

8:30 am	MONDAY, APRIL 18 Joseph Marano, Stephen Elias, Sr., John, Mary & Joanne Paolella
12:10 pm	Teresa Kunberger, Susan Picciano
8:30 am 12:10 pm	TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Filomena Napolitano, Michael Chipoletti, Angela Toto Luisa & Orlando Serino, William Simonetti,
	John Sr. & Orazio Costa, Palmer Ferrara, Bridget & Patsy Sapio Family
8:30 am 12:10 pm	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 William R. Tackaberry Theresa Kenworthy, Michael Rosati, Kai Atticus Barry
8:30 am 12:10 pm	THURSDAY, APRIL 21 Mary Ann Amato, Barbara Cornell Tony Martell, Jr., Vicky Martell, Special Intention
8:30 am 12:10 pm	FRIDAY, APRIL 22 Jerry Artigliere, Valerie Rusch, Brian Oehme (Healing) Bill Eynon, John J. Birofka
8:30 am	SATURDAY, APRIL 23 Rose De Luca, Helen Kenny, Daniel Fitzgibbons
5:00 pm	Joseph Farrell, Michael A. Finelli, Sr. Joseph M. Heilmann, Sr., Jennie Passarella, Joanne Yeager
7:00 pm	For the people of the parish
7:15 am	SUNDAY, APRIL 24 The Carl & Elsie Chiarolanzio Family, The Joseph & Agnes Kitchell Family,
9:00 a.m.	Raimondo Oliva, Helen Leone, Maximino & Concepcion Vargas Patsy Luciano, Paul & Esther Heckel, Antonette Petrignani, Helen Kenny, Donald Horn
10:30 am	Pietro & Carolina Allocca, Diane Vaughan, Steve Dorman,
12:00 pm	Vicky Martell, Consuelo Flores Vincenzo Perrone, Ida Ventarini,

Jennie Aielli, John Birofka, Bina Grande

PARISH SACRAMENTAL AND PRAYER

"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)



We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church those who were baptized:

Evan Joseph Elliot Tobin Greene who was baptized April 9, 2016 Jayne Scarlette Fryer, Emma Julia Waldron who were baptized April 10, 2016

"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray is anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:13,14)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joan Burke, Fr. Ron Sordillo, Jack Vander Meulen, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Jacob Shaw, Mikey Nichols, Charlotte McVeigh, Annette McVeigh, Debra Kollasch, Noah Stanzione, Joe Gero, Kevin Kirk, Judy Artiglere, Carla Schaafsma, Hollis Doherty, Michael Lo Bosco

"Lord for your faithful people life is changed not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven."

Roman Missal, Preface of Christian Death)

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Anne Polacek, Mike Rosati, Diana Roberts, John Brennan (brother of Barbara Penders), Edward Moore

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

The weekend collection for Saturday/Sunday, April 9/10 amounted to \$21,540.00. Your generosity to our Church is gratefully appreciated.

CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

Our children's collection for Catholic Extension for the weekend of April 9/10 amounted to \$127.00. Thank you girls and boys for helping.

STEP INTO THE FUTURE OF SVMS

To date, we have been blessed with \$2,003,414.00 from 255 families, plus the HSA and our Diocese. We thank you for helping us reach our goal for Phase One of our project, the addition of six new classrooms.

We are still accepting gifts to help fund Phase Two which involves improving existing space.

The Altar Bread and Wine For the Week of April 24 - 30, 2016

are in memory of: Altar Bread: Joseph M. Heilmann, Sr.

APRIL 17, 2016 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A GRATEFUL REFLECTION ON EASTER - LETTER BY LETTER

Earnest pursuers of the faith, lovingly nurtured by seasoned sojourners, learning the truth that sets us free, preparing for handfuls of water on their heads and fragrant oil on their brow, coming at last to the family table...

Alleluias sung in chorus, bells ringing out the Good News of a Risen Jesus, stringed instruments and keenly played keyboards uniting in songs of praise, voices young and not so young harmoniously making church resound in joy, direction and orchestration conducted with care...

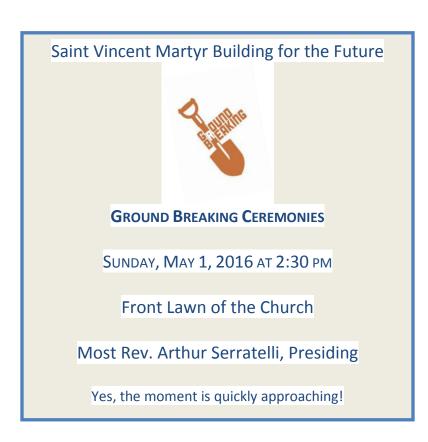
Schedules diligently prepared, ministries called forth to make worship happen, mailings busily prepared and happily delivered, sacred liturgies faithfully overseen with an eye for detail, developed and planned at the evening meetings, ministerial service rendered gladly and graciously...

Time invested tailoring sacred space, enhancing beauty with creative design, ladders ascended and descended hanging banners new and old, flowers thoughtfully chosen and radically arranged, the hard wood of a cross softened by a tenderly placed mantle of devotion, flowing water washing us in mercy...

Each talent shared making a difference, visitors warmly welcomed, seats happily shared, Easter food bilingually blessed, Gospels reverently proclaimed, feet compassionately washed, oils joyfully presented, fires scout-expertly prepared, homilies passionately preached, a bishop emeritus lovingly embraced...

Riches generously shared with a parish community, given in gratitude for blessings received, stewarded by trustworthy women and men, used to advance the mission, helping the love of Christ to be shared in prayer, ministry, education and service, appreciated from the depth of the heart...

For all these things - and much more - I am truly grateful...Alleluia...Amen.



Message from the Pastor

As of this weekend we are only 2 weeks away from moving out of our church building for the renovation of our sacred space. For me, it is hard to believe that the moment is here. We have worked long and hard to arrive at this day, and now, after years of

conversation, planning and fine tuning we are ready to break ground for this historic project.

I feel that it is very important for us as a faith community to make this temporary exit from our church in a reflective and prayerful manner. We need to give thanks to God for all that the current design of our sacred space has meant for us over these past forty years - the masses we have celebrated here, the sacraments we have received here, the welcomes to new life and the farewells to departed life that have been offered here, the fellowship we have shared here, the purple rug that we have walked on and the chairs we have sat on, the quiet times we have spent here communing with our God.

At the center of all this spiritual activity has been our majestic altar. At this consecrated table we have gathered daily, placing upon it the bread and wine that becomes the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the altar that we have approached to receive the Eucharist, letting our Amen affirm our desire to become what we receive, the Body of Christ, living and real in the world!

As you know from the plans we have shared with you our renovated church will have a beautiful new altar. That makes us ask the important question: what will happen with our current altar? I want you to know that the altar that has graced our church these forty years will be reverently and carefully dismantled and placed in safe keeping with the intent to use it for a sacred purpose in the future. That purpose is currently still being developed and will be shared with you when fully determined.

It is important that we take proper leave of this altar. Therefore, on the weekend of April 30/May 1 - our final weekend in our current space - we will share in a ritual that will invite all, who wish, to reverence our altar. After the homily, you will be invited to approach the altar as an individual, as a family, as a pair or circle of friends and place your hands in prayer upon the altar. Your prayer can be whatever you wish - it will be made in silence. I invite you to think about what thoughts and sentiments you wish to lift to the Lord that day and come ready to make that prayer.

Let us pray, that our merciful God who has faithfully brought us through five previous renovations will continue to bring success to the work of our hearts and our hands. God bless.

I am happy to announce that our Easter collection was \$87,300.00 which is very near what we budgeted. The importance of your generous stewardship of treasure cannot be underestimated. We can only be faithful to our mission here at Saint Vincent Martyr with your support. Thank you for keeping our parish financially sound.

Our gratitude also for your extraordinary generosity to last year's Bishop's Annual Appeal that has helped us receive an impressive and much needed rebate of \$25,388.50. Once again you have demonstrated an understanding of our mission as extending beyond the boundaries of our parish to our diocese and all in need.

God bless you for your goodness!





- o 696 Donors gifted and/or pledged \$5,841,876.00 towards Partners in Faith, Building for the Future.
- o 17 of those donors gave additional gifts towards the campaign last Fall bringing the total to \$5,946,876.00.
- Subtracting the \$1,065,000.00 committed to the Diocese of Paterson for Partners in Faith, we have \$4,881,876.00 remaining for our church project.

To date we have collected \$4,217,216.00 with \$1,729,660.00 remaining in pledges being paid over time (my own included).

The total cost being estimated at this time for the Church project is \$5,340,000.00. To fund the project totally on our own, we need to raise an additional \$458,124.00.

Would you please consider making a first time pledge or gift if you have not done so. We would also profoundly appreciate those who have already generously shared their treasure giving some thought and prayer to making an additional gift either by increasing your gift or adding an additional year to your pledge.

Please contact Fr. George if you can help. Thanks so much!

WHERE WILL WE "BE CHURCH"?

The Church of Saint Vincent Martyr, that is the people of God, will continue to be up and during our Renovation. (Approx. May 1, 2016 to April 1, 2017)

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

- Each Weekend we will use the School Gym for our weekend Liturgies. The Mass schedule will remain the same through June and then we will change to our Summer Mass Schedule in July and August. After Sept. 1, we will be back to our usual schedule for the duration of the Renovation. Crews are forming to help with the set up each weekend. Our collections, e.g. Hope House, Christmas Outreach, Labor Day School Supplies, etc, will be collected in the School lobby during the appropriate weekends. We will strive to keep things as "normal" as possible during the year.
- Holy Days of Obligation and Ash Wednesday Masses will be hosted in our Gym as well.
- Daily Mass will be offered at St. Paul inside the Walls at 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday and Noon –
 Monday through Friday. This schedule will continue through the end of June. During July and August there will
 only be one daily mass at 8:30 AM at St. Paul Inside the Walls. Our priests, Fr. George and Fr. Darwin, along with
 Fr. Paul Manning will celebrate the daily Masses. The mass intentions from St. Vincent's will still be honored at
 these Masses.
- All funerals and weddings will be scheduled at St. Thomas More Church in Convent Station. Our priests and funeral ministry servers are working out the procedures for Funeral Liturgies. Our priests will coordinate the weddings at St. Thomas or at other local churches. THESE WILL BE ST. VINCENT MARTYR LITURGIES.
- Special events in the life of the Parish happen from time to time and the Holy Family Chapel at St. Elizabeth's College in Convent Station has offered to accommodate our parish events.
- We will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in a special "chapel" in the Rectory. This Chapel will be used only for this purpose throughout the year. Arrangements to spend time in adoration or prayer will be a possibility.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance as we begin this exciting Renovation.

Please remember to pray for the success of this project during our last weekend's in our lovely Church.

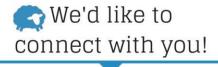
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

It is my great joy to present to you the members of our parish who have put their names forward to be considered as candidates for our Parish Pastoral Council. They are:

Gerry Barber Gene Picone John Formica Terrence Gilligan

You are welcome to offer me your opinion on these fellow parishioners in writing or by email no later than Monday, April 25.

Bring your Cell Phone to Church Next Weekend!



Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time.

We will share more details with you next weekend at all the Parish Liturgies. Now more than ever we need to improve our communications and help keep all of our Parish Families informed. There will be weekly Renovation Updates, possible adjustments on our campus and to our liturgies as well as other valuable information about the ongoing ministries and activities here at St. Vincent's.

SO DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOU CELL PHONE TO CHURCH ON APRIL 23 - 24 SO YOU CAN STAY INFORMED ABOUT SVM!

PRAYER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

As a Parish Family, we celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and affirm our support to our engaged and married couples as we acknowledge our Anniversary

Couples for 2016.



70 YEARS Helen and Bill Prentiss

60 YEARS

Jean and Hank Colbert Mary and Robert Lombardi

50 YEARS

Maddalena and Antonio Cerciello

30 YEARS

Andrea and Tony Picillo

25 YEARS

Ted and MaryBeth Bogdanski Mia and Chris Brown Robin and Steven Flood Liz and Anthony Vacchiano

NEEDED: ONE HUNDRED DEDICATED MEN AND/OR WOMEN

We were blessed with the parishioners coming forward to help with our Auditorium Conversion Project for the next year. Now we need you to become a team member! The commitment is about 20 hours total during the next year while we are transforming our Auditorium into our weekend Worship Space. Each team will consist of a captain and 8 parishioners. Each team will be assigned two weekends from May to October and then another 2 weekends from November to April. The teams will meet at 2:00 PM on Saturday for set up and at 2:30PM on Sunday for break down and the total weekend commitment should be around 4 hours. If you cannot commit to a regular team but can be on our sub list, please register as a sub on our

If you can help, we certainly need you! Please sign up on our website to volunteer so that we can put you on a team more information, contact jan.figenshu@svmnj.org or ext. 253. Thank you!

Sign up @SignUpGenius

SVMS GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS- There is still time to return your Grand Raffle tickets to the school or parish offices this week. (Raffle tickets were mailed to all parishioners about one month ago.) The drawing will take place at the SVMS Spring Fundraiser-San Gennaro Festival on Saturday, April 23rd.

EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Concluding Session Meeting Dates:

Faith, Hope and Charity Family Sunday- April 17 at 10:00 am in the School Gym.

Sixth and Seventh Grade Junior High Ministry- Sunday, April 17 at 1:00 pm in School Gym.

First Holy Communions will be celebrated on these following Saturdays: April 16 at 9:15 am, 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm; April 23 at 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm; April 30 at 11:00 am, and 1:30 pm. Please continue to pray for all of our communicants, their families and all who guide them during this sacramental journey.

> **Totally Catholic Vacation Bible School** Save the date: July 11 - 15 - Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

THE PROGRAM IS OPEN for participants of CHILDREN **AGES 4 THROUGH 7**



REGISTRATION Information may be found on our parish website under Christian Formation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Adults and young adults-Can you lend a hand?

CONTACT: DENISE STEFANELLI, denise.stefanelli@svmnj.org or 973-377-4000 ext. 251 OR Maryann Palladino, Maryannpalladino@gmail.com.



Spring Scripture Study MERCY - A STUDY IN GOD'S LOVE

6 Weeks of Study

Each class is offered 3 times each week: Sunday at 6:00 PM; Tuesday at 7:15 PM and Wednesdays at 9:15 AM. Please bring YOUR BIBLE! To register, contact Jan at Jan.Figenshu@svmnj.org 973-377-4000 Sunday Class begins on Apr. 24. Tuesday and Wednesday are ongoing - you are welcome to join us.

YOUTH NEWS

- 1.) The Rite of Creed make up session for all 10th graders who missed this past January session, and were notified, will be held in the Youth Center on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. This is the only time the make-up will be offered and all who missed must attend prior to Confirmation next fall.
- 2.) Any junior who would like to serve on a retreat team next year must attend an informative meeting this Tuesday evening, April 19 at 8:15 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Saint Vincent Martyr School REGISTER NOW!!

Spaces available in Kindergarten for 2016 - 2017 school year. Full day - 8:15 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

Call Mary Brooks at 973-377-1104, ext. 203 for more information.



The Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Award program is accepting applications.

Catholic children and grandchildren of Knights of Columbus members council #2248 attending an accredited college or university in the fall are eligible.

Applicant forms and information are available in back of the church. Applications are to be postmarked by April 22. Winners will ride in the Florham park parade. For more information please contact Tom Wiggins at 973-822-2198, tjwiggins@fastmail.tw

SERVICE

HOPE HOUSE FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly food collection of nonperishable foods for Hope House, Dover. Because of our donations they are better able to serve the on-going needs of the community.

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

On Sunday, April 24 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. we will have our Spring Clothing Drive to benefit those in need at St. Agnes Parish, Paterson. All seasonal clothing and shoes will be accepted. The collection will take place at the school entrance and will be immediately taken to St. Agnes. If you have any questions or requests, please contact Mike Dreitlein at 973-727-5958.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

Save the Date!



On Saturday, April 23rd, at 7:00 pm, the St. Vincent Martyr School's gym will be transformed into the "San Gennaro Festival" for the annual Spring Fundraiser! The Fundraiser consists of a Silent Auction (items donated by local merchants and school families), Class Crafts (crafts created by the students), and Pick-a-Prize (buy tickets, drop them in a bag, and hope your winning ticket is drawn). It will be a Casual Evening of fun with wonderful gifts, food and drinks!

To buy entrance tickets, Pick-a-Prize tickets or to register to bid on any silent auction item please register online at:

http://www.cbo.io/tickets/sangennaro

In the Community

Celebrate Calm Workshop, hosted by the Madison Alliance Addressing Substance Abuse (MAASA). Learn how to engage your children in a positive, cooperative, respectful dynamic free from whining, tantrums and sibling battles. Redirect your children from video games and electronic activities, create stress free mornings, homework and bedtime routines. Kirk Martin and MAASA will host a free Celebrate Calm Workshop in Grace Hall at Grace Church (4 Madison Ave.) on Thursday, April 21 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration not required.

"Help Us... Help Others..." Appalachia Spring Plant Sale pick-up May 6th & May 7th, 2016

FLAT (32 per flat) \$14.00 each	11" Hanging Baskets \$21 each
Begonia, White	Ivy Geraniums, Purple
Begonia, Rose	Ivy Geraniums, Pink
Coleus Mix	Ivy Geraniums, Red
Portulaca Mix	Calibrachoa Purple
Marigold(LG)Mix	Calibrachoa Pink
Salvia, Victorian Blue	Trailing Supertunia Purple
Impatiens Mix	Trailing Supertunia Pink
Petunia Purple/Pink/White (please circle)	
5 Inch Pots \$6.00 each	5 inch pots \$6.00 each
Gerbera Daisy Red	Geranium, Pink
Gerbera Daisy Pink	Geranium, White
Gerbera Daisy Yellow	Geranium, Red
Gerbera Daisy Orange	New Guinea Impatiens, White
	New Guinea Impatiens, Salmon
Basil	New Guinea Impatiens, Violet
Parsley	New Guinea Impatiens, Cherry
4 <u>½ Inch Pots \$5.00 each</u>	
Vinca VinePotato Vine (Green)	Spike
DEADLINE TO OR	DER: Tuesday, April 26 th
Name: Address:_	Telephone:
E-Mail:Total:	(Payment MUST BE Enclosed With Your Order)
Please make checks navable	e to: St. Vincent Martyr Youth Ministry

Please <u>make checks payable to</u>: St. Vincent Martyr Youth Ministry Mail to: St. Vincent Martyr School – Attn: Bridget Mantone 26 Green Village Rd., Madison, NJ 07940.

PICK UP: St. Vincent Martyr School Gym on Friday, May 6th 3:30 - 5:00 pm & Saturday, May 7th 8:30 -10:00 am.

************Thank You for your continued Support!!!!!********

SAN VINCENTE MÁRTIR "EXPERIENCIA HISPANA"

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La colecta del Pasado 9 de Abril fue de 224 dólares. Dios multiplique su generosidad.

Cuarto Domino de Pascua



LA PARROQUIA DE ST. VINCENT
MARTYR
ES UNA COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DIVERSA EN MADISON NJ QUE DA LA BIENVENIDA A TODOS Y COMPARTE EL
AMOR DE JESUCRISTO A TRAVÉS DE LA
ORACIÓN, LOS MINISTERIOS, LA
EDUCACIÓN Y LA CARIDAD

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

Primera Lectura: Hch. 13, 14. 43-52

Segunda Lectura: Apoc. 7, 9. 14b-17

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Evangelio San Juan 10, 27-30

"Los relatos evangélicos de estos domingos de Pascua están tomados del evangelio de San Juan. En ellos Jesús sigue presentándose como un pastor muy peculiar: no sólo cuida de las ovejas, les da la vida. Y una vida eterna. Para Juan los términos "vida" y "vida eterna" prácticamente idénticos porque el crevente en el Resucitado ha entrado en una existencia nueva en la que nada ni nadie se pierde y todo cobra un nuevo sentido. Jesús vino al mundo para que los humanos tuviéramos vida y la tuviéramos en abundancia.

Esta vida que regala el Señor desarrolla su dinamismo desde la Palabra. Lucas, en el Libro de los Hechos, de donde está tomada la primera lectura, evoca esta fuerza vivificadora de la palabra de Dios. Puede ser rechazada, si cerramos los oídos y corazones como quienes se enfrentaron a la evangelización de Pablo y Bernabé. Pero es causa de alegría y acción de gracias para quienes la reciben.

La vida de los salvados se describe elocuentemente en el Apocalipsis, de donde se toma la segunda lectura. Es una vida sin dolores y sin lágrimas que discurre en el frescor de las fuentes de aguas vivas, un paraje renovado al que nos conduce el Señor Resucitado".



Los Sacramentos

- □ Reconciliación
 (Confesiones): Todos los
 Sábados a las 4:00pm o
 haciendo una cita con uno de
 los sacerdotes, ya sea
 llamando a la oficina o
 hablando con ellos
 directamente o antes de la
 Misa en Español.
- □ Unción de los Enfermos:
 Para las personas que están gravemente enfermas, hospitalizadas o preparándose para una cirugía, al igual que las personas de edad avanzada un asilo para la tercera edad. Para administrar este Sacramento; Favor de llamar a la oficina de la parroquia para que uno de los sacerdotes administre la Unción de los enfermos.
- ☐ Cursillo Pre-Bautismal en español: Llamando a la oficina y planear una cita con el sacerdote.



Para tener en cuenta:

Mayo 2, la parroquia San Vicente Mártir estará cerrada hasta Abril de 2017, para la restauración que se hará por dentro de la parroquia. Por lo tanto, las Misas se estarán celebrando en el auditorio de la escuela, por ende necesitamos de ayuda para que ayudar, por dos organizando semanas, Para auditorio. más información, entrar a la página de parroquia la inscribirse, o llamar a la oficina al padre Darwin, 973-377-4000 Ext. 102. Las misas diarias serán en St. Paul Inside the walls, 8:30 v 12 pm.

Amoris Laetitia

El pasado 8 de Abril el Papa Francisco ha publicado una nueva exhortación apostólica llama: "Amoris Laetitia" en español "la alegría del amor". Cada semana estaré publicando un poco acerca de esta exhortación apostólica.

Amoris laetitia, sobre el amor en la familia (síntesis) "Amoris laetitia" (AL – "La alegría del amor"), la Exhortación apostólica post-sinodal "sobre el amor en la familia", con fecha no casual del 19 de marzo, Solemnidad de San José, recoge los

resultados de dos Sínodos sobre la familia convocados por Francisco en el 2014 y en el 2015, cuyas Relaciones conclusivas son largamente citadas, junto a los documentos y enseñanzas de sus Predecesores y a las numerosas catequesis sobre la familia del mismo Papa Francisco. Todavía, como ya ha sucedido en otros documentos magisteriales, el Papa uso también contribuciones de diversas Conferencias episcopales del mundo (Kenia, Australia, Argentina...) y de citaciones de personalidades significativas como Martin Luther King o Eric Fromm. Es particular una citación de la película "La fiesta de Babette", que el Papa recuerda para explicar el concepto de gratuidad.

