abundant life promised to us by Christ.

Pentecost, the fulfillment of Christ's Passover, is the Lord's way of remaining with each one of us and uniting us in His One Body, the Church, all through the power of his Holy Spirit. Christ came so we may have life and have it abundantly; Pentecost is the gift, our birthday gift, of abundant life promised to us by Christ. The gift of the Holy Spirit is a pure gift because it is God's gift of himself to each one of us, and all of us together, as his Church. A gift we celebrate not only on Pentecost but also at each celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

To all of those that are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during

these days... Congratulations on receiving the fullness and abundance of the life in Christ through his Holy Spirit! Now I invite you to live this abundance of life as Christ lived it. Christ teaches us that the more one gives one's life for others, for goodness itself, the more abundantly the river of life flows within the Church and each one of us.

A special thanks to all those wonderful catechists who prepared our confirmands by their sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, which is at the center of our catechesis, and by the faithful witness of their lives. Their commitment and dedication is another sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. Thank you to all our priests, deacons, and religious for guiding these Spirit-filled celebrations. You truly are examples of all that we can accomplish when men and women not only give their lives to Christ but also open their hearts to the love and power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for all that you do to make this "birthday" celebration a special one.

It is now our task to be open to the Holy Spirit and share with others the fruits of His presence through an integral evangelization, void of any relativistic tendencies that only water down the truths of our faith, and loving service that demonstrates our true love for one another.

To maintain and grow in this Holy Spirit which is alive and present within us, I recommend to all a sure path that has been around in the Church since the beginning, the meditative reading of the Word of God. In the Holy Father's recent trip to Brazil he said to the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean that an indispensable pre-condition to the clear proclamation of Christ, his life, and his teaching is profound knowledge of the word of God:

*...To achieve this, we must train people to read and meditate on the word of God: This must become their staple diet, so that, through their own experience, the faithful will see that the words of Jesus are spirit and life (cf. John 6:63). Otherwise, how could they proclaim a message whose content and spirit they do not know thoroughly? We must build our missionary commitment and the whole of our lives on the rock of the word of God.*

As we celebrate this great feast of Pentecost may we as the Church of North Texas ask our heavenly Father to once again send us an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a presence of fire which fills, purifies, and illumines our lives, our parishes, and our Diocese with love, truth, and communion.

God bless you and your loved ones as we celebrate once again our "birthday" as Church.

## Theme of papal book may be hallmark of papacy

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The emphasis on Jesus' centrality to the Catholic faith in Pope Benedict XVI's first book as pope is likely to permeate his papacy, panelists told a Washington audience during a book launch event for *Jesus of Nazareth* May 15.

Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Vatican analysts George Weigel and John Allen discussed the book at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington. The event was hosted by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and Bill Barry, publisher in the Doubleday religious publishing division.

*Jesus of Nazareth*, published in April in Italian, German, and Polish, was launched in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom May 15.

"It's not easy to present a book of your boss," said Archbishop Sambi with a laugh. "But I am happy to do so because the author is a very competent and learned teacher, and the subject is a fascinating one."

Allen, Vatican reporter for the *National Catholic Reporter*, CNN, and other media, said Pope Benedict had demonstrated his commitment to the centrality of Jesus during his just-completed trip to Brazil.

The three "news flashes" from the trip — the pope's comments on abortion and Catholic politicians, his condemnation of drug dealers, and his criticism of both capitalism and Marxism — were reported as distinct from one another but had a common thread in "the false promises of ideologies" that seek to replace Jesus in people's lives, Allen said.

In his talk to the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, Pope Benedict made clear that "preaching Christ is not a distraction from the work of social justice; it is working for justice," he added.

The new book "is much more than an academic exercise," Allen said. "It is the Magna Carta of Benedict's pontificate."

Bishop Lori said the book arose from Pope Benedict's "pastoral concern over distorted and rela-

tivistic views of Jesus," such as those promoted by author Dan Brown in *The Da Vinci Code*, also published by Doubleday.

Much more than an academic exercise or an "exposition of theory," the pope's book "aims to open our hearts and minds to Jesus," he said.

Bishop Lori recalled riding in a small plane in rough weather years ago with then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who became Pope Benedict. Despite feeling ill, the cardinal patiently answered questions from others in the plane.

"He was like a revered professor and a gentle pastor all rolled up in one," the bishop said. "And now that person is shared with a worldwide audience."

Weigel noted that *Jesus of Nazareth* was written by "a man who at the core of his person is a teacher ... who wants to invite everyone into the conversation about who Jesus is."

Pope Benedict, "a man of deep prayer," issues through his book "an invitation to think while we're praying," Weigel added.



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## Diocesan



**MARIANIST JUBILEES** — Brother Pierre Weitkamp marked 60 years of life as a vowed Marianist (Society of Mary) at an April 28 jubilee celebration held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Br. Pierre is pictured (front row, second from the left) with other Marianist jubilarians (others front row, l. to r.) Brother Peter Pontolillo (50 years), Brother Harold Lootens (60 years), Father Paul Neumann (60 years), (back row) Father George Montague (60 years), Brother Paul Novosal (70 years), Brother Jim Pieper (70 years), and Brother Lester Kaehler (50 years). Br. Pierre, who has taught religion, English, social studies, and reading for over 55 years, served at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth from 1965 to 1970 as assistant principal and from 1976 to 1980 as principal. He returned to Nolan in 1995 and began his service as registrar and assistant business manager. He currently serves on Nolan's board of directors. (Photo courtesy of the Marianists)

## Single young adults invited to attend Vocation Awareness Program weekend, July 13-15

Single Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 40, are invited to attend the 2007 Vocation Awareness Program to be held at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving, July 13-15. The weekend is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Fort Worth and Dallas dioceses, in partnership with the diocesan vocation offices.

The Vocation Awareness Program (VAP) offers single young adults the opportunity to participate in a weekend of vocational discernment and reflection. The weekend will include presentations on the process of discerning

a religious vocation; panel discussions on the life styles of clergy and religious men and women; question and answer sessions; and the opportunity for private conversations with the priests, sisters, and brothers who serve as leaders during the weekend.

There is no charge for the program, which includes accommodations in private rooms and meals at the seminary.

For more information about the VAP weekend, contact Father Kyle Walterscheid, diocesan director of Vocations, at (817) 366-0439, or by e-mail to kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org.



**ALTAR SERVERS HONORED** — An Altar Server Award ceremony was held April 29 at St. Frances Cabrini Church in Granbury by the Fort Worth Metro Serra Club. Serra medals were presented to (foreground, l. to r.) Mason Luedeker and Kristen Allen by Frank Novacek, secretary to the Fort Worth Metro Serra Club. Father Juan Rivero (background), pastor of St. Frances Parish, joined the community in gratefully acknowledging the contributions that these teens have made to their parish community.

## Responding to God's Call

### Vocation awareness — Mission: How is Christ calling you to build up his Church? Part 1 of 4

By Father Kyle Walterscheid

**W**hat is the meaning of my life? What is my mission in life? In what direction am I supposed to go? Who am I in relation to my Creator? What does God will me to do? How can I best live a Christ-centered life?

These are the kinds of questions that can lead to a deeper meaning and purpose in life. Once someone really understands their purpose in life, they are much more focused, joyful, and dedicated.

So, how can I be more certain that I am heading in the right direction with my life? Several essentials are reading the Bible daily, having a daily prayer life, learning and following the teachings of the Church, and receiving the sacraments to be in communion with God and neighbor. In this column, I will cover the need for daily reading of the Bible, the Word of God.

When I first started discerning at age 20 what my purpose was in life, what my mission in life was, I first turned to the Bible. Actually the Lord came to me on a college campus (University of Texas at Arlington) as fellow students of a non-denominational Christian church were handing out free, pocket-sized, New Testament Bibles. I was handed one, and soon enough I began reading several chapters every day.

While the whole Bible is the Word of God, the New Testament is specifically filled with words of everlasting life, as it presents Jesus the Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Now that's what I wanted!

I was tired of getting lost, being confused, and searching for the wrong things in life. Jesus shows us a most excellent way of life, a perfect way. His Way leads to everlasting life, and that's part of my mission in life: to live a life worthy of the calling I have received (*Ephesians 4:1*).

Stop for a second now and ponder the meaning of Jesus being the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Here is another way of putting it: If you don't know Jesus (and by this I mean depend on Him for your daily sustenance), then you don't know the Way, you don't know the Truth, and you don't have Life within you!

St. Jerome once said, "To be ignorant of Scripture is not to know Christ." In the confessional I often have the penitent read a chapter of the Bible for their penance, adding, "Remember, a chapter a

day keeps the devil away."

Here are some quick tips in reading the Bible:

— Get into the habit of reading the Bible every day. Make it a priority! Find a time each day that works for you. By reading a chapter each day, you can read the entire New Testament in nine months.

— As you read, underline phrases that stick out and are meaningful to you.

— Come back to them later and ponder those underlined words' meaning.

— Put a mark like "M" adjacent to a phrase that you want to memorize. If you memorize one phrase per week, by the end of a year you have over 50 phrases of God's Word at the tip of your tongue to proclaim His Word of eternal life!

— Get others in the family to get into the habit of reading the Bible too, and together you have the perfect foundation for your conversation.

— As you read the Bible, ask the Lord what is your mission in life. For those in either the single, married, or religious life, there are hundreds of specific missions within the Church. With great joy and zeal, I am serving as a diocesan priest to promote everybody's vocation in life. We are all members of the Body of Christ, and everybody's mission falls within the mission of the Church.

How is Christ calling you to serve and to build up his Church?

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.

## Mt. Carmel Center to offer summer programs

A morning program, entitled "Celebrating Creator and Creation," will be held at the Mt. Carmel Center, located at 4600 W. Davis Street in far West Dallas. The focus will be upon the dialogue between science and religion, with references to the book *The Gift of Being: A Theology of Creation* by Zachary Hayes, OFM. The program will be held

Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

"A Walk Through the Castle," a series of three presentations on *The Interior Castle* by St. Teresa of Avila, will be offered at Mt. Carmel Center Aug. 4, 11, and 18. Each session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.

A donation of \$25 per session is requested for all morning

programs held at Mt. Carmel Center. All are invited to bring their own lunches for continued fellowship following the programs. Drinks and desserts are provided for those bringing their lunches.

For more information about the programs offered by Mt. Carmel Center or to register, call (214) 331-6224 ext. 314.

## Knights to host Memorial Day rosary May 28

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Dunne Council #2813, invites all to share in a special Memorial Day rosary. The rosary will begin at 7:15 p.m. Monday, May 28, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 4500 Columbus Trail, four blocks west of 7900 Hulen in southwest Fort Worth.

According to the Knights, the rosary will be "dedicated to all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the armed services of the United States of America." All members of the armed services and veterans, who gave or offered their lives in defense of our faith and freedom will be remembered.

## St. John's to host 40 hours of eucharistic adoration, beginning June 8

The Stewardship Council of St. John the Apostle Parish, 7341 Glenview Drive in North Richland Hills, will sponsor 40 hours of eucharistic adoration in celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi. The devotion will begin Friday, June 8, at 2 p.m. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m., followed by an outdoor eucharistic procession. Except for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass, the time of adoration will continue until the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass June 10.

The parish will accept sign-ups for the adoration beginning June 1. For more information, call Mary Anne Lemmon at (817) 427-0953.

## Knights Memorial Day observance to be held May 27

The 48th annual Memorial Day observance, sponsored by the General Worth Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, will be held Sunday, May 27, at 2 p.m. in the Calvary Cemetery section of the historic Oakwood Cemetery, located at Grand and Gould streets in North Fort Worth.

The procession will be led by an Honor Guard of the Fourth Degree Knights, and wreaths will be placed in remembrance of Major Horace Carswell, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient; military veterans; and the clergy, religious, and the Catholic pioneers who helped develop the Fort Worth area.

The ceremony will conclude with a prayer service and blessing. The public is welcome to participate.

## Fr. Denis Wilde of Priests for Life to give concert June 2 at St. Ann's

Father Denis Wilde, OSA, an associate with the national pro-life organization Priests for Life, will perform in concert at St. Ann Church, 100 S.W. Alsbury Blvd. in Burleson, Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Burleson Pregnancy Aid Center. Fr. Wilde is also scheduled to celebrate Mass at the parish, Saturday, June 2, at 6 p.m., and on Sunday, June 3, at 8 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m.

Fr. Wilde, an Augustinian priest and concert pianist, Fr. Wilde received his doctorate in music from the Catholic University of America and has served as a choral director at Villanova University and as guest director of other college chorales. He has been active in pro-life work as a speaker, activist, musician, and a leader in the Helpers of God's Precious Infants movement. He has also worked with the national Rachel's Vineyard retreats offered to mothers and other family members seeking healing following abortion.

Donations will be accepted but are not required for admission to the concert. For more information, contact Jane Burton, executive director of the Burleson Pregnancy Aid Center, at (817) 295-4101 or by e-mail to burton@pregnancyaid.org.

## Rachel's Vineyard retreat, June 1-3, to offer post-abortion healing

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat, designed to offer healing for women and men struggling with the psychological and spiritual pain of abortion, will be held June 1-3 in Fort Worth.

Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe, non-judgmental, and supportive environment to those struggling with abortion's aftermath. The retreat team provides the confidential support needed to help participants work through feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and grief, so that they may be open to experiencing the healing love and mercy of God.

Mothers, fathers, grandparents, and former participants in the abortion industry — anyone who has been hurt by abortion — are welcome to attend.

For more information or to register for a retreat, call the confidential help line at (817) 923-4757 or e-mail to forgiven@racheltx.org.

# People & Events

## of Importance for the Church of Fort Worth



**GIRLS ON THE RUN** — Shannon Migliaccio, a third grader at Holy Trinity School in Grapevine, crosses the finish line, taking first place honors in the Girls on the Run WonderGirl 5K race April 28 at Bob Woodruff Park in Plano. The race was the culmination of a 12-week training program for girls, in which they gained knowledge about pursuing a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. They learned not only about running, but about physical health, nutrition, spirituality, teamwork, and community involvement. A total of 90 girls, ages 8 through 11, competed in the 5K race, with the largest team of 32 girls coming from Holy Trinity. As part of their team's community service project, the girls collected clothing and other items for Christ Haven.

## Workshop on marriage, divorce, and annulment set for May 31

A workshop on marriage, divorce, and the annulment process, entitled "Until Death Do Us Part?", will be offered Thursday, May 31, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at St. Andrew Church in the parish pastoral center.

The program presenter is Father Hector Medina, pastor of St. Matthew Church in Arlington. Fr. Medina, who works with the diocesan Marriage Tribunal, has studied at the Catholic University of America and has given workshops for the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics at Notre Dame.

The workshop is described in promotional materials as an opportunity to explore the scriptural and traditional understanding of marriage, the reality of divorce, and the process of the declaration of invalidity. "In recognizing the pain of separation and divorce and knowing that we are called to peace, the church uses the annulment process to bring reconciliation to the deep hurt of a broken marriage," the material states. Those who seek to understand more about the annulment process or to serve as volunteers in the Tribunal ministry are invited to participate in the workshop.

Childcare is available by calling (817) 924-6581 at least 48 hours in advance. To RSVP by May 28, contact Alice Curran at (817) 927-5383.

## University of Dallas announces plans for fall ministry conference

The University of Dallas recently announced plans for a new conference event. The UD Ministry Conference is scheduled for Sept. 6-8 at the Westin Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive in Dallas. Sponsored by the UD School of Ministry in association with the Diocese of Dallas, the conference will have as its theme "Walking Together in Faith."

Keynote and major presentations are to be given by Father Ronald Rolheiser; Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Steven Ellair. Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish, focusing on a wide variety of topics, including adult catechesis, apologetics, art and environment, music, parish leadership, prayer, social justice, theology, young adult ministry, and youth ministry.

The cost is \$40 for a single day or \$70 for the full conference, if registration is submitted before July 9. After that date, the cost is \$50 for a single day and \$80 for the full conference. Meals are extra. Group discounts are available. A limited number of guest rooms at the conference rate of \$99 have been reserved. For room reservations, call (972) 385-3000.

For more information, visit online at [www.UDallasConference.com](http://www.UDallasConference.com), e-mail to [info@UDallasConference.com](mailto:info@UDallasConference.com), or call the conference registrar, T.M. Enterprises, at (815) 332-7084.

## Faith and Fiction group to meet June 21

"Faith and Fiction: Conversations on Spirituality and Imagination," a venue for discussing novels and films with themes that shed light on the journey of faith, will meet Thursday, June 21, at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street in Fort Worth. The topic of discussion will be *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*, by Michael Dorris.

Those planning to participate are asked to read the book, reflect on it in light of personal experiences, and come to the session with questions, insights, or observations to share. A potluck supper will be served at 6:15 p.m., and the discussion will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Future dates and topics of discussion are as follows: July 19, the film "Il Postino," directed by Michael Radford; Aug. 16, the film "Rabbit-Proof Fence," directed by Phillip Noyce; and Sept. 20, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith.

To ensure good conversation, space will be limited. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact Dan Luby at (817) 560-2452 ext. 259, or by e-mail to [dluby@fwdioc.org](mailto:dluby@fwdioc.org).

## Two Sisters of St. Mary of Namur to celebrate significant jubilees Aug. 18

The Sisters of St. Mary of Namur will be celebrating the significant jubilees of two of their congregation with a Mass Saturday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 3717 Stadium Drive in Fort Worth. Sister Mary Meridian, SSMN, will be marking her 50th year of religious life, and Sister St. John Begnaud, SSMN, will be celebrating her 65th year as a religious sister.

For more information, call Our Lady of Victory Center at (817) 923-3091.

## Fullness of Truth conference to be held June 23-24 in Houston

The "New Springtime of Catholic Evangelization" Summer Family Conference will be held June 23-24 at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2222 West Loop South in Houston. The conference, sponsored by the Fullness of Truth Catholic Evangelization Ministries of Houston, will offer participants insights into understanding, explaining, and defending the Catholic Church in contemporary culture.

Author and speaker Dr. Scott Hahn, a professor of Scripture and theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will keynote the event. Other conference speakers will include Archbishop Daniel DiNardo of Houston, Jeff Cavins, Michael Barber, and Dr. Brant Pitre.

Ticket prices for the conference range from \$20 for youth under age 17 to \$95 for family groups. Meals and accommodations may be paid for separately. For more information, call toll-free at 1 (877) 218-7884 or visit the Fullness of Truth Web site at [www.fullnessoftruth.org](http://www.fullnessoftruth.org).

## Dan Luby to present keynote for singles conference in Plano June 9

"Finding God in the Gaps: Connecting Spirituality with Everyday Life," a one-day conference for all single adults — including those who are separated, divorced, widowed, or never married — will be held Saturday, June 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Prince of Peace Church Cana Center, located at 5100 W. Plano Parkway in Plano.

Dr. Dan Luby, a columnist and Catholic educator who currently serves as the director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Fort Worth, will offer the keynote address for the event. A wide variety of workshops will also be offered throughout the day, addressing topics such as "Living Your Vocation as a Single Adult," "When Life Throws You a Curve Ball: Growing through Life's Unexpected Changes," "Living a Hope-Filled Life," and "God is Forgiveness: Letting Go of the Hurt." The day will conclude with Mass at 3:30 p.m.; a social hour will follow.

Registration is \$25 and includes lunch and refreshments. The deadline for registration is June 2. For more information or to register, visit online at [www.setonparish.org](http://www.setonparish.org); call (972) 380-2100 ext. 152; or e-mail to [bmcwilliams@popplano.org](mailto:bmcwilliams@popplano.org).

## Calix support group meets monthly at Holy Family

Calix, a monthly support meeting for Catholics who are alcoholic and others who are struggling with addiction and seeking recovery, is offered the first Saturday of each month at Holy Family Church, 6150 Pershing Avenue in West Fort Worth. The next meeting will be held June 2, beginning at 10 a.m. in the chapel.

Calix meetings focus on enhancing spiritual growth through sharing Eucharist, discussion, and fellowship.

For more information, call Deacon Joe Milligan at (817) 737-6768 ext. 105 or Tim S. at (817) 735-1519.

## Junior high band camp to be offered at Nolan Catholic, June 4-8

A summer band camp for junior high students will be offered at Nolan Catholic High School, 4501 Bridge Street in East Fort Worth, from Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 8. The camp is open to students entering the fifth grade through those completing the eighth grade.

Brian Standridge, director of the NCHS band program, and Chuck Compher, associate director, will serve as hosts for the camp. Concert band, jazz band, ensembles, and instrument master classes will be offered. An optional field trip to Burger's Lake is planned.

The fee is \$75 per student, plus an additional \$7 for the Burger's Lake outing. For more information, contact the NCHS band department at (817) 457-2920 ext. 1538 or e-mail to [bstandridge@nolancatholics.org](mailto:bstandridge@nolancatholics.org).

## Official Assignments

The following assignments have been made by Bishop Kevin Vann:

Father John Robert Skeldon has been assigned parochial administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Wichita Falls, effective June 1.

Father Mel Bessellieu has been assigned pastor of St. Ann Parish, Burleson, effective Aug. 1.

## People and Events

### Catholic Life announces local recipients of All American Scholar Award

Catholic Life Insurance of San Antonio recently announced that six of the 25 graduating high school senior students selected to receive Catholic Life's All American Scholar Award come from the Diocese of Fort Worth. Trey Berend of Windthorst, Gretchen Ettredge of Pilot Point, Angela Schad of Valley View, Jennifer Schroeder of Lindsay, Jessica Walterscheid of Muenster, and Johnathan Zimmerer of Gainesville were designated American Scholars.

The program, open to Catholic Life members who are graduating seniors, recognizes students whose community service, leadership skills, and academic achievement set them apart from others, according to Ashlee Bates, Catholic Life representative. The seniors were required to submit an application including a letter of recommendation and an essay describing their most memorable volunteer experience.

Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 non-renewable award to offset their college tuition costs. Berend will attend the University of North Texas; Ettredge will attend Tarleton State University; Schad will attend the University of Notre Dame; Schroeder and Walterscheid will attend Midwestern State University; and Zimmerer will attend Tennessee Tech University.

### Hispanic Pastoral Musicians Conference set for July 26-29 in Albuquerque

The fifth annual Hispanic Pastoral Musicians Conference, sponsored by the Southwest Liturgical Conference Region X and hosted by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe's Office of Worship, will be held July 26-29 at the Wyndham Albuquerque Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The cost for the conference and banquet, not including accommodations, is \$110. The cost for accommodations at the Wyndham hotel is \$69 per night and includes breakfast.

For more information, visit the conference Web site at [www.swlc.org](http://www.swlc.org) or e-mail to [worship2@archdiocesesantafe.org](mailto:worship2@archdiocesesantafe.org) or call (505) 831-8194.

### Subiaco Academy to hold 'Discovery Sunday' June 10

Subiaco Academy, a Catholic college preparatory boarding and day school for young men in grades 9-12, will host a Discovery Sunday for parents and prospective students, June 10 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Those visiting will have the opportunity to meet members of the administration and faculty, and take a guided tour of the campus. Interested students may also take the preliminary placement exam.

Established in 1887 by the Benedictine priests and brothers of Subiaco Abbey, the academy, located in the Arkansas River Valley approximately 50 miles east of Fort Smith, offers a challenging program in academics, the arts, athletics, and various activities. According to the school's admission office, Subiaco touts a college placement rate of 100 percent. The school's diverse student population, representing various states from California to Connecticut, includes international students from countries such as China, Germany, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, and Taiwan.

For more information, contact the Subiaco Admission Office at (800) 364-7824; e-mail to [admissions@subi.org](mailto:admissions@subi.org); or visit online at [www.subi.org](http://www.subi.org).

### Information on participating in Scouting Religious Emblem programs is available

Catholic religious emblem programs for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, according to information from the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, "provide an outstanding religious education supplement for your son or daughter and are available throughout the diocese from trained instructors."

For information on these programs, contact Teresa Harner at (972) 394-9491 for Girl Scouts, and Tom Moore at (972) 539-0257 for Cub and Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout emblem programs — Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII — typically start around May. For more information, visit the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting's Web Site at [www.bsaccs.org](http://www.bsaccs.org).

### Apostolatus Uniti to hold 18th Rosary Congress June 10-16

The 18th annual Rosary Congress, sponsored by Apostolatus Uniti, will be held from June 10 through June 16 at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 5508 Black Oak Lane in River Oaks. Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, a popular speaker, author, and frequent guest on the Eternal Word Television Network, will give the keynote address.

The weeklong spiritual retreat, which will include conferences on the Catholic faith, daily Masses, the sacrament of reconciliation, 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, and scriptural rosaries, will begin Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi, with the 11 a.m. parish Mass. The Mass will be followed by an outdoor eucharistic procession.

This year's congress theme, "Come Before the Gaze of Jesus," emphasizes "the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, both in the tabernacle and in the monstrance during adoration," according to Bonnie Sager, director of Apostolatus Uniti. Sager indicated that the theme will be addressed in the daily congress workshop sessions on Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic letter, *Sacramentum Caritatis* (*The Sacrament of Charity*). The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dr. D'Ambrosio will present the June 13 evening conference following the 7:30 p.m. Mass. All other evening conferences will be given by Father Antony Mathew, TOR, associate pastor at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth. Dr. D'Ambrosio will also speak for the teen track of the congress Wednesday, June 13, at 6 p.m.

To sign up for the time of adoration, call Kim Barton at (817) 926-0019 or (432) 386-3862. For more details on the youth track, call Karen Rangel at (817) 237-0466. To register for the teen track, call Jane Sandoval at (817) 980-3538. For other information about the Rosary Congress, contact Bonnie Sager at (817) 294-5579 or visit online at [www.apostolatusuniti.org](http://www.apostolatusuniti.org).

### North Texas Catholic deadlines for submission

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 June 22 issue must be received by noon on Wednesday, June 13. Items for the July 27 issue must be received by noon on Wednesday, July 18.



**ST. RITA SCHOOL MUSICAL** — "A Musical Cruisical," the spring musical performed by students of St. Rita School in East Fort Worth, was performed for parents and friends Thursday, May 17. As its premise, the musical featured cast and crew of the USS Lollipop providing nightly lounge entertainment. First graders, pictured as the "performing monkeys," sing the song "Jungle Beat." Another highlight of the performance was the fifth grade class sword fighting their way through "A Renaissance Sword Dance" while playing musical recorders.

### Nolan Catholic High School to host Jazz Band Camp June 11-15

A Jazz Band Camp will be held June 11-15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nolan Catholic High School (NCHS), 4501 Bridge Street in East Fort Worth, in the school's Music Hall, located in the Activity Center. The camp is open to all public or private school students entering grades eight through 12; middle school students will be admitted following the director's approval.

The camp will include full jazz band rehearsals and performances; sectional rehearsals; music theory and improvisation; and jazz history and listening sessions. Featured clinicians at the camp are professional musical artists and band directors, including Chuck Compher, NCHS Jazz Band director and leader of the Jazz Monsters Big Band, which is a co-sponsor of the week-long camp.

A concert featuring the camp musicians will be held Friday, June 15, at 1 p.m., at a location to be announced at the camp.

Tuition for camp is \$100 prior to June 1 or \$120 after that date. Referral discounts of \$10 prior to June 1 are available. For more information, visit online at [www.nolancatholic.org/fine-arts/band.htm](http://www.nolancatholic.org/fine-arts/band.htm) or call (817) 457-2920 ext. 1733.

### Catholic Divorce Ministry to hold annual international conference at Notre Dame July 5-7

Catholic Divorce Ministry (CDM), the ministry of the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics, invites all divorced and separated individuals, members of the clergy, and pastoral professionals to its 33rd annual international conference, to be held at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, July 5-7.

With the theme "Water in the Desert," the conference will offer participants the opportunity to hear keynote presenters and authors Kathy Brewer Gorham and Bill Dye, to attend workshops, and to experience fellowship with other conference attendees.

Workshops will address topics

### St. Mary Church, Windthorst, plans 115th birthday celebration

St. Mary Church of Windthorst will hold its 115th birthday celebration Sunday, June 3, at the church's parish hall and at the junior high school and school grounds adjacent to the church, located at 101 Church Street in Windthorst.

Event activities will include games, concessions, a train ride, and a live auction. A Dairy Derby Fun Run will begin at noon on the football field; participants may pre-register or may register the day of the race from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the concession stand. Races will be held for youth ages 12 and under. A horseshoe tournament will begin at noon and continue the rest of the day; contact Jerry Bacon for more details at (940) 237-7765 or (940) 423-6121.

The parish will also host a golf tournament on Saturday, June 2; for information about registration, contact David Veitenheimer at (940) 423-6687. For more information about the June 3 celebration, call the parish office at (940) 423-6687.

### English Cursillo for women to be offered in June

A Cursillo is a short course in Christianity consisting of a series of talks and meditations examining one's life in relation to Jesus Christ. Many who have gone through this experience have found it helpful in developing a deeper Christian spirituality.

A Cursillo weekend for women will take place June 7-10. The program, which will be presented in English, will be held at The Cursillo Center, 2221 N.W. 26th Street in Fort Worth.

For more information, call Mary Jean Nagy at (817) 226-1110 or e-mail to [mjnyagy@fredhall-dfw.com](mailto:mjnyagy@fredhall-dfw.com).

### Training for Ad Altare Dei counselors, chaplain aides set for June 2

The Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) for the Diocese of Fort Worth recently announced training opportunities for the roles of Ad Altare Dei counselors and chaplain aides. Both training sessions will be held Saturday, June 2, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine.

All Scouters offering Ad Altare Dei Award classes are required to receive this training and approval through the CCS. Additionally, all current Scouts who serve as chaplain aides or who are interested in serving in this role may participate in the chaplain aide training to be offered at the same time.

The cost for each training session is \$5 per person and includes a catered lunch.

For more information on either training opportunity, visit online at [www.bsaccs.org](http://www.bsaccs.org). For specific information about the Ad Altare Dei counselor training, contact Steve Zerbe at (817) 251-1162 or by e-mail to [zpatton@aol.com](mailto:zpatton@aol.com). For specific information about the chaplain aide training, contact Bill Harrison at (817) 283-8052, or by e-mail to [wjh\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:wjh_harrison@hotmail.com).



**WALK FOR LIFE** — These supporters of Project Gabriel, a parish-based outreach ministry designed to help women experiencing crisis pregnancies, were among the many pro-life advocates participating in the May 12 Walk for Life at Lucy Park in Wichita Falls. All proceeds from the event went to help the Pregnancy Help Centers in Wichita Falls and Vernon. Father Hoa Nguyen, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Wichita Falls, and Father Charles Gorantla, HGN, associate pastor, also participated in the event, which had a strong Catholic representation.

# Deaf retreatants urged to become spiritual leaders by presenter who shares their life experience

Below: Deacon Patrick Graybill from Rochester, New York, leads the deaf community in a group prayer. (Photo by Mary Cinatl)



**H**ave you ever felt like your world was upside down? Have you felt out of sync with people and the places where you happen to be? Deacon Patrick Graybill, who serves at Emmanuel Church of the Deaf in the Diocese of Rochester, New York, had answers for questions such as these at the Deaf Ministry Program's spring retreat, held in April at Camp Glen Lake in Glen Rose.

Twenty-one people of the Diocese of Fort Worth deaf community attended the retreat led by Deacon Graybill, who grew up in a family where five of the seven children, including himself, are deaf. Each year, the Deaf Ministry Program invites a deaf presenter serving as a role model and mentor to the deaf community to come and visit with the deaf community and to present a program on a religious topic.

Using American Sign Language, Deacon Graybill suggested to the retreatants

that, contrary to the wide variety of advertisements that suggest material goods like a special vacation or an energy drink can cure one's ills, what people really need is God. We all "hunger for God," he stressed, and when we have God in our life, everything rights itself and the world is good.

Deacon Graybill, who recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon, grew up in Overland Park, Kansas, and attended the Kansas State School for the Deaf. He received a master's in deaf education from Gallaudet University. In May



**DEAF MINISTRY RETREAT** — The deaf community gathers for a retreat picture at Camp Glen Lake in Glen Rose. Twenty-one people attended the April retreat led by Deacon Patrick Graybill from Rochester, New York. The retreat's theme was "Hunger for God." (Photo by Mary Cinatl)

2005, he earned his doctorate from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, where he was a part of a planning committee to initiate a new master's degree program for pastoral ministries with the deaf. Deacon Graybill now serves as a missionary for the International Catholic Deaf Association, presenting workshops nationally and internationally.

"The influence this deaf religious leader has on the Catholic deaf community cannot be overemphasized," said

Mary Cinatl, director of the diocesan Deaf Ministry Program. "Such an advisor can relate to and explain things to the deaf community in ways a hearing mentor can not. A common language, shared experiences, and similar goals all help bring the message of God home to those who do not hear," she added.

Reflecting on how retreat participants left feeling energized and refreshed, Cinatl explained that Deacon Graybill advocated for deaf people

to become spiritual leaders, empowering them to respond to their baptismal call to evangelize. As a result, the deaf community will be more able to rely on themselves in nourishing their faith and be less dependent on hearing people. Although religious mentors who hear are still appreciated, Cinatl emphasized that "there is an authenticity, a real community, a feeling of welcome, to learning about God through the eyes of someone who shares the same life as you do."

## Carolyn Bachmann of Scotland is elected state regent at CDA state convention

"Women of God, Be Not Afraid" was the theme of the 45th Texas state convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), held April 26-29 at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. The event included daily Mass, a variety of keynote presentations and workshops, reports from various CDA courts in Texas, and festive meals, including a Friday evening luau and a Saturday evening awards banquet.

The convention opened with Mass the evening of April 26, at Cathedral Santuario de Gua-

dalupe, located in the Dallas Arts District. Bishop Armando Ochoa of El Paso, who serves as the CDA Texas state chaplain, and Bishop Charles Grahmann, then apostolic administrator for the Diocese of Dallas, concelebrated the liturgy, which was attended by CDA members and their guests. Approximately 850 CDA members registered for the convention.

Throughout the weekend, convention participants listened to reports about service work that is being done by CDA volunteers

through organizations and projects such as Missions of Mercy, Read Across America, Habitat for Humanity, Juarez Mission School, and the Bishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation. Additionally, CDA officials announced that over \$28,000 in scholarship funds had been awarded to graduating high school seniors within the state of Texas.

After two full days of reports, awards, and presentations, the 2007-2009 state officers were installed at the Sunday morning Mass. New officers include Caro-

lyn Bachmann, state regent, Scotland, within the Diocese of Fort Worth; Sheila Martinka, first vice state regent, Pasadena; Carolyn Malik, second vice state regent, Shiner; Peggy Rosales, state secretary, Austin; Eve Trevino, state treasurer, Corpus Christi.

Special events held during the convention included luncheons for the past regents and for chaplains and other male guests at the convention, as well as an appreciation luncheon for state chairs and district deputies. There are currently 22 state chairs

and 54 district deputies among the 16,012 members within the 225 Texas CDA courts. The 2009 state convention is to be held in McAllen.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a non-profit organization for Catholic women over the age of 18 who are interested in doing spiritual, charitable, and educational work.

For more information, visit the national Web site at [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org) or the Texas CDA Web site at [www.texasda.org](http://www.texasda.org).



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## Diocesan / National

# Deacon Raul Garcia Sr., former prison ministry chaplain, dies at age 73

Deacon Raul Garcia Sr., 73, died May 14 in Keller. A vigil was held at the Forest Ridge Funeral Home May 15. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 16 at Deacon Garcia's home parish, St. Michael Church in Bedford, with Bishop Kevin Vann presiding. Msgr. Joseph Schumacher and Father Michael Holmberg served as concelebrants. The interment took place at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Deacon Garcia, ordained to the diaconate in 1982, grew up in Mexico. A Korean War veteran, he served in the United States Army before leaving the service in 1958. An agricultural businessman, he traveled extensively through Mexico while based in the Rio Grande Valley with his wife, Maria, whom he married in 1955. He and his wife and six children relocated to North Texas and attended Catholic churches in Dallas and Irving before working to help found St. Michael Church in Bedford in 1977.

After his diaconate ordination, Deacon Garcia became deeply committed to prison



Deacon Raul Garcia Sr.

ministry and served as a chaplain for the county jail for more than 20 years.

"He was a very special man. Raul was one in a million," said Ralph McCloud, director of Prison Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Worth. "He was revered among the inmates and staff members at the jail, and he would spend all the time they needed with him. He was a wonderful listener, and he had a very soothing, pastoral, insightful way with the people

who reached out to him for help," McCloud said.

"He was one of the true pioneers of prison ministry in this diocese," McCloud continued. "He was very much respected by members of the administration at the jail, and they would ask for him if a particularly difficult message needed to be delivered to an inmate in a pastoral way."

Deacon Garcia's son, Luis Garcia of Dallas, fondly recalled his father's habit of wearing cowboy boots and his ability to minister effectively with people in all walks of life. "He was an inspiration for so many people," said Garcia. "He was extremely influential in shaping lives. He was a leader, and he cared for everyone whose life he touched. He was a wonderful man, who truly served those in need."

Deacon Garcia's wife, Maria, who shared his commitment to ministry, died in 2005. He is survived by children Rosalinda, Sandra, Raul, Sara, Javier, and Luis; four brothers, two sisters, twelve grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



**KANSAS TORNADO DAMAGE** — An American flag hangs in the rubble May 6 in Greensburg, Kansas, after a devastating tornado ripped through the area the evening of May 4. The tornado, rated an F5 and the most powerful to hit the U.S. in eight years, demolished every business on the main street. All the churches, including St. Joseph Catholic Church, also were destroyed. At least 10 people died, and at least 50 people were injured, some critically, authorities said. (CNS photo/Dave Kaup, Reuters)

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## Diocesan

# Diocesan Pastoral Council seeks new members; nominations being accepted

The Diocese of Fort Worth Diocesan Pastoral Council — formerly known as the Diocesan Pastoral Advisory Council (DPAC) — is seeking new members, said Joe Rodriguez, who serves as staff to the council. Members of the current council have worked extensively with an advisor, Barbara Ann Cusack, to clarify the role of the council and to develop methods for identifying new candidates. Cusack, a canon lawyer, serves as chancellor and director of administrative services for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The council's mission statement, developed at a Transition Planning Meeting of the DPC on April 27, describes the newly-defined function of the council: "The Pastoral Council is a body of Catholics, ordained and lay, who are active in and in touch with the life of the church in the Diocese of Fort Worth. The members of the Pastoral Council reflect on their faith, experience, and information presented in order to investigate, consider, and propose practical resolutions so as to advise the bishop on areas of policy and future direction."

Council meetings will be held

three to four times per year or more frequently, as needed, according to Rodriguez. Bishop Vann will preside over and actively participate in council meetings; other committees, councils, or members of the diocesan staff may be invited to attend council meetings to address topics such as finances or education. Some members of the Presbyteral Council will also serve as members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. The Presbyteral Council will continue to function under its own mission and objectives, but the bishop may request that members of both councils work together on committees to address particular issues.

Prospective council members representing both genders, various geographical areas, age groups, ethnicities, languages, and perspectives are sought, said Rodriguez. Up to 24 Catholics from the diocese will be selected to serve on the council for terms of approximately three to five years.

"We ask that pastors, pastoral administrators, staff members, current Diocesan Pastoral Council members, and parish pastoral council members identify practicing Catholics who are open-minded, visionary, and experienced at putting their faith into action," said Rodriguez. "We are asking that all Catholic leaders begin to prayerfully consider if you, or someone you know, might be called to the ministry of consultation within the Diocese of Fort Worth." Rodriguez also noted that potential candidates for the council are welcome to submit their own names. The deadline for submitting candidates' names is June 22.

For more information, contact Joe Rodriguez at (817) 560-3300 ext. 115 or by e-mail at jrodriguez@fwdioc.org.



**ROSARY MARCH** — As part of the 61st International Rosary March, a group of parishioners from St. John the Apostle Church in North Richland Hills participated in a procession around the church grounds, carrying the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima while reciting the rosary. The local assembly, taking part in this observance for the first time, joined others across the world in praying for world peace and for an end to abortion. The international event is sponsored by the St. Louis Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima. Another International Rosary March is planned for Oct. 7.

### Diocesan Pastoral Council nomination form

Bearing in mind the Diocesan Pastoral Council mission statement, I nominate the following person to serve on the council:

(A person also may use this form for self-nomination to DPC)

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## Beginnings Plus Institute to be held at Holy Trinity Seminary

The Initiation Experience: Beginnings Plus Institute, cosponsored by The North American Forum on the Catechumenate and the Diocese of Fort Worth, will be held Aug. 1-4, at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving.

The institute, according to a press release, will focus on the vision of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process and provide an experience of the flow, steps, and periods of the rite, in order to deepen one's understanding of the conversion journey. Participants will learn the skills necessary for local implementation while taking part in opportunities for individual reflection, faith sharing, and liturgical celebration.

Experienced pastoral ministers, liturgists, catechists, and theologians, including Nelson Bonet, Kevin Bourassa, Sister Gael Gensler, OSF, and Father Joe Scardella, will serve as institute leaders. In three-and-a-half packed days, according to the

press release, participants will walk through the entire RCIA process, from Inquiry to Mystagogy, including the rites and liturgies that are part of the process. Spanish dialogue sessions will be offered.

Completely self-contained at Holy Trinity Seminary, the Beginnings Plus Institute is accessible to long-distance travelers (minutes from DFW Airport) and local participants alike. The cost is \$385 for commuters or \$427 for those staying at the seminary. Early-bird discounts, parish team discounts, and scholarships are available.

Check-in for the institute will take place the evening of July 31, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. For complete information and a registration form, see the North American Forum on the Catechumenate's Web site at [www.naforum.org](http://www.naforum.org) or contact Debbie Stark, local coordinator, at (817) 485-2851 or e-mail to [ddstark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ddstark@sbcglobal.net).

## Teacher fired after admitting inappropriate sexual conduct with minor about six years ago

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with whom the victim shared the information. The report was made in accordance with the diocese's Safe Environment Program that requires persons with knowledge of possible sex abuse of a minor to report immediately that information. The diocese's Safe Environment Program requires a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Likewise, Article 12 of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" requires that dioceses establish

"safe environment" programs and gives the necessary elements of such a program.

Diocesan officials contacted Denton police immediately upon learning of a possible improper incident with a minor who was 14 years old at the time, and began a diocesan investigation. The victim in the 2001 incident has declined to meet with diocesan officials. Bayer admitted to the incident during the course of the diocesan investigation and was fired immediately.

Sacred Heart School staff, students, and parents were in-

formed Friday through meetings and letters of Bayer's dismissal. Sacred Heart School enrolls approximately 235 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12. Counselors will be on hand at the school Monday.

St. Mark Parish also has been informed of the incident.

The Diocese of Fort Worth invites anyone who wishes to report sexual misconduct by Bayer or by anyone who serves the church to contact Victims Abuse Coordinator Judy Locke at (817) 560-2452 ext. 201 or Father Michael Olson at (817) 560-2452 ext. 107.

# Viewpoints

## Change & growth intertwine as tools of the Spirit

By Dan Luby

In the muggy afternoon heat they stand together on the sidewalk, a still point of friendship and affection in a noisy, swirling crowd.

Twenty-somethings all, they are nicely dressed, as if for church or a family dinner or some other important, if not entirely formal, event. One of the young men sports a tie, and most of the women are in dresses, and all of them have a freshly scrubbed, happy look which speaks to their earnest good will and their pleasure in one another's company.

Bound by shared feelings and aspirations and memories more intense than their cheerful chatter might suggest, the tight human circle sways in the current of the bustling walkway. It breaks apart only at the insistence of some of its members, and morphs into two lines facing each other.

In one, cameras are brought to squinting eyes, arms and hands move in animated gestures, and voices shout over the din of the surrounding masses of people.

In the other line, the object of all this photographic micro-management, four members of the group collect themselves and stand together, their common status revealed by the tasseled and extravagantly purple hats perched atop



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their heads.

Arms around each other's shoulders, their faces pointing toward the cell phones and pocket cameras poised to record the momentous occasion, they smile happily. Theirs are smiles of satisfaction, of relief, of excitement and pride and affirmation.

Behind the smiles, authentic as they are, a loving eye catches glimpses of other feelings, less jolly, more shaded with complexity, and all the more meaningful and important because of it.

They are graduates, of course, and with diplomas in hand, they are teetering on the doorway of a new life. Here in the sweltering pre-thunderstorm heat, with the late afternoon sun layering the towering thunderheads to the north with drama and beauty, they are facing their futures in a piercing amalgam of joy and heartache.

Behind them lies a rich time of intellectual stimulation and spiritual deepening and transformative friendships.

The sadness that adds poignancy to their smiles arises from an acute awareness that this privileged time has come to an end.

Ahead of them, in the hazy distance, lies the promise of new lives. Dreams as yet unfulfilled could still come true there. New jobs, new careers, new relationships, even new identities beckon from tomorrow and the days beyond. The anxiety and loss of goodbye wrestles with the excitement and hope of hello.

What's happening to them is what happens at major transitional moments in all our lives. The paradox of change as a constant, always present in the background of our days, flashes like lightning in the dark, revealing in its momentary brilliance how loss and gain are intertwined, happy anticipation mixed with wrenching sadness, yearned for future with wistful past.

This paradox is part of our life as the Church as well, at different times

and in varying situations and for multiple reasons. As individuals and as communities, we whose sacred calling it is to be Christ's presence in the world are confronted with the challenge to move beyond our spiritual comfort zones into new modes of service.

It's hard to say goodbye to what has fulfilled us, to success and comfort and certainty. Starting over, with new people, new ways of doing things, new circumstances, new challenges — it's easy to resent whatever pushes us forward.

As the Church celebrates again the feast of Pentecost, when the Spirit of Jesus first filled the community of disciples with the divine presence and animated the Body of Christ, we remember that such moments of crisis and challenge are part of our story, part of who we are.

Christ calls us, not to an unchanging routine, no matter how satisfying, nor to a pattern of safety, no matter how appealing. He calls us to a life of growth and adventure, to mission. May this season of changes, secular and sacred, move us to support those in transition, and to embrace the challenges ahead for us all.



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and Canada. Dan's column earned the same recognition in 2001 and again in 2003. Dan and his wife, Theresa, have two children, Kate and Peter.

## Remembering is a path to healing

By Mary Morrell

"There is an appointed time for everything... a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance..."

—Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

Today, as I make plans to attend yet another wake for a friend, I do what most of us do in times like this — remember what was.

The meeting of friends and family at the funeral parlor, the familiar routine of the wake service and Mass, the images and symbols of the cemetery are certain to evoke memories of loved ones lost and grief experienced.

For me, at this moment, the prospect has brought to mind the burial of my very dear uncle so many years ago, someone much loved and cherished — and missed.

That morning, as we stood silently by the graveside, waiting for the priest to begin the last prayers, I noticed a small child toying with the baskets of flowers that led to the canvas tent.

The bright pink and purples of her dainty clothes were in stark contrast to the

somber hues of the adults nearby.

In a world of her own, as if unaware of the soft drizzle of fall rain or what was taking place around her, she hummed a quiet tune and touched the silken petals of fresh-cut roses.

Though my heart ached at the painful thought of my dear Uncle Stan being laid to rest, I had to smile at the little girl who reminded me that life goes on.

Then I was the grieving niece, the anguished daughter, having recently lost both parents. At some tomorrow I will be the deceased, as will we all.

While death, for most of us, is a thought we try to push aside and a fate we try to avoid as long as possible, it is not a bad thing to live life with an awareness that our days are numbered. It is a powerful reminder to live and love fully.

As the prayers concluded that morning, I followed the child's lead and pulled several sweet-smelling flowers from the baskets, walking timidly around neighboring graves, trying to undo the familiar tightening in my throat as I came upon the graves of my parents.

A heavy sigh escaped my lips as I placed

the flowers across the dark, moist earth that seemed to resist the spreading grass. Behind me, my cousins, after saying their final goodbyes to their devoted father, brought baskets of flowers to my parents' graves. I was touched and thought about how much I loved my family.

The smiles that accompanied their gesture turned to laughter as someone remarked that, even after a year, there was no grass growing on my mother's grave, remembering her oft-quoted desire to rest in a mausoleum.

Not your ordinary "drawer in a wall" mausoleum, mind you, where she would share space with other families' loved ones, but a private mausoleum of grandiose proportions!

"She's not going to let the grass grow over HER!" someone quipped.

"I hope my father doesn't have to hear about it for all eternity," I had chuckled, remembering the good-natured, quick-witted darts that would often fly between them.

Reflecting on the number of family members who were "resting" nearby, my cousins and I had considered the possibil-

ity of a family picnic.

The remembering is so often painful, especially when we are alone. But shared with people who knew our loved ones or who love us in our pain, it can be powerfully healing.

Now, as I remember times past with my parents, I continue to remember a favorite uncle who made me laugh, who beat us to Lyons Lake on summer Saturdays to cook breakfast over an open grill, who served us Syrian bread and olives when we visited after church, whose nonchalant approach to driving evoked spontaneous prayer from anyone who drove with him, who opened his heart and his home to everyone, and who loved his children and grandchildren with unabashed openness.

Sitting here today, as my father's birthday nears, another thought enters my mind. I remember vividly my cousin's wedding when the DJ played the Pointer Sisters' song, "We Are Family." "Get up everybody and dance!" they sang. And we did, all of us, together. We danced together, as we laugh together, cry and grieve together. There is a time to dance — and to remember.

# This Court has begun to see

By Richard Doerflinger

The Supreme Court's new ruling on partial-birth abortion has near-term and long-term implications. Both should give us new hope in the struggle to build a culture of life.

The immediate impact is that after a decade of political and legal struggle, Congress is finally allowed to forbid a late-term abortion procedure "so horrible that the most clinical description of it evokes a shudder of revulsion." (The quote is from Justice Antonin Scalia, dissenting from the Court's ruling seven years ago allowing partial-birth abortions to continue — and if you think he exaggerates, find Justice Kennedy's new majority opinion in *Gonzales v. Carhart* online and read the first three pages.) By allowing a ban on the deliberate delivery and direct killing of the mostly-born child, the Court has at least prevented abortion from sliding entirely over into infanticide.

But as many have said, the ban itself will not prevent many abortions. More important in the long run are the signs that "the abortion distortion" — the Court's past refusal to apply the same rules of decision-making in abortion cases as in other cases — may be a thing of the past. No longer will protective laws be struck down simply because the legislators are motivated by ethical concerns, or because their factual findings were disputed by some abortion doctors, or because a plaintiff cobbled together a hypothetical future case where the law may someday have an untoward result. What Justice Scalia has called the Court's "ad hoc nullification machine" for abortion laws is replaced by the usual presumption that a duly enacted law is constitutional unless shown otherwise.

Most encouraging of all is the way the Court has begun to deliver on a promise made in its 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision. At that time the

*The new decision sets aside past evasions about not knowing "when human life begins," and simply acknowledges that, "by common understanding and scientific terminology, a fetus is a living organism while within the womb, whether or not it is viable outside the womb." The Court calls the victim of abortion an unborn child and clearly recognizes abortion as a form of killing.*

Court's plurality opinion upheld the basic core of *Roe v. Wade* on the ground that it had been a judicial precedent for so long, but admitted that *Roe* may not have given enough attention to a key factor in the abortion dilemma: the value of the unborn child's life. The new decision sets aside past evasions about not knowing "when human life begins," and simply acknowledges that, "by common understanding and scientific terminology, a fetus is a living organism while within the womb, whether or not it is viable outside the womb." The Court calls the victim of abortion an unborn child and clearly recognizes abortion as a form of killing.

Nor does the Court ignore the plight of the pregnant woman. Rather, it emphasizes how wrenching her situation is, and how terribly wrong it is for an

abortionist to hide the reality of abortion from her until it is too late to act differently. On this point the Court cites a "friend of the court" brief filed by 180 women who personally experienced grief, sorrow, and depression after abortion.

From a legal viewpoint, the new decision is narrow in its impact. *Roe v. Wade* still stands, and the vast majority of abortions remain legal. But this Court has begun to take off the blinders and see abortion, recognizing its harm to children, women, the medical profession, and all of society. Advocates for the sanctity of human life should take encouragement from this clearer vision.



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With the nest empty, sometimes it's ...

## JUST ME AND THE CHICKENS

By Kathy Cribari Hamer

Yesterday I bought a chicken, and that may seem normal, in fact mundane, to people who frequent grocery stores, (pretty much everybody who is not a chicken).

But the question about those people who buy chickens and the chickens those people buy is this: "Do they dance?" The chickens, not the people.

You see, my chicken does.

This new chicken is the tenth dancing chicken I now have at my house, and they all do the same thing, with small variations. The new one, clad in feathers, diploma and mortar board, and operated by two AA batteries, marches to "Pomp and Circumstance," then stops, changes its poultry little mind, and morphs its actions into the Chicken Dance. I like that part. Especially when it flaps its diploma-clutching wings.

I am disappointed in my children's reactions to the growing brood of chickens — 10, as of yesterday, when the last auction ended on eBay.

I was the only one bidding in this particular chicken-dancing chicken auction, and that surprised me. It wasn't as much fun bidding by myself, but it was easier to win because I didn't turn out to be much of a competitor, and for once the opponent didn't have more money than I had.

When she heard about it, my daughter Julie had only one thing to say: "Ma-ahm!" She divided the affectionate title into two distinct syllables, much like a second-grader on the playground might sing-song, "My dad is stronger than yo-ourrs."

"Ma-ahm," she chanted, "you're kidding, right?"

"About the chickens? No. About bidding against myself? Sort of. When I figured it out I lowered my maximum bid."

Julie, I fear, wishes I would collect something more mainstream, like Lalique crystal, Southwestern retablos or Santos, ceramic angels, or anything from Department 56, the company that's a collector's dream.

Understandably, I was thrilled when, one day on eBay, I discovered an item sure to please my oh-so-practical and prissy daughter, and also me.

"Julie, guess what! Department 56 makes a chicken-dance chicken. I'm really excited about it."

"Mom, this is a sickness," Missy Prissy said, without hesitation.

Not knowing if Julie was referring to the chicken or the excitement itself, I acknowledged, "Sickness? Perhaps. But it is also a bargain. I paid more for the shipping than I did for the chicken. Expensive shipping is eBay's secret, you know. I still don't know what Victoria's Secret is."

"You actually bought another chicken?" Julie interrupted, aghast. Now that I think about it, seeing your

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# Pope shares message of Christ's love with people of Brazil

## Pope canonizes Brazilian friar renowned for charity, healings

By John Thavis

SAO PAULO, Brazil (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI canonized Brazil's first native-born saint, an 18th-century Franciscan friar renowned for his charity to the poor and his legacy of miraculous healings.

At an outdoor Mass May 11, the pope read a decree proclaiming sainthood for Father Antonio Galvao, prompting a surge of applause among the hundreds of thousands of people who gathered at Sao Paulo's Campo de Marte Airport for the liturgy.

As the saint's relics were brought in procession to the altar, the crowd sang and waved banners and flags in the sunshine. In the front row, wearing bright blue habits, were Conceptionist nuns, whose order used St. Galvao as a spiritual adviser in the late 1700s.

In his homily, which the pope read in Portuguese, he said St. Galvao, who died in 1822, was a model of Christian charity and service in Brazil, especially toward the poor and sick. He was sought out as a confessor and inspired people by his attitude of constant devotion to God, the pope said.

"The renown of his immense charity knew no bounds. People from all over the country went to Frei Galvao, who offered a fatherly welcome to everyone," the pope said.

The pope did not mention a unique and popular form of devotion begun by St. Galvao, in which people seeking cures are given tiny rice-paper pills inscribed with a prayer, which they ingest.

Although the church hierarchy has not encouraged the practice, the "miracle pills" are currently distributed by the cloistered nuns at the monastery where the saint is buried and have been credited by devotees with thousands of healings.

The pope said St. Galvao reminded people above all of the importance of God in their lives. That has significance for those seeking social progress and justice today, he said.

"Will the men and women of this world be able to find peace if they are not aware of the need to be reconciled with God, with their neighbor, and with themselves?" the pope asked.

He said St. Galvao's devotion to Mary and his commitment to purity and virtue are also exemplary in a modern age "so full of hedonism."

"The world needs transparent lives, clear souls, [and] pure minds that refuse to be perceived as mere objects of pleasure. It is necessary to oppose those elements of the media that ridicule the sanctity of marriage and virginity before marriage," the pope said.

Those words prompted one of the strongest bursts of applause during the homily.

The pope closed his sermon by quoting from a talk he gave to young people in 2005: "Only from the saints, only from God does true revolution come, the definitive way to change the world."

On his flight to Brazil, the pope listed the canonization as one of the highlights of his trip and said he hoped the new saint would stand as a model for those who want to create peace and social harmony.

Jurandy Boa Morte, 22, who had traveled to Sao Paulo with a dozen other people from the Diocese of Juazeiro in the northeastern state of Bahia, called the canonization Mass "a moment of faith, a gathering of the faithful, a time to rethink, reaffirm, and strengthen the faith."

The canonization "is important because Brazil is a Catholic country," he said. "People have come from all over, even from the Amazon region. Catholicism is a religion that embraces the entire country. We have enough people of faith here to have our own saint."

St. Galvao was the 10th person canonized by Pope Benedict; it was his first canonization liturgy outside the Vatican.

Contributing to this story was Barbara J. Fraser.



Above: Pope Benedict XVI is greeted by the faithful during his May 12 visit to Fazenda da Esperanca, or Farm of Hope, a church-run drug rehabilitation center in Guaratingueta, Brazil. (CNS photo/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO via Reuters)

Above: Pope Benedict XVI gestures from the stage during a youth rally at the Paulo Machado de Carvalho soccer stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 10. The pope addressed a stadium full of enthusiastic Brazilian young people, telling them that a life lived without moral responsibility is a life wasted. (CNS photo/Sergio Moraes, Reuters)

## Pope tells enthusiastic Brazilian youths to live fully, responsibly

By John Thavis

SAO PAULO, Brazil (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI addressed a stadium full of enthusiastic Brazilian young people, telling them that a life lived without moral responsibility is a life wasted.

At a rally May 10 in Sao Paulo, the pope warned against sexual infidelity, drug use, and unethical shortcuts to success, and said the desire to build a more just society depends on following God's law.

"Stretching out in front of you, my dear friends, is a life that all of us hope will be long; yet it is only one life; it is unique. Do not let it pass in vain. Do not squander it," the pope said.

"Live it with enthusiasm and with joy, but most of all with a sense of responsibility," he said.

About 40,000 young people crowded into the Paulo Machado de Carvalho soccer stadium for the papal encounter, and others spilled out into the Pacaembu neighborhood of Sao Paulo. Many arrived hours before the event.

A large group of young people from Rio de Janeiro sang and played tambourines as they walked toward the stadium, stopping to wave at busloads of passing bishops.

"What Catholic youth lack today is fervor," said Juliana Moura, 21, of Rio de Janeiro. "There's got to be more enthusiasm."

There was plenty of energy inside the stadium, where the pope, smiling and waving, rode in a popemobile through the cheering throng.

He sat on a white platform built in the shape of a dove and listened

as a young Catholic, Rodrigo Mendes, told him about young people who had traveled days to be there with him, to share their "joys, sorrows, accomplishments, and challenges."

Brazilian young people know that following Jesus is the only real way to bring revolution to society and overcome violence, Mendes said. Then he went up to the pope, kissed his ring, and gave him a hug.

The program included a song calling for protection of the environment and an end to burning and killing in the Amazon region. As the music rang out, video projections of the threatened Amazon species were shown on a giant screen.

Young men and women from various areas of the country performed rhythmic dances that reflected their local cultures.

The highlight of the evening was the pope's talk. In a country where Christian televangelists have attracted millions with emotional and simplistic preaching, the pope offered a stark contrast: He sat on a chair and read a 4,000-word speech — mostly in Portuguese — that presented a carefully delineated argument for Christian virtue.

The pope's talk was structured around the Gospel story of the rich young man who seeks out Jesus for advice about salvation but cannot bring himself to commit fully to Jesus' message.

The pope said the young man had asked a crucial question that is just as relevant today: What must I do to gain eternal life? The

Above: Pope Benedict XVI celebrates a canonization Mass at the Campo de Marte airport in Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 11. The pope canonized 18th-century Franciscan Father Antonio Galvao, known for his charity to the poor and his legacy of miraculous healings. (CNS photo/Caetano Barreira, Reuters)

answer, the pope said, begins with the recognition that life transcends the "here and now" and that God and his creation are good.

When people see the beauty of creation, he said, "it is impossible not to believe in God." He said Brazilians' desire to protect the country's natural environment, especially the vast forests of the Amazon region, reflects this awareness of the creator.

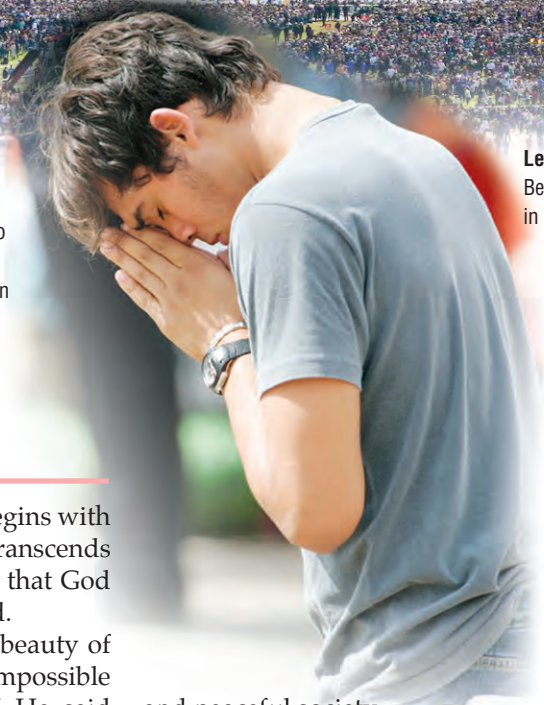
"The devastation of the environment in the Amazon basin and the threats against the human dignity of peoples living within that region call for greater commitment," he said.

God's commandments are important, the pope said, and it is even more important to witness them in daily life.

He said that is not always easy in a modern society characterized by "assaults of materialism and secularism," the lures of corruption, and the tendency to impose one's own economic or political aspirations on others.

He called on young people to avoid these "snares of evil," particularly when they involve marriage and the family. True domestic happiness depends upon fidelity between spouses, and couples inside and outside marriage should practice sexual responsibility, he said.

The pope also urged young people to be guided by the values of their faith in building a more just



Left: A young Catholic prays during an outdoor Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady Aparecida in Aparecida, Brazil, May 13. (CNS photo/Bruno Domingos, Reuters)

and peaceful society.

To do that, he said, they need to overcome common fears: fear of death, fear of failure to find life's deeper meaning, and fear of being left aside by the disconcerting acceleration of events and communications.

"We see the high death rate among young people, the threat of violence, the deplorable proliferation of drugs which strike at the deepest roots of youth today. For these reasons, we hear talk of a 'lost youth,'" he said.

Looking out at the crowd, the pope said he was certain they would find a way to be apostles for their faith.

"My appeal to you today, young people present at this gathering, is this: Do not waste your youth. Do not seek to escape from it. Live it intensely. Consecrate it to the high ideals of faith and human solidarity," he said.

The pope's speech was interrupted several times by applause, and when he mentioned his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, a loud cheer went up along with cries of "Santo!" (Saint!). Pope John Paul visited Brazil three times.

## Living charity daily, growing in holiness is central to missionary task, says pope

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Instead, he said, the church should conduct "a methodical evangelization aimed at personal and communal fidelity to Christ." Firm doctrinal content is essential to faith formation, he said, and at nearly every stop he suggested wider use of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The crowds that showed up for papal events were enthusiastic but smaller than foreseen by trip planners in Brazil, the largest Catholic country in the world. There were empty spaces at both of his outdoor Masses, and the crowds along some of his motorcade routes were sparse.

The papal trip began May 9 with an inflight press conference that prompted controversy when the pope, in response to a question, appeared to support the idea of excommunication for pro-abortion politicians. The Vatican later released a toned-down version of the papal comments.

In Brazil, where pressures have been growing for legalized abortion, the pope mentioned protection of the unborn at several of his events, including a Sao Paulo airport welcoming ceremony attended by Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. The pope told the president and assembled dignitaries that he had come to help reinforce Christian values and counter new threats to the poor, the abandoned, and the unborn.

"I am well aware that the soul of this people, as of all Latin America, safeguards values that are radically Christian, which will never be eradicated," he said.

On May 10, the pope joined some 40,000 young people in a Sao Paulo soccer stadium for song, dance, prayer, and a lengthy papal speech that laid out arguments for Christian virtue.

He warned against sexual infidelity, drug use, and unethical routes to success, and told the youths to live their lives "with enthusiasm and with joy, but most of all with a sense of responsibility."

The choreographed encounter was billed as an emotional highlight of the papal visit. The pope hugged some of the young people who spoke, but looked somewhat reserved throughout the event. Although he had no problem pronouncing his Portuguese speech, there was no spontaneous banter with the crowd.

At a Mass May 11 on a Sao Paulo airfield, the pope canonized St. Antonio Galvao, an 18th-century Franciscan known for his charitable work among the poor and sick. The pope said the saint's dedication to God and purity should be exemplary in a modern age "so full of hedonism."

"The world needs transparent lives, clear souls, [and] pure minds that refuse to be perceived as mere objects of pleasure. It is necessary to oppose those elements of the media that ridicule the sanctity of

marriage and virginity before marriage," he said.

On May 12 the pope rode deep into the Brazilian countryside to visit Fazenda da Esperanca, or Farm of Hope, a church-run drug rehabilitation center. After listening to emotional testimonials from recovering addicts, the pope warned drug dealers that they will face God's judgment for the human damage they have inflicted.

Compared to the first days of the trip, the pope looked more at ease on the grounds of the farm, where he was cheered by 3,000 volunteers and residents and was given a group hug by four children.

That evening, he was even more animated when he met with thousands of priests, seminarians, religious, and lay movement members in the Basilica of Our Lady Aparecida, Latin America's biggest Marian shrine.

After praying the rosary, the pope gave a spiritual pep talk that was repeatedly interrupted by applause, telling the congregation: "The church is our home. This is our home. In the Catholic Church we find all that is good."

At Mass outside the basilica the next day, the pope appeared to draw a distinction between the Catholic Church's missionary approach and the aggressive proselytizing by evangelical sects, which have flourished in Latin America.

"The church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by

attraction," the pope said.

By living charity day in and day out, he said, Christians release "an irresistible power which is the power of holiness." This is the center of the missionary task, he said.

Before leaving Brazil, the pope delivered a lengthy opening address to the bishops' general conference, a speech that was greatly anticipated by the more than 260 participants.

The pope made several key points:

— The church best contributes to solving social and political problems by promoting a moral consensus on fundamental values—which must come before the construction of just social structures.

— Among Catholics, the bishops should give priority to Sunday Mass and more intense faith formation of young people and adults.

— Both Marxism and capitalism have failed to deliver on their ideological promises to build a better world, largely because they are systems divorced from individual morality. Along with his critique of capitalism and the growing rich-poor gap, the pope warned that globalization risks creating vast monopolies and treating profit as "the supreme value."

— The evangelization of the Americas was not the "imposition of a foreign culture," and any attempt to retrieve pre-Colombian indigenous religions would be "a step backward" for Latin Americans.



Above: Members of religious orders raise their arms as they sing prior to the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI at Paulo Machado de Carvalho stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 10. Some 40,000 enthusiastic young people crowded the stadium and welcomed the pope with song, dance, and prayers. (CNS photo/Alessia Giuliani, Catholic Press Photo)

# Sainthood congregation recommends Pope Pius XII be named venerable

By Cindy Wooden

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes met May 8 to consider the cause of Pope Pius XII and apparently voted to recommend that Pope Benedict XVI formally declare him venerable.

Passionist Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the Vatican press office, confirmed the congregation had met, but since the result of the vote still had to be presented to the pope he would not say May 9 what the result was.

Italian newspapers, citing unnamed sources, said the congregation's cardinals and archbishops recommended that Pope Benedict formally recognize that Pope Pius lived the Christian virtues in a heroic manner.

Once the pope issues a decree recognizing heroic virtues, the candidate is referred to as venerable. Before a candidate can be beatified, the pope also must issue a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the candidate's intercession. A second miracle is needed for canonization.

The newspaper *Corriere della Sera* reported May 9 that a minority of the congregation members had voted "no," urging Pope Benedict to delay issuing a decree until there is "a more favorable



**SAINTHOOD CAUSE** — Pope Pius XII, who led the Catholic Church from 1939 to 1958, is seen in this detail of an undated formal portrait. The Congregation for Saints' Causes reportedly has recommended that Pope Benedict XVI declare Pope Pius venerable. (CNS photo)

climate," particularly regarding the ongoing controversy over Pope Pius' actions during World War II.

However, a Vatican source told Catholic News Service in Rome May 9 that the congregation's vote was unanimously in favor of issuing the decree.

Jesuit Father Peter Gumpel, the promoter of Pope Pius' cause, was out of town May 9 and unavailable for comment.

Pope Pius led the Catholic Church from 1939 to 1958; immediately before his election, the then-Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was the Vatican secretary of state.

For years, controversy has raged over whether Pope Pius did and said enough in defense of the Jews and other victims of the Nazis.

The May 8 vote of the congregation members was based on a review of a six-volume, 3,000-page "positio" or position paper prepared by the promoters of Pope Pius' sainthood cause. The report, given to the Vatican in 2004, included sworn testimony from witnesses, historical documents, and a review of literature — both neutral and negative — pertaining to the Vatican's actions during World War II.

# Avoid 'compromised' message in sex education, says Cardinal Rigali

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities urged two congressional committees to maintain current funding levels for abstinence education and said programs that promote "safe sex" and contraception offer young people a "compromised" message.

In a May 9 letter to members of the House and Senate Appropriations committees, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia said the more than 500 abstinence programs currently in place in the U.S. "form character and educate our youth about the decisions they face, empowering them to make healthy choices that do not jeopardize their health and future."

But for every \$1 the federal government spends on abstinence education through the Adolescent Family Life Act, Title V of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 and the Community-Based Abstinence Education Program, it spends \$12 on "safe sex" and contraceptive

programs," he said.

"While programs incorporating the latter emphasis are sometimes called 'comprehensive' sex education, they are more accurately described as compromised education: The abstinence message is mentioned but then undermined with the false message that premature sexual experimentation does no real harm if steps are taken to avoid pregnancy," Cardinal Rigali wrote.

If the federal government makes "that 'comprehensive' or internally divided approach" the norm in U.S. sex education,

"the result will not be to expand diversity and pluralism in this field but to eliminate it," the cardinal said.

"Catholic schools and other organizations truly dedicated to the message of personal responsibility and abstinence before marriage will be unable to participate in government programs," he added. "America's young people would be the real victims of this misguided approach."

The cardinal's letter was sent as the House and Senate committees were beginning discussions of appropriations bills for fiscal 2008.

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| Sacred Heart                   | Wichita Falls   | 960.00                     | 877.00                     |
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# Bishops' conference is 'cautiously optimistic' that workable immigration bill can be negotiated

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in December when it could not be reconciled with a vastly different House bill.

In a May 16 teleconference, Appleby said there have been some improvements over proposals floated recently. For instance, fees associated with the process of legalization for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the country have been reduced significantly, he said.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-California, who chairs the House immigration subcommittee, said at an April conference that under a White House proposal it would cost a family of five \$64,000 to apply for legalization. Appleby said fees have been negotiated to a more reasonable level of perhaps \$5,000 per person, payable over the eight-year period it will take for an illegal immigrant to obtain permanent residency under the current proposal.

Although there are various immigration bills on the table, strategists have been trying to craft a version they believe has a chance of passage before bringing it to the floor for debate and for amendments. This system replaces the more typical process of shaping a bill in committee meetings, known as a markup.

Senate negotiators are hoping to create a bill that can draw enough votes of support to avoid having debate shut down in a filibuster. Reid said he expected to begin debate the week of May 23.

Reid planned two weeks of floor debate. The Senate recesses for Memorial Day and will not be in session between May 28 and June 4. Assuming debate opens before the recess, it would resume after the Memorial Day break.

Meanwhile, organizations pushing for a comprehensive immigration bill were urging the public to contact their sena-



**IMMIGRATION RALLY** — People gather for an immigration rally in downtown Chicago May 1. Demonstrators marched in cities across the United States May 1 to demand legal rights for illegal immigrants, but the demonstrations were much smaller than last year's massive rallies. The Senate is expected to begin debate on immigration legislation in late May. (CNS photo/Frank Polich, Reuters)

tors asking for support of broad legislation.

In an earlier interview with Catholic News Service, Appleby said the "bottom line" elements that the USCCB wants to see in legislation include: a viable system for legalizing some of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the country; a program for temporary workers that protects the rights of employees and includes a realistic process for the workers to apply to stay in the United States; and preservation of the current family-based priority system for legal immigration.

In a May 11 teleconference with representatives of some of the largest organizations in a coalition that includes the USCCB, Frank Sharry, director of the National Immigration Forum, said some of the proposals being considered are "deeply troubling" and don't meet "the standards of workability."

Sharry said that among the

possible components of a bill that he considers nonstarters are proposals that would cut the number of visas allotted to family immigration; create a point system for visas that is weighted to

favor highly skilled workers and disfavor family immigration; and reduce the already inadequate number of slots for new green cards for low-skilled workers.

He said the demands of the

U.S. economy create a market for both highly skilled and low-skilled immigrant workers, yet the point system for visas that was being proposed by the White House favored only highly educated workers.

Appleby said the bishops' conference is "cautiously optimistic" that a workable bill can be negotiated but added that it needs to happen quickly.

"We need to get something before the American public and out of the backrooms," he said.

Appleby said if Congress continues to dither about a broad-spectrum approach to the nation's immigration-related problems, "they are really at risk of ceding this issue to state and local governments."

On the other side of Capitol Hill, House leaders have said they would put immigration legislation to a vote before their August recess. The House Judiciary subcommittee dealing with immigration continues to hold hearings on various aspects of immigration law, often at the rate of two hearings a week.

## CLINIC offers tips to prepare for possible legalization program for immigrants

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Immigration service agencies, dioceses, and community groups are being advised by the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., known as CLINIC, to prepare for a possible federal program to legalize the immigration status of potentially millions of people within the next few years.

No such program yet exists, but it is a key component of comprehensive immigration reform legislation being considered in Congress this year. Should a law pass, it would likely be many months before a program would begin.

Here are some suggestions by CLINIC for preparations that can be started in anticipation of the opening of a nationwide legalization process.

For dioceses and immigration services agencies:

- Recruit volunteers for eventual programs. If necessary, begin whatever background screening may be required.
- Begin reaching out to immigrants and providing information about services.
- Make clear the differences between church- or government-affiliated agencies and

"notarios." In many immigrants' home countries "notarios" have legal training and authority to act as legal representatives. Notaries in the United States do not have that authority but some unscrupulous "notarios" have been known to prey on people's confusion, complicating some customers' legal cases.

— Apply for recognition and/or accreditation by the Bureau of Immigration Affairs for agencies to be accredited to help process applications.

— Make sure the agency is a member of CLINIC.

— Set up a system, such as e-mail list-serves, for contacting people who may be eligible for legalization.

— Encourage immigrants to register in parishes. It may help serve as a record of residency.

— Offer classes in English as a second language.

For potential applicants for legalization:

- Gather and keep documents that prove identity, particularly a passport. Those who do not currently have a passport should apply for one from his or her home country before there is a rush for such documents.
- Gather and keep materials

that prove employment and U.S. residency. Pay stubs, bank receipts, letters from employers, hospital bills, and school-enrollment records may serve that purpose. Compile names and contact information for employers and dates of employment.

— People who have been arrested and are not sure what kind of record they may have should consult an immigration attorney and consider getting access to their FBI files so they know whether that record would preclude participating in legalization.

— Never falsely claim to be a U.S. citizen or attempt to register to vote. False claims of citizenship may be used to disqualify applicants for legal residency.

— File and pay current income taxes. Those without a legitimate Social Security number should get an Individual Tax Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service. These numbers allow people to pay their taxes without using a Social Security number. The information is not provided to immigration authorities.



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## Scripture Readings



May 27, Pentecost Sunday.  
Cycle C. Readings:

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

By Jean Denton

To their credit, every one of the 18 teenagers had chosen to fully engage in the experience of lectio divina — divine reading. They may have been reluctant to come on this retreat, but once there they decided to make the most of it.

Using the ancient prayer form, they listened to a reading and each shared aloud what struck them as a significant word or phrase. The process was repeated twice more with increased elucidation each go-round. The reading they used was the first section of the Nicene Creed.

Later in the retreat they prayed lectio divina again, this time with the second section of the creed. Their responses grew more confident and heartfelt as they became more comfortable with the prayer and each other. In the meantime, their other activities focused on their personal relationship with God and with each other as a

community of faith. It was part of their preparation for the sacrament of confirmation.

Finally toward the end of the retreat they prayed lectio divina for a third time, reading the last part of the creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit...." When their leader said a final "Amen" at the end of their meditation, the group remained quiet for several moments. Then one teen said, "It's really cool how we get the same words, but we all hear something a little different." Another added, "Yeah, it's like everybody has a little piece of the puzzle." A third person said, "You can understand a lot more when you get everyone's different perspectives."

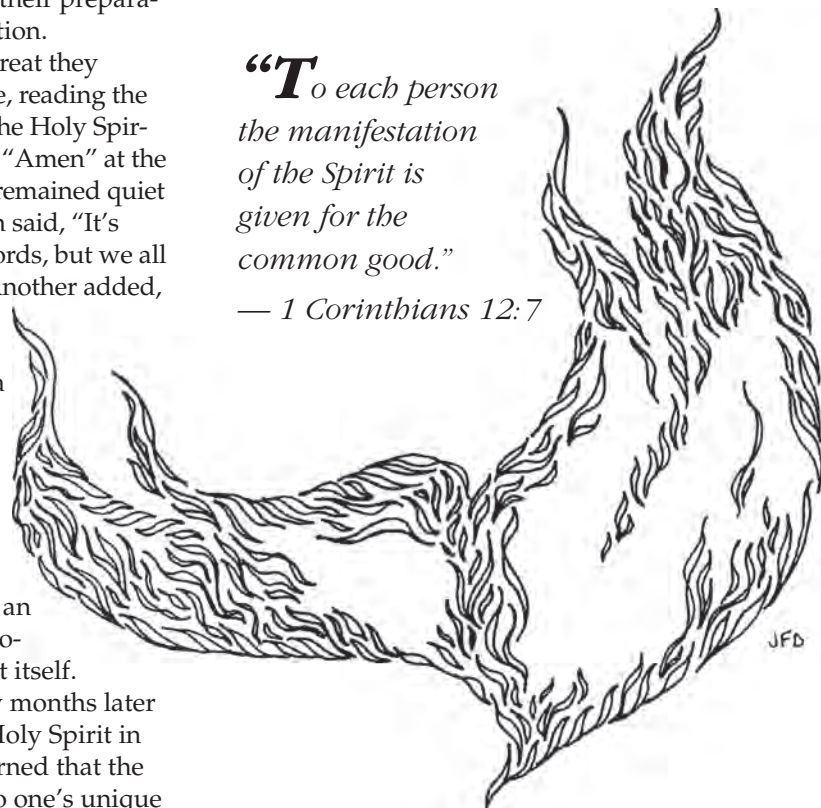
So began a free-flowing discussion about their basic, shared belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Better than a teaching on the Holy Spirit, it was an experience of the Holy Spirit — provided by none other than the Spirit itself.

Those young people, who a few months later would receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation, learned that the Spirit is given to each, according to one's unique gifts, for the sake of all.

Like the disciples in this week's reading from Acts, each one heard and responded to God

**"T**o each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

— 1 Corinthians 12:7



in his or her own "language." By joining their understanding together they received the wholeness of God's Spirit.

### QUESTIONS:

When have you had an experience of the Holy Spirit that was deepened by your relationship with others? Describe how the "pieces of the puzzle" fit together.

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## Pope says Latin America needs 'courageous, effective' missionaries

APARECIDA, Brazil (CNS) — Celebrating Mass at Latin America's biggest Marian shrine, Pope Benedict XVI said the church needs "courageous and effective missionaries" to revitalize the region's Christian identity.

More than political platforms or social movements, it is the church's promotion of faith in Christ that will bring relief to the suffering and needy, the pope said May 13.

"This is the priceless treasure that is so abundant in Latin America, this is her most precious inheritance: faith in the God who is love, who has shown us his face in Jesus Christ," he said.

The pope was winding up a five-day visit to Brazil with a series of events aimed at all of Latin America. The Mass, attended by about 150,000 people on an esplanade in front of the Basilica of Our Lady Aparecida, opened the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The evening before, inside the basilica, the pope gave a spiritual pep talk to Catholic priests, seminarians, religious, and lay leaders, proclaiming: "The church is our home. This is our home. In



the Catholic Church we find all that is good."

In both liturgies, the pope emphasized the centrality of Christ in the church's work of evangelization and social justice.

At the same time, he seemed to distinguish between the Catholic Church's missionary approach and the aggressive proselytizing by evangelical sects, which have flourished in Latin America.

"The church does not engage in proselytism. Instead, she grows by attraction," the pope said at the Mass.

By living charity day in and day out, he said, Christians re-

lease "an irresistible power which is the power of holiness."

"This is the faith that has made America the 'continent of hope.' Not a political ideology, not a social movement, not an economic system: faith in the God who is love," he said, drawing applause from the crowd.

The pope added that the church's faith in eternal salvation does not blind it to the "grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially those who are poor or afflicted." Indeed, he said, church members are called upon to work in this world "in charity and in charity alone."

*Pope Benedict XVI speaks during the opening session of the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean in Aparecida, Brazil, May 13, before returning to Rome. (CNS PHOTO/CAETANO BARREIRA, REUTERS)*

The pope personally chose Aparecida as the site for the bishops' meeting to underline the region's devotion to Mary. More than 7 million pilgrims arrive each year at the shrine, built near a spot where fishermen pulled an image of Mary from a river in the 18th century.

At the Mass, he said the liturgy would place the bishops' general conference "on the firm basis of prayer and the Eucharist."

The pope said that, as in the early Christian centuries, when church leaders come together they should do so in the spirit of "community discernment," able

to discuss and argue about issues, but in an attitude of openness to the Holy Spirit.

"This is the 'method' by which we operate in the church, whether in small gatherings or in great ones," he said.

On May 12, the pope prayed the rosary with thousands of pastoral workers and lay movement members who packed the basilica. In a talk that was repeatedly interrupted by applause, the pontiff drew a big cheer when he told them simply: "The pope loves you."

He emphasized that the church's message is a saving one.

"Anyone who accepts Christ — 'the way, the truth and the life' — in his totality is assured of peace and happiness, in this life and in the next," he said.

"For this reason, the pope has come here to pray and to bear witness with you all: It is worth being faithful, it is worth persevering in our faith," he said.

Touching on a common theme of his trip, he said strong faith must be based on a solid doctrinal and spiritual formation. He encouraged widespread use of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and its accompanying compendium.

## Scripture Readings



June 3, Most Holy Trinity.  
Cycle C. Readings:

- 1) Proverbs 8:22-31  
Psalm 8:4-9
- 2) Romans 5:1-5  
Gospel) John 16:12-15

By Dan Luby

Everything in the crowded workplace refrigerator is labeled with someone's name. Frozen meals in manufacturers' packaging, leftovers in plastic tubs, badly wrapped slices of cheese hardening at the curling edges, cans of soda, containers of yogurt, and zippered bags of ancient salad — all are marked to indicate private ownership. The lines between what's ours and what belongs to others are sharply drawn.

The Gospel for Trinity Sunday hints powerfully at a different vision of reality where such distinctions are provisional, a stage in our development which we are called to transcend.

Gathered with his disciples at table, Jesus speaks passionately about the mutuality of God. The "Spirit of truth," that he promises to send "will not speak on his own," but will reveal that truth which resides in God's inner life.

"Everything the Father has is mine," Jesus reminds us. Within the heart of that divine com-

munity of Persons which we call the Trinity, there is no possessiveness. Nothing is held back from the other divine Persons who make up the community. Nothing is marked "mine."

Made in the divine image and likeness, we are not on our own either. We are built for communion, with God and with each other. We are destined for life within God's own heart, where petty distinctions and false dichotomies are, once and for all, dissolved. We cannot see it clearly yet. The Lord acknowledges that our capacity to take in the sublime truth to which the doctrine of the Trinity points is limited: "You cannot bear it now."

The time will come, though, when everything that separates us from Him and from one another will vanish. In the meantime, we continue the journey of faith in confidence, knowing that because "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts," as Paul tells us, we have a hope that "does not disappoint."



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**"He** will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

— John 16:14

### QUESTIONS:

About what in my life do I tend to be unnecessarily possessive? What's one specific way I can deepen my communion with someone from whom I feel separated?

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## The Paraclete may have a text message for you

### Checked your messages lately?

By Jeff Hedglen

The streamers are hung, the balloons are inflated, the flowers are arranged, the table is set, the food is prepared, the friends and family are gathered, all awaiting the special guest to arrive.

When that moment arrives, a hush comes over the revelry and the anticipation builds until the door opens and the well-wishers in unison yell: "Surprise!" then quickly break into song: "Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday dear Church. Happy birthday to you!"

Hip hip hurrah! It's Pentecost — the birthday of the Church. OK, so we don't actually yell "surprise" at Mass, and balloons and streamers are not usually part of the art and environment in the sanctuary for Pentecost. But the apostles sure were shocked on this day many years ago when the Spirit "decorated" each of them with tongues of fire.

Pentecost is a feast on the liturgical calendar that can

God does not dole out gifts begrudgingly. In fact, the opposite is true; God gives gifts like Niagara Falls gives water.

easily get overlooked; after all, there are no presents and baskets awaiting little children or special decorations and holiday meals at home. Nonetheless, Pentecost is an important day in the life of the Church and in the life of every believer.

This is yet another birthday celebration in the life of the Church where we are the ones who receive the gifts. In this case, the gifts are not wrapped and stowed under a lighted tree; they are planted into our souls. Courage, Knowledge, Piety, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, and Fear of the Lord; these are the seven gifts of the

Spirit, and they are given to help us live and spread our faith.

Most of us have learned about these gifts, especially when we prepare for the sacrament of confirmation, but when I ask people how they access these gifts or how they invoke the power of the Holy Spirit, most people do not quite know what to say.

I have heard three great analogies of how the Spirit connects with us and helps us activate the gifts we have received. Just last week at Mass I heard the Spirit referred to as "Tech Support" that is available 24 hours a day, seven days

a week. When we run into a problem that is beyond us, and we need a bit of wisdom or courage, we can call upon the Spirit, no matter what time it is, and receive some help.

Bishop Delaney, at confirmation liturgies, would often talk about what Jesus means when he says he will send us a Paraclete. He explained that in ancient times when a person was called upon to be a witness at a trial, they were allowed to have a helper with them in the witness stand. This person was there to coach them on how to answer the questions. This person was called a Paraclete. So, in essence, the Spirit is our coach as we strive to give witness to the love of God in our lives.

During his homily at the St. Bartholomew confirmation ceremony this year, Bishop Vann pulled out his cell phone and proceeded to explain that the gifts of the Spirit can come to us like text messages. He went on to say that there will be times when the Lord needs us to be his messenger, and we might not know what to do or

say, and it is in these times that the "text" will come to us. He pointed out that these messages sometimes come as a comfort to us in times of trouble.

The Spirit is sometimes hard to understand. Being invisible and mysterious certainly plays a part in this, but these examples reveal that the Spirit is not playing a game of hide and seek. Rather the game is seek and find! What we need are eyes of expectant faith. With this kind of vision, we can encounter the power and gifts of the Spirit. God does not dole out gifts begrudgingly. In fact, the opposite is true; God gives gifts like Niagara Falls gives water.

So the next time you need a Gift of the Spirit, call for some holy tech support, then look for a text message from the Coach.

Jeff Hedglen, youth minister at St. Bartholomew Parish in Southwest Fort Worth, is the principal organizer of Camp Fort Worth each summer. Readers with questions can contact Jeff at [jeff@stbartsfw.org](mailto:jeff@stbartsfw.org).



# Pentecostés, una presencia de fuego que llena, purifica, e ilumina nuestras vidas con amor

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Monsieur Kevin W. Vann

momento que resalta es el de Pentecostés, el “cumpleaños” de la Iglesia. Quisiera compartir con ustedes un párrafo del *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* sobre esta gran fiesta de Pentecostés.

731 *El día de Pentecostés (al término de las siete semanas pascuales), la Pascua de Cristo se consume con la efusión del Espíritu Santo que se manifiesta, da y comunica como Persona divina: desde su plenitud, Cristo, el Señor (cf. Hch 2, 36), derrama profusamente el Espíritu.*

**P**entecostés es el don, “nuestro regalo de cumpleaños”, de la vida abundante que nos prometió Cristo.

Pentecostés, la consumación de la Pascua, es el modo en que el Señor se queda con cada uno de nosotros y nos une en su único cuerpo, la Iglesia, todo por medio del poder de su Espíritu Santo. Cristo vino para que tuviéramos vida y la tuviéramos en abundancia. Pentecostés es el don, “nuestro regalo de cumpleaños”, de la vida abundante que nos prometió Cristo. El don del Espíritu Santo es un don puro y limpio pues es el don de Dios mismo entregándose a cada uno de nosotros, y a todos nosotros unidos, como su Iglesia. Un don que celebramos no solo en Pentecostés sino también en cada celebración del Sacramento de la Confirmación.

A todos los que están recibiendo el Sacramento de la Confirmación durante estos días... ¡Felicidades en recibir la plenitud y la abundancia

de la vida de Cristo por medio del Espíritu Santo! Ahora los invito a que vivan esta abundancia de vida como Cristo la vivió. Cristo nos enseña que mientras más entregamos nuestra vida por los demás, por la bondad misma, más abundantemente fluyen los ríos de agua viva dentro de la Iglesia y en cada uno de nosotros.

Unas gracias especiales a todos aquellos maravillosos catequistas que prepararon a nuestros confirmandos por medio de compartir la Buena Nueva de nuestro Señor Jesucristo que es el centro de la catequesis, y por medio del fiel testimonio de sus vidas. Su compromiso y dedicación es otro signo de la presencia del Espíritu Santo en la Iglesia hoy. Gracias a todos nuestros sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y religiosas por guiar estas celebraciones tan llenas del Espíritu. Ustedes son verdaderos ejemplos de todo lo que podemos lograr cuando hombres y mujeres no sólo entregan sus vidas al Señor sino que también abren sus corazones al amor y poder del Espíritu Santo, gracias por todo lo que hacen por hacer de este “cumpleaños” uno especial.

Ahora nos corresponde estar abiertos al Espíritu Santo y compartir con otros los frutos de su presencia por medio de una evangelización integral libre de tendencias relativísticas que solo aguan las verdades de la fe y el servicio amoroso que demuestra nuestro verdadero amor unos por otros.

Para mantener y crecer en este Es-

píritu Santo que vive y está presente en nosotros les recomiendo a todos un camino seguro que ha estado acompañando a la Iglesia desde sus comienzos, la lectura orante, meditativa, de la Palabra de Dios. El Santo Padre en su reciente viaje a Brasil les dijo a los Obispos de Latinoamérica y del Caribe que una precondition indispensable para una clara proclamación de Cristo, su vida y sus enseñanzas, es un profundo conocimiento de la Palabra de Dios.

... Por esto, hay que educar al pueblo en la lectura y meditación de la Palabra de Dios: que ella se convierta en su alimento para que, por propia experiencia, vean que las palabras de Jesús son espíritu y vida (cf. Jn 6,63). De lo contrario, ¿cómo van a anunciar un mensaje cuyo contenido y espíritu no conocen a fondo? Hemos de fundamentar nuestro compromiso misionero y toda nuestra vida en la roca de la Palabra de Dios.

Al celebrar esta gran fiesta de Pentecostés que nosotros como la Iglesia del Norte de Texas nos unamos en una oración para pedirle a nuestro Padre celestial que una vez más derrame su Espíritu Santo sobre nosotros. Una presencia de fuego que llena, purifica e ilumina nuestras vidas, parroquias y Diócesis con amor, verdad y *comunión*.

Que Dios los bendiga a cada uno de ustedes y a sus seres amados al volver una vez más a celebrar el “cumpleaños” de la Iglesia.

## El Papa dice a latinoamericanos enfrentar desafíos enfocándose en Jesús

APARECIDA, Brasil (CNS) — En una visita de cinco días a Brasil el Papa Benedicto XVI identificó muchos retos sociales y religiosos y dijo que la iglesia debe responder enfocándose más claramente en la persona de Jesucristo.

“Esta es la fe que ha hecho a América el ‘continente de la esperanza’. No una ideología política, no un movimiento social, no un sistema económico: la fe en Dios que es amor — quien tomó carne, murió y se levantó en Jesucristo”, dijo el Papa el último día de su visita a Brasil del 9 al 13 de mayo.

Este fue un comentario repetido en muchos de sus encuentros, que incluyeron una concentración con jóvenes y la canonización del primer santo nativo brasileño.

El Papa citó avances hechos por el secularismo, amenazas contra la familia y la institución del matrimonio y una erosión de los valores tradicionales latinoamericanos y dijo que en respuesta la iglesia necesita

poner mayor énfasis en la educación religiosa de sus propios miembros.

Una razón grande por la cual las sectas evangélicas han atraído a católicos, dijo él a los obispos brasileños, es que muchos católicos no están suficientemente evangelizados y su fe es débil, confusa y sacudida fácilmente.

Él dijo que la iglesia debe realizar “una evangelización metódica orientada hacia una fidelidad personal y comunal con Cristo”. Un contenido doctrinal firme es esencial para la formación de la fe, él dijo, y casi en todas sus paradas él sugirió un uso más amplio del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

Las muchedumbres que asistieron a los eventos papales estaban entusiasmadas pero fueron más pequeñas que lo previsto por los planificadores del viaje en Brasil, el país católico más grande del mundo.

El Papa se unió a 40,000 jóvenes en un estadio de fútbol de Sao Paulo el 10 de mayo para

canciones, bailables, oración y un largo discurso papal que presentó argumentos a favor de la virtud cristiana.

Él advirtió contra la infidelidad sexual, el uso de las drogas y las vías no éticas hacia el éxito y dijo a los jóvenes que vivieran sus vidas “con entusiasmo y con alegría, pero sobre todo con un sentido de responsabilidad”.

En la Misa del 11 de mayo en un campo de aviación de Sao Paulo el Papa canonizó a San Antonio Galvao, franciscano del siglo 18 conocido por su trabajo caritativo entre los pobres y los enfermos.

El 12 de mayo el Papa viajó profundamente en el campo brasileño para visitar Fazenda da Esperanca, o Hacienda de la Esperanza, centro de rehabilitación de adicción a las drogas operado por la iglesia. Después de escuchar emotivos testimonios de adictos en recuperación, el Papa advirtió a los narcotraficantes que ellos enfrentarán el juicio de Dios por el daño humano que han infligido.

## Día de retiro en español, en el Centro de Cursillos, 3 de junio, de las 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Día de retiro en español, en el Centro de Cursillos de Fort Worth, el domingo, junio 3, de 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.

Vena “Encontrarte con Jesús,” en la Eucaristía, en su Palabra, y en la Iglesia. Pláticas, reflexión, alabanza, dialogo, Misa y con-

fesión. Para más información llame al Centro de Cursillos de Fort Worth (817) 624-9411 (2221 NW 26th St., Fort Worth), o a Moises Minero (817) 320-3714 o Marta Galva (817) 922-9514. No hace falta reserva previa. El Señor y nosotros le esperamos.

## Taller sobre Resolución de Conflictos, en el Centro Católico, 16 de junio, de las 8:30 a.m. a 3 p.m.

La Oficina de Servicios Pastorales Hispanos de la Diócesis de Fort Worth les invita a un taller titulado Resolución de Conflictos. Este taller será presentado por Andrés Aranda e invitados el sábado 16 de junio de las 8:30 a 3:00 p.m. en el Centro Católico de la Diócesis de Fort Worth, 800 W. Loop 820 S. en Fort Worth. Se presentarán los siguientes temas: La Autoestima — El conflicto comienza

conmigo mismo; Entender lo que es el conflicto; Destrezas de Mediación de conflicto; y Qué se debe hacer para resolver conflictos. La donación de \$15 será para materiales y comida. Para más información comunícate con Andrés Aranda (817) 560-3300 ext 258 o por internet donde puedes encontrar la forma de inscripción [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org) y después oprimes el botón español.

# El Espíritu Santo

Alma de la Iglesia y maestro de lo revelado

Por Pedro A. Moreno, OPL  
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Es impresionante cómo en los últimos cuarenta y tantos años ha crecido entre los hispanos, entre todos los católicos, el amor por la Palabra de Dios, la Biblia. Son muchos los señalamientos de la Iglesia pidiéndole a cada bautizado que se acerque a la Palabra de Dios para recibir alimentación y nutrición espiritual de forma regular.

Cada mesita de noche deberá tener una Biblia y cada bautizado debe leerla con el mismo Espíritu con que fue escrita. El mismo Espíritu que llegó a la Iglesia en Pentecostés y que vive en cada bautizado sea obispo, sacerdote, diácono, religioso, religiosa, laica o laico que viven en fidelidad a esa Palabra es el maestro principal de lo revelado por Dios.

Curiosamente, me he tropezado con varias personas que al decir que el Espíritu Santo vive en nosotros se les olvida que una parte muy importante del "nosotros" donde vive y se manifiesta el Espíritu Santo es también los pastores y demás líderes de la Iglesia y no solo el grupo en que están participando. Me entristece muchísimo que personas devotas del Espíritu Santo vivan equivocadas al pensar que solo en sus grupos, o solo según su modo de vivir su espiritualidad, se manifiesta el Espíritu Santo. Es triste cuando personas devotas del Santo Espíritu de Dios no se dan cuenta de la gran variedad de modos y maneras como se manifiesta el Espíritu de Dios en la Iglesia. Estas ideas solo provocan división y no la unidad que busca lograr el Espíritu Santo en la comunidad de fe.

El Espíritu Santo guía al magisterio (los Obispos) y ellos a cambio son la voz y los instrumentos del Espíritu Santo que nos guían y nos invitan a la lectura y meditación de la Palabra de Dios según ese mismo Espíritu que vive y se manifiesta en la Iglesia desde aquel primer Pentecostés.

La ventaja de leer la Palabra de Dios con el mismo Espíritu con que fue escrita en la Iglesia es que la asistencia de la Iglesia Católica, columna y fundamento de la Verdad (1 Tim 3:15), nos asegura de no contradecir lo que el Espíritu Santo ya le ha revelado a la Iglesia en el pasado. Las verdades reveladas por Dios pueden progresar, podemos profundizar en ellas, pero no puede haber nuevas supuestas "revelaciones" o "interpretaciones" que vayan a contradecir lo que ya es segura revelación de Dios.

Contradecir lo ya revelado por Dios por el Espíritu Santo a la Iglesia es faltarle el respeto al Espíritu Santo y dudar de Él. Por esto es que una parte importante de estudiar la Biblia es también estudiar lo que ya Dios, por el Espíritu Santo, le ha revelado a la Iglesia. Esto se puede llegar a conocer al estudiar el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica y leer todas las referencias bíblicas y del magisterio que acompañan a cada enseñanza. Todo esto nos sirve de preparación para la lectio divina, la lectura espiritual y meditativa de la Palabra de Dios.



Pedro Moreno es director diocesano del Instituto Luz de Cristo. Sus escritos espirituales han recibido múltiples premios de la Asociación de Periodismo Católico de los Estados Unidos y Canadá. Vive en el noroeste de Fort Worth con su esposa Maria Mirta y sus tres hijas Maria, Patricia y Mirangela. Pedro es Laico Dominicano.



**ACTOR CATÓLICO, PRODUCTOR EDUARDO VERASTEGUI** — Eduardo Verastegui es cofundador de Metanoia Films, que lanzó su película de debut, "Bella", el año pasado. El actor mexicano protagonizó en la película, la cual ganó el Premio Selección del Público en el festival de cine de Toronto en el 2006. (CNS/Foto cortesía Canadian Catholic News)

## Eduardo Verastegui, actor mexicano, renuncia a fama para hacer filmes que tocan vidas

Por Deborah Gyangong

OTTAWA (CNS) — Si la historia del joven rico del Evangelio de Mateo tuviese una secuela contemporánea, ésta podría parecerse a la vida del actor Eduardo Verastegui, católico que protagoniza en la película "Bella".

En el cuento del Evangelio, Jesús le dice a un joven que venda todo lo que tiene y lo siga, pero el hombre se va entristecido. En la secuela contemporánea Verastegui vende todo lo que tiene y está preparado para renunciar a su floreciente carrera como actor para seguir a Jesús.

Verastegui había alcanzado el cenit de la celebridad mexicana como estrella de novelas y cantante que había hecho giras en por lo menos 13 países ante audiencias en lugares llenos a capacidad. Su currículum vitae incluye el papel estelar en la película "Chasing Papi" y coprotagonista en "Meet Me in Miami". Verastegui fue enumerado como una de las 50 personas más hermosas del mundo por la revista People en Español.

Pero mientras estudiaba inglés en Los Ángeles, él se encontró atraído por una fe en Jesús más profunda mediante el ejemplo de su maestro católico. Él comenzó a ver vacías e inútiles las razones por las cuales él había querido ser actor — fama, dinero y placer.

Él también se dio cuenta que su imagen había sido enfrascada

como el amante latino infiel, mentiroso, lo que promovía estereotipos negativos. Él dijo que la representación de los hispanos en general en los medios de comunicación denigra a ambos, el hombre y la mujer, en nada asemejando la dignidad ni la belleza de su madre y sus hermanas en México.

Verastegui dijo que descubrió que él le había hecho daño a personas a través de su trabajo y que los mensajes en sus películas estaban "envenenando la sociedad".

"Me rompió el corazón", dijo él en la cena anual Rose, en Ottawa, el 10 de mayo, después de la 10ma Marcha por la Vida anual en Ottawa. "Me di cuenta que yo había ofendido a Dios".

Él dijo que pasó "muchos meses en lágrimas".

Verastegui vendió sus posesiones preguntándose si Dios lo estaba llamando a ser sacerdote, quizás en las selvas de América del Sur. Su consejero espiritual, sin embargo, le dijo: "Hollywood es una selva más grande".

Él juró rechazar trabajos de actuación a menos que estos afirmaran la vida y la dignidad humana. Durante tres años él estuvo sin trabajo porque todas las actuaciones ofrecidas implicaban los "mismos estereotipos negativos".

"No somos llamados a ser exitosos, somos llamados a ser fieles", dijo Verastegui. "No nací para ser famoso ni rico; nací

para conocer y amar y servirle a Nuestro Señor Jesús Cristo".

Entonces en el 2004 él conoció al productor de cine Leo Severino.

Severino, quien también habló en la cena, regresó al catolicismo en 1999 mientras leía apologética cristiana. Él comenzó a asistir a la Misa diaria, pero encontró que la mayoría de los otros asistentes a la iglesia eran "pelos grises apremiados para su examen final".

Entonces él notó a otro joven en la Misa y pronto descubrió que "este tipo es el Brad Pitt de México".

No mucho tiempo después de conocerse, Verastegui y Severino cofundaron Metanoia Films para producir películas que pudieran cambiar vidas y corazones. "Bella", lanzada en el 2006, es la primera película de Metanoia. Ésta ganó el Premio Selección del Público en el festival de cine de Toronto el otoño pasado.

Severino dijo que los medios de comunicación, especialmente el cine y la televisión, están formando la cultura. Él dijo que la película "Million Dollar Baby" promovía la eutanasia y "Cider House Rules" glorificó el aborto. "Natural Born Killers" influyó al tirador de Virginia Tech, dijo él.

"El arte y la moralidad van tomados de la mano", dijo él pidiéndole a los jóvenes salvaguardar sus ojos, sus oídos y su inocencia. "Dios no utiliza medios maléficos", dijo él.



**EL PAPA ABRAZA NIÑOS** — El Papa Benedicto XVI abraza a grupo de niños durante su visita a Fazenda da Esperanca, centro de la rehabilitación de adicción a las drogas localizado en Guaratingueta, Brasil, el 12 de mayo. (Foto CNS/Tony Gentile, Reuters)

## El Papa les dice a los entusiastas jóvenes brasileños que vivan plena y responsablemente

SAO PAULO, Brasil (CNS) — El Papa Benedicto XVI les dirigió la palabra a entusiastas jóvenes brasileños que llenaban un estadio, diciéndoles que una vida que no se viva con responsabilidad moral es una vida desperdiciada.

Ante una concentración de gente, el 10 de mayo en Sao Paulo, el Papa se pronunció en contra de la infidelidad sexual, el uso de drogas y los atajos faltos de ética para alcanzar el éxito, y dijo que el deseo de construir una sociedad más justa depende del seguimiento de la ley de Dios.

“Frente a ustedes, mis queridos amigos, se extiende toda una vida que todos esperamos sea larga; sin embargo, es solamente una única vida; no la dejen pasar en vano; no la malgasten”, dijo el Papa.

“Vivanla con entusiasmo y gozo; pero, antes que nada, con sentido de responsabilidad”, dijo.

Cerca de 40,000 jóvenes se apretujaban en el estadio de soccer Paulo Machado de Carvalho

para el encuentro con el Papa; y muchos otros se desparramaban en terrenos de la vecina Pacaembu de Sao Paulo. Muchos llegaron horas antes del evento.

Un gran contingente de jóvenes proveniente de Rio de Janeiro cantaba y tocaba tamborcillos, mientras caminaban hacia el estadio, y se detenían para saludar con la mano a los camiones que pasaban en donde iban los obispos.

Después de pasar en su vehículo papal en medio de la multitud, el Papa se sentó sobre una plataforma blanca construida en forma de paloma y escuchó a un joven católico, Rodrigo Mendes, que le dijo cómo muchos jóvenes habían viajado por días para poder estar allí con él, a fin de compartir “su gozo, sufrimiento, éxitos y obstáculos”.

Los jóvenes brasileños saben que seguir a Jesús es el único camino para traer la revolución a la sociedad y para vencer la violencia, dijo Mendes. Después se dirigió al Papa, le besó el anillo

pontificio y le dio un abrazo.

En el programa se incluyó una canción en la que se pide la protección para el medio ambiente y el término a los incendios y asesinatos en la región del Amazonas. Mientras se desarrollaba la música, se mostraron proyecciones en una pantalla gigante de las especies de animales en riesgo en la región del Amazonas.

El punto culminante de la velada fue el discurso del Papa. En un país en donde los teleevangelistas cristianos han atraído a millones con predicaciones emocionales y simplistas, el Papa ofreció un contraste agudo: Se sentó en una silla y leyó un discurso de 4,000 palabras, la mayor parte en portugués, en el que presentó una reflexión muy bien delineada acerca de la virtud cristiana.

La plática del Papa se centró en la historia del Evangelio del joven rico que busca a Jesús para pedirle consejo acerca de la salvación pero que no puede decidirse a entregarse por completo al mensaje de Jesús.



**EXCAVACIONES EN HERODIUM** — La tumba del rey Herodes el Grande es vista durante excavaciones en Herodium, la antigua fortaleza y palacio del rey Herodes, en esta foto del 6 de mayo proporcionada por la Universidad Hebrea de Jerusalén. Un arqueólogo israelita anunció el 8 de mayo que él encontró la tumba de Herodes en el desierto a unas nueve millas al sur de Jerusalén. Herodes ordenó el asesinato de los inocentes después de enterarse del nacimiento de Jesús. (Foto CNS/cortesía de la Universidad Hebrea de Jerusalén)

## Arqueólogos israelitas dicen haber encontrado tumba de rey Herodes

Por Judith Sudilovsky

HERODIUM, Cisjordania (CNS) — Después de tres décadas y media raspando esta ladera de montaña polvorienta y chamuscada por el calor, arqueólogos israelitas dijeron que finalmente han encontrado la evasiva tumba del rey Herodes el Grande.

La localización y naturaleza única de los hallazgos, así como el registro histórico, no dejan duda de que los hallazgos son los restos del lugar de sepultura del rey a pesar de no haber inscripciones, dijo Ehud Netzer, el profesor de arqueología de la Universidad Hebrea que ha dirigido excavaciones en Herodium desde 1972. La excavación develó los varios edificios en el lugar elevado y cónico que el rey Herodes, quien gobernó Judea a nombre de Roma del 37 antes de Cristo al 4 antes de Cristo, había construido.

Sólo uno o dos otros sarcófagos de este tamaño y esta calidad monumentales han sido descubiertos, dijo él.

“No todo ciudadano judío rico de ese tiempo podía costear un sarcófago como este”, dijo

él. “Es verdaderamente uno de realeza. El trabajo en piedra es muy diferente. Es verdaderamente un monumento importante y bien ejecutado. Es una gran satisfacción (haberlo encontrado). Yo mismo no estoy seguro de que lo he digerido completamente todavía”.

Debido a los textos antiguos los arqueólogos han sabido durante mucho tiempo dónde el rey Herodes fue sepultado, pero ellos no habían sido exitosos hasta este momento en su búsqueda del mausoleo en sí.

Durante los últimos tres años un equipo liderado por Netzer comenzó a circular hacia el centro de una zona en la ladera noreste de la colina que el antiguo rey, bien conocido por sus hazañas arquitectónicas, había construido a unas nueve millas al sur de Jerusalén en conmemoración de una victoria militar. Se decía que el complejo del palacio que él construyó en la cima estaba entre los edificios más espectaculares de sus proyectos de construcción y fue aquí donde él escogió que se sepultaran sus restos.

## El Papa canoniza a un fraile brasileño renombrado por su caridad y curaciones

Por John Thavis

SAO PAULO, Brasil (CNS) — El papa Benedicto XVI canonizó al primer santo oriundo de Brasil, fraile franciscano del siglo XVIII, renombrado por su caridad hacia los pobres y su legado de curaciones milagrosas.

En una Misa al aire libre,

el 11 de mayo, el Papa leyó el decreto por el cual se proclamó la santidad del padre Antonio Galvao, provocando una serie de aplausos entre los cientos de miles de personas que se habían reunido en el aeropuerto Campo de Marte de Sao Paulo para asistir a la liturgia.

Mientras las reliquias del santo se llevaban en procesión hacia el altar, la muchedumbre cantó e hizo ondear banderolas y banderas bajo los rayos del sol. En primera fila, llevando hábitos de un azul brillante, se encontraban las religiosas Concepcionistas, cuya orden utilizó a San Galvao

como consejero espiritual a finales de los 1700.

En su homilía, que el Papa leyó en portugués, dijo que San Galvao, que murió en 1822, había sido modelo de caridad cristiana y de servicio en Brasil, especialmente entre los pobres y enfermos. Fue muy buscado como

confesor e inspiró a la gente con su actitud de constante devoción a Dios, dijo el Papa.

“La fama de su inmensa caridad no conoció límites. Gentes de todas partes del país iban a buscar a fray Galvao, quien siempre les ofrecía una bienvenida paternal a todos”, dijo el Papa.

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWSBRIEFS

### Bioethicist calls California suicide bill 'implicitly anti-Catholic'

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Calling proposed California physician-assisted suicide legislation "strongly and implicitly anti-Catholic" and accusing its advocates of "trying to bend the Catholic Church's moral teaching to the will of the culture of death agenda," an international expert on bioethics urged listeners at a May 7 lecture to do everything in their power to help defeat the controversial bill. Entitled the California Compassionate Choices Act, the Assembly Bill 374 would allow physicians to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to people diagnosed with a terminal illness, given less than six months to live, and declared mentally competent. Wesley J. Smith, keynote speaker at the annual public policy breakfast sponsored by the San Francisco Archdiocese's Office of Public Policy and Social Concerns and held at St. Mary's Cathedral, said the measure seeks to establish "ending life as an appropriate way to relieve suffering." Once that premise has been established, he said, it becomes logical to extend what would be seen "as a legitimate medical treatment" to the chronically ill, the terminally ill at any stage, individuals in intractable pain, and even those who are depressed.

### Effective use of Internet is key to church communications, says Osman

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the U.S. bishops' new communications chief, Helen Osman said one of her concerns will be how the church can use the Internet effectively to communicate with Catholics, especially the post-Vatican II generation. She said she would like to see the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops become "more of a lead agent in how the church uses the Internet." Osman, 46, was named secretary for communications of the USCCB in January. She starts her job Aug. 1. She noted a recent study on Catholic media use in the U.S. by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University that says half of all Catholics are in the post-Vatican II generation. This includes Catholics born after 1960 and those who have no lived experience of the Second Vatican Council or of the church before the changes the council brought. Reaching these Catholics is one of the church's biggest communications challenges, she said.

### Fatima: The secret's out, despite claims to the contrary

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite claims there are still secrets connected to the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Benedict XVI and his secretary of state said the entire message has been published and has been interpreted accurately. The Marian apparitions to three children in Fatima, Portugal, began 90 years ago May 13, and Pope John Paul II ordered the so-called "third secret" of Fatima to be published in 2000. As the Fatima anniversary approached, the Vatican bookstore was selling copies of "The Last Fatima Visionary: My Meetings With Sister Lucia." The 140-page, Italian-language interview with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, opens with a letter of presentation from Pope Benedict. The two men worked with Pope John Paul to publish the "third secret" and to write an official commentary on it, describing its depiction of a "man dressed in white" shot down amid the rubble of a ruined city as a prophetic vision of the 1981 attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul. In the new book, Cardinal Bertone said Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, at the time the last surviving visionary, confirmed the Vatican's interpretation.

### Church recognizes immigrants' God-given rights, says Cardinal Mahony

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The basic moral principle that everyone is entitled to God-given human rights is the key to understanding the Catholic Church's support for immigrants, said Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony May 8 in the annual John M. Templeton Jr. Lecture on Economic Liberties and the Constitution in Philadelphia. The current U.S. immigration system accepts the labor, taxes, and purchasing power of immigrants who are separated from their families, Cardinal Mahony said, and yet millions of them who are in the country illegally are not protected by laws. "While such a system might meet our economic needs in the narrow measurement of monetary gain, it fails to meet the broad definition of 'oikonomia,' or the call of Scripture," he said. "Oikonomia" is the Greek word at the root of the word "economy" but which first means the arrangement of a household, he explained. In early Christian history, "oikonomia" referred to the way God's household — in which holiness, truth, justice, love, and peace prevailed — is ordered, he said.

## Pope's remarks about Catholic pro-abortion politicians are softened in Vatican transcript

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Catholic legislators in Mexico City who had voted in April to legalize abortion.

When reporters pressed the pope on whether he supported the excommunication of the Mexican deputies, he answered: "Yes, this excommunication was not something arbitrary, but is foreseen by the Code [of Canon Law]. It is simply part of church law that the killing of an innocent baby is incompatible with being in communion with the body of Christ."

Referring to Mexican bishops, the pope continued: "Therefore, they did not do anything new, surprising, or arbitrary. They only underlined publicly what is foreseen in [canon] law, a law based on the church's doctrine and faith, on our appreciation for life and for human individuality from the first moment."

On May 10, the Vatican press office released the official transcript of the pope's 25-minute session with reporters. The pope's opening "yes" to the direct question about excommunication had disappeared, and so had the references to Mexican bishops.

The tweaked version of the pope's remarks began: "Excommunication is not something arbitrary, but is foreseen by the Code [of Canon Law]. Therefore, it is simply part of church law that the killing of an innocent baby is incompatible with going to Communion, in which one receives the body of Christ."

In the rest of the edited version, some of the pope's verbs were changed to make his remarks more generic.

Asked about the changes, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told reporters May 10 that it was routine for the Vatican Secretariat of State to review the pope's extemporaneous remarks and clean them up a little for publication.

That the pope's comments had potential for controversy was apparent immediately after he made them. Fr. Lombardi quickly circulated among reporters on the plane and told them that the pope was not announcing a new policy on Catholic politicians.

Fr. Lombardi also noted confusion over what the Mexican bishops had and had not done. The Mexican bishops had not announced the excommunication of anyone, he pointed out.

"And if the bishops haven't excommunicated anyone, it's not that the pope wants to do so," Fr. Lombardi said.

Later May 9, after consulting with the pope, Fr. Lombardi said



### POPE SPEAKS WITH PRESS

— Pope Benedict XVI speaks with journalists during the flight from Rome to Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 9. The pope reiterated church teaching "that the killing of an innocent baby is incompatible with being in communion with the body of Christ." (CNS photo/Alessia Giuliani, Catholic Press Photo)

the pontiff was only reiterating the teaching that Catholic legislators who promote initiatives like the legalization of abortion exclude themselves from the conditions needed to participate fully in the Eucharist.

But for many media, those distinctions meant less than the pope's apparent "yes" to the penalty of excommunication for Catholic politicians. The next day's banner headline in one of Brazil's leading newspapers, *Folha de Sao Paulo*, read simply: "The pope supports the excommunication of pro-abortion politicians."

In Brazil and in several Latin America countries, there are increasing pressures to legalize abortion. Its adoption in Mexico City, which now allows abortion for the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, was seen by church leaders as a major defeat.

Some of the church's statements following the vote in Mexico City have appeared inconsistent, however.

Carlos Villa Roiz, a spokesman for Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera, told Catholic News Service May 9 that the Mexican church did not yet have an official position on the matter.

Immediately before the law's approval April 24, local press quoted a Mexico City archdiocesan statement that said when the law took effect "any baptized assembly members will automatically be excommunicated and therefore be excluded from the Catholic Church."

However, Cardinal Rivera backed off this stance May 6, saying that excommunication was not necessary.

"The only official position of the archdiocese is the one the

cardinal announced on Sunday," Villa said. "During Mass, he said that he hadn't considered excommunicating anyone."

Villa added that Mexican clergy were still debating whether the lawmakers had been excommunicated "latae sententiae," meaning excommunication may have been automatic following their vote, with no need for a formal church declaration.

He said Mexican church officials would be ready to follow any orders from the pope.

"When Rome speaks, the discussion is over," Villa said. "Even if Cardinal Rivera hasn't excommunicated them, the pope is making it understood that the legislators have committed a serious, mortal sin."

Politicians who supported the abortion bill have downplayed the excommunication discussions.

Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, a member of the Democratic Revolution Party, told reporters May 9 that he "hadn't lost any sleep" over the possibility of being excommunicated.

"I am going to fulfill my duties," he said. "Above the law, there is nothing more important."

The issue of politicians and Communion has ramifications beyond Mexico.

During the 2004 U.S. presidential election campaign, about 10 to 12 of the approximately 190 diocesan bishops spoke out in favor of denying Communion to politicians who favored abortion. The bishops are scheduled to discuss the issue again this November when they vote on a new statement on "Faithful Citizenship."

Contributing to this story was Jonathan Roeder in Mexico City.

# Israeli archaeologists say they have found King Herod's tomb

By Judith Sudilovsky

HERODIUM, West Bank (CNS) — After three and a half decades of scouring this dusty, heat-scorched mountainside, Israeli archaeologists said they have finally found the elusive tomb of King Herod the Great.

The location and unique nature of the finds as well as the historical record leave no doubt that the finds are the remains of the king's burial site, despite there being no inscriptions, said Ehud Netzer, the Hebrew University professor of archaeology who has led the excavations at Herodium since 1972. The dig uncovered the various buildings at the towering cone-shaped site which King Herod,



Herodium, the desert site of King Herod the Great's fortress and palace about nine miles south of Jerusalem, is seen in this May 25, 1998, photo released by the Israeli Government Press Office. King Herod ordered the slaughter of the innocents after he learned of the birth of Jesus. (CNS photo/Yaacov Saar, Israeli Government Press Office via Reuters)

who ruled Judea on behalf of Rome from 37 B.C. to 4 B.C., had constructed.

Only one or two other sarcophagi of this monumental size and quality have been discovered, he said.

"Not every rich Jewish citizen of the time could afford a sarcophagus like this," he said. "It is really a royal one. The stone work is very different. It is really an important, well-executed monument. It is a great satisfaction (to have found it.) I am not sure I myself have fully digested it yet."

Because of ancient texts, archaeologists have long known where King Herod was buried, but they had been unsuccessful until now in their search for the actual mausoleum.

Over the past three years a team lead by Netzer began circling in on an area on the northeastern slope of the hillside which the ancient king, well-known for his architectural feats, had constructed some nine miles south of Jerusalem in commemoration of a military victory. The palace complex he built at the summit was said to be among the most spectacular of his building projects, and it was here that he chose to have his remains buried.

"It is wonderful to have found pieces of the sarcophagus. (Ancient Jewish historian) Josephus Flavius is perfectly clear that Herod was buried there," said Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor of the French Biblical and Archaeological School of Jerusalem, noting that it would not surprise him if no inscrip-

tion was found because of the ancient custom of blotting out any mention of a reviled leader such as King Herod. Jews of the period despised the ruler as an instrument of the Roman Empire.

"Herod was detested by everyone," said Father Murphy-O'Connor. "He was hated by everyone because his rule was very strict, and there was an erosion of civil liberties, although there was economic growth."

Riddled with disease and on his death bed in Jericho, King Herod collected all the nobility of the city and gave the order that they be killed upon his death so that "Judea would weep," said Father Murphy-O'Connor.

Josephus, who left a well-preserved historical record, described the site of Herodium and the king's funeral in great detail but did not mention the tomb.

He wrote that the lavish funeral procession that began in Jericho was attended by family members, a contingency of foreign guards — all in war garb — from around the ancient world and 500 of King Herod's servants carrying spices. King Herod was carried on a bier of solid gold studded with precious stones with a covering of purple. The body itself was also covered in a purple robe, and a gold crown was placed on the head, with a scepter beside his right hand.

None of the riches described by Josephus has been discovered at the site and may have been looted centuries ago.

## Hamer...

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adult children "aghast" might be one of the most satisfying things that can happen to a parent, and it is definitely worth waiting for.

So, I answered her, "Yes, I did buy another chicken, but not just any chicken, the Department 56 chicken! She wears a bright green hat covered in net, with a yellow flower and a short black veil over her face. Around her jowly neck are red beads, and for a shawl, a green boa with shimmery thread woven through it.

"She is, in fact, the image of an overdressed wedding guest — someone's 'Aunt Lena,' I think, out there in the middle of a parish dance, dancing to The Chicken Song. During the instrumental interlude, the fuzzy, chubbily-stuffed, barnyard animal dances and pauses, shakes her little tail and pauses again. It's quite amazing. I can almost see Uncle Charlie out there with his accordion."

My fabulous daughter, an artist, and a little girl who is almost never silent, was silent then, for the first time since she was two. That, by the way, was also worth waiting for.

Now, I don't know about the rest of you, but I did spend the

past three decades buying blue jeans and new socks, making sandwiches and excuses to the principal, paying for car insurance, homecoming mums, and pizza.

Suddenly the kids are all gone, and it is quiet here. In fact, no matter how many days in those three decades I prayed for silence, I have received much more of it today than I ever needed, even then.

There is silence to read, silence to sleep. I can make a phone call, and no one bursts into the room suddenly with 15 different questions to ask me. No one fights with a brother; no one steals a sister's hair-spray; no one is late for band practice.

There is no one to cook for, no soccer team to cheer for.

In fact, it is eerily similar to the days when I, young, married, and away from home, would call my mom and say, "Hi, Mom, what are you doing?" Big Kate would reply, "Oh nothing, just sitting around, me and the chickens."

My mother was kidding, though. I am not.

The silence here also reminds me, strangely, of prayerful advice I once received from a dear friend of mine, who is much holier than I, and wiser.

He said, "Take time, every single morning, to listen to God. Just listen. Say, 'Lord, this

is your time, and I am open to whatever you want me to hear. I'm all yours.' If you are tired," my friend said, "it's up to God to wake you up."

Back then I was far too busy to take that advice, and far too surrounded with the noise of living.

Today, as I sit in my home, the silence of living has become more deafening than the action of it ever was.

What I have now, doing its best to fill the emptiness where five children once lived, are just silly, dancing chickens. "Just me and the chickens."

I do pray, Lord, that you invade my moments of silence with your presence, and that you fill my awareness with knowledge of your will. I pray to hear the music of your voice, and to dance in the joy of your grace.

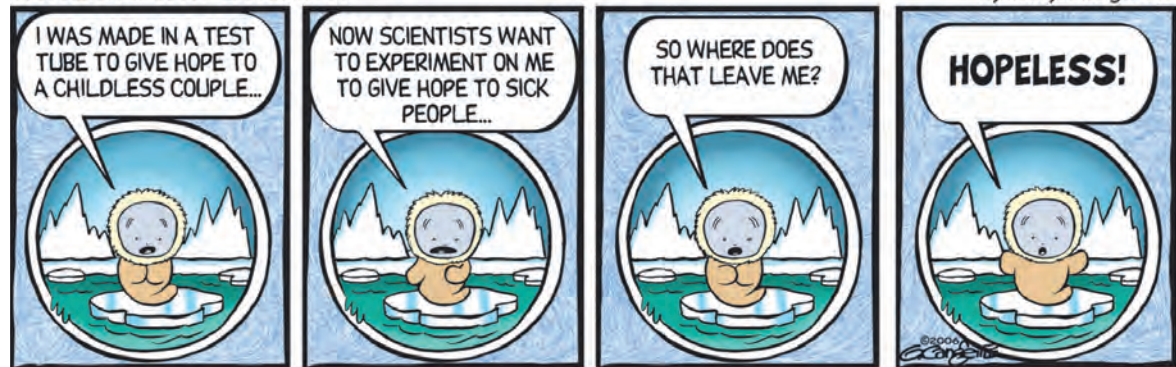
Push the on-button, Lord, and get out the accordion.



Kathy Cribari Hamer, a member of St. Andrew Parish, has five children, Meredith, John, Julie, Andrew, and Abby. Her column is syndicated in a number of the best Catholic diocesan newspapers across the U.S. In May of 2005, her column received the first place award for best family life column by the Catholic Press Association of the U.S. and Canada.

## Umbert the Unborn

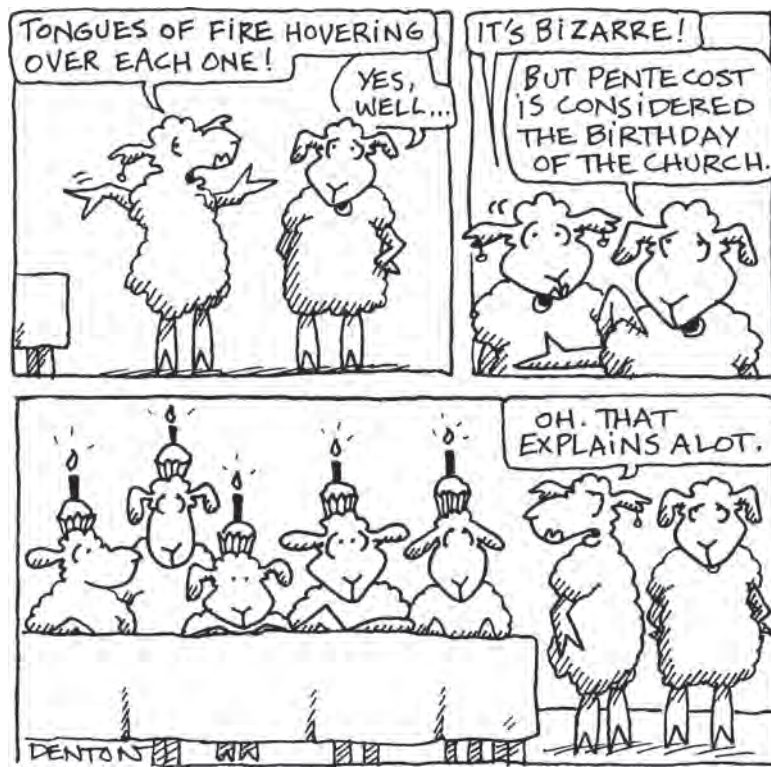
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## The FLOCK

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# Calendar

## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The General Worth Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will hold its 48th annual Memorial Day observance May 27 at 2 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery located inside the Oakwood Cemetery at Grand and Gould Streets in Fort Worth. An Honor Guard of the Fourth Degree Knights will lead the procession, and a wreath will be placed in honor of Major Horace Carswell. The ceremony will conclude with a prayer service and blessing. All are invited to this ceremony.

## PREGNANCY CENTER BENEFIT

Father Denis Wilde, OSA, will celebrate Mass at St. Ann Parish, 100 S.W. Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, June 2 at 6 p.m., and June 3 at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Fr. Wilde, also a concert pianist, will perform at a benefit concert for the Burleson Pregnancy Aid Center June 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Ann Church. There is no charge for the concert, however a donation will be accepted and appreciated. Fr. Wilde is a member of the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and is a priest associate of Priests For Life. For more information regarding the event, contact the parish office at (817) 295-4101.

## FORTY HOURS OF DEVOTION

The Stewardship Council of St. John the Apostle Parish, 7341 Glenview Dr., North Richland Hills, will sponsor a 40 hours of eucharistic adoration on the feast of Corpus Christi. The devotion will begin Friday, June 8, at 2 p.m. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. followed by an outdoor eucharistic procession. Adoration will continue through to the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass, June 10, except for the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass. Sign-ups will begin June 1. For more information, call Mary Anne Lemmon at (817) 427-0953.

## ANNULMENT WORKSHOP

A workshop on marriage, divorce, and the annulment process, "Until Death Do Us Part?" will be presented by Father Hector Medina May 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 3717 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth. Fr. Medina works with the Marriage Tribunal of the Diocese of Fort Worth. He has studied at the Catholic University of America and has given workshops for the North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics at Notre Dame. Childcare is available by calling (817) 924-6581 at least 48 hours in advance. To RSVP by May 28, call Alice Curran at (817) 927-5383.

## VOCATION AWARENESS

Single Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 40, are invited to attend the 2007 Vocation Awareness Program to be held at Holy Trinity Seminary, 3131 Vince Hagan Drive in Irving, July 13-15. The weekend is sponsored by the Serra Clubs of the Fort Worth and Dallas dioceses, in partnership with the diocesan vocation offices. There is no charge for the program, which includes accommodations in private rooms and meals at the seminary. For more information, contact Father Kyle Walterscheid, director of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Worth, at (817) 366-0439, or by e-mail to kwalterscheid@fwdioc.org.

## MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The University of Dallas Ministry Conference will be held Sept. 6-8 at the Westin Park Central, 12720 Merit Drive, Dallas. The conference is sponsored by the University of Dallas School of Ministry in association with the Diocese of Dallas. The theme of the conference is "Walking Together in Faith." For more information or to register, call (815) 332-7084, e-mail to info@UDallasConference.com, or visit the Web site at www.UDallasConference.com.

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S GROUP

St. Augustine's Men's Purity Group, a ministry for men who struggle with sexual impurity issues on the Internet and other sources, meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 213 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, located at 2016 Willis Lane, Keller, and Sundays at 7 p.m., at 1301 Paxton (Padre Pio House) in Arlington. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.sampg.org, 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 jlocke@fwdioc.org
- **Or call the Sexual Abuse Hotline** (817) 560-2452 ext. 900
- **Or call The Catholic Center** at (817) 560-2452 ext. 107 and ask for the vicar general, Father Michael Olson.

## To Report Abuse

**Call the Texas Department of Family Protective Services (Child Protective Services)**  
1 (800) 252-5400

## MEMORIAL ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus Council #2813 invites all to share in a special Memorial Day rosary. This rosary will be prayed at May 28 at 7:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 4500 Columbus Trail, four blocks west of 7900 Hulen in Southwest Fort Worth. The rosary is dedicated to all those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the armed services of the United States.

## ROSARY CONGRESS

Apostolatus Uniti's 18th annual Rosary Congress will be hosted by St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 5508 Black Oak Ln., River Oaks, June 10-16. The congress will open with Mass and an outdoor eucharistic procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 10, and will close with a Mass and procession June 16, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To sign up for hours of eucharistic adoration or for more information, call Kim Barton at (817) 926-0019 or (423) 386-3862, or Bonnie Sager at (817) 294-5579.

## ENGLISH CURSILLOS

A Cursillo is a short course in Christianity consisting of a series of talks and meditations examining one's life in relation to Jesus Christ. An English Cursillo for women has been scheduled for June 7-10. For more information, contact Mary Jean Nagy at (817) 226-1110 or by e-mail to mjnagy@fredhall-dfw.com.

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A Rachel's Vineyard retreat, designed to offer healing for women and men struggling with the psychological and spiritual pain of abortion, will be held June 1-3 in Fort Worth. Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe, non-judgmental, and supportive environment to those struggling with abortion's aftermath. For more information or to register for a retreat, call the confidential helpline at (817) 923-4757 or e-mail to [forgiven@racheltx.org](mailto:forgiven@racheltx.org).

## YOUTH ACTIVITY AT NRH20

Each summer junior high youth from across the diocese gather for a day of fun at NRH20 Family Water Park. As part of the daylong event, the students also have a chance to pray together and share faith. Activities will be centered on the theme through art, skits, and prayer and song. Friends Altogether in Christ Experiencing the Spirit (FACES) will be held June 8. The cost of the day will include all-day entry into NRH20; all-you-can-eat lunch; unlimited drinks throughout the day; a presentation on the theme for the day; and prizes for artwork, poetry, and symbol. For more information, visit the diocesan Web site at [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org).

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

St. Joseph Parish in Arlington will host a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 3-13. There will be an initial information meeting held June 3 at 5 p.m. in the community with Michael Hartwig from Illume Travel. For additional information, call Deacon Dean Hermann at (817) 472-5181 or visit the Web site at [www.travelillume.com/trc/bdh](http://www.travelillume.com/trc/bdh).

## JAZZ BAND CAMP

Nolan Catholic High School Jazz Band Camp for students entering grades 8-12 will be held June 11-15 at NCHS Music Hall, 4501 Bridge St., Fort Worth. This camp, sponsored in part by The Jazz Monster Big Band, will feature full jazz band rehearsals and performances, sectional rehearsals, music theory and improvisation, and jazz history and listening sessions. The tuition cost is \$100 for early registration prior June 1, \$120 after June 1. For more information, contact Nolan Catholic High School at (817) 457-2920, ext. 1733.

## SUMMER BAND CAMP

A summer band camp for students entering fifth grade through those completing the eighth grade will be offered June 4-8. The camp, hosted by Brian Standridge, director of the NCHS band program and Chuck Compher, associate director, will be held at Nolan Catholic High School, 4501 Bridge Street, Fort Worth. The fee is \$75 per student, plus an additional \$7 for the Burger's Lake outing. For more information, contact the NCHS band department at (817) 457-2920 ext. 1538 or e-mail to [bstandridge@nolancatholicchs.org](mailto:bstandridge@nolancatholicchs.org).

## ITALY IN THE FALL OCT. 4-13

Father Tim Thompson, pastor of St. Mark Parish in Denton, will lead a small group to Italy. Included in the tour are a professional escort, local city guides, deluxe charter motor coach, and roundtrip airfare. Sights include **Florence, Orvieto, Assisi, Pompeii, and Rome with tickets to the papal audience.** All that is famous in Rome makes this a grand pilgrimage. For details and complete itinerary, call **Bob Wolfe at (817) 788-9383.**

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St. Mary Parish in Windthorst, located at 101 Church St., will celebrate its 115th birthday June 3. Activities will be held in the parish hall, the junior high school, and on the school grounds adjacent to the church beginning at noon. In addition, there will be a golf tournament June 2; for more information and to register, contact David Vietenheimer at (940) 423-6780. Included in the activities to be held Sunday, a horseshoe tournament will start at noon; for additional information, contact Jerry Bacon at (940) 237-7765 or (940) 423-6121. A live auction will begin at 4 p.m. For more information on any of the events, contact the parish office at (940) 423-6687.

## DCYC

The annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC), sponsored by the diocesan office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Catechesis will be held July 6-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the DFW Airport. The weekend will offer keynote presentations from nationally known speakers; workshops where youth learn to deepen their faith and build life skills; a music ministry pre-conference; hands on activities; service experiences; Sunday Mass; a coffee house; games; dance; karaoke; and much more. Youth entering grades six through 12 in the fall of 2007 may register for the conference through their parish youth leader. Costs for the weekend, which include accommodations and three meals, range from \$95 with registration prior to June 7, to \$110 for later registrations. For more information, visit the diocesan Web site under Faith Formation at [www.fwdioc.org](http://www.fwdioc.org) or call Kevin Prevou at (817) 560-3300 ext. 261.

## COURAGE SUPPORT GROUP

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

## MINISTRY WITH GAYS / LESBIANS

The Fort Worth Diocesan Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics, Other Sexual Minorities, and Their Families will offer an evening of prayer and conversation for lesbian/gay persons, their families, and friends June 28 at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4503 Bridge Street in East Fort Worth. Father Warren Murphy, TOR, coordinator of the ministry, encourages those interested to join for prayer and sharing. For additional information, contact Fr. Murphy at (817) 927-5383 or Dottie and Hank Cummins at (817) 861-5772.

## CATHOLIC SCOUTING

Ad Altare Dei counselor training and chaplain aide training will be offered June 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine. The cost of the each class is \$5 and will include a catered lunch. For more information regarding the counselor training, contact Bill Harrison at (817) 283-8052 or by e-mail to [wjh\\_harrison@hotmail.com](mailto:wjh_harrison@hotmail.com). For more information regarding the chaplain aide training, contact Steve Zerbe at (817) 251-1162 or by e-mail to [zpatton@aol.com](mailto:zpatton@aol.com). All Scouters holding Ad Altare Dei award classes are required to be approved by the Catholic Commission on Scouting (CCS) for the Diocese of Fort Worth.

## SUBIACO

Subiaco Academy, an all-boys Catholic boarding and day school in Northwest Arkansas, will host Discovery Sunday, a free open house for parents and prospective students, June 10 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Those visiting will have the opportunity to meet members of the administration and faculty, and have a guided tour of the campus. Interested students may also take the preliminary placement exam. Subiaco Academy is located in the Arkansas River Valley approximately 50 miles east of Fort Smith and 100 miles northwest of Little Rock. For additional information, contact the Subiaco admission office at (800) 364-7824 by e-mail to [admissions@subi.org](mailto:admissions@subi.org), or visit the Web site at [www.subi.org](http://www.subi.org).

# Classified Section

## DIRECTOR

Applications are being accepted for the position of Adult Formation/Liturgy Education Director for Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Wichita Falls, a parish of about 1,150 registered families. The director would oversee RCIA, parish missions, retreats, Catholics Returning Home, and various Bible study groups in the parish. The director would also oversee coordinators of the various liturgical ministries and be a resource person for the training of new volunteers for these ministries. The director would prepare the Advent and Lenten penance services for the parish. Applicants should have experience with faith formation in the Catholic Church; have good leadership skills, and the ability to work with staff and volunteers. Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact John Spyra at the parish office at (940) 696-1253.

## TEACHER

Our Lady of Grace High School (OLGHS) in northern Tarrant County is now accepting teaching applications in all positions. OLGHS will be serving students in grades 9 and 10 in the fall of 2007. Teachers must be degreed in their content area. Experience is preferred. Perfect for retired or graduate student. Call (940) 390-6902 or e-mail [resumé@www.olghs.org](mailto:resumé@www.olghs.org).

## YOUTH MINISTER

A Youth Minister (high school and young adults) is needed for St. Mary Parish in Gainesville. Qualifications include: Practicing member of the Catholic faith; some teaching or experience working with youth; the ability to organize, plan, and implement the catechesis, confirmation program, and youth activities. Salary is negotiable. Contact Father Pat Murphy at (940) 665-5393 ext. 303.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Mark Church, Denton, has an opening for a full-time (40 hour) coordinator of high school youth ministry. Responsibilities include: direction of our comprehensive high school youth ministry program (includes adolescent catechesis, implementation of diocesan youth ministry program, involving youth in diocesan youth activities, confirmation preparation, and direction of our Life Teen program); and the recruitment and training of volunteers for high school youth ministry programs. We are looking for an energetic, faith-filled individual who is an active member of a Catholic parish with excellent organization, communication, and computer skills, and who is both creative and detail-oriented. A thorough understanding of relational ministry is critical. A bachelor's degree in theology (or its equivalent) is preferred as well as diocesan certification in youth ministry. If interested, e-mail a [resumé](mailto:resumé@slesko@stmarkdenton.org) to [slesko@stmarkdenton.org](mailto:slesko@stmarkdenton.org) or fax to (940) 382-1641, to the attention of Silvia Lesko, director of Religious Education. Application due date is June 15. Qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

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## Mexican actor Eduardo Verastegui forsakes fame to make

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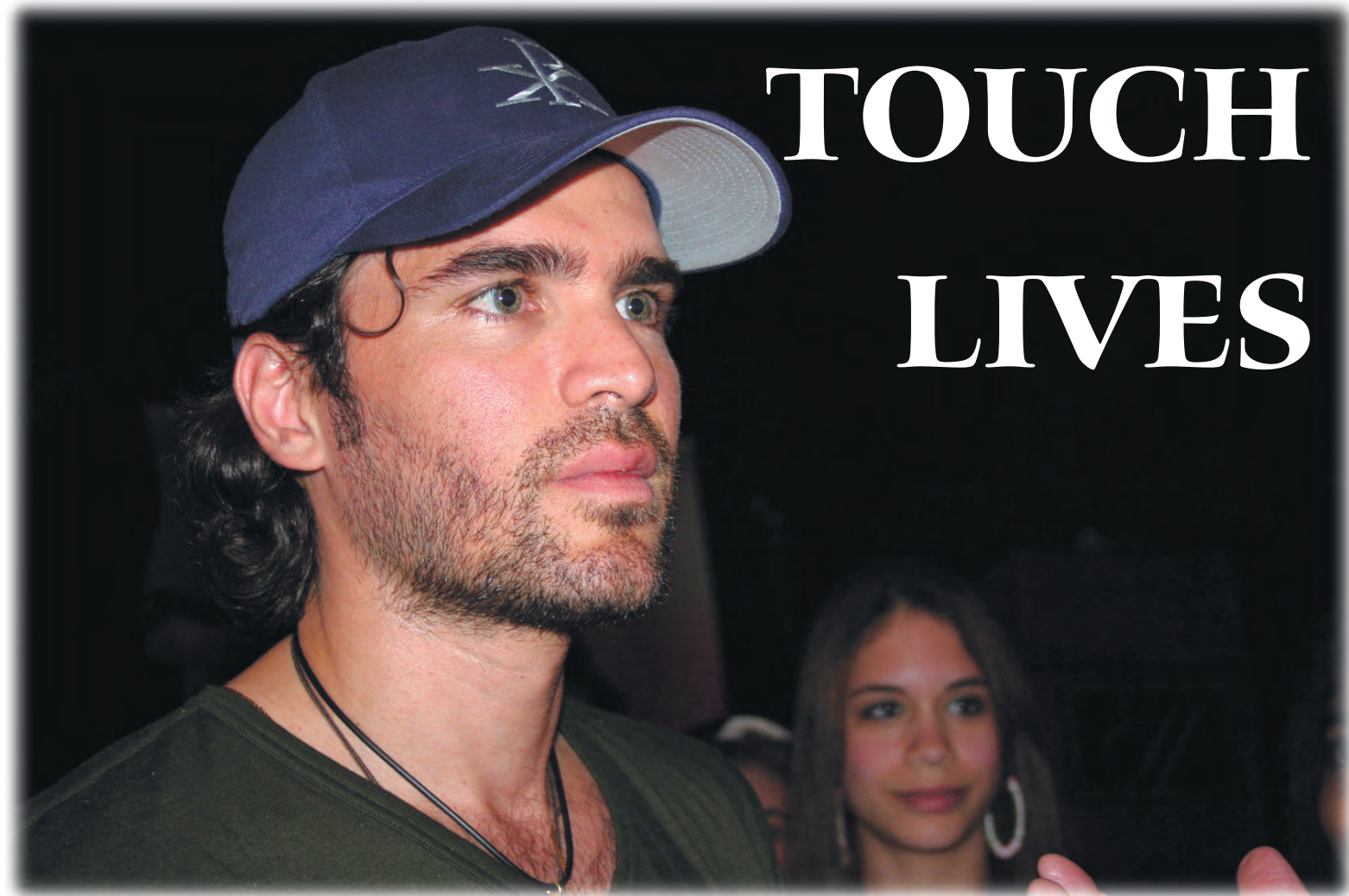
If the story of the rich young man from the Gospel of Matthew had a sequel updated for modern times, it might resemble the life of actor Eduardo Verastegui, a Catholic who stars in the film "Bella."

In the Gospel account, Jesus tells the young man to sell all he has and follow him, but the man goes away sorrowful. In the modern-day sequel, Verastegui sells all he has and is prepared to give up his budding acting career to follow Jesus.

Verastegui had reached the zenith of Mexican celebrity as a soap star and singer who had toured at least 13 countries to sold-out crowds. His résumé includes everything from appearing as Jennifer Lopez's love interest in a music video to the starring role in the 20th Century Fox movie "Chasing Papi" and a co-starring role in the independent film "Meet Me in Miami." Verastegui also has been listed as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world in the magazine *People en Español*.

But while studying English in Los Angeles, he found himself drawn to a deeper faith in Jesus through the example of his Catholic teacher, and he began to see all the reasons he had wanted to be an actor — fame, money, and pleasure — as empty and vain.

He also realized that he had been typecast into portraying the unfaithful, lying Latin lover, which promoted negative stereotypes. He said the media portrayal of Hispanics in gen-



Eduardo Verastegui is co-founder of Metanoia Films, which released its debut film, "Bella," last year. The Mexican actor starred in the lead role in the movie, which won the People's Choice Award at the Toronto Film Festival in 2006.

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eral demeaned both men and women, resembling nothing like the dignity and beauty of his mother and sisters in Mexico.

Verastegui said he discovered he had hurt people through his work, and the messages in his movies were "poisoning society."

"It broke my heart," he said at the annual Rose Dinner in Ottawa May 10, following the 10th annual March for Life in Ottawa. "I realized I had offended God."

He said he spent "many months in tears."

Verastegui sold his possessions, wondering if God was calling him to be a priest, perhaps in the jungles of South America. His spiritual adviser, however, told him: "Holly-

wood is a bigger jungle."

He vowed to refuse parts unless they affirmed life and human dignity. For three years, he went without work, because all the parts offered him involved the "same negative stereotypes."

"We are not called to be successful, we are called to be faithful," Verastegui said. "I wasn't born to be famous or rich; I was born to know and love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ."

Then in 2004 he met movie producer Leo Severino while attending daily Mass.

Severino, who also spoke at the dinner, returned to Catholicism in 1999 while reading Christian apologetics. He began attending daily Mass, but he found most of the other church-

goers were "gray hairs cramming for their final exam."

Younger Christians like himself were scarce in the mostly anti-religion world of Hollywood.

Then he noticed another young man at Mass. Severino said he soon discovered, "This guy's the Brad Pitt of Mexico."

Not long after their meeting, Verastegui and Severino co-founded Metanoia Films with the intention to produce movies that could change lives and hearts. "Bella," released in 2006, is Metanoia's first film. It won the coveted People's Choice Award at last fall's Toronto Film Festival.

Severino said the media, especially film and television, are "shaping our culture." He

said the movie "Million Dollar Baby" promoted euthanasia and "Cider House Rules" glorified abortion. "Natural Born Killers" influenced the Virginia Tech shooter, he said.

"Art and morality go hand in hand," he said, urging young people to guard their eyes and ears and their innocence. "God does not use evil means," he said.

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