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## TIME AND TALENT MINISTRY DINNER



left:  
Mr. Kim Do receives Papal  
Blessing from Father Thanh  
above:  
Sister Trudy rules the stage  
upper right:  
Dolores Bianco leaps to her feet  
lower right:  
Mr. Francisco delights us with  
his music



by Irene White

The date was June 2, 2003 - a Monday night like any other Monday night only you were there. Yes, YOU, the many who generously gave of your Time and Talent in a myriad of ways throughout the past year returning to God and to Father Thanh, the clergy and staff of Christ the King the unique gifts each of you possesses.

The evening began in the church with 5:30 p.m. Mass celebrated by Father Thanh, Father Neil Carr and Father Roe Fisher assisted by Mr. Kim Do, server. (No grander way to give and say "Thanks" than by sharing in this presentation of the Holy Eucharist!) After, everyone filed into the Kingdome where an abundance of food lined several long tables. These nuggets of delight served as a departure from the usual catered beef, chicken or whatever. They were prepared by the volunteers, and the fruits of their labor left everyone's taste buds quivering. Father Thanh said the blessing. Brightly decorated tables and soothing piano selections by Mr. Francisco greatly enhanced the mood of the dinner hour.

Following dessert Father Thanh came to the front and expounded on the "How can I thank you, let me count the ways" theme encompassing all phases of Time and Talent. He did this in a very sincere and gracious manner. His "grande finale" centered on the special honoring of one individual above all others without whose tireless efforts neither Father nor the parish could survive: Mr. Kim Do. A standing ovation welcomed Mr. Do to center stage where Father Thanh presented him with a large framed Papal Blessing. Mr. Do, accompanied by his wife Hoa (Maria), his two sons Cuong (Joseph), Kanh, and his daughters Nu and Lan accepted the honor in his characteristic mode of humility. One son, Cuong (Joseph) interpreted Mr. Do's thoughts on how God placed him and his family here and how grateful they all are for the love and help they have received over the years. (We, in turn, thank God for having "placed" the Dos here.)

On previous occasions honoring volunteers, a form of entertainment had been provided from outside the parish. Not so this time. In another departure from the "norm" - and this

term is used loosely - once again volunteers provided the program. Suddenly, up on the stage, a nun appeared in full dress habit complete with a yardstick such as was used in the old rumored ruler days! Supporting the habit was one Trudy Cameron. While wielding the stick, she posed this question to the audience: "What do you call the Business of Entertainment?" A woman - later discovered to be Dolores Bianco - leaped to her feet shouting, "SHOW BUSINESS". She immediately led everyone in a rollicking rendition of that song. This enthusiastic opening served to aid members of the audience in digesting all that good food as well as to warn them of the flavor of things to come!

Sister Trudy, our nun and announcer, first introduced Bill Campbell who, complete with a 10 gallon hat and blue outfit, sang "Get the World Off My Shoulders." Eugene Pinto, the Adult Choir's solo tenor, followed with "That's Amore." He was then joined by a Rootin-Tootin guitar-slinging cowboy (sometimes known as "Buffalo Boy" or "Padre Tex"). He wore fringed pants resembling chaps, a black vest and black cowboy hat. He joined Eugene in singing "John Brown's Body." (Of course he was unmistakably our own Father Thanh!)

Sister Trudy next introduced Willie Blaquiére. She wanted to share "A Few of My Favorite Things" so before she began singing she informed everyone there was a list for them on the tables. All joined in. If the title brought to mind memories of "Sound of Music," that thought was quickly dispelled by the next performer. (Dolly Parton, eat your heart out! Claretta Lamusga has made you what you are on this occasion: wild and wacky!) Words can't describe the magnitude of the presentation. Suffice it to say that superlatives abounded!

Bringing the uncontrollable laughter of the audience to a more sedate climate, Father Thanh treated us with a Vietnamese song. For this he first gave an English translation, then accompanied himself on the guitar in a classical vein. It was a moving performance and a fitting way for our pastor to give to us, his volunteers, some of his own God-given gifts. The program closed with members of the cast leading all the volunteers in singing "God Bless America."

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# Talking with Father Thanh

On Friday, June 20, I was invited to attend the "We Care-Volunteer Recognition Luncheon", provided by the Duval County Health Department to show appreciation to all volunteers of the "We Care Jacksonville, Inc." The invocation at the luncheon was done beautifully by our former pastor, Monsignor Mortimer Danaher. It was a great honor to be among dedicated volunteers who have shared their time and talents to help the needy. I was deeply touched when one of the volunteers said "It has been a privilege to help the poor and thank you for allowing me to have this opportunity."

Christ the King is very proud to be a part of this county-wide effort to provide medical attention for those who do not have insurance. At this luncheon, our clinic was rewarded for ten years of service. In the ten years the clinic has seen more than forty patients (on the fourth Saturday) each month in a half day session. There is definitely a need for this type of service. Frequently, registration is cut off at 9:00 a.m., as there are not enough doctors to see more patients. (Doctors and nurses are needed, please volunteer.) In all types of weather it is not unusual to find patients lining up in the parking lot as early as 7:00 a.m., even though the doors don't open until 8:00 a.m.

I am so grateful to Monsignor Danaher who initiated this project from his personal experience and compassion. I am grateful to our benefactors and I am especially grateful to our volunteers who have touched so many lives in the last ten years. This ministry is one among many wonderful ministries we have here at Christ the King in the areas of school, worship and charities.

How joyful it was for me to celebrate this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clinic but my anticipation of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at CTK makes me even more joyful as it includes all of us. As I reflect on this, I am overwhelmed by the many blessings God has bestowed on us! It is fitting for all of us to give thanks to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is a hallmark of our Christian way of life. It is our response to God's mighty deeds. His gifts to his people, his kindness to

each man, woman and child. This presence of God, this action of God never ceases. He is always here. He is always active in the world, as well as in the Church, in each one of us at Christ the King and *especially* in the Eucharist.

Jesus is the epitome of *thanksgiving*. His whole life is one long act of thanksgiving, one undivided Eucharist . . . beginning in Bethlehem and supremely expressed at the Last Supper and finally consummated on the cross. . . "through him, with him and in him . . .", our hearts and words give praise and glory to God our Father.

The object of thanksgiving through all sorts of happenings remains ever the same . . . the mystery of Christ. That's why the mother of Jesus says her Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord . . . for He has done great things for me."

Thanksgiving is a public confession of who God is and what God has done. Thanksgiving is the theme that runs through so many of the Psalms. I'd like to use the words of Psalms 118 as our theme for this time of preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good  
His steadfast love endures forever . . .  
The Lord is my strength and my song  
He has become my salvation . . .  
Hark glad song of victory . . .  
The right hand of the Lord does valiantly  
The right hand of the Lord is exalted . . .  
I shall not die but I shall live  
and RECOUNT the deeds of the Lord.**

I believe the best way to give thanks to our God is to share God's wondrous deeds in our lives. So let us journey together throughout this coming year, preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> by "RECOUNTING HIS DEEDS."

## ~ Editor's Note ~

### Our Parish "At Rest"? . . . Or Teens to the Rescue! What do you think?

The parish and school have been "at rest" since June. Or as "at rest" as they can be anyway . . . the maintenance people and volunteers have refurbished the gym. The halls were closed in order to replace the kitchen. The school has been cleaned. The daycare continues to care for little ones. The priests continue to say Mass, visit the sick, Baptize babies, marry happy couples, etc. The rectory stays open.

Although some of our ministries take a break, our St. Vincent dePaul Society has been hard at work all summer helping the poor. The Altar Society still cleaned the church, the Beautification Committee still worked hard to keep the grounds looking beautiful. Although the Music ministry slowed down a little, there was still practice during the summer. Vacation Bible School, a summer school event, was squeezed in among the refurbishing



and cleaning this year. Heads of ministries have been busy putting together schedules for the next year of activities and meetings. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been and still is gathering ideas for our celebration in September of 2004 and we (the *Courier* staff) have been busy collecting and writing the news and gathering pictures to bring you the latest issue of the *Courier*.

Weddings and, sadly, funerals still took place. Priests, Sacristans, the Music Ministry and Eucharistic ministers were always there. Eucharistic Ministers continued to visit the sick. Adoration and First Friday Nocturnal Adoration were in the Chapel all summer long . . . because we are a people who still need prayers.

The rectory continued to hum . . . putting out the weekly bulletin, paying bills, etc. Stewardship kept busy keeping our data up-to-date and sending out statements to our

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The mission of *CHRIST THE KING COURIER* is to provide our Christ The King Family with information and news regarding our faith and parish ministries. The goal is to share information, happenings, and stories that abound within the ministries of our parish in the hope that people can use this information to bring you closer to God and our parish church family. Wisdom and enlightenment are two of God's many gifts and, through *CHRIST THE KING COURIER*, parishioners can share in the joy, love, and fellowship of Christ the King Parish. Our desire is to serve our God, share his message of love and hope with all, and to encourage others to spread the message of the Gospel of Christ the King.

As the official publication of our parish family, *CHRIST THE KING COURIER* sees the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians as exemplifying the content and character of this publication.

*"As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body." Colossians 3:12-15.*

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# Letters to Christ the King

## Things that bother me

by Frank Becht

There are several things that really bother me not only as a Catholic but as an ordinary citizen:

**That so many of our Duval County high school students are unable to pass their reading and math tests for graduation, after as many as five tries.** This leads to other problems of not being able to pass college entrance exams and obtain meaningful jobs. This places our community in a disadvantaged position to compete with other cities and communities for meaningful jobs.

**That 70 percent of marriages in Duval County for the year of 2000 have ended in divorce.**

We must be doing something wrong as parents, as a Church and as a society in general.

**That a great number of Catholics support political candidates who support abortion.** How can one support candidates that advocate the killing of innocent beings? Can one be a Democrat and a Catholic?

**That in the year of 1960, 70 percent of Catholics went to church on Sunday. In 2002, the figure is 31%, but felt to be as low as 25%.** Mass attendance is higher in the United States than in most countries in Europe but this hardly indicates a church in good health.

**That over 50% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence.** This is the central mystery of our faith; without belief in the Eucharist as being the body and blood of Christ, we are not really Catholic. The fact that Pope John Paul II felt it necessary to issue the encyclical on the Eucharist is evidence of this very crucial belief.

There are many other issues that are equally important to the development of our faith, our community and our church. The above represent everyday issues that confront us. Each could be topics of long discussion and consideration.

*How do you feel?*

## and they'll know we are Christians by our . . .

by Mickey Kenny

Could it possibly be that whoever "they" turns out to be "they" will know we are Christians by our parking here at Christ the King?

Just take a short walk around the parking areas when they are needed – usually during Mass. Up front, by the rectory, there is a walkway from the driveway onto the sidewalk where people who are disabled may be let off and proceed either to the church or the rectory. Or can they? Almost all times of the day – even during the week – there is a car parked in that "half a space" which is clearly painted as **NOT** for parking. Should the disabled be able to pass through there and made to feel especially welcome at the rectory, church, and chapel? They might feel a warm welcome . . . if they could only climb over or through that vehicle parked there blocking the only pass through the obstacle of a cement curb.

Well, go on down the driveway and see how many cars are parked in the driveway. Who are these people who feel that their own particular and immediate access to the church is so important? What is the mind set here that allows someone to park in and block the turn area of

the driveway? How does a person feel during these hot months when there is ample parking available but they park their car in the middle of the road to get a piece of shade? Whoever told us we could be so self important?

We are all special to God and to those who love us. And we get more and more special when we think the good of others is at least as important as our own good.

We encourage letters to the editor here in the *Courier*. So voice your opinion, don't just speak to a friend. If I were king of the world for a day I would have someone taking pictures of cars parked in selfish and inconsiderate ways, gathering license plates to get the names, and posting them in the gathering area on an appropriately labeled cork board.

Let the *Courier* know how you feel about this. Send a letter to the editor. Voice your opinion. We can all become part of the solution and, at the very least, not contribute to the problem. We want visitors to our church services to be able to feel immediately, as they arrive, that we are indeed Christians by our actions.

## What's Happening



### New Members:

The James Whitaker Family  
The Joseph Schrenk Family  
The Mark Renner Family  
Carlos Thompson  
Tim Moore  
Desiree Dionisio  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Frame  
The Dexter Butler Family  
The Elizabeth Nixon Family  
Barbara Bidwell  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kennedy  
Malie Hammond  
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Hodges  
The Brian Sinor Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Abbey  
John R Anderson  
Alan Gyorffy  
The Susan Harris Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Kuhn  
Mr. Richard Kuhn  
Mr. & Mrs. George Mazoch

Ian Rocha  
The Tracy Thurson Family  
Melissa Tine  
The Michael Keener Family  
Carolyn Price  
The Leonard Pryce Family  
The Jason Cleghorn Family  
The Kevin Kinsella Family  
The Reynante DeCastro Family  
The Ben Panganiban Family  
Marie Swehzey  
The Sean Lambert Family  
Sarah Clayton  
Charry Mendoza  
The George Nagle Family  
The Tim Daniels Family  
The James Hopely, Jr. Family  
The Myron Stabler Family  
The Lawrence Byerley Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Balanguie  
The Edwin Cabal Family

### Baptisms:

Austin T. Tran  
Thu Hong Thi Nguyen  
Tram Thi Tran  
Hien Thu Bach  
James Joseph Hopely, III  
Jaylin Michelle Robles  
Nicholas Omar Rukab  
RaquelFernanda O'Neal  
Ashley E. Brooks  
Matthew Rory Ralston  
Nelia Jane Mendoza-Jordan  
Klara Marie Sinor

Katarina Renee Sinor  
Joanne Charles  
Steven Gutierrez Dionisio, Jr.  
Joshra Garcia Dionisio  
Benjamin Rolando Ramirez  
Thuy Le Bui  
Henry Duong  
Jahcobby Akele Jones  
Ryan Nolan Stabler  
Anton Daniel Cruz Salvador  
Olivia Grace Nagel  
Lacie Marie Lambert

### Profession of Faith:

John R. Anderson	Alma C. Manosca	Phillip L. Rogers
Melba Bellefontaine	Lillian M. Mercado	Brian Sinor
Robert W. Boyd	Robert T. Moore	Traci Sinor
Charles Brumley	Edward K. Nicholson	Rick W. Stanfill
Desiree Dionisio	Lisa M. Nicholson	Carlos V. Thompson
Chad I. Duncan	Mark A. Renner	Guillermina A. Valdivia
Eric D. Frame	Mary B. Renner	Christobal W. Veliz
Peter House	Joanne M. Rich	Alice C. Ramos
Lianne M. Lapierre	Kathryn Robinson	Christopher Veliz

### Marriages:

Quang Sieu Do & Thi Thu Hong Nguyen on May 17, 2003  
Quang Trung Truong & Thi Nhu Anh Nguyen on May 24, 2003  
Dustin Duy Vu & Thi Kim Thuy Nguyen on May 24, 2003  
Pedro Caliba Smith & Marie Marlene Letoumeau-Medina on May 31, 2003  
Charles S. Brumley & Alma Catindig Manosca on May 4, 2003  
Ryan Loomis & Rachel Ghioto on June 14, 2003  
Christopher Ervin & Paula Mitchelson on June 14, 2003  
Wellington C. Morton & Janet P. Morton on June 21, 2003  
Joseph Vince Aralar & Chum Savann on June 28, 2003  
Rodolfo M. Pineda & Patricia Prudencio on July 19, 2003

### Deaths:

Frank McDonald	Martha Shea
LillianLynn Bazemore	Josephine Charles
William E. Crement	

# Real Presence



by Frank Becht

**Can you believe that over 50 percent of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence?** There have been numerous polls with similar findings. In fact in 1997, a poll among practicing Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester, New York found only 35 percent believed in the Real Presence. Most thought Christ's presence in the Eucharist to be symbolic.

It was this general loss of belief in the Real Presence that caused Pope John Paul II to issue "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," a Papal encyclical on

Holy Thursday. It is the Pope's effort to "rekindle our Eucharistic "wonder" and "amazement," the central mystery of our faith.

The dogma of the Catholic Church is **"the consecration of bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the body of Christ, our Lord, and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His blood."** This is not a symbolic reminder of Christ but rather the **Real Presence** under the form of bread and wine.

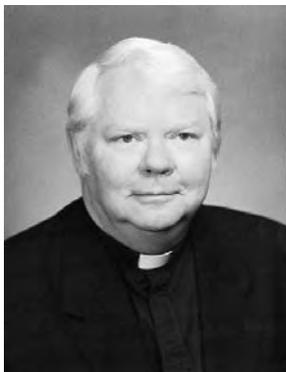
In order to have Christ present in the Eucharist at all times, we must have a succes-

sion of validly ordained priests. The full reality of the Church does not exist without apostolic succession. There is no true Eucharist without a bishop, the true successor of the Apostles. There must be a validly ordained priest for true celebration of the Eucharist. The Protestant churches of the Reformation era and since have not preserved the reality of the Eucharist because of the lack of "Sacramental Orders."

**How do you think of the Eucharist?**

(Author information taken from *Our Sunday Visitor*, May 4, 2003)

## Monsignor Joseph James



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A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Monsignor Robert Joseph James, 67, at St. Catherine Church in Orange Park, Fla., on Monday, May 12. Monsignor James, pastor of Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish in Jacksonville, died suddenly on May 7.

A native of Birmingham, Monsignor James was originally ordained in 1961 for the Diocese of Mobile. His brother, Monsignor William R. James of Robertsdale, Ala., was the homilist at the Mass which was concelebrated by three bishops, Bishop Victor Galeone of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, retired Bishop John J. Snyder of Saint Augustine and Archbishop John C. Favalora of the Archdiocese of Miami, and more than 70 priests. About 800 people attended.

Monsignor James reminisced about his brother's halcyon football days at John Carroll High. He also said his brother was a good priest and that it was evident that he was well loved by the number of people who shared their remembrances at the vigil and the support he and his family had received.

Archbishop Favalora, a classmate of Monsignor James in the seminary in Rome, fondly recalled that he was known as "Bobby Joe" among the seminarians. He also said Monsignor James was the only man he knew who was named for

three saints: St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Joseph and St. James."

Bishop Victor Galeone said he was touched by the warm remembrances given at the vigil and their testimony to the priestly life of Monsignor James.

Earlier Bishop John J. Snyder, retired bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, had said, "Monsignor James was gifted in a variety of ways. He had the gift of preaching and writing and the ability to relate to communications professionals. He touched the lives of so many in so many ways. We are all better for his involvement in our lives."

Monsignor James had two callings. He was a priest and also a journalist in the Catholic press. He was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica (Vatican City) on Dec. 20, 1961 for the Diocese of Mobile, Ala. Monsignor James served in several parishes in Alabama, the Florida panhandle and Northeast Florida and had been, since 1978, the Spiritual Director of Cursillo for the Diocese of Saint Augustine. Cursillo is a spiritual renewal program for the laity. Monsignor James also served as the Diocese's first director of the Respect Life Office.

As a journalist, he coordinated relations for the late Bishop Paul Tanner of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, including special projects in radio and television. Monsignor James was also the founding editor of *Community*, which was launched in 1970. *Community* was an innovative approach to sharing the news and views of the Catholic Church with Catholic and non-Catholic readers. A full-page of advertising space was purchased with *Community* published weekly in Sunday newspapers in Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Pensacola and Gainesville.

Monsignor James got his start in journalism when he was called in 1963 to be the assistant editor of *The Catholic Week*, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Mobile, covering Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. He studied journalism at Marquette University in Milwaukee. He also became a

long-time member of Sigma Delta Chi, The Society of Professional Journalists, and served as Chaplain of the Advertising Federation in Birmingham and on the Media Committee of the Red Cross.

In the late 1960s, he was brought into the Diocese of Saint Augustine when he was assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Pensacola. A change of boundaries shifted Pensacola from the Diocese of Mobile to the Diocese of Saint Augustine.

He immediately became a member of the Board of the Florida Catholic newspaper and later served as Chairman of the Board. In 1970, Monsignor James became the founding editor of *Community*. He served as editor for eight years, until 1978.

Monsignor James was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Jan. 28, 1936, one of three sons and two daughters of the late Russell and Marian (Welsh) James. He attended Catholic schools in Birmingham, including John Carroll Catholic High School, where he graduated with academic honors and also as an All-State football player.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's College (1954-58), Kentucky, where he majored in philosophy and minored in classical languages; Monsignor James graduated sixth in his class. Monsignor James then graduated from the North American College in Rome, Italy (1958-62) and earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from the Universitas Gregoriana (Gregorian University of the Jesuit Fathers).

Monsignor James' first assignment for the Diocese of Mobile was to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Birmingham where he also taught religion from 1962-1963 at his high school alma mater John Carroll Catholic High.

For the next four years, 1963-1967, he served as the assistant editor of the diocesan newspaper *The Catholic Week*.

In 1969, he was appointed pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Jacksonville, Fla., where he served for 10 years, and was

responsible for building the church and its priest residence. It was during this time that he was given the honorary title of monsignor by Pope Paul VI.

In 1978, he was appointed Diocesan Spiritual Director of Cursillo, a spiritual formation movement, and appointed pastor of St. Catherine Catholic Church, Orange Park, Fla., where he supervised the building of its church and priests residence addition.

Monsignor James also served: as pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church, Williston, Fla., and its missions, which at that time included St. John the Evangelist in Chiefland, and St. Anthony the Abbot in Inglis, all in Levy County (1983 to 1987); as pastor of Holy Faith Catholic Church in Gainesville (1987-1990); as associate pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Jacksonville (1990-1994); and associate pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church in Jacksonville (1994-1996).

His most recent assignment was pastor of Mary, Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, where he faithfully served since 1996.

As the diocesan spiritual director of Cursillo, a post he held since 1978, Monsignor James participated in and supported the spiritual enrichment of thousands of Catholics, and non-Catholics alike, throughout the diocese and beyond.

He is predeceased by his parents Marian and Russell W. James, and his sister, Patricia James Thornton. Survivors are his sister Margaret (Ray, her husband) Borders of Trumbull, Conn., Monsignor William R. James of Robertsdale, Ala., Thomas (Anne, his wife) James of Birmingham, Ala., and his brother-in-law, William L. Thornton, Jr. of Birmingham, Ala. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Building Fund of Mary, Queen of Heaven Catholic Church or the diocesan "Opportunity of a Lifetime" Capital Campaign.

# History of Daily Eucharistic Adoration at Christ the King

by Claretta Lamusga

In the year 1989 Monsignor Danaher approached Blanche Iglesias, asking her to find enough "adorers" to cover all the hours of adoration, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On Labor Day, after Blanche and a couple of other ladies made many calls, it was felt that the hours were sufficiently covered, and we began to have daily adoration. Since then we have closed the chapel only on certain days such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Good Friday.

After ten years of trying to keep all hours covered with at least two people for each hour, Blanche passed the job to Kathy Purtle. Kathy covered the job for about a year until her husband's position of employment was

transferred to Kansas, and she had to vacate it.

Since that time Claretta Lamusga has been in charge with a big assist from Betty Wheeler when Claretta is out of town.

I have spoken to a few of the people who have been regular adorers since our daily adoration ministry first began and each of them have felt it is the best time of their week.

Doris Faustini, who has been the day captain on Mondays for almost 15 years now, said she has never had a problem getting a substitute when one is needed. Lucille Beckham used to go to adoration for an hour every Monday and felt it wasn't long enough, so now she goes for two hours every Monday.

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# Eucharistic Ministers



From Back to Front: l-r: Peggy Mills, Norma Landers, Cheryl Callavini, Darlene O'Neal, Father Thanh, Helen Mead, Lloyd O'Brien and John Porter.

by Dick Hulcher

In 1973 Vatican II brought about many changes in our Church, particularly in the way we participate in the Mass.

One of the many decisions was to let specially chosen and trained lay persons help the priests with some of their duties, especially the distribution of Communion. These persons were to be known as "Extraordinary Ministers," but today they are more commonly called Eucharistic Ministers.

Monsignor John Lenihan, pastor at the time, chose and trained the first class of 12 at Christ the King. The following were chosen:

Shirley David, for whom the church social hall is named; Peter Conlin, a past Grand Knight (PGK), Knights of Columbus (K of C); Jack Heater, Knight of the Holy Sepulcher; Joe Marksteiner; John Morgan, father of Reverend Terry Morgan; Bob Matthews; Roy Baer; Frank Redmond; Dave MacNamara; Crosby Olinto; Peggy Mills and Betty Wheeler.

The first six are now deceased. May they rest in peace and be remembered in your prayers. Peggy

Mills and Frank Redmond are the only two of the remaining six who still serve regularly, although Dave MacNamara is now our parish Deacon and Chaplain to our school.

All three remember being chosen. MacNamara and Mills tried to decline but Monsignor Lenihan would not accept their declinations despite their individual concerns of worthiness for the honor. The group received six months of training and instruction from Monsignor Lenihan before being tested and interviewed by Monsignor Kohls of Resurrection to determine their readiness to undertake the new position of the Church.

Mrs. Mills remembers being told to come to a Confirmation in a white robe and, to her surprise, she and the others were installed that day by Bishop Tanner. The date was March 3, 1975, and the history of Christ the King Eucharistic Ministers was born.

Nick Debs was in the second group and remembers similar training and interview and exam. He



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was required to get a white alb to wear to his installation, which was also done by Bishop Tanner in a church full of candles and flowers. One of Debs' classmates was Dan Shashy, now a retired priest.

When asked how he got such good people who remained true, Monsignor Lenihan said, "It wasn't magic." He said he had been pastor long enough to know his people and he chose those who were active in the parish and who were "sharing and spreading the faith."

Monsignor Lenihan returned to Christ the King on May 17th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. He celebrated with some of the Eucharistic Ministers he trained. There was a reception afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Our next Pastor, Monsignor Danaher, said that he got help from many Eucharistic Ministers and their families while here. He told of

## The Vision

by Kathy Purtle

I had this dream some nights ago;  
it seemed so real to me;  
I felt like I was truly there, but  
that just could not be.

People from every nation on earth  
gathered into a crowd,  
coming now to the altar of the  
Lord  
as He spoke these words aloud.

"I gave you Myself in the  
Eucharist  
And the Blessed Sacrament.  
But you didn't take the time to  
visit Me;  
in pursuit of your dreams you  
went."

"Your tepid faith has wounded  
Me so,  
more than the nails and thorns;  
For you forgot the pain and death  
which for your souls I had borne."

The sadness and grief in His voice  
was real,  
and many were touched by the  
tone;  
The crowd dispersed and melted  
away,  
leaving a group all alone.

"My sons and daughters, I  
welcome you  
to your home for eternity;  
You chose the Blessed Sacrament;  
now come, abide with Me."

building the courtyard square outside the Parish Hall to honor the beloved Father John Shepherd. The area was surveyed by Tom Guggisberg, an usher from the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass; the tiles were located in Miami by the son of Shirley David, and Ray Hauck laid them.

The present Eucharistic Ministry at the parish consists of approximately 100 members and is coordinated by Rich and Kathy Daniels. It is somewhat enlarged by the fact that Father Thanh required all the Sacristans to become Eucharistic Ministers.

The Visitation of the Sick Ministry is made up of Eucharistic Ministers who serve the sick and the homebound. This group is coordinated by John Porter and is on occasion called upon to administer the last Communion to the dying, which is known as Viaticum.

Father Thanh said this ministry to the sick relieves the priests of many visits to those who are homebound or who are in assisted living facilities, making it possible for them to receive Communion much more frequently. He said that the group is doing a marvelous job of which he is extremely proud.

# As We Wait in Joyful Hope



Father Terry Morgan, Pastor of the Cathedral-Basilica, uses the certainty of our connection with those who have gone before us to shed light on the certainty of God's eternal presence.

Every priest will tell you. A lot of Catholics leave because our week-after-week worship is so...regular, structured, routine. To those who leave, these adjectives are synonymous with *dull*. A couple of years ago, a former student of mine, raised in a good Catholic family and educated all the way through high school in Catholic schools, told me over a cup of coffee that he and his family had "moved on," to one of those big suburban super-churches, that even had ministers for the ministers, a 100-piece orchestra and chorus at worship, and a dynamite preacher. "My kids weren't getting anything out of the Mass, Father," he told me. "And, frankly, neither was I."

A few weeks ago, over another cup of coffee, this same former student told me, "We're back. We've registered in our local parish and

we're attending weekly Mass. We're even using envelopes."

*(There's no denying that assisting financially, whether it's dropping your envelope in the collection basket or making a contribution online, is an active gesture of a Catholic's support. And I can't tell you how it warms the cockles of every pastor's heart.)*

"Our new pastor gives a pretty good sermon – though nothing nearly as stirring as the pastor in our big church, and the parish choir can be downright, well, pitiable, but we missed the sacraments. We needed to get back to the sacraments, and get my kids in the pipeline for receiving their sacraments."

Every priest will tell you. A lot of Catholics come back because our week-after-week worship is so...regular, structured, routine. To those who come back, these adjectives are synonymous with *reliable*. The certainty that drew them back and leads the preponderance of people who enter into the Catholic communion from the Protestant churches to enter the Church, is the sacraments.

What's the attraction?

For some, no doubt, it is a kind of naive superstition. Sacraments are so simple: Action A (pouring water, anointing, etc.) results in Grace B (the Holy Spirit in Baptism, healing, etc.).

For many others, though, it is much more than that. It is a real *connection* that links them successively to every previous generation of Christians extending all the way back to apostolic times, with simple gestures imploring God's help. I find it consoling to know that my great-grandfather in Ireland assisted at the same Eucharistic sacrifice at which I assist today. I find it fascinating that Saint Thomas Aquinas, for example, received the same Holy Spirit, with gifts of wisdom, as I received when I was confirmed as a twelve-year-

old boy, with essentially the same simple rite – our bishop extending his arms over each of us and anointing us. I find it overwhelming that Saints Peter and Paul, and the entire first generation of witnesses to the Lord, obeyed the Lord's command, "Do this in memory of me" with the same Breaking of the Bread – the Eucharist – which we celebrate today.

It is a sense that "something bigger than this congregation is happening in this rite." The best example: the dull preacher/dull presider. Every veteran Catholic, and just about any recent "convert," has been comforted and reassured, no doubt, once they realize that Christ is truly present, offering Himself as sacrifice to the Father, on any altar in the world, no matter how drearily the homily is delivered or how lifelessly the priest celebrates the Mass.

Catholics who haven't seen the inside of a church door in years come back to their priest for the *sacrament* of Matrimony, truth be told, not because "it's a pretty church," or because "all my siblings have married here," but because of this sense of "something more." (Most of them stay, once that "something more" can get hold of them in this very personal sacrament.)

Catholics who have been less than weekly communicants *never* turn down the *Sacrament* of the Sick when I make my rounds in the hospital. They could simply say, "Aw, just give me a blessing, Father," but they don't. They don't because they want to reconnect. They need that connection with their own; with the generations that were nourished by Baptism and Confirmation and Eucharist (*sacraments* of coming into Christ's life), by Penance and Anointing of the Sick (*sacraments* of healing), by Matrimony and Holy Orders (*sacraments* of vocation). And they want to reconnect with each of us, the People of God in 2003.

In this Easter Season which is so packed with celebrations of the sacraments – the Easter Sacraments of our new Catholics, so many weddings in these months, the ordination of deacons and priests in these months – we take great consolation in Christ's gift of the sacraments, so powerfully real even when "celebrated" in a dull way by very limited human beings. The sacraments remind us, as no catechism can, of the really important basics: God is with us always, in simple ordinary ways, even in the hands of sinners.

Only the very naive would say that the sacraments give us some sort of supernatural shortcut to heaven. The sacraments give us so much more: the sacraments give us *hope*.



Perhaps this week would be a good week to share a cup of coffee with a good friend or loved one who has been away from the sacraments for a while. In the right light, it won't take long for you to see that they are a little – and maybe more than a little – homesick. And in that same light, let them see that they are welcome back...to hope!

Father Terry Morgan writes an article bi-weekly, expressly for the first parish, the online community of the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Augustine. The Archives contain a complete collection of the cataloged articles.

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## "America the Beautiful"

Catholic Charities

Eleventh Black & White Ball

To Prevent Homelessness

will be held on **Saturday, November 8, 2003**

at the Adam's Mark Hotel

The Honorary Chair is

Congressman Ander Crenshaw

with Master of Ceremonies

Alan Gionet

## Smiles

by Father Neil J. Carr, S.J.

"Of all the ministries I've been privileged to be part of through more than 50 years of Jesuit priesthood, I'm finding pastoral ministry to be the most challenging," wrote Fr. Cornelius "Neil" Carr, S.J. Father Carr has been a high school teacher and principal, provincial superior, and retreat director, a ministry that still keeps him busy at Jesuit retreat houses around the country. At age 82, he's now associate pastor at Christ the King in Jacksonville, Florida.

"Maybe age has something to do with it," he continued in the article in the Jesuits' New York Province newsletter. "Recently a woman thrilled to a homily I'd given. Leaving the church she asked if she could shake my hand. 'No need to do that,' I told her. 'Just hold it; it will shake all by itself.'"



# Let the Children Come To Me

by Ray Walker

Over the last year or so, there have been many accusations levied against priests—the media is filled with one negative story after another. No doubt, there is a lot of truth to a number of these accounts, in fact, many have already proven to be true. The saddest of all are those involving innocent children.

We have all seen the beautiful pictures of Jesus, seated, with his arms around the little children gathered at his feet and can recall his words, "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14. How many good, inspiring stories involving priests and children have we heard lately? We all know there have to be some, but where are they?

On a beautiful, sun-lit Saturday morning in January, I attended a cookout put on by the Men's Association of one of our local Catholic churches. The occasion was the installation of the newly elected officers for the coming year. Early that morning, some of the men had driven over 100 miles

to a Redemptorist retirement center and brought back one of the priests to spend the day with us. He used to work in the area and knew many of the men well.

When I arrived about 10 A.M. I noticed several of the men playing cards with the priest and while there were no women present, there was one little girl about seven or eight watching them play. Her father was one of our members. A short while later most of the men had drifted off and the priest and little girl were playing cards all alone. I sat down to observe them, which turned out to be a most heart-warming experience. Amidst much laughter, no matter what the 80 year old man did, the girl won hand after hand. We laughed and joked for almost an hour, then I, too, left to talk with some other friends.

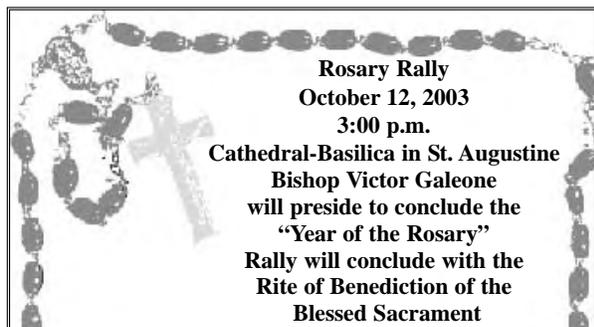
Some time later, I glanced back toward the priest and could not believe my eyes. He was sitting back in his chair with the little girl on his knee. Her head rested against his chest and her eyes were closed in apparent sleep. It was such a beautiful scene that I looked for one of the men who were there but



by the time I found one the little girl opened her eyes, jumped down from her perch, and strolled away. The moment was gone.

All I could think of was Jesus and the children. Here was this dear, old disciple of Jesus, totally unafraid to act natural with this child, like any good grandfather. I

am sure he was not worried about what people would say; his only concern was what Jesus would say, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them." To my mind, this wonderful, positive event more than made up for many of the negative ones.



**Rosary Rally**  
**October 12, 2003**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine**  
**Bishop Victor Galeone**  
**will preside to conclude the**  
**"Year of the Rosary"**  
**Rally will conclude with the**  
**Rite of Benediction of the**  
**Blessed Sacrament**

## RCIA 2003-2004

by Darlene O'Neal

The first of six inquiry classes for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is scheduled for August 20, 2003 with the regular RCIA classes beginning on November 5.

The proposed schedule lists eighteen sessions including one after Easter. The time will again be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Shirley David Hall.

This year, there will be some changes concerning the classes. The first scheduled sessions will be for all interested persons that have not been baptized in the Catholic Church. This group may include persons not baptized at all, or persons baptized in another religion.

There will be a separate schedule of six sessions for baptized Catholics who have not made their first communion or have not been confirmed. These sessions will begin after Easter on April 21st, and will be known as Adult Confirmation Classes. The subject matter will cover the sacraments, Catholic beliefs, prayer, scripture and traditions, and will conclude with confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

Father Roe Fisher will be the spiritual advisor for both of the sessions this year. The director of RCIA will again be the very capable James Scott. New team members: John Anderson, Imogene Praxedes, Berry and Norma Landers, and Carlos Thompson will join Roslyn Balsam, Micah Ethridge, Dawn Grimes, Marshall Henrique, Louie and Darlene O'Neal, Mary Rouse, Victoria Stewart, and Tony Zeater.

For information about either of these two sessions, you may call the rectory at 724-0080 and speak with Father Roe or call James Scott at 642-0059.

### A Friend Is One of Life's Most Beautiful Gifts

by Luann Auciello  
(submitted by Anne Seravo)

A friend is a person  
 you can trust,  
 who won't turn away from you;  
 a friend will be there  
 when you really need someone,  
 and will come to you  
 when they need help.

A friend will listen to you  
 even when they don't  
 understand or agree  
 with your feelings;  
 a friend will never try  
 to change you,  
 but appreciates you for  
 who you are.

A friend is someone  
 you can share dreams, hopes,  
 and feelings with.

A friend always remembers  
 the little things you've done,  
 the times you've shared,  
 and the talks you've had.

A friend is one of life's  
 most beautiful gifts.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



### Sacrament of Love

"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic adoration. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease."

-Pope John Paul II, On the Mystery and worship of the Holy Eucharist, April 1980

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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# THE MIDDLETON'S OF CHRIST THE KING

by Frank Becht

The Middleton families of Christ the King come from a large family reared by Rankin York Middleton and Madonna Marie Marx – John Arthur, George Olin, Mary Carolyn, Richard Rankin and James Joseph. Madonna Marie's family came from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada with the migration of her parents John J. Marx and Mary Ellen O'Brien.

Madonna Marie was an accomplished artist and seamstress. In the early 1930's the family suffered severe financial problems that required some family members to live with relatives or other special arrangements. Like the saying goes, "everything they got, they got the hard way."

Of this Jacksonville family, four members ended up being founding members of Christ the King Parish. All including their spouses have proven to be very hard workers for the parish and exemplary Catholics.



Olin and Jane Middleton Family

## George Olin Middleton and Jane Rierson

About 1932, Madonna Marie suffered from encephalitis; George Olin, known as "Olin" lived with his Uncle Brian. Olin graduated from West Springfield Grade School and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1940. After high school, he became employed by Cecil W. Powell & Co, a well-known general insurance agency, where his older brother John worked. In September 1942, he joined the Navy and was assigned to the Naval Training base at Sanford, Florida where he served for one and a half years. There they immediately advanced him to Yeoman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class since he knew how to type. In all, he spent three years, four months and eight days in the Navy, from September 1942 to February 1946. He was so happy to be out of the Navy that he went back to Cecil W. Powell & Co. where he became Vice President of Administration and Bonds. He

retired in 1988 after 48 years of employment.

Olin met Jane in 1947 as the result of an invitation to a Saturday evening dinner from one of his co-workers at Cecil W. Powell. Jane was a North Carolina girl and worked at Southern Bell. They were married in April 1949 at St. Paul's Riverside. Jane was a Methodist and did not become Catholic until 1975, receiving her instruction from Father Hampson, who was then assigned to San Jose Catholic Church.

Olin and Jane moved to Sapelo Road in November 1949 and attended the old wooden Assumption Church on Gary Street. Olin and Jane have three children—Michael Long, Jo Anne and Barbara Jane. They have one granddaughter. All live nearby in Jacksonville. By the time their children attended school, Christ the King School had opened; they graduated from Christ the King and Bishop Kenny.

Olin was very involved in the development of Christ the King, from the census taking and fundraising drives in the early years to the Queens & Kings and Stewardship of current times. In between, he was in the Holy Name, Ushers and Greeters, Bingo Chairman for 20 years, Renew, daily Adoration and writing for the Courier. Olin relates that it's upsetting, knowing how many senior citizens there are in the parish, but so few come to Adoration.

Jane has been equally involved. When the kids were young, she was very involved with school functions, from making curtains for the classroom, providing playground supervision, working with the Girl Scouts to kitchen duty for Bingo. Since retiring from the American Cancer Society in 1992, she has volunteered at the Christ the King Rectory at least three days a week and sometimes more often. She has taken on the responsibility of producing the Parish Bulletin plus many duties involving



Jim &amp; Mary Ann Middleton Family

administration of Stewardship and Courier proof reading. Before 1985, when the Rectory staff consisted only of Eleanor Conlin, Eileen Porter, Anne Albano and herself, she manually produced the Church bulletin by typing mineograph masters and running the bulletin off in the school office.

## James "Jim" Middleton and Mary Ann Stephens

Because of the family financial condition, Jim's great aunt, Sister Mary Juliana who was Mother Superior of a hospital in North Carolina, made arrangements for Jim and older brother Richard to attend St. Leo's Academy at Belmont, North Carolina which they attended through the eighth grade. Jim completed eight grades in six years. Upon returning to Jacksonville with the family, Jim attended the ninth grade at Kirby Smith and graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1943. Jim then went to work in the Civil Service at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville where he retired after 39 years of service. During this time he served one year in the Air Force Reserves and about two years in active service including nine months in Germany.

In the early 1950's Jim joined the Jacksonville Catholic Club, a citywide singles club, where he met Mary Ann Stephens. Jim became the club president in 1952 and married Mary Ann at Holy Rosary Church the same year. Since Arlington was a new, growing area of town, they chose to live in Arlington, on Cesery Blvd, where they lived until recent years.

Jim and Mary Ann have six wonderful children, Stephen, Juliana, Susan, Patrick, Anthony and Cheri; they have a total of 11 beautiful grandchildren. All graduated from Christ the King Grade School and Bishop Kenny High School.

In 1954 Jim was involved from the beginning of the parish in the taking of the census to determine how many people were actually in the parish and then in a fund raising

drive for the first building, which served as the church on the ground floor with the school on the top floor. Jim helped to dig up palm trees and shrubs from the Old City Cemetery that were used to landscape this first building.

In addition, Jim was a member of the Holy Name Society and transferred his membership in the Knights of Columbus from Council 1951 to Arlington Council 4727 becoming a charter member. Jim became very active in various committees, went through the Chairs and became Grand Knight in 1976. Jim has remained very active in the Knights serving on the ceremonial teams and becoming involved in the Arlington Columbian Association. For many years, Jim has been the Chairman of Right to Life for the Knights of Columbus Council. Jim has also served as a lector for many years.

Mary Ann has also been involved but to a lesser degree in the early years of marriage having a growing family. She was a member of Circle One from the beginning and served as treasurer of the women's guild, CKCCW and has been involved in the Mom's ministry and Roses for Life on Mothers Day for years.

Jim and Mary Ann have each been to Cursillo and to Marriage Encounter on four occasions. They have been involved in Renew from the beginning and continuing with Small Group Faith Sharing and Adult Education. They have been involved in the Sponsor Couples Program for 20 years and are the current Coordinators. Jim is an original member of Nocturnal Adoration and Mary Ann became a member when the membership opened up to women. They are the current leaders of Band 8 and Mary Ann is the current Secretary for the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

For years, both Jim and Mary Ann have been active in Catholics United for Life, the Pro Life movement. It was while demonstrating at the Abortion Clinic on San Marco Blvd several years ago, that Jim was arrested and served a day in jail.

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# THE MIDDLETON'S

**Richard Rankin Middleton and Louisa Mae Hodge**



**Richard & Louisa Middleton with son Bill**

After attending St. Leo's Academy in Belmont, North Carolina, Richard attended Immaculate Conception Academy in Jacksonville where he graduated from high school in 1944. He went to work for Hooper Holmes Credit Agency; shortly after, he left going to work for Peninsular Life Insurance company as a printer where he retired after 34 years in

1985. He continued to work on a part time basis in printing with Westcott Printing for several years.

On February 14, 1953, he married Louisa Mae Hodge at Holy Rosary Catholic Church and moved to King Arthur Road, an area of Arlington being newly developed in June 1953.

Richard and Louise have two adopted children, Karen La Clair and Bill Middleton. They have two grandchildren.

Richard and Louise were involved from the very beginning in the development of Christ the King. Richard worked with the census and fund raising committee, Holy Name Society and is a founding member of Arlington Knights of Columbus Council 4727. Richard remembers specifically helping Jim Fogarty to install the new pews in the first church. He also helped to set up the outdoor Stations of the Cross and cared for and maintained them. Richard's mother, Madonna Marie Middleton, paid for the plaques on the Stations.

Louise was in the Ladies Guild and other women's functions. Louise's mother was Marguerite

Hodge, Christ the King's first church organist.

They moved to Shady Oak Drive in 1957, continued as Christ the King members until the formation of Resurrection in 1959. Both have been very active in Resurrection Catholic Church. Richard was the head usher for many years and Louise was the president of the Ladies Guild.

**Mary Carolyn Middleton Harrison and Neil Harrison**



**Neil & Mary Carolyn Harrison**

Mary Carolyn, known as Carol, was the only girl of the family and for that reason did not get a chance to go to St Leo's like Richard and Jim. She graduated from West Springfield grade school and from high school at Andrew Jackson. Carol went to work at the A&P Office Warehouse where she met Neil Harrison. Neil was attending the University of Florida in Gainesville when they married at St. Paul's in Riverside in 1942.

While Neil finished his education at Gainesville, they started their family of three children- Donna, Mark and Lynne. They have five granddaughters and one great grandson.

They moved to Glynlea Park in Arlington in 1951 and were founding members of Christ the King. Carol was a member of the Women's Guild. Daughter Donna graduated from Christ the King Grade School and Bishop Kenny High School. The family moved to Resurrection Parish area shortly after the founding of Resurrection Catholic Church in 1959, where Mark and Lynne attended.

## A Hole in My Shoe

by Leora Ruth Littenstein

In late May Christ the King parishioners had the honor of paying tribute to one of their former pastors, Monsignor John J. Lenihan. Those of us who knew him during his years as pastor here at Christ the King remember a man who was totally dedicated to being a good shepherd to his flock in both word and deed. At the same time he was forward thinking in his resolve to bring the spirit of ecumenism to the greater Jacksonville church community. Looking back we can say that Monsignor Lenihan more than succeeded in both endeavors.

"Fifty years as a priest, and how have I lasted that long?" was the question that Monsignor was asking himself as well as the assembly at the 5:00 o'clock Saturday night Mass to honor him.

Monsignor took us on a trip down memory lane as he told of his arrival at St. Patrick's parish thirty-eight years ago. He particularly remembers a Christmas gift he received one year from the Women's Guild. It was a pair of shiny black shoes. At the time the reforms of Vatican II had not gone into effect so the priest still had his back to the people during most of the Mass. Therefore, when Monsignor knelt down the hole in the sole of his shoe was evident to all.

He said that would not be possible today, as we are no longer just spectators in our church. Many exterior changes have come about and yet the basic tenets of our faith

never change. Monsignor was able to weave that week's gospel story of the vine and the branches from the early beginnings of the church down to our present day participation in the faith. He said that the early apostles and disciples were eager to spread and teach the faith. In the parable of the vine and the branches Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the branches. In order to bear fruit we must stay close to the vine and be pruned as necessary. Monsignor said that in the early church this worked well as witnessed by its spread. Each person knew his gift and used it for the advancement of the church and for his or her own spiritual growth.

Somehow this concept got lost in the Middle Ages and the Church became top heavy with rules and practices that no longer represented the concept of vine and branches. We must keep in mind that also during this period very few people could read and write so the role of the average person was more of a spectator than an active participant in the Mass or preaching the Good News.

The Church, of course, weathered the storm, and in the 1800's Pope Leo made an attempt to bring the laity and the religious closer together. Later Pope Pius IX wrote an encyclical which put forth the idea that the church was far more than a temporal power and its main focus was to be a spiritual body. Indeed it was Pius IX who called the First Vatican Council.



**Father Roe Fisher, Father Terry Morgan and Monsignor John Lenihan**

By the time of the Second Vatican Council the Church was ready for a spiritual renewal. And it was at this Council that all of us, religious and laity alike, were referred to as the "people of God". Monsignor said we are going back to the early days when the laity are asked to use their gifts to share and spread the gospel of Jesus. "All of us are called to teach and spread the Good News," stated Monsignor. "You and I must do our part according to our talents. The readings from tonight tell us we are no longer spectators. No one should be able to see the hole in my shoe any longer."

Monsignor ended his homily by challenging us all to set a good example by being followers of Jesus and letting our lights shine.

After the Mass the assembly gathered in the Parish Hall where old friends could personally give their good wishes to Monsignor. It was a joy watching Monsignor and former parishioners share a story and or a hug. One could say the atmosphere was one of welcoming home a member of the family after a long absence.

Father Terry Morgan who acted as emcee for the festivities regaled those in attendance with some very funny stories about what goes on at the Rectory. He had the attendees in stitches over the story of the pet duck. "You just never know what you might find on your breakfast plate if you try to put one over on Monsignor" Father Terry laughingly told us.

When we finally recovered our composure after many endearing and very funny stories from Father Terry, Monsignor brought us all together again by saying how much the evening meant to him and how much he has enjoyed being a priest and serving God and people. "You think that it is the people who need a priest but we need you as much as you need us." He said we are all here on a journey that will hopefully one day lead us to the kingdom.

There were no spectators that night as each and every one present participated in the joy of being part of a celebration for a man who has given fifty years of actively living the gospel message.

# First Communion, 2003



*above picture:*  
It's fun to learn at the First Communion Retreat!



*picture at right:*  
God's Little Bakers!!!

by Lucille Guzzone

On May 4, at the noon Mass, 70 beautiful children received the Eucharist for the first time. The little girls and boys were radiant not only in their appearance but in their hearts as they accepted the sacrament one child at a time.

During his homily Father Thanh, the celebrant, walked in the center aisle speaking directly to the youngsters about two important aspects of the celebration, joy and thanksgiving. Father Roe, as the children's spiritual advisor, concelebrated. Teachers, Ms. Barker, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Jazinski and Mrs. Coffey, who worked so diligently in the preparation of the special day, were so proud of their students.

At the conclusion of the Mass the children were treated to a reception in the Parish Hall as well as loving hugs and kisses from beaming moms and dads and other members of their families.

*pictures below and to the right:* Our First Communicants preparing to accept The Sacrament of Communion for the first time.



## We Welcome Our New Communicants

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Jonathan Abney       | Jackie Lewis       |
| Austin Asher         | Denielle Lim       |
| Meaghanne Austin     | Christian Madsen   |
| Samantha Beams       | Huy Mai            |
| Robert Bowser        | Ryan Marcovsky     |
| Ashleigh Boyd        | Maria Medina       |
| Austin Boyd          | Maricris Medina    |
| Bri Anna Brugnolotti | Luis Mejia         |
| Christina Canuto     | Megan Messer       |
| Nadja Capps          | Victoria Nolen     |
| Erica Christenson    | Jack Ogin          |
| Jordan Clapp         | Erica Owens        |
| Darby Clower         | Sean Patti         |
| Adam Conrad          | Colton Pooler      |
| Caitlyn Considine    | Lauren Reynolds    |
| Haley Curtis         | Jonathan Rodriguez |
| Stephanie Dean       | Gabriel Rodriguez  |
| Zachary Deforge      | James Scanlan      |
| Mauriah Downer       | Garrett Schuman    |
| Michael Farrell      | Joseph Smith       |
| Palmer Frye          | Noelle Solis       |
| Andrew Futch         | Chelsea Starke     |
| Molly Gallagher      | Destiny Starke     |
| Stephanie Glotzer    | Gabrielle Stoddard |
| Stephanie Grochmal   | Maria Surber       |
| Nicolas Harrington   | Bradley Surles     |
| Kayla Hicks          | Katie Tackett      |
| Peter House          | Jenna Taylor       |
| Angela Hyse          | Aleeza Tecson      |
| Jordan Johnson       | John Luke Vega     |
| Nicholas Johnson     | Madison Vestal     |
| Joseph Kersch        | Steven Vince       |
| Kevin Klima          | Ty Weldon          |
| Erica Laborde        | Madeline Windsor   |
| Mallorie Leshner     | Mark Wnuk          |

# ~ Editor's Note ~

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committed parishioners and teens. Grace In Action Newsletters, and letters from our pastor were also sent.

Upon reflection, I think "at rest" at Christ the King means being busy instead of *extremely* busy. People come into the rectory office and leave wondering how it all gets done . . . well, we do it one step at a time . . . one Mass at a time (with many prayers) . . . one keystroke at a time . . . one letter per printer at a time, etc.

I am in awe. This parish runs so well because we have great members who know what it means to give back to God. In the rectory alone there are over twelve volunteers who come in to work. These ladies and gentlemen come in every week, sometimes several times a week to help get the work

done. Volunteers are *always* appreciated at Christ the King!

Christ the King Rectory has been especially blessed. This year the rectory has been short of help. Some of our rectory regulars have been ill or have loved ones who have been ill. Others who have worked all year round arrange to take vacations during the summer while the parish is *at rest*. The rectory needed more help. But from whom?

Who were our rescuers? Our teens! They graciously stepped in to fill up the gap. It was good to see these young people opening the door to guests and answering the phones. Their welcoming smiles gave us all a lift. What a blessing! Thank you!

P.S. By the way, you don't have to be a teen to volunteer.



by Darlene O'Neal

The history of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Christ the King dates back to when Monsignor Mortimer Danaher was pastor.

Monsignor took the first giant step by inquiring about having a ministry such as RCIA at Christ the King. He asked for and received assistance within the diocese and did the ground work for RCIA to begin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a welcoming ministry that educates and guides interested and sincere adults into the Catholic Church.

It was suggested that Monsignor not head this ministry since he had so many other duties as pastor. He assigned the job to Father Brian Carey, who along with his other priestly duties, devoted many years to RCIA. Father Carey had help from several wonderful people in the formation of one of the most important ministries at Christ the King Church.

One of the first to help get the RCIA ministry off to a strong beginning was Dennis Nordorf and the program grew with his leadership.

Dennis was the first director of RCIA. He and Father Carey laid down some strict guidelines, such as not allowing your spouse or a relative to be your sponsor. When the Nordorf family moved to Tennessee, Monsignor approached Lyle Stewart at Mass one Sunday and appointed him to direct the RCIA ministry. Lyle was surprised; however, he took over the reins as director. Father Carey and Lyle Stewart were a good combination for leading this ministry.

There were others who gave their time and talents to make this ministry as strong as it is today. Bernie and Joyce Kunka were there for many years, lending their knowledge and encouragement. Cheryl Snelgrove very generously assisted Father Brian with the secretarial assignments for five years, and returned later as a sponsor. She liked to do unexpected things to make us all laugh. One night, after the Easter Vigil practice, Cheryl dressed up like the Easter bunny and presented Father Carey with an Easter basket filled with goodies.

Marie Stewart, with her kind and gentle manner, joined Lyle and the team and devoted several years to RCIA before health problems became an issue for both of them.

Mary Rouse is another dedicated person who has given many years of her time. Mary has a

# The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

strong Catholic background and always has a story to tell the class about her childhood and family in Ireland.

Kathy and Alan Purtle were very instrumental in keeping the spiritual atmosphere strong at the weekly sessions. Kathy shared her poems and her humble approach to spreading God's word. It was a great loss when they moved to Kansas.

Tony Zeaiter has given many years of his time and continues to be a strong contributor to the RCIA team. He likes to get the people "fired up," when teaching about the Catholic faith.

When Father Carey retired, James Scott was asked to take charge as Director of RCIA. James and his wife, Jacquelyn, have both been team members for several years. It is obvious what a great asset they are to this parish. James has done a wonderful job as director for the past three years and is currently preparing for the 2003-2004 class.

Father Guy Noonan served as spiritual advisor while he was at Christ the King parish. He was a tremendous help to the eager candidates with any and all of their questions or situations. Father Guy was sorely missed when he was sent to St. Augustine's Church in Gainesville.

Currently, Father Rouville Fisher is the new spiritual advisor of RCIA and just completed his first year of being a priest! He has done a wonderful job in the RCIA ministry and hopefully he will be with it for many, many more years.

From the early days when the RCIA ministry was just forming to the current time, there have been loyal people who have given of themselves to ensure that Christ the King Church has a ministry like the RCIA. New team members have joined together with some of the original to make a very strong and efficient group.

It was a sad time when Father Carey retired. It was sad when Father Guy was transferred, but each time the Holy Spirit has sent someone to step into their shoes. Now the shoes are on Father Roe's feet, and they seem to fit well.

The number of candidates continues to grow each year, thus having to move the meeting place from the music room to the Shirley David Hall. With God's will and dedicated people, RCIA will continue to succeed at Christ the King Church.

Thank you Monsignor Danaher for your foresight and courage in taking that first step.

Noticias de Español  
Delilah Diccetodo

Mi nombre es Delilah y esta la primera columna para la gente de habla española. Quería escribir una columna que dice o da noticias de la comunidad española.

A "El Courier" nos interesan sus actividades. Si hay bodas, muertes, o noticias en general "El Courier" quiere saberlo.

Si usted tiene un niño o niña destacado en la escuela, los deportes, la música o algo mas háganos el favor de decírnos.

¿Como fueron sus vacaciones? ¿A donde fueron? ¿Lo recomendarían el lugar a los otros? Díganos su opinion - que sea buena o mala.

Tambien el Padre Carr está estudiando el idioma para prepararse a dar la misa en español para ustedes. El quiere saber si ustedes quisieran tener una misa en español en el futuro.

Nosotros esperamos que a ustedes les guste esta columna y contribuirán artículos de lo que están haciendo.

Usted puede e-mail a nosotros a [parishctk@bellsouth.net](mailto:parishctk@bellsouth.net) o puede traer sus noticias a la casa del parroco.

# Not With My Eyes

by Kathryn Robinson

You help me to stand

Thank You, Lord Jesus,  
for the good and bad  
All cheerful laughter,  
and when I'm sad

So that I may see  
Not with my eyes  
But with my heart  
Thank You, Lord Jesus  
For a brand new start

Through You,  
all things work together  
You say  
Especially when I kneel and  
pray  
Especially when I sing out loud  
Especially when I am not  
proud

Every day, every moment  
Is precious I know  
Thank You, Lord Jesus  
For helping me grow

Thank You, Jesus,  
for loving me

Into the Christian  
You would have me become  
Close to You, loving You  
The battle is won!

# ICHTHUS – The Fish Symbols



by Father Neil Carr, S.J.

You may have seen it on church vestments or on the back of cars, simple in design, profound in its coded, secret message.

From the earliest days of Christianity, our Church has been the target of persecution. It has taken different forms, some of the most cruel in post-Apostolic times. As a result, the early Christians had to hold their worship in hideaway places, even underground at times in what we today call the "catacombs, easily accessed now by tourists.

Above ground, services were held in various homes. As a signal to the Christians that services were held in a particular house, the outline of a fish was scratched into the ground in that place, or perhaps placed on a sort of shingle. The Christians knew what it meant, others did not.

The Greek word for "fish" was "IXTHUS", pronounced ikthus, accent on the first syllable. Taken one-by-one, the letters are the first letter of these words

- I - an *iota*, first letter of the word Jesus [the Greek alphabet has no letter J]
- X - a *chi*, pronounced like a "k", as in the first two letters in the word Christ.
- Θ - a *theta* pronounced as a "th". First letter of "God", possessive case: God's
- Υ - an *epsilon*, first letter of Greek word for son.
- S - a *sigma*, pronounced like our "s". First letter of Greek word for savior.

And so we have it, a meaningful, secret, and coded message for us all, even today.

**JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, SAVIOR!**

by Mickey Kenny

According to my old friend, Catholic Source Book (edited by Rev. Peter Klein, p. 416), a symbol is "something visible with hidden meaning." While that certainly explains what a symbol is, for me it doesn't begin to express what is lost in atmosphere and feeling when entering a church or cathedral in these days when we no longer study or remember our religious symbols, their history, and their meaning.

Because our Church is 2000 years old we have acquired an enormous cache of religious symbols used in our architecture and art. The history of the Church comes to life in using and understanding these symbols because it brings to mind various eras the Church has passed through. Some of our symbols came into being during times of persecution. Christians risked their lives just gathering together for worship and instruction. They could draw simple symbols in the dust of the road which were understood only by those who knew the meaning. And then this silent communication could be wiped out with a foot and be undiscoverable! How sad it would be not to remember the heroic nature of this use of symbols.

Again, history shows us that reading was a skill known only by a few. The rest had pictures and symbols to teach them. A child for instance, might look at the symbolic representation of the alpha and omega and looks up at his mother or father and ask, "What's that?" "Why is it there?" And right then the most important teacher in that or any child's life helps to explain the symbol and brings to life the story of God and of Christ and of our place in the universe and in the mind of God.

We can't possibly lose all this wonderful stuff! So the *Courier* is going to have a special place in each issue for a symbol. If you have a specific symbol you have noticed and want some research done on it, please let us know and we will, with the help of Father Carr, write it for you. He would probably tell you he was there when they first started using that one.

Anyway, it is our hope that you will enjoy this series and will notice and appreciate more and more the full ambiance of being in a church. Maybe it will even provide us with an answer to the often heard, "Why do you have to go to church; can't you just go out to the beach or into the woods to commune with God?"

## Gee, I Didn't Know That!

Dear Solomon,

Can you clarify for me and many other parishioners what we (the fold in the pews) are supposed to be doing during the readings at Sunday Mass?

Sincerely,  
Curious

Dear Curious,

Thank you, Curious, for your question. The first step to wisdom is to ask a question.

Let's take the first step in answering your question and see what the Church says about this.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us that the three readings from Sacred Scripture must be **listened** to by all with reverence (n.29) and that great effort must be made by "truly qualified and carefully prepared" readers. So that the faithful **"will develop a warm and lively love for Sacred Scripture from listening to the readings from the sacred text."**

I guess that means we ought to be listening instead of reading along. I also think it means that we should be on time for Mass to hear God's Word and not use this time for a bathroom break. Don't you agree?

Sincerely,  
Solomon  
Dear Solomon,

I'm confused. Please help me to understand all this new bowing stuff at Mass. I don't know what to do because everyone is doing their own thing.

Needing help on the Choir side of church,  
Confused

Dear Confused,

I've been confused myself. Let me see if I can clear up the confusion.

Bowing is a personal and a communal sign of reverence. We Catholics have complained about our lack of reverence and so the Church has helped us in the Revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal to understand one aspect of reverence and some common gestures to foster it. The Church sees in the common gestures a clear sign of our unity. So, I would think we should at all times ve for this unity during the celebration of Mass.

If we read the General Instruction more carefully, we also see that we are not free to change these postures to suit our own individual piety. So, here we go on the bowing:

1. We bow our heads at the hearing of the name of *Jesus*.

2. We bow slightly from the waist during the recitation of the Creed at the words of Incarnation: *"By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man."*
3. If for some good reason we are **sitting or standing at the consecration of the bread and the wine, we bow when the priest genuflects after each consecration.**
4. We bow **before both the Body and the Precious Blood before receiving each species** of the Blessed Sacrament at communion time. **Genuflection at this time is improper.**

Hope this helps to clear up the confusion.

Sincerely,  
Solomon

**Do You have a questions that you would like answered? Send your inquiries to the Courier and we will pass them onto Solomon**

**We're on the hunt!**

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is looking for:  
Programs from various CTK buildings dedications  
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Pamphlets from the various organizations and anything else that would make our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration a memorable event (note your name and phone number and the items will be returned to you)

Call Carol Ann Black at 221-2642 or Bernadette Ferrizzi at 641-3643

Watch the bulletin for further information and web-site news concerning this special event

# Triduum "Silent Retreat" April 17-21



by Jeanette Ghioto

## St. Joseph's Abbey St. Benedict, Louisiana

Easter in a Benedictine Monastery is unlike any Easter that I have ever experienced in my 40+ years. The fact that my son would be the musical director for the entire Triduum made the event unique. I learned so many things about the life of a religious in addition to hearing some of the most beautiful liturgy I've experienced. I would like to share with you excerpts from my journal.

### Holy Thursday

I arrived safely and Brother Becket came charging into the airport - as usual - in the nick of time. Religious life has not changed one thing in my sweet son - he wastes NO time waiting.

On the scenic trip from the airport across Lake Pontchartrain, we stopped at St. John's cafe for coffee. The coffee was delicious, but the opportunity to have a conversation with my son was better. The monastery was 555 miles away. Our Church is just so wonderful - allowing young men time to determine if it is God's voice they are hearing - and not something superficial.

Brother Becket had much to do to prepare for the Liturgy tonight, thus Father Thomas, Becket's spiritual director took me to lunch. We dined in an adorable old house that specialized in soft shell crab. We were disappointed to see this item was not available on the menu, but when the proprietor saw that it was Father Thomas he had the kitchen make up something special; man, traveling with monks can be prestigious. It was delicious. We talked for nearly 2 hours; the Louisiana pace is so much slower than the Jacksonville madness. I like this. Father Thomas has known he was called to the priesthood since he was a boy. He recently had five bypasses and looks marvelous. He is a priest most blest by his vocation and he's obviously very happy.

### Later that day...

EVERYONE loves Brother Becket here; he makes incredible music. He gives inspirational talks on retreats for women my age. Many of the women on this retreat knew him and couldn't wait to tell me what an inspiration he has been in their lives. I am simply overwhelmed. MY little boy??? His legacy at Christ the King School was to bequeath his chair in the principal's office to his sister; during his tenure at Christ the King he was in the principal's office a

lot! NOW he is inspiring women with talks...amazing how the Lord works.

### Good Friday morning . . . 5:47 a.m.

I was so tired last night I just fell into the bed. The Mass last night was spectacular. My Brandon; Brother Becket, directed the monks in their choir and looked like a symphonic director. The music was beautiful, especially the accapello; the monks have incredible voices. I marveled as I looked at all of the faces of the men; trying to comprehend their decision for a vocation in this place. Father Thomas had told me how certain he was of his vocation. Becket is so fruitful in the talks that his Spiritual Director feels certain he is called to ordination ... but there is NO PUSH.



This is a silent retreat - no talking - but I will break this silence to speak with my son - I have traveled too far. He is so happy to have me here; we hug a lot.

Getting back to Holy Thursday, Abbot Justin washed the feet of 12 men. I have a special spot in the choir loft among all of the monks. We kneel on plain wood, my knees were throbbing. Thursday is my special day to pray for Becket, so I offered it up for him and for his vocation. I did get into trouble for using my flash camera, sigh. NO FLASH. Well I don't know how to use my camera without a flash. Thank God I see Brother Simon running around taking pictures; I will make sure he gives me copies.

NOW off to Lauds - Morning Prayer is it 6:00 a.m.

Lauds was unsettling, the music beautifully played by world renown Bach pianist Father Sean Duggan. I was informed that Good Friday is really a good time because Jesus died for us. It is Saturday that should be the day of sorrow as Jesus descended into Hell. I broke my fast and ate four chocolate chip cookies. Back to the chanting and the music which is so stimulating and effective in this liturgy.

### 8:45 p.m.

I went to Confession to Father Sean Duggan; he gave Psalm 139 as my penance. These monks really love the Psalms. He also said I should pray for continuing hope. As I read the Psalm I noted verse

43..."Enable me to speak the truth at all times because my hope is in your judgment." Easier said than done, but I will try.

### Holy Saturday

Lauds was more meaningful this morning; there is just so much to absorb, so much that is way over my head. I drink it all in and am overflowing.

### 7:06 p.m.

The Easter Vigil starts at 10:45p.m. Staying awake is so hard for me; been dozing all day.

I have met a lovely lady here - do not know her name but she reminds me of Olympia Dukakis in *Steel Magnolias*, a soft spoken very southern lady, a woman of great strength. She has been coming every year for 37 years for the Triduum Retreat. Thirty-seven years ago her son, who was a novice monk, was killed in an automobile accident; he was in his last year. He had been on the vocation poster they used that year. She smiles so warmly as she shares her story.

The monks are all so interesting and unique. Brother Anselm used to be a piano player performer. He cannot read music but he plays a mean organ. Father Gabriel walks with a cane but is always on time for the many times each day we gather to pray. Brother Michael is the sacristan; he has been here for 50 years, since he was 15 years old. Father Matthew will leave on Easter Sunday to go to Iraq; he shares with me how terrified his mom is about this. Father Augustine surprised me with a

ceramic Easter Bunny FILLED to the brim with chocolate - soooo delicious after my Lenten fast.

I am speechless. I have returned from the vigil; it is now 2:00 a.m. At midnight during the *Gloria* all of the lights in the over-packed church went off and then came blazing back on again. The bells were ringing and ringing at the consecration. The music and the chanting made my heart soar, truly a heavenly experience. God is in this place.

### Easter Sunday Lunch

I am unable to eat in the refectory as Brother Becket is still temporarily professed. Brother Elias set up a stool at high table in the middle of the kitchen. He brought to me a glass of delicious wine. I have a "window" on the world that feeds the monks. Novices crash in and out of the swinging doors with trays to be filled and trays to be emptied. I am waited on hand and foot. Laughter and joking abound as the brothers tease the cook about this or that and she responds with fake anger. There is so much love and brotherhood within this holy place.

### That same evening

The brothers organize a going away *suaray* for me. A group gathers in the kitchen after a quick trip to the store to get snacks. Young men with baseball caps turned backward in their Star Wars T shirts. All just regular guys reaching for the answer to their prayers of vocation. Some will stay, some will leave. Some will be ordained; some will remain brothers. Brother Becket will continue to discern and I'll continue to pray for him and all of the brothers of St. Joseph's Abbey in St. Benedict, Louisiana as I think with sadness that I must now leave this very special place.



# A MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR



by Father Brian Carey

About 1860 Bishop Verot, the first bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, requested the Holy Ghost Fathers to send priests to the Diocese. Because of commitments to Africa and other missions, none could be spared. It was in the 1960's that Holy Ghost priests of the Irish Province came to serve in this Diocese, many of them in this Cathedral Parish. Since this year the Holy Ghost Fathers celebrate their 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary I thought it would be good to share something of our roots.

*Step one:* In 1703 Pentecost fell on May 27<sup>th</sup>. On that day in northern France a seminarian named Claude Poullart des Places made a dedication of himself to the Holy Spirit along with a group of like minded students. They drew up a rule of life for themselves and became known as "The Spiritans" and would become in due course the 'Congregation of the Holy Spirit,' more commonly known as the "Holy Ghost Fathers".

Their motivation was to support destitute seminarians and provide priests for service in the French Colonies. Claude was ordained in 1707, and died two years later at the age of 39; and was buried in a pauper's grave.

*Step two:* In 1802 Jacob Libermann was born into a Jewish Family in Saverne in N.E. France. He became a Catholic in Paris in 1826, taking the Christian name of Francis Mary Paul. He joined the seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris and became involved with a group of seminarians from various French Colonies, including Haiti and Martinique. They wished to form a society of priests to serve in the French Colonies. Libermann's ordination was deferred for many years because he was experiencing seizures; then he was miraculously cured at the Holy House of Loreto and was ordained in 1842. He and his companions formed the 'Society of the Holy Heart of Mary' and sent their first group of missionaries to West Africa that same year. At the request of the Holy See they and the 'Congregation of the Holy Spirit' united in 1847 as the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Libermann was the first head of the new 'Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers'. Libermann died in Paris in 1852.

*Step three:* Since then the Holy Ghost Fathers have spread with foundations in other European Countries, the USA, Canada; and in more recent times with foundations in Africa, Asia, South America and the Caribbean. Besides priests and brothers there are lay associate members who serve in areas of primary evangelization; they are supported spiritually, financially and in other ways by groups set up in dioceses and parishes through out the developed world. Without this help we could not have continued with our work; this year 2003 we celebrate our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Finally:* Father Morgan is also stepping out in a missionary endeavor as he and his companions from the Cathedral Parish visit Honduras in Central America to investigate ways you can participate in the Church's mission there. This in an effort to be lauded and I expect to be successful knowing your spirit and generosity. I have no doubt the Lord will bless you for it.

**Go for it! Who knows where the Lord will lead you!**

taken from [www.thefirstparish.org](http://www.thefirstparish.org) website



Claude desPlaces



Commemorative window to Claude desPlaces and Francis Libermann at Holy Ghost Missionary College, Kimmage Manor, Dublin.



Francis Libermann

by Father Brian Carey

In 1679 Claude Poullant desPlaces was born in Brittany in northern France. He graduated with a law degree in 1701 and joined the seminary at a Jesuit college. He was a contemporary of St. Grignon de Montfort and St. John Baptist de la Salle. Like them, he was committed to leading others to deepen their spiritual life.

In 1703 the Feast of Pentecost fell on May 27<sup>th</sup>. On that day he and a small group of like-minded seminarians dedicated themselves to the Holy Spirit. They became known as Spiritans, and under the Rule of Life he composed later became known as the Congregation of the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost Fathers. His motivation was to provide support for destitute boys so they could join the seminary, and to supply priests for the French Colonies.

He himself was ordained a priest in 1707, but would die on October 2, 1709 at the age of 30. He was buried in an unmarked pauper's grave.

In 1802 a boy named Jacob Libermann was born into a Jewish family in Savene in N.E. France. He went to college in Paris, and in 1826 was baptized a Catholic, taking the names Francis Mary Paul Libermann. He joined the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, but his ordination was deferred because he developed seizures.

He was a deeply spiritual man and many of his fellow seminarians were drawn to him as a spiritual director. Among those were a group from various French colonies including Haiti and Martinique. They wanted him to help them form a society who would send priests to those colonies. He went to Rome to further this plan. During his time there he went on a pilgrimage to the Holy House of Loreto, and was miraculously cured of the seizures during his visit there.

He and his companions formed the Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Libermann was ordained in 1842 and the first seven missionaries were sent to West Africa that year.

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit had come upon hard times during the French Revolution and was reduced to just a handful of members in Libermann's time. The Holy See asked the Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to merge with the Congregation of the Holy Spirit because of their common aims. Both agreed, and the fusion took place in 1847. The new congregation was named the Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the patronage of the Immaculate Heart of Mary but is more commonly known as the "Holy Ghost Fathers."

Since then the Congregation has been blessed by God and has thrived. What are called "Provinces" were founded in most Western European countries, in the U.S.A., and in Canada. In more recent times new foundations have been developed in former mission territories in Africa, Asia, and South America.

Besides priests and brothers, there are lay associate members who take part in the mission of the congregation. In Western countries there is a network established in many dioceses and parishes of lay people who provide prayer support and material and financial aid. To these dedicated people we owe much thanks. May the Lord amply reward you all.

In 2002 we celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Father Libermann and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. At Pentecost 2003 we celebrated the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the "Spiritans," the Holy Ghost Fathers. We thank God for all His blessings since the beginning and pray for His continued guidance and care as we continue to "launch out into the deep" to bring His message of salvation to all people.



**Processional (l-r):**  
**A seminarian is followed by the two deacons-elect, Joseph McDonnell and Richard Perko and Deacon Jhon Guarniza who spent a summer at Christ the King Church**

## Deacon Ordinations May 10

by Deacon Richard Perko

Basilica in Saint Augustine next year.

Bishop Victor Galeone ordained Joseph McDonnell and Richard Perko to the transitional diaconate in a ceremony at the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Augustine on Saturday, May 10, 2003. Deacon Perko resides at Christ the King for the summer and continues his hands-on education under the direction of Father Thanh. Deacon Perko will return to the seminary for one more year of study before returning to be ordained a priest at the Cathedral-

A transitional deacon is one who will ultimately be called to the priesthood. At his diaconal ordination he commits himself to a celibate life and the daily recitation of the Divine Office. As a deacon, he may baptize solemnly, distribute Holy Communion, preach during the liturgy and witness marriages. His sign of office is the stole, which hangs from his left shoulder and across his chest; on solemn occasions he also wears the dalmati, which is a vestment worn over the alb.

## Deacon Richard Perko

My name is, Richard John Perko, I was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 29, 1941. My father, Dr. Adolph J. Perko, was a dentist, my mother Elizabeth J. Perko, (nee Somogyi) was a registered nurse. I had one sister Joanne E. Perko who was three years older than I, and who was both a registered nurse and professor at Cleveland State University.

My family moved to Holly Hill, Florida sometime in 1948 following an illness my father contracted while visiting our winter home there. My mother built and operated a small motel in order to support the family while my father convalesced. I was fortunate to attend St. Paul's parochial school, Sea Breeze private school and St. Paul's High School.

Around 1956, my father had regained his health, returned to Cleveland, Ohio and reestablished his practice. We then sold the motel and returned to Cleveland, Ohio. Having finished only the fall semester of my freshman year of high school and finding I could not enroll in a parochial high school in Cleveland due to overcrowding, my parents then enrolled me in a Brecksville High School, Brecksville, Ohio from which I subsequently graduated in 1960.

Early on in grade school I had strong interests in my faith but felt inadequate to the task of pursuing a priestly vocation. The extensive education required to accomplish such a stellar goal seemed beyond my meager capabilities. I wished to serve God and His holy people but hadn't as yet decided just how I might do this. It wasn't until much later after I had finished high school that I chose the career that served me well for over thirty years.

Thus, following graduation from high school I attended Fenn College (now Cleveland State University), for a period of two years, majoring in business administration. Upon completion of this two-year program I matriculated at Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from which I graduated in 1964. A one-year apprenticeship with the Nosek Funeral home followed with subsequent licensure as a funeral director and embalmer in the State of Ohio.

Upon completion of my mortuary science studies, apprenticeship and then licensure in 1965, I soon had to enter the military due to the escalating activities in Viet Nam. I served as a memorial affairs Activities Specialist at the U. S. Army Mortuary - Saigon, Viet Nam. I, along with two colleagues, was allowed to work directly with the civil service civilian embalmers since all of us were already duly licensed in our respective states.

Following Viet Nam service I was transferred to Ft. Irwin, California where I was assigned to teach and retrain soldiers from their former various military occupations to a new one of Mortuary Specialist. Nine months later I was reassigned to Babenhausen, Germany as an instructor in Mortuary Affairs. Following my three-year honor commitment to the military I returned home to Cleveland, Ohio.

**...I have been a part of one of the grandest parishes anywhere**

In 1969, I purchased and successfully operated a funeral home in Maple Heights, Ohio. In the ensuing ten years both my parents passed away. I then sold my business in 1978 and moved, along with my sister Joanne, to Fairview Park, Ohio where, being then semi retired, I operated a freelance funeral service.

At this time I seriously began to entertain thoughts of becoming a priest. I had often thought of becoming one earlier in my life, but felt inadequate to the call. Even though I was now, financially independent, I lacked sufficient funding to complete my education - college and then seminary. With this in mind I applied for and was accepted for a government service position as a Mortuary Officer with the Department of the Army and subsequently for the next eighteen plus years served in that capacity as an identification specialist / embalmer / funeral director overseas in Germany.

My government service career provided the opportunity to attend and graduate from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business, in 1986. In April of 1999, I quit my job with the U. S.

Government, and returned to Cleveland, Ohio. My sister, Joanne, was gravely ill at this time and passed away following needed surgery.

I had already sought sponsorship from the Diocese of St. Augustine to apply to and attend a seminary. Following examination by a diocesan review board I was permitted to apply to seminaries for admission.

Upon application to, and following review by the seminary admissions review board, I was accepted and given permission to attend Sacred Heart School of Theology where I began my studies in January of 2000.

At last I have been able to pursue my vocation.

Many prayers and well wishes of family and friends have seen me through good and bad times to this wonderful opportunity. I am most grateful for their support and hope to soon serve God's people as one of His ministers.

The learning and discernment process is one of great introspection as well as direction. I have been privileged to have already successfully completed seven semesters and two summer sessions of seminary, as well as Field Education experiences at Ruth Hospice, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Jacksonville Catholic Charities and Clinical Pastoral Education at Baptist Hospital, along with a summer assignment at Most Holy Redeemer Parish.

Currently I am serving as an ordained transitional deacon assigned to Christ the King Parish for the summer of 2003, here in Jacksonville, Florida.

I have many blessings to be thankful for, one of which is being here with Fathers Thanh, Carr, McCarthy and Fisher and their wonderful supportive staff. Being here at Christ the King is both an exceptional learning experience as well as a super opportunity to meet and be with some of the nicest of God's holy people.

Looking back at my childhood I often remember going with my mother to Mrs. Sawyer's Restaurant for breakfast under Mass and sitting down to a meal of one egg, a strip of bacon, grits, toast and jelly and a cup of coffee all for just twenty five cents.

Later in my teenage years, the joy of going with my father to his dental office was mixed with the sometime pain of his insuring my teeth were free of cavities. Being able to work with him in his lab, preparing some of the crowns I still have



today, was something of the love I hold dear in my heart.

Perhaps the sorrow of having to send some of our finest young men and women home to their families after giving their lives for country was me both rewarding and humbling. Owning my own funeral home gave me the opportunity to give back to God some semblance of the love which He showered upon me and in turn I was able to share with those who put their loved ones into my trust and care.

Seminary reaffirmed for me the call which only God may give is truly His will and desire. I have been blessed with the opportunity to pursue a second career and the blessings of the Holy Spirit have seen me through the rigors of returning to academics late in life.

My brother seminarians and I have the constant support of the faculty and staff of Sacred Heart School of Theology, and each of us is further guided by our wonderful bishops and vocation directors. Bishops Victor Galeone and John Snyder along with Fr. John Tetlow are a part of the supportive leadership of the priests and people of faith of the St. Augustine diocese. They have been my inspiration especially when I have felt that seminary life and the pursuits of education seemed far beyond my abilities.

With ordination to the priesthood less than a year away, my heart is full of joy. Where the Good Lord will lead me to serve His people of the Diocese of St. Augustine, I have no idea, but wherever it may be I know I have been a part of one of the grandest parishes anywhere. My fondest wish is that God will continue to guide and bless to His greater glory and service, Christ the King Parish.

# Priests' Ordination May 17, 2003

*"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek"*

(Hebrews 5:6)



Processional—three candidates:

Bishop Victor Galeone ordained (l-r) Jan Ligeza, Jhon Guarnizo & Christopher Liguori to the priesthood at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine  
As a seminarian Jhon spent a summer learning from the priests at our parish



Laying on of hands:

Father Roe Fisher (center) lays his hands on Deacon Jhon Guarnizo invoking the Holy Spirit

## Our Church at Prayer: Sunday Mass

### Part 1

by Robert Vergen

Life had been rough lately for this Christ the King parishioner. He was on the road back after many troubles: with his marriage, with the law, and just trying to make a living. But things were getting better. He was remaining faithful to the things that matter: God and prayer and church. In fact, life was driving him more and more to prayer and to reliance on God. He had managed to scrape together enough money and backing to start a small business doing what he does best, buying and selling cars. But another month rolled around and the mortgage was coming due, and there was no cash to meet the obligation. As usual, this is a subject for prayer: Lord, please do something. Then a phone call comes on a weekend morning. A lady wanted to look at a couple cars on his lot. It's not business hours, but she wanted to pay cash, and that would help. A week later, the sale was closed for \$4,000, and the mortgage was paid and he had room to breathe again. Thank you God!

**Mass to me is not music or a priest, it's the Eucharistic sacrifice.**

For another family in our parish, the trouble was a broken-down, dead car that had to be replaced. And there was not enough money to get a reliable family car. They did not want to go deeper into debt. They gathered the family together to pray: dear God, please provide more money for a decent used car, to meet our need and also provide a level of comfort. The very next day at work, the boss announced a substantial raise in salary. The car purchase could now go forward. Thank you God! God is the great provider. Through the same events, he answers the prayers of many.



Prayer is the life of Christ the King Church. We don't pray simply because we need or want things, but that certainly has a way of motivating us. Most of the prayer at Christ the King is the simple act of worship or adoration, and the highpoint and foundation of all our prayer is the Mass. Each weekend there are seven Sunday Masses: 5 p.m. Saturday vigil, 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. (in Vietnamese) and 5 p.m. The cars roll into the parking lot, we all go into the church, we pray, we visit a little with our friends, we leave. Before everyone from one Mass has left, the early birds begin trickling in for the next worship service. By the end of the day on a typical Sunday, about 4,200 souls have come to pray and worship God.

Let us recall for a moment what it is we do in there at Mass, and what it is that God does. First is the introduction: a song, a blessing and greeting, the confession of our sins before God and our brothers and sisters, and prayers to give glory and praise to God, and to ask for his grace. Then we listen to the word of God. There is an Old Testament reading, a psalm, and readings from a New Testament letter and a gospel. The word is expounded and applied to our lives briefly in a homily. We express our

belief using one of the ancient Christian creeds, and we bring our prayer requests before God as a community.

Next comes the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The word is Greek for "thanksgiving". In the offertory we offer bread and wine, our money and our very heart and soul to God, usually as we sing and watch representatives bring up the gifts to the altar. In the preparation of the gifts, we bless God in His goodness, then ask His blessings on us. Next is a dialogue intended to help us lift up our hearts to God. The Eucharistic prayer is often considered the highpoint of the Mass. We thank and praise God, we petition Him for the good of the whole church, we unite ourselves to the re-enacted sacrifice of Jesus on calvary. What God does during the Mass is truly awesome. Heaven and earth touch, as Jesus the Christ, the Word of God through whom all the cosmos were created, becomes truly present to us in his very body and blood, soul and divinity, transforming the bread and wine which we offer, making our offering of ourselves a worthy gift to our almighty God. After the Lord's prayer and a sign of peace to each other, we then receive into our own bodies the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. As one of our number put it, "We

have such an incredible opportunity as Catholics to meet the Lord in such an intimate way. He's there waiting for us."

In preparing this article, I took the time to observe us as we pray, by attending each of the Sunday Masses, all of the different daily Masses, and several of the other prayer ministries our parish offers. It was an awkward feeling to come to church to watch the other people, rather than to focus on the Lord God and the drama of the altar, however, the cumulative effect was enlightening and awe-inspiring.

Remember all the distractions you battle when praying at Mass? You know, the children surreptitiously trading blows in the pew in front of you, and the toddler crying or trying out their newly discovered voice a dozen rows back. I know about those, because I experience them too. Said parishioner Sam Clements, "Often I think about the readings during Mass, but my mind wanders, I think about my responsibilities. I try to bring it back to what's going on at the altar. Sometimes I close my eyes. Just listening helps me bring my mind back on track." What I discovered is that the distractions do not affect most parishioners in a way that shows. When a baby cried in the back, very few people actually turned around to look. In fact, according to my admittedly unscientific observation, from the time of the consecration, right through to the Our Father before communion, more than 95% of us have our gaze locked on the altar, or are following along in the missal. This was also true during the scripture readings. I have never seen this level of sustained attention in any other large meeting, except maybe in a movie theater!

Says parish member Ryan Delacrosse, "Different things are on my mind at different times. When I come in, it is things that have gone wrong last week. Then I hear the word of God and reflect on that. After the Eucharist I am filled with adoration and awe." It is clear

# Morning Star Confirmation

Bishop John Snyder gave a special confirmation on April 30, 2003. Those confirmed and their sponsors were:

- Timothy Gagnon, Philip Gagnon
- Joshua Metz, Kurt Shonka
- Sacha Olan, Emily Olan
- Philip Seidenstricker, Phyllis Langnon
- Alexis Smith, Mary Ross
- Drew Sommer, Trevor Witcom
- Christopher Yuhas, Lina Vainosky



## Our Church at Prayer: Sunday Mass

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to me as an observer that the people of God must be experiencing something of His holy presence in the reading of His word and in the Eucharistic feast.

This is good news, of course, for the parents charged with supervising most of the 5% who are not paying attention well, the younger children among us, from infants up to about age twelve. God is with you! During the 10 a.m. Mass, there is child care offered at the Child Care Center for children ages one to four. At other times and for other ages, the religious devotion of these parents is truly heroic. I was happy to see parents successfully divide their attention between their children and worship. Most seemed to have a certain peace about this, and were able to attend to prayer at some level. My own experience suggests that at times, the children unwittingly provide their parents with a private, personal little homily about God as loving Parent. Clearly, nurturing these children in proper prayer and church behavior is an important and little recognized liturgical ministry taking place during each Mass, one family at a time.

Some people are attracted to one particular Mass because of its musical component. Others are drawn because a particular time of day is most convenient. The 10 a.m. Mass is supported musically by the choir with organ and guitar accompaniment. At 2 p.m., the Vietnamese choir leads singing in that language. The Vietnamese language and culture are a strong common bond among those that attend the 2 p.m. Mass. The 5 p.m. LIFE TEEN Mass overtly appeals to teens, but participation is enthusiastic from all generations. The music is led by Music for LIFE, an ensemble of singers

with guitars, keyboard, drums, and sometimes flute and additional rhythm instruments. Hand clapping and sign language often go with the songs at the LIFE TEEN Mass, and teens are invited to join the priest at the altar during the Eucharistic prayer. The teens are also attracted because "confession is offered before Mass." The 7 a.m. Mass is unique in that there is no music, but rather there are times of sacred silence at the offertory and especially after communion. Informal prayer postures and gestures are more frequent among worshipers at this Mass, and suggests that the intensity of worship is undiminished. During the summer at 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and noon Masses, singing is led by a cantor with organ accompaniment. During the school year the Children's Choir leads music at 8:30. Two hand bell choirs also help out at several of the Masses during the school year.

"Mass to me is not music or a priest, it's the Eucharistic sacrifice. The music is just a perquisite, especially when the priest sings the Mass," says parishioner Mary Ann Middleton. I made a similar discovery. When I went to Mass to prepare this article, that is, just to watch those around me, I quickly found it boring and became restless. I have not had that problem in a long time, and I think it is because I have learned to enter into the mystery of what God is doing when we worship him. Whichever Mass you choose, participate with everything you are and learn about and enter into the mystery of Christ's sacrificial offering of calvary, then Mass may become more stimulating for you.

*Part two - Our Church at Prayer: ABOVE AND BEYOND will be in the November issue*

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## Holy Ghost Fathers Mini Reunion



Father Brian Carey, Father Jim Delany and Father Tom McCathy

Father Brian and Father Jim attended the same high school in Dublin  
Father Jim and Father Tom were in the seminary at the same time  
Father Jim was ordained in 1954, Father Tom in 1955  
and Father Brian in 1958

## Beautiful People

by George Olin Middleton

money to take us to the boardwalk so we could enjoy the rides and the games.

I have written about the presence of St. Jude in my mother's life. Now I want to write about a few of the beautiful people St. Jude placed in Mother's path to make her journey through life just a little bit easier.

This annual event stands out in my mind among the happier memories of my childhood.

There was Aunt Marie. Her nephew was married to Mother's sister, but she was not actually related to us. Aunt Marie was very wealthy. Her wealth was just a happy circumstance that enabled her to do a great deal of good for a great many people.

There was the gentleman who rented a room from a relative of my mother. He was the manager of a large shoe store in downtown Jacksonville. He also knew Mother's circumstances. Each year before school started he contacted Mother and told her to bring her children to his store so that he could give us new school shoes.

Aunt Marie is the only person I have ever known who had no need to spend even so little as one hour in Purgatory. The Pearly Gates must have been wide open as she approached. Aunt Marie knew that Mother was struggling to raise five children without the support of her husband. She knew that there were no frills -- no extras in our lives.

There were the two sisters who were teachers at a local high school. They stopped by our house every Friday on their way home from school and gave Mother lunch money for us children for the coming week.

Once each summer when we were young, Aunt Marie had her cook pack a picnic basket and freeze a chum of home-made ice cream. She sent her chauffeur with her car to take Mother and her children to the beach for an all day outing. The chauffeur was given

There was the woman who paid to send me to a summer camp her priest was organizing, because she knew that I would not have had the opportunity otherwise.

There was the lady who often gave me money to take my sister to the children's matinee at the Florida Theater on Saturday morning and to buy a candy bar to munch on during the movie.

There were many other wonderful people Mother encountered who made her burden just a little bit lighter.

## My Friend Martha Shea

by Eileen Porter

Our dear friend Martha Shea passed away in June, and she was ready to meet the Lord. Some of her last words were "I'm going to see the Lord and Jerry." However it was hard for her loving family and friends to say goodbye. Martha was a valued member of our church community and her greatest joy was in helping others.

Martha was one of the original volunteers at the "We Care Clinic." She was also a dedicated member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and worked in the rectory office, as well as participating in many other parish activities.

An accomplished ceramist, Martha gave a great number of her artworks to different charitable organizations to raffle off at their Fund Raisers. The pitcher and basin used at the Holy Thursday foot washing was made by Martha and donated to the church. Many other friends also received beautiful ceramic pieces from Martha.

Martha was honest and had strong opinions which she did not hesitate to offer when she felt the occasion warranted them.

She would have been pleased with her memorial service, held at Christ the King Church June thirteenth, with hundreds of people attending. The Mass was con-celebrated by her three favorite priests, our Pastor Father Thanh Nguyen, our former Pastor Monsignor Danaher and her good friend, former Navy Chaplain, Monsignor James Mennis. Dr. Bernie Sans and the choir presented her favorite hymns, and the Scriptural Readings and presentation of the gifts were done by family members.

Martha's devoted daughter and primary care giver, Peggy Frankel delivered a beautiful and moving eulogy.

May you rest in peace Martha, we all miss you.



## Ray Walker Named Faithful Servant

Ray Walker recently received the 2003 Faithful Servant Award from Prisoners of Christ for his Christian service to Jacksonville.

by Brother Ken Cooper

"Ray Walker's life and work epitomizes faith in action," said Wesley Paxon, president of Prisoners of Christ which honored Walker at its annual Crime Prevention Prayer Breakfast on June 30. He now joins past recipients Ander Crenshaw, Mack Crenshaw, W.W. Gay, Dan Jones, Doug Milne and the Most Reverend John J. Snyder. "No one has been more faithful than Ray Walker in making this faith ministry work. "Paxson added as he thanked Mr. Walker for

through Prisoners of Christ does not really do justice to the man or the award he received. Ray Walker received the award because he serves his community in a personal way. He serves faithfully his family, his Church and his friends. But his "work" does not stop there. He serves his neighbors wherever he finds them hurting. Whether he reaches out to them with the love of Christ across his backyard fence, in their living room, or beside a hospital bed, he serves faithfully. Time and again like clockwork.

So when his "work" on earth is finally done, the heavenly host of angels who have helped him do his ministry here below will surely hear God say, "Well done Ray Walker, my good and faithful servant; enter



Ray Walker receives the Faithful Servants Award from Dan Palmer, Executive Director of the Prisoners of Christ while the board members of POC are grouped together in the background.

## Shirley David Remembered



by Eileen Porter

Newcomers to Christ The King often ask "who was Shirley David?" Here is the answer - Shirley David and her husband Fred were early members of Christ The King.

Shirley was one of the first group of twelve people installed as Eucharistic Ministers by Bishop Paul Tanner and Monsignor John Lenihan in March of 1975.

Shirley was active in many ministries and was president of

Christ The King Guild, which was the original name of CKCCW during the years 1970 through 1972. She and Fred were the parents of two children, Fred Jr., and Lisa.

Sadly Shirley died at the age of 48 in 1975. Her untimely death was a great loss to her loving family as well as to Christ The King parish.

As a memorial to honor Shirley's life, the David family proposed funds to renovate the existing church hall which is named in her honor.

Certainly it has been a fitting memorial since it is used almost daily. There have been hundreds of events held in the Shirley David Hall and all the members of Christ The King are grateful to the David family for their

being one of the founding fathers of the crime prevention program that has become a model for faith-based post prison re-entry services ("half-way houses") throughout Florida and across America.

Indeed, Ray Walker was faithful even before the faith work called Prisoners of Christ was founded. He helped pray the vision into existence. He formed the first prayer and advocacy group of ten members in 1989, a year before the ministry officially organized and opened its doors to men coming out of prison. His group has proven to be just as faithful as he is. Some of its members dropped out through the years, but its prayer and financial support continue to this day.

But telling the history of his leadership in developing a crime prevention service in Jacksonville

into my kingdom for you have helped my kingdom come on earth."

Faithful Servant Award for Devoted Service in the Cause of Christ Past recipients include:

Dan Jones - 2000, W.W. Gay - 2000, The Most Reverend John J. Snyder - 2001, The Diocese of St. Augustine - 2001, Congressman Ander Crenshaw - 2002 (U.S. House of Representatives), The Honorable McCarthy Crenshaw - 2002 (Circuit Court Judge) Douglas J. Milne - 2002 (President, the Milne Companies)

"He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10.



Fred David, Fred Jr., and Lisa, Monsignor John Lenihan, Monsignor Shashy, and Audrey Alexander at the dedication of the Shirley David Hall.

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## My Experience at Camp Risk

by Amanda Nichols

Going to Camp Risk was the best thing I did all summer. I had fun, I met new friends, and I wasn't bored at all. The entire day was filled with a lot of fun activities and things to do. We did sports that



you've never heard of and we did arts and crafts. We always had morning and evening prayers everyday. We also had morning and evening sessions each day.

During the morning sessions the head counselors either told us stories or their discussion focused on the theme for that day. That was very relaxing and calming. We sang a lot of songs during those times and we learned new songs. I had a great time singing all the songs. (That is probably a first for me!)

Carla Ludwig, Rebecca Yount, Matthew Klinkenberg, Jacob Plotz, Augustin D'Orozio, and Patrick Driscoll went to Camp Risk the first week with me. We all had a great time together.

Everybody at camp was placed in a color group. We had eight groups and we did most of our things in our color groups. At night on the first day we had a balloon hunt. Rules: The balloon hunt was when all the color teams went out and tried to find as many balloons as they could. Each balloon had it's own value. The more balloons you found the more points you got. All the balloons were filled with water. So we had to make sure we didn't pop any. At the end they told you what place you came in (1-8). Our team (purple) came in fifth place.

Our counselor was Adam Kersh. He was a great counselor. All the people I named before, and we were all placed in different color groups. It was okay because we got to meet new people and got to know the people in our own color groups. We ate breakfast, lunch and dinner with our color groups and then when it came time for sports we were with our color groups along with three of the other color groups.

I was very proud of myself for actually playing the sports because usually I'm the one that is sitting out and just watching. I'm not very good at sports at all. They told us



that we had to participate in everything so that is why I did play them, but I'm glad they made us participate because it built up my courage to just go out there and have fun. You don't need to be good, you just need to play your hardest and have a great time.

Camp Risk builds up your self-esteem and helps you grow as a person. It helps you get to know God more and bring Him more into your life. It helps you deal with stress, family, friends, and a lot more. The counselors gave talks everyday about the theme for that day. We had a different theme everyday. The theme for the first day was acceptance no exceptions. Then, another theme was community. I'm not going to say any more because I don't want to spoil it for any of the other people that haven't been there.

Like I said before, stress was one of the things they helped you with. That was the one that scared me the most. They played a trick on us that put us in a stressful position.

That trick was that they said there were lice all over camp. So they checked all of the camper's hair to see if we had lice. There were about five people in front of



me and they didn't have it. Of course, when it came to me they just had to say I had lice. I was so embarrassed to be the first one. I was relieved when the next person after me had it too. After they had gone through everyone's hair they told us it was a joke. I was about to die. I was going crazy because I had never had lice in my life and I was relieved that I didn't have it. That really put me in a stressful position. That is a memory I will never forget.

I admit I was a little afraid to go to Camp Risk at first. I was afraid that no one would like me, or that I wouldn't fit in. Then, when I got there I did meet some people and they were really nice. I also did fit in and I got along with all the people there.

Going to Camp Risk was a great experience. It built up my confidence and my ability to play sports as well as built up my ability to just go out and meet new people. I've been really shy about that lately. I don't think I'm shy any more. I did meet a lot of great people and I'm very glad that I wasn't shy. I'm very glad that I went to Camp Risk and if you haven't gone I do think you should because you will like it a lot. It was a great experience for everybody that went. I will be going back next year because of the fun I had this year. I loved Camp Risk!

## TEE-DEE'S GARAGE GEM.....

Ercelia Rose Ernazack

If you want to learn about the early history of Christ the King Parish and the surrounding area one of the most interesting people to speak to is Salvatore Bartolotta who at one time had a parish envelope with the low number of 25.

Mr. Bartolotta first came to Jacksonville from Connecticut in September of 1942 as a guest of the United States Army and he was stationed at Camp Blanding. His fiancée, Marie joined him after he had completed basic training and they were married at Camp Blanding. When he was discharged in 1946 he and his wife decided to make Jacksonville their home. Sal and Marie attended Assumption Parish as Christ the King had not as yet been built. Assumption Church at that time was located on Gary Street before it moved to its present home on Atlantic Boulevard. Mr. Bartolotta said that where Assumption Parish now stands there used to be a textile factory that employed quite a few people.

In 1946 Sal and Marie bought their first house which was in the Southside Estates development. It was here they raised their three children, Peggy, Vickie, and David. Peggy today is a member of our parish, while Vickie lives in St. Petersburg, and David lives in San Francisco and plays in the Symphony Orchestra.

As a matter of fact all three of his children attended Christ the King School and his wife, Marie would substitute as a teacher in the school when needed.

Sal Bartolotta was a good mechanic and so he and his friend, Don decided to go into business together operating a garage. It was to be called TEE-DEE, which was a combination of both their names. Sal's nickname was Tot. The other gentleman left the business after a short time but the name TEE-DEE remained. Sal says even today that many people still only know him as TD. The garage was located on the corner of Atlantic and Southside Boulevards and, for those who remember, it was adjacent to Crews Grocery Store.

It was not long after that Christ the King Parish was born. Its first pastor as many of you know was Father Thomas Larkin, now Bishop Larkin. Sal, along with everyone who ever knew him, spoke very highly of Father Larkin. He said that he was the most humble man he had ever met and only good words ever fell from his lips. Sal also mentioned Father Larkin's sister, Clarice, and his mother whom he described as a "saint."

If there were any problems with Father Larkin's car, it would go to TEE-DEE'S Garage where it

would be restored to its proper working order. If Father's car broke down on the road or a tire went flat, Sal would be there to fix it as he considered it a privilege to be of service to this holy man.

Those of you who were fortunate to be around then might also remember it was TD who worked on Cy Kothman's Thunderbird and on Father Terry Morgan's family cars as well.

While walking down Memory Lane, Sal also recalled that the Southside Catholic Bowling League was another project some of the founding parishioners such as Maggie Damato and Sal along with a group from Blessed Trinity were responsible for starting in this area.

There are many facets to this interesting gentleman and not the least is that he was one of the



organizers of the Volunteer Fire Department in Southside Estates in 1949. It should come as no surprise to learn that his job was to take care of their lone fire truck. This station was responsible for any fire that would occur in Glynlea, Holiday Hill, or Southside Estates. A member of the downtown fire department trained the volunteers and they would hold official meetings at Patti's on Beach Boulevard, a famed local restaurant. Donations to maintain the fire department were set at \$6.00 a year. This was just enough for Sal to keep the truck in good repair. TD would never let them down.

It would not be possible to close this piece without mentioning that Mr. Salvatore Bartolotta, (TD) has passed his 82nd birthday and is still going strong. Every few week he still makes a trip down to the Blood Bank on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Since 1978 he has given 42 gallons, not pints, but gallons of blood.

We salute you Salvatore Bartolotta for being truly a red blooded American and one of the true pioneers of the Christ the King family.

# Father Roe Fisher Celebrates First Anniversary

by Mary Ann Sullivan

In May, Father Roe celebrated his first anniversary as a priest. Father Roe's evening Mass on May 18 commemorated one year with his Christ the King family.

The Mass began with a beautiful vocal rendition of "How Great Thou Art," performed by Clementine Hightower- Holt. Following the entrance song, the Damali Dancers approached the altar with great reverence and performed an interpretative dance paying homage to our Savior. During the homily, Father Roe, recalled memories of his vocational quest which started years ago in Wisconsin. It would be years later, that he would return to Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin to take his final steps toward priesthood.

During the preparation of the gifts, Clementine Hightower-Holt sang "Amazing Grace." At Communion, a sweet young lady, Moledia Bennett, sang "I Love the Lord." Music for LIFE also aided in this special celebration of Father Roe's first year anniversary.

Later in May, friends of Father Roe gathered to continue the celebration. Sam and Jan Clements were gracious in opening their home for this special occasion. A wonderful (and delicious) barbeque was provided and all enjoyed the feast and fellowship.

Father Roe, thank you for taking that step in faith. Thank you for all that you have done over the past year. May you be with your Christ the King family for many years to come. Happy Anniversary!



Clementine Hightower-Holt singing "How Great Thou Art"



Two of the Damali Dancers



Father Roe celebrating his first anniversary as a priest.



Father Roe's philosophy of life!



L-R: Sam Clements, Jan Clements, Father Roe, Donna & Lance Simons, & Mark & Laurie Plotz  
Laughing over Sam's conversation on the phone or just having fun?



Father Tony Palazzolo clowning around with Father Roe at reception.

## Clementine Hightower Holt

Clementine Hightower Holt is the daughter of Annie Bell Hightower and the late Bishop Nick Hightower. Clementine is married to Edward Lee Holt and is the mother of three: Ted, Chris and Taryn. She is a proud Grandmother of three beautiful girls, Morgan Brumfield, Tyra and Tamera Clinton.

She finished High School at Northwestern Sr. High here in Jacksonville, Florida. She attended college at Florida A & M University and Bethune Cookman College, majoring in Music/Voice. During her time at both colleges, she was an outstanding 'leading soprano soloist'.

After college she taught music at a junior high school in Newark, N.J. During this time she appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour and was a three-time winner. She also had a chance to audition at the Radio City Music Hall in New York City as a leading soprano.

Clementine is a concert artist and has sung throughout the states of Florida, Georgia, and even in the North. She often sings and records with her sisters and they are known as *The Hightower Sisters*. Her brother, Wincell Hightower, produces their music. She is a member of the Mount Moriah House of God Saints in Christ Church located on A. Philip Randolph Boulevard. Her pastor is Bishop L. Moore, Presiding Prelate of the House of God Saints in Christ, Inc. (Founder, Bishop Nick Hightower)

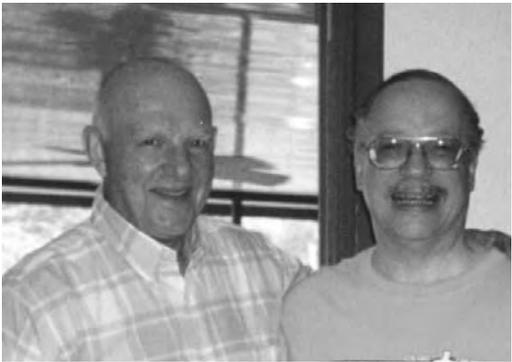
Clementine always believes if you speak it, it will come to pass. She always tells her family members whenever things are not going right everything is going to be alright and for them not to look to the left or to the right but just stay focused on God and pray.



Jean Sell & Lee Callahan in line for the delicious food provided by our hosts, Jan & Sam Clements



Rene Zecchin (photographer extraordinaire) and Father Roe



Al Martin and Father Roe celebrating Fr. Roe's First Anniversary



Jane & Olin Middleton enjoying the afternoon with Father Roe

## Damali Dancers

### Diocesan Liturgical Dancers

*Damali* means beautiful vision in the East African language of Swahili. Swahili is spoken across more of Africa than any other language. It is the language of about 45 million people in East Africa.

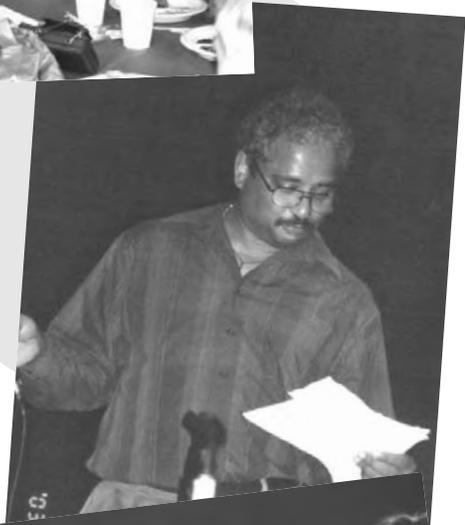
The Diocesan Liturgical Dancers were formed in 1997, to bring the Word of God, through song and dance to the church, in the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine. After seeing the beauty of liturgical dancing at a Catholic Young Conference, and witnessing the spiritual high that the youth, the adults, priests and bishops experienced through the liturgical expressions performed by the dancers, Ella Simmons director of the office of Black and Indian Ministries wanted Catholics in the Diocese of St. Augustine to share in the spiritual, holy and wonderful way of praises to God.

The Diocese of St. Augustine has two Diocesan liturgical Dance Groups. The junior Damali Dancers are based at Crucifixion Catholic Church and the senior dancers are based at St. Pius V. Catholic Church. Damali has performed at local, state, and national events. For further information, call Ella Simmons at 854-8205.



Father Roe with Helen and Bill Damato  
What a fantastic day!

# TIME AND TALENT MINISTRY DINNER





# CHRIST THE KING MINISTRIES

## LITURGY

### Altar Server Ministry

Interested youth 5th grade or older and who have received First Holy Communion. Once trained, they are entered into a rotating schedule for the Masses. Contact Page Peeler, 724-4849.

### "Extraordinary"

#### Eucharistic Ministers

As an "Extraordinary" minister of the Eucharist during the Mass you would be asked to join the priest at the altar, partake in communion and help the priest distribute communion to the congregation. Candidates are chosen by the Pastor as recommended by the priests and staff members of the parish. Kathy and Richard Daniels, coordinators, 743-9441.

### Visitation of the Sick

"Extraordinary" ministers bring the Eucharist to the homebound or hospitalized. John Porter, 721-0489.

### Gift Bearers

Families, Individuals or Parish Ministries who want to bring the gifts to the altar during Mass, call Judy Zeater, 992-9591.

### Lector Ministry

A Lector does the readings and the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. If you would like to be a reader, call Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617.

### Music Ministry

Any individual who has a talent with music or can play an instrument or just interested in the Singing Choir, Handbell Choir, Funeral Choir, or being a Cantor for Mass, call Bernie, 724-0080.

### Sacristans

We help prepare for the celebration of Mass. For more information on how you can be a Sacristan, call Nick Debs, 744-8749.

## HOSPITALITY

### Mass Greeters

Welcome all who come to Mass. This team may offer the only contact many parishioners have in our faith community. Great opportunity for adults and families. Contact the chief usher at the Mass you are attending for more information.

### Ushers

Men and women who commit to attend the same Mass every week. They are requested to wear a navy blue jacket and to assist the celebrant as needed. Howard Sell, 744-5937.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Altar Society

Individuals who care for the vessels, vestments and linens used in the Liturgies. Debbie Scobie, 723-3977.

### Art & Environment Planning Committee

Decorating the church and Gathering Area, during different seasons of the Church. Contact Terri Vogelsang, 744-6310, for information on how you can help.

### Beautification Committee

Individuals and families who want to beautify the church grounds. Meet the third Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon, in the church parking lot by the fountain. Come join us in beautifying His yard. Robin Allison 641-2318

### Religious Articles Gift Shop

Volunteers staff the gift shop before and after Sunday Masses. Maureen McCook, 642-2725.

### Sunday Childcare For 10:00 a.m. Mass

Christ the King Childcare for your 1-4-year-old child in the Child Care Center. Free of charge. Care is provided by parents and those students (13+) who wish to obtain service hours. Must be willing to be fingerprinted. Call Monica Laborde at 743-9162 to help or for more information.

## PRAYER MINISTRIES

### Daily Adoration

We need people who are willing to sign up for one hour a week so that someone is praying all during the day. Adoration is in the Sacred Heart Chapel, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Call Claretta Lamusa, 743-9998.

### Nocturnal Adoration

Held on the first Friday of each month from 10 p.m.-6 a.m. There are eight groups who rotate their hour each month. If you would like to join us in this prayer ministry, call Paul Ghiotto, 727-5040.

### Prayer Network

One of our most rewarding ministries - praying for others in need - spiritual, health related, and other. Call Peggy Mills, 646-9417.

## ORGANIZATIONS

### Christ the King Council of Catholic Women (CKCCW)

Our board meets monthly, September-June, to guide our eight circles who meet at various times during the month. Our General meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We welcome new members. Patrice Pruitt 645-6132

### Widow/Widowers Support

For those who have lost loved ones. For information contact Isabelle Fusco, 724-5186 or read your bulletin for the next meeting date, place, and time.

### The Legion of Mary

Men and women who offer their services to their pastor, to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. Members may be active or auxiliary (praying). Weekly meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Michael Mackin, 744-6659.

### M.O.M.S. Ministry

Ministry of Mothers Sharing, is designed to encourage prayer, discussions, and friendships among women of all ages. Donna Iglesias, 725-0680.

### Queens and Kings (age 50+)

Our lively senior citizens socialize on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30-4 p.m., September through June. Do come to enjoy! Call William Campbell, 724-3777.

### Respect Life

We are a ministry wishing to make a difference in people's lives by supporting the Saint Gerard House, Project Rachel, Respect Life Pilgrimage and the Diocesan Respect Life Program. Sign up at the Time and Talent Fair in November, or contact Mike Maroney, 743-9227.

### Christ the King Courier

Interested in publishing a newspaper? We need desktop publishers, typists proofreaders, reporters, photographers, etc. We meet Wednesdays in the rectory at 7 p.m. Judy, 724-0080.

### Single & Single Again

Social/Informational program for single adults and divorced adults. We meet on Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the Shirley David Hall. Call Marlene at 744-2641.

### Sponsor Couples

Married couples needed to help engaged couples discern if marriage is for them. Jim and Mary Ann Middleton, 743-3953, for further information.

## STEWARDSHIP PARISH COUNCIL & FINANCES COUNCIL

### Stewardship Committee

A committee appointed by the pastor, under the direction of Pat Thomas, stewardship director, oversees the Time, Talent and Treasure (TTT) program. Call Pat Thomas, 724-0080 regarding questions.

## Finance Committee

Thirteen member committee selected by the pastor. Their work on the council should be considered a ministry with a commitment to stewardship. Contact Father Thanh Thai Nguyen.

## Parish Council

The Parish Council is a consultative body that the pastor can pray and reflect with, and ask for assistance to guide in the overall care/ministry of the Parish and the enhancement of its mission. Meetings are the first Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Call Mike Mackin, 744-6659. It is made up of representatives (President, Chairperson or Facilitator) from each ministry in the Parish, as well as representatives from the Finance Council, Christ the King School, Christ the King Daycare, Athletic Association, Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, Sponsor Couples, and Wedding Coordinator. Elections are held every two years to elect a President, vice-president, secretary-recording, and secretary-clerical from the body of representatives.

## ST. VINCENT dePAUL PROGRAMS

### Vincentians

We were founded by people who care about the problems of those around them. We care and would like you to share the care with us. For information on how to become a Vincentian, call 807-7233, ext #1, and leave a message.

### St Vincent de Paul

#### Emergency Assistance

We need volunteers to work in the St. Vincent de Paul office in the rectory, providing referrals, and assisting people who need immediate help. Hours are from 10 a.m.- noon, Monday through Friday, call 724-8442.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADULTS

### Adult Education Committee

Committee to develop and implement an Adult Education program for the parish. Program sessions are held twice a year before Faith Sharing Small Groups begin and are meant to enhance faith sharing. Call Betty Wheeler, 724-9662.

### Faith Sharing Small Groups

Small groups of people meeting in private homes to discuss the Sunday readings, Scripture and current events that effect our Catholic faith.. Contact Alick Hardie, 745-5971.

### R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Preparing people to enter the Catholic Church through an inquiry and catechetical process. Call James Scott, 642-0059.

### Emmaus

Young adults (18-39) coming together in fellowship and to learn more about their faith. Call Jenifer Little, 398-0978.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YOUTH

### Religious Education for Students

Opportunity for students grades 1-8 to learn/experience the Catholic faith with others in their age group. Sessions held August-May in the school on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. Sunday Mass attendance required. Certified teachers are always welcome to apply, and volunteers are needed on a regular basis. Call Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m., 708-7416 or Lucille Guzzone, 724-9617.

### Vacation Bible School

A week long summer program (usually in July) for children ages 4-11 years to help deepen their faith and involvement in the Christian community. Fun for everyone. Call Betty Wheeler, 724-9662, for information.

## PRE-TEEN PROGRAM

### The Edge

This youth program is designed to minister to boys and girls 6-8 grades of all faiths from uniquely Catholic base. Call Nancy Powers, 398-1961.

## TEEN PROGRAM

### Teen Stewardship

Teens share their Time, Talent, and Treasure with their parish, call Laurie Plotz, 725-9015.

## LIFE TEEN PROGRAMS

### LIFE TEEN

Youth ministry program with a strong focus on the Eucharist. Meet Sunday for Mass (usually at 5:00 p.m.) and LIFE Night (fellowship) afterwards. Call Nancy, 398-1961.

### LIFE TEEN - Core Team & LIFE Goes On

Over 18, have a love for teens, and are not currently a parent of a teen? Call Nancy Powers, 398-1961, for more information on meeting times.

### LIFE Support

Any adults, parents, relatives, neighbors, etc. interested in supporting the LIFE TEEN program. Membership is open to all. Activities are creative, fun, exciting, and diverse, call Mollie O'Neill, 997-6871.

### Music for LIFE

Any adult with advance musical skills who is willing to help put teens faith, feeling and thoughts about God into words through song and praise. Call Phil Militante, 398-1961.

## CHILD CARE

### Child Care Center

Adults wanting to share their talents in three different subcommittees: educational, plant facilities, and fund raising, contact Theresa Little, 724-7239.

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

### Christ the King Catholic School

Grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. The principal is Janet Morton. The school has many needs for volunteers on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. The school seeks assistance in the office, cafeteria, library, and clinic. Volunteers are needed as board members and business partners, room mothers, and speakers. Help with the yearly golf tournament is also needed, call 724-2954.

## SCOUTING PROGRAMS

### Boy Scouts

Troop 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church. Boys 6-12th grade. Meet Tuesdays, 7 p.m., in the Scout Hut, call Fred Gardner, 720-0297

### Catholic Scouting Committee

Adult individuals interested in providing youth ministry through the scouting program. Meets four times a year; organizes and implements "Catholic Camporee" for all Scouts once a year; attend spring awards ceremony. Training provided, call Donna, 641-0698.

### Cub Scouts

Pack 5 sponsored by Christ the King Church. Boys in grades 1 - 5. Dens meet weekly in the Scout Hut, call John Nolen, 744-6573.

### Girl Scouts

Girls of different age levels that meet weekly or bi-weekly in one of the church halls after school or in the evenings, call Nancy D'Antoni, 745-9652.

## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

### Advent Tree

A program that puts smiles on faces of people at Christmas. Those who share time and talent in this ministry help put up the Advent Tree with special paper ornaments. Parishioners choose ornaments to take home, purchase the gift, and return the ornament with the gift attached to it. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the gifts to nursing homes, orphanages, etc. call Trudy Cameron, 724-0511.

## Habitax - Habitat for Humanity

Forms partnerships between those in need and those who are willing to put their faith into action by donating their time, talent, and treasure to construct new homes, call Bill Damato, 744-5164.

## I.M. Sulzbacher

Individuals who give two hours of their time to 400-500 men, women and children the third Tuesday of each month by saying grace, serving dinner, and cleaning up the kitchen, call Bill Iglesias, Jr., 828-3586 or Ann Franklin, 745-0627.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

### Blood Drive

Twice a year Christ the King Church, along with the Florida Georgia Blood Alliance, holds a blood drive, call Karlene Simmons, 642-8319.

### Christ the King Clinic

Staffed by doctors, registered nurses, and ancillary support people. They donate their services the fourth Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., call Willie Blaquiere, 744-5447.

### Parish Nurse Ministry

Nurses who belong to Christ the King Parish willing to volunteer their time and talent to support the ministry of health within the parish, call Barbara, 724-1776.

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

### Christ the King Athletic Association (CKAA)

Serves children (ages 5-12, boys; 5-15, girls) who believe that youth athletics provide valuable lessons in citizenship/teamwork. Also, if you would like to contribute toward the cost associated with registering a child for a C.K.A.A. sport, call Mike Klima, 726-5502.

### Cursillo

A Renewal movement of individuals in the Church who want to deepen their faith and enhance their walk with Christ, call Carl Ludwig, 724 - 8485.

### K' Ceas

Organization of Catholic Women, an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 4727. They help/support the Knights. Meetings are in the Knights of Columbus Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. Call Laura Morris, 220-7671 for information.

### Knights of Columbus

Organization of Catholic men and their families dedicated to promoting concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If you are a practicing Catholic man, at least 18 yrs. old, and interested in fellowship with people who share the same beliefs, call Mike Yarborough, 724-8983.

### L' Arche Harbor House

Mutual ministry with members and assistants, building community support and awareness to the needs and gifts of the disabled members of the L' Arche Harbor House family, call Patrick Mayhew, 721-5992.

## OFFICE / RECTORY

### Rectory Office Volunteers

Adults willing to volunteer a morning/afternoon/all day Monday thru Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.. Different positions available: receptionist, clerical, computer operator. Call the Rectory at 724-0080 for more information.

## PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

### Pre Cana/ Engaged Encounter

For information on upcoming workshops and weekends, call 308-7474.

### Marriage Encounter

A program designed to teach married couples how to better communicate, to strengthen and support Christian marriage. Contact Emilo and Theresa Gonzalez-Chavez, 721-0012.

# Vacation Bible School

by Betty Wheeler

Who was the most courageous for God? Of course, it was His Son, Jesus! In Vacation Bible School (VBS) we also learned about how Moses, Rahab, Samson, and David did what God wanted even when it was very hard for them. And about 120 students gave a week of their summer vacation to learn, pray, and play together to show that they love God, too.

The group consisting of Pre-K through sixth grade convened July 7 - through 11, beginning the day with songs, then the Bible lesson, followed by crafts, P.E. and snack time. The week ended with a prayer service in the church led by Father Roe. A representative group got up early Sunday morning to sing some of their songs at the 8:30am Mass.

Bravo to our volunteer teachers and adult helpers. Ann Medlock had the precious Pre-K's; Wanda Martin, Kindergarten; Paula Dodge, 1<sup>st</sup> grade; Linda Wheeler, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Rita Wendel, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Yolanda Cerqueira, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and

Carla Chin 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The adult helpers and subs were Pat Cronin, Sandy Hill, Patrice Pruitt, Ann Fewell, and Patty Ridenhour.

The arts and crafts were well-managed by Lisa Joost, Sonya Yates and Natalie D'Orazio. Suzette Gagnon led us in song with her guitar and Kate Asher organized the P.E. activities. The delicious snacks were prepared by Nikki Wallace and Mireilee Butler. Then there was Al Martin who came very early to open up and get the equipment ready, stayed late to clean up, and hustled everywhere in between.

Of course the whole program would have fallen flat without the help of all our teen volunteers. They put heart and soul into helping the little ones and did much of the labor and leg work. The kids loved having them around.

Once again, all the spiritual people of our great parish came together eagerly to successfully carry out the ministry of Vacation Bible School.



Baby Moses and Samson project

## Clergy, Religious, and Sisters Appreciation Night

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Assembly 0152 celebrated a night of appreciation to honor the clergy, religious and sisters on Thursday, May 1 at Christ the King Church Hall. Deacon Dave MacNamara, Master of Ceremonies, invited the various priests, religious and sisters in attendance to speak about their various orders. Door prizes and raffle prizes, made possible by generous donations, were awarded. Four hundred dollars was realized from these efforts and will be presented to the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund and the Sisters Emergency Fund.



Head table (l-r):

Supreme Trustee and Past State Deputy of the State of Florida Knights of Columbus, Dennis J. Stoddard and his wife Linda, Program Chairman, Past Navigator and Color Corps Commander, Al Martin, Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Father Thanh Nguyen, and Master of Ceremonies, Deacon David MacNamara, and wife Mary (both not shown).

## What I Liked about Vacation Bible School



**Victoria Shami** (6<sup>th</sup>): The songs we sang were fun and so were the Bible lessons Mrs. Chin taught. I thought the "Samson" we made with his grass hair was neat.

**Becca Jones** (2<sup>nd</sup>): Physical Education (PE) was the best. We played *Devils and Angels* and *Flag Tag*.

**Micaela Donohue** (5<sup>th</sup>): It was good to be with my friends and the teachers were nice. I enjoyed all the activities.

**Peter House** (3<sup>rd</sup>): Scooter Ball in P.E. was fun! And I liked the pizza we had on Friday.

**Rosalyn Davis** (1<sup>st</sup>): I loved to sing the songs Mrs. Gagnon taught us.

**Stephanie Joost** (4<sup>th</sup>): VBS really touched my heart because I learned a lot about people in the Bible. I also had fun making the shell cross in crafts.

**Anthony Renner** (K): I liked the stories about David and Goliath and Samson that I learned in my class. Then I liked the songs we sang and the games we played in P.E.

**Veronica Jones** (5<sup>th</sup>): The arts and crafts were fun, especially making the shell crosses. There were yummy snacks like ice cream, "dirt" pudding, and pizza.

**Tyler Chin** (Pre-K): I liked to play in the gym. The helper we had in our class was really nice to me. Her name was Michelle Medlock.

**Michael Pruitt** (K): It's hard to say what I liked best because I liked everything!. The story of Moses was my favorite. I liked to sit in the choir loft at Sunday Mass and sing our songs for my family.

**Brooke Asher** (4<sup>th</sup>): I had fun with my friends. The best art projects were the cross necklace and the shell cross.

**Austin Asher** (3<sup>rd</sup>): P.E. was the best part of the day. The bead necklace I made came out good, and I liked the ice cream sundae for a snack.



The food was great (l-r):

Father Roe Fisher, Father Dung Bui, Father James Boddie and Father Edward Booth



Certificates of Merit:

While our Father Thanh Nguyen looks on, Past Navigator Al Martin presented Ms. Lan Snelgrove and Student Britney Burnes with Certificates of Merit from the Ponce de Leon Fourth Degree Assembly 0152 for their contributions of service.

# Beautification



by Frank Becht

Not much has been recorded about this ministry but it has existed from the beginning of the Christ the King parish. In the first Church history publications covering the years of 1954 -1964, acknowledgment was made of the Landscape Committee as one of the active parish societies; there was no mention of the people involved. There is little doubt that committees existed in order to keep the grounds in good shape in a growing Parish.

We do know that a beautification committee was formed by Monsignor Mortimer Danaher when the new church building was completed in 1980. At that time, the need for extensive landscaping and beautification was necessary to finalize the tremendous changes in the parish grounds. In 1985, Barbara Saar moved into the parish from San Jose Catholic where she and her whole family had been involved in beautification.

In 1992, as result of a Home and School Council meeting, Barbara Saar and Al Beck took on the job of sprucing up and cleaning up the grounds. Although she was actively involved for several years in beautification, it was not until May 1999 that Barbara was listed in the parish Bulletin as being the Director. During this time numerous people assisted her in the tremendous beautification job including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. On the big projects, Barbara relates, the Parish always seemed to turn out in large numbers.

Barbara was a doer and found being a boss not to her liking. In November 1999, Terry Riggs who had been assisting agreed to become the Beautification Director. Bob Rhoden was an active assistant with Barbara continuing. For two years, this combo worked well until Terry Riggs left the Parish. Again, Barbara took the leadership.

By this time another person had become actively involved, Robin Allison. It was then that Barbara felt it was time for her to leave. An active partnership of Mike Conrad,

Bob Rhoden and Robin resulted in the year of 2000. Robin Allison was named Director in January 2003.

### Our New Director

Our new director has a very interesting background. She's new to the Parish, having been enrolled in RCIA during Father Brian Carey's final year as the Director of RCIA. Courier staff member Claretta Lamusga was her sponsor. Robin in turn has sponsored two other RCIA members, Marlese Bordman and Shana Dillenger.

She became a full-fledged Catholic and has become very involved in the Parish as Beautification Director and as a member of the Courier staff. She has two children; a 22 year old son, Christopher, attending college in Houston and daughter, Ashley, age 12, a seventh grader at Christ the King. Robin is also involved in her very responsible job as a certified medical coder with the firm of Martin Gottlieb and Associates where she has worked since 1996.

While working with Barbara Saar, she developed a concept that has worked well and is continuing today, "adopt a spot." Volunteers are assigned a spot of the Parish premises which they are responsible for maintaining. This seems to promote a bit of competition and special interest in doing a good job.

The "adopt a spot" program is in need of additional workers to be able to provide attention to the needed areas. If you have any interest in landscaping or beautification of the Church grounds, please call Robin @ 641-2318. She can use your help.

Special thanks to the Christ the King Beautification Committee are in order, especially, Barbara Saar and Robin Allison. Barbara Saar paid a special tribute to Robin in describing her as a hard worker and a "take charge" person. Thank you both and your hard working volunteers.



What a beautiful day for beautification!

Photos clockwise from top left to right

- left: Darlene O'Neil, Robin Allison, Mike Conrad, Bud Stiles, Louie O'Neil.
- right: Bishop Kenny students earning community service hours.
- left: Annette and Megan Mitchell
- right: Mike and Joel Conrad

## CHURCH

by Eileen Porter

The June meeting of the Renovation Committee was especially interesting. Dr. Bernie Sans, chairman of the committee again introduced architect Sister Barbara Cekosh, who is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Committee.

Sister Barbara presented a detailed report on the facilities program for Christ the King Parish. The report included all aspects of the program from worship space, chapels, ancillary space to parking, and landscaping. Included in Sister Barbara's report were suggestions of parishioners who attended the meeting earlier this year. Sister Barbara is well qualified for this project. She has been an architect for thirty years and for the past fifteen years her work has been exclusively with churches.

Some of the renovations are basic, such as replacing an outdated heating and air conditioning system and a new roof. However some of the renovation is necessary because of changes in the celebration of the liturgy in the past several years. The plans include a better flow of circulation to the Altar, better lighting, and provisions for handicap seating throughout the assembly area.

The planning is geared toward making our church a beautiful and comfortable worship space where all parishioners will be able to look at the Altar and witness the miracle of Consecration that takes place each time Mass is celebrated.

Complete copies of Sister Barbara's report are available in the gift shop after Sunday Mass or at the Rectory.

## RENOVATION

# GINNY HILTON WRITING COMPETITION

The Ginny Hilton Award is a writing competition for eighth grade students. Students describe what they want to accomplish in their lives over the next thirty years. The award was established in 2000 at Christ the King School and is named after a Texas journalist whose life was cut short by cancer at the age of 44.

*On the next few pages are some of the eighth grade essays that were submitted this year for the competition.*

## GH39

In life, man revolves around the clock. Every tick is like a hard blow to the chest. But man must rise to the clock, and take its burden. True, the clock can be known as man's worst enemy, for it determines man's last breath, and that time comes like a thief in the night. It is like a thief because you do not know when it will strike or how. All you know is that it will come. But when? For an amazing woman by the name of Ginny Hilton, it was at age 44. Her life was snatched, but before she was taken, she left an unforgettable mark; a standard for you and me to live by in our next 30 years.

In my next 30 years I don't ask for fame, wealth, or power. I would like to say one of the greatest gifts is the gift to be simple. Why work for something your whole life that you can't take to your grave? No Malibu mansion, no ultra-luxurious cars, no seat in government. Rather, I want to be the best I can be. I know that when someone does his or her own personal best they will find favor with God. This is what I want to do. To be simple, humble, meek, and be close with God are the greatest fruits of this earth and our life.

"Give a man a fish and you will feed him dinner. Teach a man to fish, and you will feed him for life." This Chinese proverb states that you can do

one thing as simple as teaching a man to fish and it will result in good.

No matter what you do that is good, someone will appreciate it. It also gives that person control over their own precious life. This is how I want to leave a mark on someone's life. When one person is helped, many benefit in the long run.

In 30 years I hope to fulfill all God's wishes for me and I pray that I may be happy. People are happy when something is done for them. Then, the person who made them happy is also jubilant. I can't exactly see myself in the next three decades, but I want to be molded into the beautiful image God made me to be. I also hope to live a better life than I have and that my children will be closer and live closer to God. Also, I pray that my life will be the life that God adores.

If the doctor said to you, "You have 30 years to live," you would be freaked out. What a scary thought! Or is it? As long as I can stay close to God and leave something worth remembering then really it's not. If I can leave the gifts I have received for someone else to enjoy, I will be in favor with God. God will be happy and the receiver will be happy. In my next 30 years, I want to bring peace and happiness, and that may make a difference.

## GH49

*...think of everything I do as if I would never be able to do it again...*

In the next 30 years of my life what I would want to do is accomplish as much as I can, live each day as my last and try to make an impact on at least one person to help them in any way. Many people leave their marks through their profession, which requires them to help others. To some people their family inspires them each day to do something that touches the life of another. Even being yourself can make a mark of memories that will stay with you and the person you shared it with forever.

Every child has a dream to grow up and become something like a football player or a famous singer; well, my dream is to become a lawyer. I hope that in 30 years I will have my profession and will be able to come in contact with people who might need my help. Whether or not I become a lawyer only God knows. Along my road to wherever it is taking me, other opportunities will open up that could lead me onto a different path, and my dream might not be something I accomplish.

In my next 30 years I hope to have a family and make a mark on each one of their lives. By taking care of them and being the best I can be, my family will remember me for everything I have done. I hope to be a person who my family can rely on when they need help or can come to me for support. I hope to be there for them through thick and thin. I hope to pass onto them the great things that my family has passed down to me.

Most people's lives are pretty active and each day just comes and goes and no one ever thinks anything of it. In my next 30 years I hope to live each day as if it were my last and think of everything I do as if I would never be able to do it again. Make life fun not only for yourself but for others too. Try and make the people around you feel good about themselves; be courteous to people you don't know. The smallest things make the biggest impact. That's what makes people all around the world have a smile on their face.

I hope that in my next 30 years I have left my mark at least on one person, though my profession, my family, or just someone I passed on the street. I don't know that if any of my expectations of how I would want to live my life will come true but this is how I would like to live my life.

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I'm fourteen and most people my age don't think too much about where they're going to be when they are forty-four. I will go from, "Mom, what are we having for dinner?" or "Could you give me a ride to John's house," to, "What should I fix the kids for dinner; tomorrow is pay day." I will be forty-four in thirty years. I, like most people, don't want to fall into the shadows of the past, forgotten; I want to be remembered. I want children that can honestly say, "My father really impacted my life in a positive way and I am truly grateful." I want people to remember me like they remember my grandfather. He was great friends with former Bishop John Snyder. My grandfather was always willing to help out the Catholic Church and the city of Jacksonville whenever they requested his help. His devotion to the church and to the city can only be compared to his devotion to his family. He is my role model for leaving a positive impact on the world.

There are three ways I believe I can make an impact by giving back to the three C's: children, church, and country. I would like to have

children because they are our future. I want to send a hard working, dedicated person who will make a difference into this world. A

*...an endless possibility...*

wise man once said, "White hair is a crown of wisdom." This is true because as a people grow older they accumulate more knowledge and wisdom. I want to pass on the advice given to me by older people. Such as, "Get a good education." I also would like to pass on some of my own advice as I gain more experience and wisdom. Then my children will pass the advice to their children and so on. In that way I will have impacted many generations. Also there is an endless possibility as to what my children might do or my grandchildren or their future generations. One of my children might find a cure for cancer or build a better mousetrap. If I didn't have my kids, then all the chances of one of them doing something magnificent would be gone. Children truly are our future.

The Catholic church has taught me so much during the fourteen years I have been part of. I am

glad that my parents taught me about God. My religion has taught me to put my faith in God, and He will provide. The church has taught

me to follow Jesus's example. From the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John I can sum up what Jesus teaches in one word. Jesus teaches to love. I have been taught to love God and my neighbor. I am so grateful for all that the church has given me, mentally. I want to give back so much of my time and treasure to the Catholic Church. Then people could say that I gave lots of money and time much like my grandfather. Then some people might follow my example just as I am following my grandfather's example.

America is a great country. In my opinion it is one of the best countries to grow up in. With so much opportunity and so much freedom, I am fortunate and grateful that I live in this land. A way that I could make an impact on this great nation would be through philanthropy. Whether it may be building a playground or donating money to a museum. If I do either, I

will have impacted someone. It could be a young child having a good time at the park, or I might have impacted a class of students who came to the local museum to learn about dinosaurs. Men like Ben Franklin, John Adams, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King made this country a great place to live for themselves, for others, and for future generations.

I will have left my mark on the world by having children and bringing them up right, so they will bring up their children right. I might be remembered through giving time and treasure to the church. I will leave an impact on the community by giving money to the museums or help building parks and play grounds. People tend to remember kindness and charity. If I am kind and charitable to the people around me, they might remember me.

Before you are done reading this I want to leave you with the foundation upon which I will leave my impact on the world. It is summed up in an old German proverb. The proverb says, "Avarice hoards itself poor; charity gives itself rich."

**H**ow can I make a difference in this largely populated, vast, and diverse world? There are three ways that I would like to leave my mark on the world; I would like to be a good mother, have a good, strong faith in God, and be a loyal friend. I may not have the highest of expectations for myself, but I will achieve the goals I have set, with the help of family, friends, and teachers. Everyone is unique, and everyone makes a difference.

Good mothers are important to children. Being a good mother is one way I can leave a good mark on the world's future and present also. I believe a good mother is someone who is caring, loving, gentle, supportive, responsible, and is not afraid to discipline her children. Kids who are raised in a good family, with good moral values tend to be successful in life. I know how important a role mothers play in a child's life because I took my mom for granted, and she died and went to heaven when I was just 11 years old. So I just hope that if I become a mother, I will be just like her.

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Over time I have recognized how important it is to have a strong faith in God. In my next 30 years I hope I can say I left a mark on the Church for helping so many people. I would also like to be continuously coming closer and closer to God. God should be the center of our lives, and even if I am not known for anything special, I will still be close to the Lord. When you put your life into the hands of God he will provide you with everything you need. I hope the mark I leave will shout to everyone everything is possible if you have God on your side.

The last way I hope to make an impact in the world is to be a true and loyal friend to as many people as I can. I think that if you can make a difference in someone else's life, not only will you help them, but their life will be the mark you have made on this earth, and that in itself is a fantastic feeling. When you have a relationship with someone you know, if you were upset or troubled, they would be there for you, and if they needed you, you would help them out with anything, this makes life great. Loyal friends just make the troubles of the world so much easier to handle.

Abraham Lincoln was a perfect example of a man who made a huge impact on the world. He was a wise man and president who led us through a war. He was not born into a politically popular family; he set himself a few goals and achieved them, although I am sure he never dreamed he would come so far. Out of millions of people he was one to become famous, and not everyone is famous, but everyone does make a difference. From unborn babies to presidents such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, they have all made a difference. From 1694-1773 there was an Earl of Chesterfield, Philip Dormer Stanhope. Philip Dormer Stanhope said, "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well." No matter what you choose to do, do it to the best of your ability.

If you were given 30 more years to live on this earth, what would you desire to accomplish? If I were put in this situation, I would try my best to commit myself to doing services for others, have a closer relationship with my family and God, and try to be successful in everything I hope to do. I believe that giving part of my life to help others would make me a stronger and wiser person. The caring, loving family that I have is one thing I treasure very much. I hope I can be a great mom and follow in my mother's footsteps. I also hope that throughout my whole life, I will have few regrets. I believe in taking risks because, if you don't, you may spend your life wondering what could have been.

I hope that I can help people and make a difference in their lives by showing that I care. If I grow up and fulfill my dream of becoming a pediatric physical therapist, I will never hesitate to share my talents and help children in need. I think this is important because I feel it will make me a better person in my mind, body, and soul. I also hope that I will be able to say that I have helped those less fortunate than myself. This is particularly important because when I give to the poor and needy I truly feel God's presence in and around me.

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I hope that all of the decisions I make will lead me in the right direction towards happiness. I hope to have a family whom I will cherish and love dearly. I also believe it is important to stay close to my parents and my sister because they have helped form the person that I am today. I hope that I will feel happy with all of the choices I make in my lifetime. However, I will not be able to make important choices without the help of God. I hope to always let Christ lead me in the right path; I believe that I can do anything with the help of the Lord. Happiness is very important to me, and I hope in 30 years the feeling of happiness will stay with me.

I hope that I will become successful and accomplish anything and everything that I desire to accomplish. As I have said, if I fulfill my dream of becoming a pediatric physical therapist, I think it will make me happy to know that I am helping someone else besides myself. I feel it is important to think about other's feelings, not just my own. I desire to continue living my life to the fullest, even after I pass through my childhood years. It is always good to still have some of your childhood memories living within you. Living each day as if it were your last can help all of us realize that the time given to us on earth is precious and not to be wasted.

In conclusion, I believe that I can live the best life possible if I give a little extra effort. Helping people who need it will help me learn to be unselfish and caring. We should give everyone love; everyone really needs it. I hope in thirty years I can find much happiness in the fun times with my family and in loving god. I don't wish to conquer the world, but would like to leave an impression on people and make them feel loved. I honestly hope that in 30 years, a person might hear my name and remember how I touched a small part of their heart and made a difference in their life.

**I**honestly cannot tell you how long I have left to live **GH33**

on this world. For all I know, I may not even live ten or twenty more years, let alone thirty. This knowledge is unknown to me. However, if in fact I do have thirty years left to live, I hope I will be able to share the things that mean the most to me with others, and hope others will also find the joy in the things I, too, love.

Initially, I would hope to have my dearest hobby shared with the world, my hobby of music. I have excelled in so many ways and proved not only to others, but also to myself that music is the most important thing that makes me happy and also gives me self-confidence. As silly as it may sound, I have gained my patience and determination from my experiences in learning new music and how to play different instruments. I have been playing the piano for six years. When I started playing in the third grade, I would become so frustrated with myself, that I would threaten to give up. I would also claim to hate playing piano, and I

would throw temper tantrums in hopes that my mother would "allow" me to quit. Thankfully, she never did. As a result of my persistence I can learn other instruments quickly; I can now call myself a musician. I may never be famous, but I do hope that after my death I will be known for my musical talents, because that is what drives me to achieve better things and keeps me thirsting to learn more and become more successful.

Secondly, I plan to make a mark on the world by leaving behind a memory of myself to my closest friends and to merely be remembered for the person I was, the things I did for them, and the love that was shown. I hope that the people that kept me going everyday will be the ones that will continue to keep my memory living on after I die. My friends are those in whom I trust my life, most personal secrets, thoughts, wishes, and dreams. These are the friends that mean the world to me. Due to the closeness of my friends and I, they are able to pull me out of my darkest times and cheer me up. Even with the simplest things, such as a smile or a few kind words, my friends can change the outlook on my entire day. My appreciation for them could never be expressed simply in words. My love for

them could also never be expressed for it is too great. The respect I have for my friends, their opinions and advice, means so much to me. I love being able to turn to someone or a group of people when I am feeling miserable, and they always seem to understand where I am coming from and everything about me.

In the next thirty years, the way I plan to make my mark on the world is to be as good a friend to someone as my friend has been for me. I hope that I can gain whatever it takes to be a great friend to others and always be there for people who need any type of help. I want to always be there for the people I care about, and always be their shoulder to cry on, as I have cried on theirs too many times. And aside from emotional help, I'm always willing to do whatever it takes to make them happy or relieve any fear they have. In the next thirty years, I plan to make my mark on the world by showing others the love they have shown for me and being a good friend.

*Without friends no one would choose to live though he had all other goods.*  
Aristotle

# Recent RCIA Graduates Wed

by Darlene O'Neal



Two graduates of the RCIA class of 2003, Alma Manosca and Charles S. Brumley, were married on May third at 2:00 in the afternoon here at Christ the King Church. It was a beautiful wedding that was attended by many friends and relatives. Father Roe Fisher officiated at the ceremony as Alma and Stan exchanged their vows. The Mass was especially meaningful since this was only Father's third wedding since becoming a priest a year ago.

The couple has achieved quite a lot in a short time. They have attended RCIA sessions, gone to pre-wedding classes and retreat, plus made arrangements for their wedding! Alma is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alberto Manosca and Stan's parents are Mr. Charles E. Brumley and Mrs. Julia Adams.

The newlyweds went on a cruise to the Caribbean for their honeymoon. We look forward to seeing them at Mass. Congratulations, Stan and Alma.

# K'Cees News



Laura Morris, Ruth Fitzgerald, Sissy Keegan and Eileen Gleason

by Darlene O'Neal

The K'Cees had their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 7. It was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

There were lots of everything and something for everyone! Shoppers came and bought and browsed through mountains of merchandise that ranged from books of all kinds to furniture.

Many people worked hard to make this sale the success it was. K'Cees President, Wanda Martin, together with her husband, Al, were joined by Carol and George Coseo, Laura Morris, Betty Wheeler, Helen Prescott, Troupe Turner, Larry Turner, Rita and Dan Wendell, Eileen Gleason, Dolores Bianco and others. They spent many hours sorting and pricing items for sale and worked all day at the yard sale.

It takes dedication and hard work to spend your Saturday raising money for charity. The proceeds will benefit the needy and other worthwhile projects. Thanks to Wanda and friends for a job well done.



Al Martin found a hat that he likes

# Havin' Fun in the Single's Ministry

The Single and Single Again Ministry plans outings and other social events for people who are single or single again because of divorce or widowhood. Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Shirley David Hall. Below is a sample of the many things we do each month.



Marlene, Cheryl, Tom & Jean ~ In January we dined at Kings Head ~ Great Night Out! ~



l-r: Harvey keeps the hall jumpin' at our Tuesday night meetings. This guy came dressed for the occasion!



Fun! Fun! Fun at the Mardi Gras Dance. photo l-r: Lloyd, Marlene, Harvey & Frank go in arm-in-arm. Jean & David take a break



March Potluck Dinner in the Shirley David Hall. The food was delicious!

# Awards, Christ the King School, Class of 2003

Math Counts Competition Christopher Infante, Melissa Mayotte, Lauren McGill, Steven Vergenz  
Victoria Lynch

Accelerated Reader  
Star Student, 4th Quarter,  
8A Victoria Lynch  
8B Courtney Corbett

Perfect Attendance  
8A Brian Burnes, Ryan Duzon, George Farah, Melissa Mayotte  
8B Caroline Carlson, Christopher Infante, Danielle Kehrt, Jacob Plotz, Cyril Rodriguez, Sarah Woosley

Ginny Hilton Writing Award Cyril Rodriguez  
Peace in Christ - Bishop Snyder Diocesan Award Redan Reyes  
Diocesan Honor Roll - A/B Honor Roll all four quarters  
8A Brian Burnes, Tessa Gay, Daniel Jerreld, Mikaila Koenig, Monica LaPierre, Melissa Leonard, Victoria Lynch, Amanda Maroney, Melissa Mayotte, Michelle Medlock  
8B Melanie Johnson, Danielle Kehrt, Paul Nguyen, Erik Pyell, Sarah Woosley, Estephan Yazgi

Student Athlete Awards - Honor Roll all four quarters and two sports  
8A Monica LaPierre, Melissa Leonard, Victoria Lynch, Amanda Maroney  
8B Melanie Johnson, Jacob Plotz, Sarah Woosley

Diocesan Superintendent Awards - "A" Honor Roll all four quarters  
8A Lauren McGill  
8B Christopher Infante, Jacob Plotz

Presidential Awards - GPA 3.5 & ITBS 85% Reading or Math for 6th, 7th, and 8th  
Brian Burnes, Christopher Infante, Daniel Jerreld, Victoria Lynch, Melissa Mayotte, Lauren McGill, Paul Nguyen, Jacob Plotz, Erik Pyell, Estephan Yazgi

## Christ the King School Academic Excellence Awards Class of 2003

English Christopher Infante  
Literature Jacob Plotz  
Vocabulary Lauren McGill  
Science Christopher Infante  
Algebra Christopher Infante  
Integrated Math Redan Reyes  
Pre-Algebra Kristin Kersch  
Social Studies Brian Burnes  
Music - Vocal Tessa Gay  
Music - Instrumental  
Monica Lapierre

Physical Education  
Allison Dolan

Physical Education  
Steven Vergenz

Health Amanda Maroney  
Writing Cyril Rodriguez  
Spanish Andrea Ramirez  
Religion Jammari Porter  
Library Taylor Miller  
Computers Steven Vergenz  
Art Melissa Mayotte  
Valedictorians  
Christopher Infante  
and Lauren McGill

## Bishop Kenny High School 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Cameron Crews  
Jennifer Detmers  
Lauren Grochmal  
Katherine Hayes  
Nathalie Labao  
Nicole Miller  
Adriana Pena-Ariet  
Lauren Petit  
Stephanie Ricker  
Carlson Salud  
Andrea Toledo  
Summer Wood  
Ashley Yount

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Kristina Francisco  
Cameron Frye  
Alexandra Mihalakos  
Kimberly Oquindo  
Alexandria Schmitt  
Victoria Ventrone

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Molly Crisp  
Melissa Dodds  
Adel Yazji

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Matthew Masters  
Marla McGill  
Candace Price  
Ryan Ricafort  
Nicole Tucker  
Peter Nguyen

## Christ the King School Honor Roll, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**4A**  
E'lee Boyd  
Therese Cap  
Richard Christie  
Kailey Greene  
Jason Infante  
Clay Ludwig  
Melina Palazzolo  
Richard Williamson

**4B**  
Peabo Barrera  
Hayley Broekman  
Alexander DeLoach  
Justin Essick  
Parker Flye  
Ryan Gallagher  
Brian Harrington  
Elizabeth Holland  
Nicholas Joost  
Kallie Longley  
Joaquin Lopez  
Mackenzie Nichols  
Zachary Nolen  
Liana Pena-Arlet  
Tiffany Ricker  
Sara Salzman  
Robert Yarborough\*

**5A**  
Darian Azar  
Kaylee Burke  
Christina Diaz  
Shannon Griffin  
Scott Jeffas  
Anastasia Mann  
Madeline Sciuillo  
Hannah Smith  
Katlin Williamson

**5B**  
Patrick Considine  
Mallory Frye  
Melissa Mitchell  
Marian Perez  
Grazielle Ramirez  
Victoria Shami  
Tyler Wildes  
Dena Yazji

**6A**  
Christina Csensich  
Gaby Fares\*  
Chrissy Grochmal  
Florence Kuo\*  
Megan McClellan

**6B**  
Tiffany Chan  
Kaily Collins  
Agustin D'Orazio  
James Mollenhour  
Costandi Shami\*  
Hillary Turner

**7A**  
Jerlita Asunto  
Jonathan Christie  
Erin D'Antoni  
Jordan Lewis  
Kristen McLeroy  
Megan Mitchel

**7B**  
Christopher Glotzer  
Ann Juego  
Sayhe Loayza\*  
Erin Saunders  
Rebecca Yount

**8A**  
Brian Burnes\*  
Leslie Gay\*  
Daniel Jerreld  
William Joost  
Anna Koenig  
Monica Lapierre  
Melissa Leonard  
Victoria Lynch\*  
Amanda Maroney  
Melissa Mayotte  
Lauren McGill\*  
Michelle Medlock\*  
Jammari Porter  
Roscoe Pyell

**8B**  
Caroline Carlson  
Courtney Corbett  
Christopher Infante\*  
Melanie Johnson  
Danielle Kehrt  
Kristin Kersch  
Stephen Miller  
Paul Nguyen  
Koty Owens  
Jacob Plotz\*  
Erik Pyell  
Steven Vergenz  
Sarah Woosley\*  
Estephan Yazgi

\*denotes all A's

## Office Depot is supporting the community through the 5% Back to School Program

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# The Deeper you go the Better it Gets!

by Mickey Kenny

Ask any Vincentian and you will hear that the St. Vincent de Paul

from time to time. Summer is an especially lean period for us because school is closed and the

we don't have our own supplies, i.e., furniture or clothing.

and closing prayers, have first on the agenda a spiritual



Society is a blessing to those who become a part of this wonderful ministry. And oh how we want you to become a part, too. We want you and we need you. Now let me try to tell you why you could want and need us - as in all aspects of the society, the blessings go both ways.

Most Catholics know the St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of lay people who join together to serve the Lord by helping those who are in need. We see the face of Jesus in those who ask for our assistance. We hear the voice of



Jesus when they speak. Vincentians remember Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (New American Bible, Matthew 25:40). It doesn't matter what the circumstance may be or how the recipient of our services responds, we try our best to serve lovingly, because it is the Lord we serve. And how many seeds we sow among the recipients we will never know.

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deeds**

There are so many ways to serve in our St. Vincent de Paul Society. This parish is always generous in giving us food, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and, of course, money to purchase what we lack



Friday donations the kids bring us evaporate in the first heat wave of vacation! Do you realize the relieved smiles we receive from people when they see the bags with laundry detergent, soap for the dishes, scouring powder to clean up? All of those items are costly and make such a difference in the dignity of life.

Coming to meetings to join in the fellowship and be part of the work force is the second way to serve the Society. All you have to do to be a part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to show up at the rectory on any Monday night at 7:30 p.m. for a meeting. And don't let the word "meeting" scare you off. We have an agenda printed out and right there on that agenda our President puts the message, "Please keep comments to the point as to keep within the hour." We try to keep it pithy when we wish to opine. When you come you'll give us your name and we will introduce ourselves, and that's all there is to it! You will be a part of one of the most rewarding ministries at Christ the King.

We have our own office in the rectory and we always need volunteers willing to take a special day to provide office service to help those who come by in need of bus tickets or bag lunches. The hours the Vincentians give in this service help not only those who face immediate need but those who work in the rectory because they are not having to respond to continual interruptions. Like all blessings: give a little, get a lot.

You may want to go on call with another Vincentian. This is what our St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Christ the King is known for. When people call our answering service for assistance we send Vincentians out to the home to help the recipient determine the needs and how best to fill the needs. Some people need a person to come by and show they care; some need multiple things and we have information and sources even where

Cooperating with other Societies and with local service centers is a big part of what we do.

Cleaning and stocking the pantry could be a headache if it always fell to one person without being able to ask for help, and one of the best loved efforts is the packing and delivering of baskets

at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a giant effort and the area knows we do this and



reflection for a few minutes to remind us of our calling and our purpose. We hear, reflect upon, and discuss spiritual materials which are usually presented by our Spiritual Advisor, Father Carr. These reflections help us to "knit the raveled sleeve of care" and bring us back to our beginnings. We have days of reflection also which are offered for those of us who can attend a few hours of devotion and discussion when we



loves our doing it. After the giving at Thanksgiving and the wonderful sharing and generosity here at Christ the King for Christmas the holidays are truly holy days. Once again, we give a little, get a lot.

And usually there are coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses and we have always given our assistance for at least half the year.

Least stress of all is bringing your very best culinary handiwork to our festivities during the year. Some people only know how to make ice - but ice is always needed!

As stated at the beginning, St. Vincent de Paul Society is a spiritual ministry. We have Mass during the year at times significant to St. Vincent de Paul and our founder Frederick Ozanam whose cause for sainthood is in progress. At all meetings there are opening

are in need of spiritual resuscitation when the world has become too much with us.

Like the proverbial onion there are many layers to participation in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and each layer will give back a lot more than you have to give to it. Please, come and join us. Some of our members are antiques and we would benefit more than you could imagine from people in the age groups falling between service hours and the retirement village. Once again: Monday, 7:30 p.m., in the rectory. And you don't have to call the rectory to see if there is a meeting this Monday - it's every Monday unless there is a national holiday or a special request from Father Thanh as in making room for the Mission.

# Courier's Fifth Anniversary

by CarolAnn Black

Celebration was in order when the *Courier* published its 20<sup>th</sup> edition in May. It marked five years of supplying news, views and information to the Christ the King community. Celebrate we did on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Frank and Betty Becht. They graciously opened their home to about 50 of the folks who have worked on the paper over the years. Mind you, many more than that 50 have contributed to the success of the *Courier*, but were unable to attend. Everybody brought a dish to share and with the pleasant temperatures, we were even able to eat outdoors on the deck. In the end what is the proof of a good party? How many settle in and hang out way past closing time. And we did that—til way late. It was a wonderful occasion, and a great celebration. The *Courier* especially thanks Frank and Betty for their gracious hospitality.



Hail, Hail, The Gangs All Here, Yea!



# Recount His Deeds . . . Christ the King Clinic



by Willie Blaquiére

Christ the King Clinic celebrated ten years of service to the community in May, 2003. The Florida Department of Health sponsored a luncheon at the Hidden Hills Country Club, for the many volunteers who work with Florida's Volunteer Health Care Provider Program. Christ the King Clinic received special recognition as the first operating clinic and a decade of service.

In 1992, Monsignor Mortimer Danaher recognized the need for a different type of health care in the community. This came to him during a home visit when he realized the people in the household and in the neighborhood, did not have access to the most basic health care. He got busy making contacts, setting up meetings and basically asking what, who and how. A partnership was formed between the Florida Medical Association and the former Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and the We Care Clinic program was born. The mission is to assist those individuals who are unable to access health care due to lack of

insurance and inability to pay. Twenty percent of the population of Duval County has an income below 150% of the federal poverty level. These are the citizens served by We Care Clinics.

Monsignor Danaher recruited Janis Polsenski to organize the clinic and act as administrator. With the help of Doctor George Trotter, the clinic was ready for business. The first clinic day was the fourth Saturday in May, 1993. Ten doctors and as many nurses and other volunteers, gathered at a health department facility in Woodland Acres. The two patients who came got a lot of attention. Word soon got out, the patients came and are still coming. The clinic currently uses a health department facility on University Boulevard. The patients begin to gather in the parking lot by 7:00 a.m., the doors are opened at 8:00. On a typical half-day session, more than forty patients are seen by a doctor. There is no typical patient profile, no typical gender, age or race. There are times when the waiting room is filled to capacity and there is an overflow into the parking lot. This is in all kinds of weather, in all seasons.

Twenty to twenty-five volunteers are needed to get set up, interview first time patients and administer health care. The volunteers include doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and clerical. Some of the volunteers have been working with the clinic for years, others are short term as their lives permit, everyone is welcomed and appreciated. Janis Polsenski retired in 2001. Many of the policies and procedures she implemented are still in place. Monsignor Danaher visits most clinic days, he is always cheerful and encourages the clinic staff. Current staff members include: Doctor Leonardo DelRosario (who is on the program board), Linda McCreary, R.N. coordinates the medical staff and handles specialty referrals. Marion Reason coordinates the clerical staff. Ed Reason opens and closes the facility and keeps things in order. Trudy Cameron compiles clinic statistics and makes monthly reports to the health department. Dolores Bianco was a lab technician for many years. Christ the King Clinic volunteers log 1,500 hours per year. Most of these hours are on clinic days, however,

many hours are in preparation, processing specialty referrals and other clinic business. Without these dedicated and faithful volunteers, this clinic could not be.

There are eleven other clinics operating in Duval County. The total volunteer hours reported for all clients in Duval County, fiscal year July 2001-June 2002, was 7,620. The number of patients served by these volunteers totaled 9,097. The Florida Department of Health sets the dollar value of services at \$1,732,560. The humanistic value is beyond price. In addition to the thousands of individual volunteers giving of their time and talent, hospitals, laboratories, community organizations, professional and civic groups, donate their services. There are many partners helping Christ the King Clinic in this ministry, including donations of medications, pharmacy services and supplies and money gifts from Christ the King student council.

An excerpt from Florida Department of Health annual report: "Thanks to dedicated and caring volunteers, the mission is being achieved."

# Christ the King Council of Catholic Women Goes to Annual CCW Convention!

by Patrice Pruitt

The Women of the CKCCW had the honor of attending the 73<sup>rd</sup> annual convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, which was held at the Radisson Riverwalk, the first weekend of May. The theme this year was "Be Not Afraid.....Let Your Voices Be Heard!" We heard from Pat Cook, Jeanette Ghioto, and our very own Donna Simons, who spoke on behalf of M.O.M.S. We were honored to have Father Rouville Fisher join us for the Bishop's banquet the last evening of the convention.

Betty Kuehl, Father Roe Daisy McDonald, and Patrice Pruitt having a great time at the 2003 CCW Convention!



Photographers Daisy and Patrice taking turns to ensure that each received equal time in front and in back of the camera.

# CKCCW Installation Luncheon

by Claretta Lamusga

Forty-two members of Christ the King Council of Catholic Women met on May 10 at Selva Marina Country Club for lunch, reminiscing, and installation of new board. The new board members will serve for the next two years.

Outgoing President, Daisy McDonald, thanked her board for all of the help they had given her in the past and called on several past presidents to get up and say a few words. LaVerne Japour spoke of the many ladies now deceased who had such a big role in getting the council going. We also heard from Phyllis Bauman, Audrey Alexander, Doris Faustini, Inga Morgan, Helen Pierce, and Pat Setser. They each brought some insight into the things that worked for us and brought such great friendships that we truly have become family to one another.

After lunch Doris Faustini installed the new officers. They are President, Patrice Pruitt; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Betty Kuehl; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Willie Blaquiere; Treasurer, Monica Crisp; and Recording Secretary, Marj Burke. The new board will start planning for the new year immediately.



l-r: Ann Seravo, Inge Morgan, Betty Wheeler, and Rosemarie Dwyer

# CKCCW Celebrates Birthdays



by Claretta Lamusga

For many years members of the Christ the King Council of Catholic Women have been having a birthday party once a month for the residents of the First Coast Nursing Home here in Arlington.

Each month one of our circles is in charge of purchasing a large decorated cake and going to the nursing home to sing songs, talk to the patients, and try to get a smile or a laugh from them. The patients who have a birthday that month get to blow out the candles after

we sing "Happy Birthday." Oftentimes the council ladies will have to assist the residents in blowing out the candles as there are many candles.

After that we cut the cake, serve cake and punch, and help to feed those who cannot feed themselves.



Trudy Cameron and Helen Ramos almost never miss the opportunity to go along to cheer up the patients. It is their special ministry. This is just one of the many projects that we have an ongoing interest in. If you would like to know more about the CKCCW, please call Patrice Pruitt at 645-6132.



l-r: Doris Faustini and Patrice Pruitt



l-r: Patrice Pruitt, Betty Kuehl, Willie Blaquiere, Ann Seravo, Monica Crisp, and Florence Barfield

# L'Arche Harbor House 14th Annual Charity Golf Classic

Vijay Singh, winner of 2000 Masters Tournament and tied for Second in the recent British Open, is Tournament Sponsor for the event this year. Honorary Chairpersons are Mary Baer and Sam Kouvaris. Schedule for the Tournament - which takes place at Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club Monday, October 13, 2003 - is as follows:

- 11:00 a.m Registration opens  
Practice range & putting  
court available
  - 11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch
  - 1:00 p.m. SHOT GUN START  
Format: Captain's Choice
  - 5:30 p.m. Awards Presentation  
& Cocktail/Buffer Dinner
- For Registration Forms and/or further information contact



L'Arche Harbor House, 700 Arlington Road.  
Phone: 721-5992

# Arlington Knights of Columbus

by Frank Becht PGK

After two years of successful administration under Grand Knight George Coseo the Arlington Council 4727 has elected new officers for the year of 2003-2004.

Installation of the new officers was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Council hall on the Arlington Expressway with a social and dinner for the members and spouses.

The following officers were installed: Mike Yarborough, Grand Knight; Steve Bell, Deputy Grand Knight; Dennis Scobie, Chancellor; George Morris, Warden; Donald Thompson, Financial Secretary; Charles Strauss, Treasurer; Dan Wendel, Recorder; John Morrisey, Outside Guard; John Granger and August D'Orazio, Inside Guards; Mike Capizzi PGK, Advocate; George Coseo PGK, Three Year Trustee; Russ Strauss PGK, Two Year Trustee; Pat Bianco PGK, One Year Trustee; Jim Bonitatus, Lecturer.

Under the leadership of George Coseo, the council was awarded Star Council. GK Mike Yarborough was excited about a good start for the council in announcing an entire years schedule already planned by our Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight Steve Bell. More family activities are planned; attendance at First Friday Mass is encouraged.

Good luck to our new officers for a successful year!



# R E N E W

by Frank Becht

In 1976 RENEW was begun in the Archdiocese of Newark by two Monsignors who had a vision of the spiritual renewal of the Church. By 1980, the program had been formulated and 40,000 people in the Newark Diocese were participating, including people of different languages and cultures.

Quickly, the RENEW program spread to over 130 dioceses in the United States and 130 dioceses in 21 countries throughout the world.

RENEW was instituted in the Diocese of St. Augustine in 1983 with the requirement that all parishes participate. Bishop John Snyder appointed Father Michael Larkin, Pastor of Prince of Peace Church, as the RENEW COORDINATOR for the Diocese. Organizational meetings were held in each parish, which were required to establish a Core committee and organize RENEW within the parish.

RENEW is a three year program which fosters spiritual renewal, evangelization, and the transformation of the community through parish based small discussion groups. Members are encouraged to share their beliefs and ideas with others and grow in their association with others both spiritually and socially.

At Christ the King, Monsignor Danaher appointed Hugh and Ruth Grable as Core Chairmen. Approximately ten other chairmen were appointed to head various committees such as Large Group activities and Small Group activities. Monsignor Danaher, asked Frank and Betty Becht to be Small Group Chairmen. For about six months, the committees were active in organizing the program; every meeting and function at the Church began with the Prayer for Renew.

In July 1984, enrollment took place in which 1025 people signed up to participate in the program. Ten to twelve people were assigned

to neighborhood groups for specific days and times. This amounted to 95 small groups meeting at various times and places. The biggest problem encountered was finding group leaders and then training them in the procedure that had been established by the Diocese. Special meetings were held to train leaders;



## RENEW INTERNATIONAL

this being a new, unfamiliar program caused reluctance on the part of many.

A huge Diocesan-wide kickoff was held in St Augustine for a successful campaign. A similar kickoff was held at Christ the King Kingdome.

Although the Diocese of St. Augustine had no formal program for continuing RENEW, Bob and Carmel Brodeur served as Chairmen for several years; they were followed by Blanche Iglesias, Eileen and Neil Porter, and Jean O'Connor.

The RENEW program is continuing as RENEW 2000, initiated in 1996 and is underway in some parishes in south Florida. Eventually, the program became known in Christ the King as Small Faith Sharing Groups with many original groups continuing in the program today.

## Small Faith Sharing's New Director

In May of 1999, the Hardies came to town looking for a good parish to settle in. They heard one of Father Thanh's excellent homilies. The Hardies decided to join Christ the King after hearing Father Thanh's Mothers Day homily and learning that Christ the King had Small Faith Sharing Groups.

Alick and Del Hardie are from Durbin, South Africa, where they joined RENEW in 1987. They were interested in joining a Small Faith Sharing group at Christ the King. Since joining the Frank and Betty Becht group, they have become very active in the Parish and become the Faith Sharing Directors for the Parish in the year 2000. One of the activities Alick started, which has become very popular, is the Seder Meal, an annual event held during Lent. Under Alick's direction, there has been a renewed interest in Small Faith Sharing Groups.

RENEW has been a very successful program in Christ the King having a profound effect on its members and has been most instrumental in revitalizing the Parish. Visitors are amazed at the involvement of our members and the number of active ministries.



# Rosenberg trial re-enactment at Christ the King School

by Sarah W.



Christ the King eighth grade was studying the Rosenberg trial for a Social Studies project. The trial took place on March 6, 1951, and was reenacted in the Jacksonville Courthouse on April 11, 2003 and then continued on April 14, 2003 in Mrs. Chinault's classroom. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and Morton S., played by Kyle H., Judith C., and Taylor M., were arrested for espionage. Their defending attorney was Michelle M. and William J. led the prosecuting attorney's team. Ethel Rosenberg was caught in the act of lying while being cross-examined by William J. William's closing statement was right to the point and requested the death penalty. Michelle M. displayed an awesome closing statement but Julius and Ethel Rosenberg received the death penalty and Morton S. was sentenced to thirty years in prison.

# Isn't It Strange?

submitted by Deacon Richard taken from the internet

Isn't it strange how a twenty dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how two hours seems so long when you're at church and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for church 2 - 3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events in the last minute?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mail and they are forwarded right away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?

IT'S STRANGE ISN'T IT?

# 2003 Diocese of St. Augustine Bishop's Scout Recognition Ceremony

by Katherine Considine

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Diocese of St. Augustine Bishop's Scout Recognition Ceremony was held at the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine on Sunday, March 30, 2003. Our youth can earn medals as they move through the ranks of either Boy or Girl Scouts, as they complete the requirements set forth by the National Catholic Committee of Scouting and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Victor Galeone presented these awards to the scouts as they represented their parishes.

Ryan Marcovsky, a second grader at Christ the King, received the Light of Christ award. This medal is intended to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Jan Dela Cruz, also received the Light of Christ. Patrick Considine and Eric Simons, both in fifth grade at Christ the King, received the Parvuli Dei Medal designed for



Patrick Considine and Bishop Galeone



Eric Simons and Bishop Galeone

Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Jan Dela Cruz, also received the Light of Christ. Patrick Considine and Eric Simons, both in fifth grade at Christ the King, received the Parvuli Dei Medal designed for Cub Scouts and Webelos age 8-10. The Parvuli Dei, meaning "Little Children of God", is a program to encourage the scout to understand God's presence in his daily life (home, church, and community). Andrew Baker of Christ the King received the Pope Pius XII medal, which is for high school age youth. After participating in this impressive ceremony, they will definitely want to work toward the Ad Altare Dei medal, "To the Altar of God," for Boy Scouts ages 11-17. This medal will help understand how the sacraments of the Catholic Church help him to be a disciple of Christ in his community. It was truly an inspirational sight to see our beautiful Cathedral filled with these outstanding boys and girls along with their very proud parents and families. Scouting is truly a

wonderful and rewarding ministry with long lasting effects on these young people's character, spirituality, and future. Let's continue to support our scouts and to recognize and applaud their accomplishments!

# FUN UNDER THE SUN AT CtK SCHOOL



# Scouting in the News!

## Catholic Scouting Committee Diocese of St. Augustine

The Catholic Scouting Committee works under the authority of Bishop Victor Galeone with appointed chaplains who work through the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, 355-1100.

Scouting is Youth Ministry Scouting, with its many programs and activities, is ideal for bringing a scout greater knowledge of God through an appreciation of nature and fellowship with other scouts.

Recognition Sunday A ceremony held in the spring of each year wherein Bishop Galeone awards Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts religious recognition at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine.

Religious Emblem Program The following scout religious emblems are awarded at Recognition Sunday:

### GIRL SCOUTS

**FAMILY OF GOD** - Brownie Girl Scouts  
**I LIVE MY FAITH** - Junior Girl Scouts  
**MARIAN MEDAL** - Cadette Girl Scouts  
**THE SPIRIT ALIVE** - Senior Girl Scouts

### BOY SCOUTS

**LIGHT OF CHRIST** - Tiger & Wolf Cubs  
**PARVULI DEO** - Bear Cubs & Welbelos  
**AD ALTARE DEI** - Boy Scouts  
**POPE PIUS XII** - Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts



## Cub Scouts Do Research At Kennedy Space Center

by John Nolen

In November of 2002 several Cubs from Pack 5, along with their parents and some siblings, blasted off on the Pack's Annual BIG ADVENTURE! It was out of this world, and the Cubs even solved a "very important question" for NASA.

On November 9, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. EST the Cubs and families boarded their "personal shuttles" (family cars and vans) at the Scout Hut Space Port at CTK for blast off. At 4:30 p.m. EST, they rendezvoused at Kennedy Space Center for the Overnight Adventure.

6:30 p.m. EST- After Check in with the Overnight Adventure Specialists, we were escorted to the Rocket Garden where everyone got to check out and climb in the various rockets and vehicles from the Space Program's past. It was here that Pack 5 answered "a very important question," but more on that later.

7:30 p.m. EST- Once sufficient "kid -etic energy" was expelled we all settled down for a talk with a real astronaut. He told us about his time in space and what it was like on the first US Space Station, SKYLAB! He even showed some home space movies. Once we stored our gear we boarded a bus for transport past the world's largest building, the VAB (Vehicle Assembly Building), to the Apollo/Saturn V Center. Here the Cubs witnessed a recreation of a Moon Launch in the control room as well as the Moon Landing.

8:30 p.m. EST- Once inside the Center, we enjoyed a pizza dinner. We saw a Saturn V rocket up close, a space suit for Apollo XIII, a real LEM (Lunar Module), a Lunar Rover, and after participating in the Great Rocket Scavenger Hunt, we all got to touch a MOON ROCK!

12:00 a.m. EST- By this time we had boarded the bus back to the sleeping area and settled down for Sonic Sleep time. (yeah!)

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## Bringing Youth to Christ Through a Scouting Ministry

The Scouting program at Christ The King Catholic Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

But the success of our Scouting program depends on our volunteers, who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venture Advisors, Brownie and Girl Scout Leaders, as well as other positions of leadership.

Many men and women offer their services to Scouting, but more volunteers are always needed to act as leaders or share their special skills with young people and other adults. All of these people experience a special sense of achievement through their work in Scouting.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Jacksonville and we want to offer a special prayer and word of thanks to the Leaders of Pack 5, Troop 5, Brownies and Girl Scouts Troops chartered through Christ The King Catholic Church

### Scouting Units at Christ the King Church

### Leaders Urgently Needed for Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Units at Christ the King Catholic Church  
Our GSUSA Contact: Nancy D'Antoni, call: 745-9652

Leaders urgently needed for: Daisy Troops, Brownie Troops, Cadette Troops, Junior Troops, & Senior Troops

The girl scout program at Christ The King is currently in dire straits according to Nancy D'Antoni, who hasn't received any firm commitments for troop leaders. There can not be a scouting program without scout leaders. Please consider this rewarding and fun ministry when deciding how you will share your God given talents.

### Cub Scouts, Pack 5, John Nolen, Cubmaster, 744-6573

For boys 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Meets Tuesdays 7PM  
in the House of Prayer or School Science Lab.

### Boy Scouts, Troop 5, Fred Gardner, Scoutmaster, 720-0297

For boys 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Meets Tuesdays 7PM  
in the Scout Hut

### Venture Crew now forming.

Donna Baker, BSA Charter Organization Representative  
745-9652/641-0698

For Boys and Girls 16 to 21.  
A High Adventure Scouting Program.  
All youth and adults interested, please call.

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8:00 a.m. EST- Wake up and gear storage time. Then it's time for breakfast!

9:00 a.m. EST- We then got to see what it was like to live and work on the International Space Station with a special viewing in the IMAX 3D Movie Theater. A visit to the NASA Art Gallery which included some paintings by a former Troop 5 scout leader: Captain Alan Bean USN of Apollo

XII, fourth man to set foot on the moon!

9:30 a.m. EST Cubs and Families dismissed from Overnight adventure for return voyage home. And what an adventure it was!

P.S. - You're probably wondering what the "Important Question" was that Pack 5 helped with. Well it was: How many kids from Pack 5 can fit inside a 2 man Gemini Space Capsule? Answer: All of them.

# One Hundred Scouts

Scouts have a reputation for teaching children values and instilling integrity. Below are a few statistics that may be of interest to those who are in scouting and to those who are considering scouting . It was taken from www.Greenbar.ws and other scouting websites author unknown

1. Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but later in life all of these boys will remember they had been in Scouting and will speak well of the program.
2. Of the one hundred, only rarely will one appear before a juvenile court judge.
3. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve, and many of their families, will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives.
4. Six will become pastors.
5. Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting and will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives.
6. Approximately one half of the one hundred will serve in the military and, in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training.
7. At least one will use Scout training to save another person's life. Many may credit it for saving their own.
8. Four out of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree.
9. Many will find their future vocation through Merit Badge work and Scouting contacts.
10. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will become adult leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.
11. One in four boys in America will become a Scout, but it is interesting to note that, of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four of them were Scouts.
12. This story will never end. Like the "Golden Pebble" of service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles influencing the characters of men and women through unending time.



Outdoor activities (above) and advancement recognition (right column) are a cornerstone of every Scout program



Arts & Crafts activities teach many new skills to every Scout

## Scouting Needs You!

Scouting needs leaders ~  
people who care what happens to today's youth

Scouting needs young people ~  
consider signing your children up for scouts

Scouting cannot continue without your support

For more information please call:

Our GSUSA Contact: Nancy D'Antoni, call: 745-9652

Donna Baker, BSA Charter Organization  
Representative 745-9652/641-0698

Cub Scouts, Pack 5, John Nolen, Cubmaster, 744-6573  
Boy Scouts, Troop 5, Fred Gardner, Scoutmaster, 720-0297

# Letters From



St. Vincent dePaul was not a very rich person. He was ordained a priest in 1600. His main idea was charity. He gave food, clothes, money, and much more.

I think I could be like St. Vincent de Paul if I give more to Charity instead of trying to fit into small clothes.

I could pray to St. Vincent de Paul. He might help me get better about giving more to charity.  
Shannon G

Dear Father Thanh,

The Communion of Saints is anyone who is dedicated to Christ and willing to accept Him into his or her life. Priests, Bishops, Saints, and the Pope are examples. If you go to Heaven when you die you become a member of the Communion of Saints.  
Kaylyn C ☺

Dear Father Thanh,

In religion class we talked about the communion of saints. The communion of saints to me is like a mountain. The top is the people in Heaven, in the middle is Purgatory, and on the ground are the ones on earth. Below that are the people in Hell that aren't included in the Communion Saints.  
Estephany Y ☺

Dear Father Thanh,

The communion of saints is very important to us. We can pray to them to help us with different things. For example we can pray to St. Michael, the Archangel, to help us fight Satan or anyone who tries to help us do something wrong or to not do something right. We can also pray to Mary to protect us like in the Memorare.

The communion of saints can help us with many different things. If we pray to them they can help us. They can help us in two different ways, expected and unexpected. Sometimes we want to be helped in one way but we are helped in another. They help us in the way that is best for everyone, even if we can't see that it is the best when it happens.  
Kristen ☺

Dear Father Thanh,

The November topic is Communion of Saints. My Uncle Balbo Santos died on All Saints Day and how he died, he reminds me of a Saint. On November 1, 1980 my Uncle went on a boat and there was a child on the boat who fell off. My uncle jumped in and saved him. He saved the boy's life and lost his. My Uncle is a hero and a Saint to me.  
Andrew. Y ☺

Dear Father Thanh,

The Communion of Saints is like one big, united family. Because if you are in Heaven and someone asks you if you want to be a saint and you say no the saints will pray for you. And then if they ask you again you would most likely say yes. I'm sure when most of us think of saints we think of people who never sinned. But some of the saints did sin a little bit until they found God. The Communion of Saints is not like any other family. It doesn't have just 3 or 4 people. It has hundreds.

When I did my project on saints I found about 40 St. Michaels. After about an hour I found the one I was looking for. The Communion of Saints is a very special family.  
Kallie L



Dear Father Thanh,

Father Roe told us about the communion of saints. We are saints because we are united of everyone of the saints. We believe in everyone of the saints.  
Your friend, Samantha N

## St. Patrick

My saint is St. Patrick. I can be like him in three ways. In prayer, service, and love. Patrick taught people how to make the sign of the cross and what it meant. He used a Shamrock to symbolize the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Prayer; I can pray to him and I can share his word about the Holy Trinity. I can also pray to God more. I can pray for the sick. Service; I can use my talents to teach other people about God. We can serve other people like he did. I can also praise God more often. Love; I can show the love he did for other people who didn't know God. We all should have the courage he had to escape back to Ireland and to tell the people that have other gods about the one and only God.  
Patrick C

Dear Father Thanh,

I am going to talk about the communion of saints. One of my favorite saints is St. Teresa. She was a very good saint. She helped poor people and she was always glad to pray and worship God. I think that when someone does something very good the angels have cell phones and they teleport the calls to God and God brings them to heaven. I hope you have a wonderful day!  
Megan McC ☺



Dear FATHER Thanh,

I honor my saint, Sait Elizabeth because she is just like me. She feeds the poor. Besides she is my best friend. And who knows I mite meet her in heaven one day.  
Brooke A

Today I am dressed as St. Lawrence St. Lawrence was the treasurer and the helper of the Pope. St. Lawrence was burned to death on a grid iron. We celebrate St. Lawrence day on Aug. 10.  
Rhett

Dear Father Thanh,

Thank you for talking to us about the Communion of Saints. I learned that the saints in Heven join with the saints on Earth and that there are ten thousand saints in Heven. And thank you for telling us all of the things I wrote.  
Love your friend, Noelle

## St. Therese of Lisieux

She was born on Jan 2, 1873 in Normandy, France. Her feast day is October 1st. What makes this saint special is how she set the example of being loving and caring for others.

I can do my best to do what is right. Pray for grace.  
Therese C



Dear Father Thanh,

I believe that the communion of saints is all the people in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. They are the people that believe and put all their faith in God. The people in heaven were the people who served their life on earth like God wanted them too. The people in purgatory are the people who want to see God. Those on earth want to see God someday, and they learn to love and serve God.  
Monica L ☺

# The School

### St. Teresa of Jesus

St. Teresa of Jesus showed me service by the fact that she left her family to live at a convent. When every day she would pray and follow God. There she became a better person. I could show service by helping the people who need me.

She showed me conversion by the fact that she was a rich little girl who was well supported and given many things. Yet she gave it all away and started to live a more humble and spiritual life. I could take away something in my life and use that time to praise God.  
Darian A



Saint Michael the Archangel St Michael has been with us since the beginning of time. What made this saint special is that he never turned away from God and that he helped God chase the evil angels down to were they are now.  
You can follow this saint's example by never stop believing in God.  
Joseph A

Dear Father Thanh,

Father Roe told us we can be like saint. He said we can pray to saints to help us. We learned in school some saints were bad but turned good and were saints. Father Roe said just because saints are in heaven dosen't mean we can't talk to saints. But we can all we have to do is make the sign of the cross  
Your friend, Stephanie

Today I am dressed as Saint Lucy

She is the patron St. of Blindness. Because Lucy was Catholic her eyes were taken out for Punishment But God gave them back too her. She Loved God very much.  
Kelli

Dear Father Thanh,

The Communion of Saints are the followers of Christ. They are the people that do God's will. They are kind and help others. They are prepared for the coming of Jesus Christ.

As we go through life, we find it difficult to always do God's will. It is not easy to forgive and forget. That's why we must ask God's help. Even when we don't need help, we should still pray and ask for God's grace.  
Jessie S



Dear Father Thanh,

I know that Communion of Saints are all the members of the church. These members include the souls in heaven and in purgatory. It also includes those who still live on earth and are practicing the teachings of the church. All these members collectively make up the Church and together are the family of God.

Another term for the Communion of Saints is the holy things the members of the church share. These things we share sanctify us and make us one body in Christ. An example is the Eucharist. We come to remember the teachings and sacrifices of Jesus and how He died for us, to save us from sin. The followers of Christ and His teachings are called to be the Communion of Saints.  
Julita A

Dear Father Thanh,

The communion of saints is the church on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory. Everybody that hopes to be with God or is with God is in the communion of saints. I am in the communion of saints because I wish and hope that I will be in the communion of saints with God in heaven. What I think about the communion of saints is that it is a very special gift given to those who want to be with God. and I have that gift.  
Mikaila K

Dear Father Thanh,

The communion of saints is all the souls in purgatory, earth, and also in heaven. When you commit a mortal sin and you die in the state of mortal sin, you will go to hell. We as christians think it's probably really hard to become a saint.

Some day I could even become a saint if I stop most of my sins and talk to Jesus more in prayer, or lead prayer at Masses or help spiritually in our faithful community. then Jesus might see our holyness turning towards God.  
Katy O

### The Communion of Saints

The Saints are all connected. There are many many Saints. Saints are holy. (some weren't rich, some weren't even pretty). That's what the Communion of Saints means to me.  
Joe L

**A saint that can change my life is Saint Monica. Saint Monica had faith best and give others the best too. Monica would not give up. Saint Monica believed in Jesus and loved him very much.**  
**Saint Monica would help people if she didn't know them, to her it didn't matter. Saint Monica would give all of her belongings to her people or God. change something as simple as a person's attitude or even their religion! I can be like Saint Monica if I be kind to others. I can donate clothes or soop kitchen.**  
Unknown

Dear Father Thanh and Father Roe,  
Thank you for talking to us about the Communion of Saints. I learned when you receive Holy Communion you are on your journey to become a saint. The saints in heaven join with the saints on earth. Through Holy Communion we become part of the family of saints.  
Your friend, Angela

Dear Father Thanh,  
I think its good to honor our Saints. My favorite is St. Jon. She is brave. I now a lot about her. Who is your Favorite.  
Your friend  
Taylor A

Dear Father Thanh,

Today in class we talked about the Communion of Saints. We learned that the Communion of Saints included all people who want, love, and need God. This does not include the people in Hell. Every person on earth who says Saint Michael's prayer can save 1,000 people in Purgatory. I think that the Communion of Saints is like a whole family. This friend of the family died and we think she went to Heaven. She was a really great person, so that's why. She used to give me presents and give money to the poor. Our family misses her.  
Florence K



Dear Father Thanh,

The communion of Saints is a very special thing to me. I like how on All Saints Day the little first graders dress up as different saints to share the spirit of this day. Saints have to be very dedicated to God's ways in their lives. It was a very hard thing for them we all understand. I can get this even better since we've been to Italy. Especially in Assisi. That was the best place. There under the St. Francis Basilica you could see the actual clothes and robes that St. Francis actually wore. It was amazing. Also to know about his life and what happened to him and how he was so dedicated to God. He did everything right and followed God's ways. Then he eventually got the stigmata of Jesus and had to suffer through that, but of course he accepted that too. This is a great example of a Saint for All Saints Day. Thanks, Father Thanh!  
Gus D'O

# Letters From The

**St. Joseph**  
 St. Joseph helped people with their prayers and is the patron saint of a happy death. I don't know what happy death means. I can help people when they are sad or mad at someone and I can make those people make-up or get in a better mood. St. Joseph was the dad of Jesus and the husband of Mary.

I help my friends in a good way by praying for them and help them get through sadness and some mad stuff like being mad at God because he took someone away from you or mad at their parents because they wouldn't let them spend a night at someone's house.

St. Joseph helped a lot of poor and rich people. When one person was rich he would say give some of that money or gold to the poor. The rich people would often get mad but some of them did it. So that's what my Saint did and what I do for the people that need prayers or help.

Joey K

Dear Father Thanh,  
 The Communion of Saints consists of the souls on earth, in heaven, and in Purgatory. I always hope that good souls, especially my grandmother, are one in my family is part of the Communion of Saints.

When I was little, I thought the Communion of Saints was when all the Saints went to get Communion. I guess I was wrong. At least now I thought; it seems really funny.

Colleen D ☺

Dear father Thau,  
 When father Roe was talking about the communion of saints it was very nice. The communion of saints is joyful to think about. What if there were 0 saints? I think it would be very dull. I love your talks.  
 Your friend,  
 Ashley A



Dear Father Thanh,  
 I am approaching Confirmation, and we are studying the saints. The Communion of saints includes all the believers on earth who hope to go to heaven, all in purgatory who want to go to heaven, and all the saints in heaven.  
 What I am wondering is where agnostic people go. They live by their conscience, but do not know Jesus personally and do not celebrate the sacraments. Would they go to heaven, hell, or go to purgatory first?  
 Your christian in action,  
 Steven V ☺



Dear Father Thanh,  
 It is a good idea to honor saints. The saint I pray to is saint Nicholas. I also pray to Sant michael because he drove the devils from heaven to hell.  
 Richy B

Dear Father Thanh,  
 The communion of saints are the people in heaven, the people on earth, and the people in purgatory. I think the communion of saints are the loyal people of God and they deserve the reward that they got. The people on earth, and purgatory, will hopefully go to heaven and see the face of God.  
 Mark B ☺

Dear Father Thanh,  
 November topic is The Communion of Saints - all souls day. My Grandma has died. She died of lung cancer. I miss her very much. I pray for her and wish she would have quit smoking.  
 Connor M ☺

Dear Father Thanh,  
 All I know about for the Communion of Saints is that you should pray for the people on earth, in Purgatory, or in Heaven. To pray for the people in Purgatory, and the people in Purgatory will pray for you. Love God no matter what, pray, and treat others good. Many people have someone that they love with all their heart die. How to deal with it is basically pray for them.

That person that has died is gone in your life. Nothing you can possibly do can bring them back, but praying makes a big difference. Ask God to help you through this tough time, or to help your loved one through Purgatory. Basically what I think of The Communion of Saints is to pray for people on earth, or just everyone. Pray for them to get through tough times and they will help you through yours!  
 Tiffany C J

**The Communion Of Saints**  
 The Communion of Saints are a group of saints that do good things and pray for other people. The things the saints mean to me are love, joy, and happiness. They pray for the people that want to become saints and the people that don't want to be a saint. But to become a saint you have to follow the ten commandments and do good things for people. You might think being a saint is hard, but it isn't just believe in God, follow the ten commandments and do good.  
 Ryan G

**How to be a Saint:**  
 I will do good deeds. I will be good. I can be good. I will obey God.  
 Johnny



## St. Bernard

St Bernard was born at Lerido. His feast day is June 1st. He is special because he prayed every day and did what God wanted him to do. And he was holy.

I can follow this example by doing what God wants me to do. And giving to the poor and others.  
 Clay L

## St. Anthony

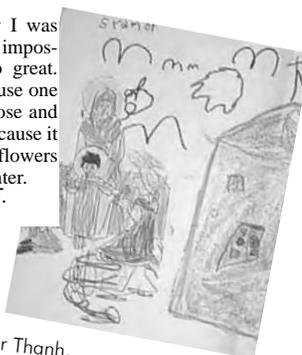
St. Anthony is a saint that when you loose something, you say a special prayer for him to help you find your lost items. Usually when you pray the prayer, you always come across it.

We can be like St. Anthony by trying to help little children find their lost items like trying to look for their teddy, blanket, or etc. That is just what St. Anthony did. the prayer below is the prayer you pray for St. Anthony to help you find what you are looking for.

Dear St. Anthony. Please come around. Something is lost, and can not be found. If you find it, bring it to me. And oh how happy I will be. Amen.

Victoria S

Dear Father Thanh,  
 On all Saints Day I was St. Rita the saint of the impossible. She is so-o-o-o great. St. Rita is a saint because one time she asked for a rose and that was impossible because it was January when the flowers don't grow. It was Winter.  
 Your friend, Aleeza T.



Dear Father Thanh,  
 Everyone has some responsibility; either it's to walk your dog, take care of one of your younger siblings, or put away the dishes. Though everyone has the responsibility to pray for the Communion of Saints. Mrs. Koch told me that the communion of saints were everyone who loved God in Heaven, Earth, and purgatory. Purgatory is like a waiting room. But to get out, the people on earth must pray for the people in purgatory. So it is almost like a deal. If you pray for me so I can get out of purgatory, while I'm in heaven, I will pray for you on earth. This is what I know and I'm learning more. This learned something from my letter? I hope so.  
 Kayla W ☺

# School Con't.

## Blessed Andre Bessette

To serve, my mom and I give clothing to the poor. We find clothes that don't fit us any more. Andre would serve the Lord by helping and healing the sick.  
 For prayer my family and I pray at night for those who are sick and might die. Andre prayed every day for a long time.  
 For conversion, I will never change my religious beliefs on he catholic church. Andre never changed his religious beliefs because he loved God a lot.  
 Sarah M



Dear Father Thanh,  
 We honor the saints because they are people who followed God. Saint John the Baptist is my favorite saint. St. Nicholas is too.  
 Don C

Dear Father Thanh,  
**I have learned that all souls love God except the ones that chose not to, which ended up with Satan. Through the Communion of Saints, I have learned that the people on Earth pray for one another and that the saints in Heaven help the people on the earth and the souls in Purgatory. The souls in Purgatory are then helped by the saints in heaven and the people of the earth. When we pray to the saints, we ask them to pray for us. During Mass, we ask special saints to pray for us. The saints help us get closer to God and to live like Him. Mary was the first saint because of her grace and her role as the Mother of Jesus. Anyone can be a saint if they believe, trust, and live by God's commandments and teachings. When we pray, we pray that we will return to God.**  
 Ann G

Dear Father Thanh,  
 There's not much that I know about the Communion of Saints, but there are some things I know about it. I do know that the Communion of Saints are all souls that love God. Another thing I know is that the saints in heaven pray to the people on earth so that the people on earth pray for the souls in purgatory.  
 Bradley S

Dear Father Thanh,  
 What I believe about the Communion of Saints is Church on Earth, in heaven, and is Purgatory. Communion of Saints is a great example to show how people on earth should live. This explains and guides you in the right path. Communion of Saints is a teaching, in my opinion, but it could be difficult to understand.  
 Sincerely, Luelieh



Dear Father Thanh,  
 Father Roe talked about all saints day they have a feast to celebrate it on Nov 1. I like saint Tomas the best he is my favorite saint. we talked that st. steve is the 1st saint  
 Your friend, Maverick

My favorite saint is St. Vincent de pal. He was kind and faithful. Vincent was kind to all. Even if their were mean back. I can not recall him doing any thing mean to other people.  
 I want to be more like Vincent. That means I have to be kind to everybody around me, even my enemies. If they are mean or rude to me, at that moment I can pray for that person.  
 Marissa D

How to be a Saint:  
 I will obey God and help a trust. I will do good deeds to God and I will love God. I love God and Mary and Jesus. I will be Kind to God. God is a Kind people and Mary. God is Kind to one nuthere.  
 Sara-Marie S



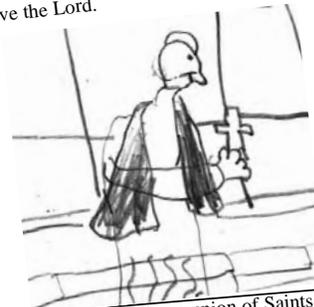
Dear Father Thanh,  
 I know that the Communion of Saints is all the saints everywhere. there aren't any saints in hell, but there are saints in Purgatory. there are even saints on earth. We are all saints. We aren't real saints until we go to heaven, but we are parts of the communion of saints. My favorite Saint is St. Callistus I. I like him because he was a martyr and because his Saint day is on my b-day.  
 Brother in Christ,  
 Samuel E

Dear Father Thanh,  
 I know a St. Her name is St Agnes. A saint is a messenger for God. Saints Love everyone. Saints are very holy. I was St. Agnes.  
 Unknown

Dear Father Thanh,  
 The Communion of Saints is very important to me. We represent the Communion of Saints following in God's footsteps while we are here. When we die, we will have a chance to actually be a saint. When we get to heaven, God will accept us for what we have done for him. I hope we all get to heaven to be their own saint.  
 Kristy T

Dear Father Thanh,  
 I think that the Communion of Saints is very important, because when someone is in Purgatory, you can pray to one of the saints and they will ask God to help them. That is how souls can get out of Purgatory. The Communion of Saints are wonderful servants of God who would always do their best to help anyone. That is what I think the Communion of Saints is.  
 Amy C

Saint Charles Borromeo  
 He was born October 2, 1538, Aron, Italy. St. Charles got special by he was the nephew of pope Pius IV. He also fought for peace. He suffered with a speech problem. he also founded school for the poor people.  
 I can follow St. Charles Borromeo by being a bishop or cardinal and also serve the Lord.  
 Chad W



The Communion of Saints  
 I think the Communion of Saints means the connecting of the saints and everybody in the world. To be a saint you have to do lots of good things for other people. There are patron saints for all kinds of things. I pray to the patron saints when I need them. I hope I become a saint if I do miracle things.  
 Richie L

# Graduation at Last!



by Lauren McGill

On May 16, 2003, the eighth grade class of Christ the King stepped out of the church now knowing that they were no longer part of the Christ the King student body, but were officially high school students. Graduation has been a long awaited event for many students; especially the ones who had been going to Christ the King practically their whole lives. Many students were sad to be leaving such unforgettable memories behind, but they knew that now they were on to bigger and better things in high school.

We definitely couldn't have a graduation without an awards ceremony for the students who have completed great academic and athletic achievements. The whole student body gathered after Mass on May 9, 2003 to distribute the special awards. There were awards for just about everyone; the Math Counts awards, the Honor Roll awards, the Superintendent's Awards, the Sports-Honor Roll awards, the Perfect Attendance awards, and the award to one student in each subject who had the highest GPA.

Earlier in the year, the students were asked to write an essay for the Ginny Hilton Writing Award about where they would want to be in thirty years. Some students wanted to become their dream occupation, and others wanted to be rich, but one essay stood out among the rest. This essay was written by Monica Lapierre who had shown the panel of judges just what they wanted to see. Monica won a \$100.00 savings bond and says that she had no idea that she would win.

The Peace in Christ Award is also quite special for the receiver. This is the award in which Bishop Galeone decides the one who has

shown love and understanding towards others. This years the winner was Redan Reyes. He received a certificate by the bishop, himself.

This year the highest achievement of academic excellence award (valedictorian) was particularly different. Instead of having one valedictorian, there was a tie between two students who had been working unbelievably hard throughout the year to attain this award. The valedictorians were Lauren McGill and Christopher Infante. The school has not had a tie for this award in twenty years, and the school expects great things from both of them in high school.

Finally, the actual graduation ceremony had arrived. Everyone was nervous and excited as they waited in their classrooms for the teachers to tell them to get in line and walk down the aisle. The moment finally came and each student walked confidently with pride. After the church service was over, the commencement process began. First, the valedictorians, Lauren McGill and Christopher Infante, read their final words of wisdom to their fellow classmates. Next, came the awarding of the diplomas. The students waited patiently for their full name to be called knowing that as soon as they received their diplomas they would be finally finished with grade school. Once the last diploma was given out, Father Thanh spoke to the graduates about their futures. Everyone listened to his wise words with hopes that their next four years in high school will be great. At last the ceremony was over, the students realized they were no longer children, but now young adults.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2003!**

## School Days — Already!

by Mary Beth Scott

Summer ended the school year has begun  
In come the students but not on the run  
As memories of summer linger in the air  
School in August- are you sure this is fair?

Thoughts of the beach and playing in the sand  
Starting school later sure would be grand  
Didn't you know I'm still working on my tan?  
Instead I'm here with a fat book in my hand!

Math and reading and then a book report due  
When my thoughts still revolve around Blink 182  
My favorite is R.Kelly and of course there's TLC  
Keeping your mind on them will guarantee you D's

School days already, Oh Lord! please make me ready!

## To the Parishioners of Christ the King,

The Student Council worked very hard throughout the 2002-2003 school year to support various charities. We were able to raise over \$4000.00 through school dances, bowling and skate parties, and the ever famous "Penny War." We were also able to utilize some of the children's stewardship to help the poor within our own community.

Thank you for all the support that you give to the school. Below is a list of the charities that benefitted from the students' hard work and your generosity.

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| Alaska Radio Mission          | Heifer International Project |
| Camp I Am Special             | Holy Rosary School           |
| Catholic Charities            | Hospice of Jacksonville      |
| Christ the King Health Clinic | Humane Society               |
| Christ the King Library       | I.M. Sulzabacher             |
| Covenant House Florida        | Our Lady of Hope Community   |
| Dreams Come True Foundation   | Padre Juan Loison            |
| Food for the Poor             | St. Gerard House             |
| Guardian of Dreams            | St. Pius School              |
| Harbor House                  |                              |

Sincerely,  
Christ the King Student Council

# 2003 Musical Revue



by Kathy Nichols

Christ the King has a new music teacher. Her name is Mrs. Beth Ann Zerkowski, but she goes by Mrs. Z. She's taken over Mr. Rocky D'Georgio's job. Instead of planning a typical "school play", she organized each grade from 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> to perform an excerpt from some famous Broadway musicals. In addition to this there were several individuals who sang solos from the musical.

The night started out with a fabulous dinner catered by Carrabba's. Then onto the performances. First, 7B did "We Go Together" from *Grease*, including a solo by Tessa Gay, "It's Raining on Prom Night." Next, 6A performed "Joyful, Joyful" from *Sister Act*. Following this the hills were alive with 5B singing and acting to "The Sound of Music." "Seussical the Musical" was done by 4A, including a special performance by Mrs. Z's family, Rich and Madison

Zerkowski, "Alone in the Universe".

In Act Two 7A started out with *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Megan Mitchell sang "Close Every Door", while the rest of the class danced and sang to "A Pharaoh's Story" and "Song of the King." 6B was next with *Godspell*, singing "Prepare Ye" and "Day by Day." Then 4B did *Charlie Brown* and sang "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", "Schroeder", and "Happiness." The program ended with 5A in *The Wiz* singing "Ease on Down" and "Brand New Day."

There were also behind the scenes crews including Sound Crew, Stage Crew, Photography, and Video.

Everyone had a marvelous time. The costumes and sets were great. Everyone pulled through in the end and gave the audience a real experience. Such talent!!!





## Spuds for Stubenville



by Stephanie Henry

On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, LIFE TEEN hosted a Baked Potato Bar in the Shirley David Hall. The proceeds from this dinner were to go towards defraying the expenses for the upcoming trip to Stubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Thanks to Pat Thomas, 400 spuds and mountains of salad were donated to our worthy cause. Our dessert, which consisted of cookies and two wonderful cakes from Edgewood Bakery, was donated by the Christ the King Council of Catholic Women.

Parents and core members were given the great task of scrubbing and wrapping all 400 spuds. Those of us who scrubbed and wrapped were all in agreement that these were the biggest "spuds" we had ever seen. Each spud was approximately one pound and a meal in itself! The teens who participated in the Baked

Potato Bar were each assigned to bring a condiment to either compliment the potatoes or the salad. The teens, along with several parents, chopped and steamed broccoli, cooked chili and kept those "spuds" coming, so that everyone had a steaming hot potato with all the "fixins."

We are proud to say that our Baked Potato Bar was a success. We have approximately 19 teens that will be going to Atlanta at the end of July. We thank all of you who made this possible, and we look forward to seeing you at future dinners.

## Praise & Worship by the Sea



by Christina Venezia

It started as the sun began to sink behind the buildings. We were watching the wonder of the ocean as a warm breeze tousled our hair. The moms and dads had made some delectable delights that we were enjoying while running our toes through the sand.

And then it happened:

The first couple wasn't too bad, but then it seemed like they were multiplying. Birds. Dozens of them swooping down on us as we were enjoying a beautiful evening. Some of our more "courageous" teens even taunted them with chips and other snacks.

As the last of the snacks were either eaten or covered, the birds made their retreat. They are lucky they did too. There's no telling what would happen if they had ignited the fury of Phil and Rebecca Militante.

Phil and Rebecca started the evening with some upbeat songs. The teens were kicking up the sand

as they danced and did the signs that went with the songs. They had a blast goofing around and having fun. All this while praising their God!!

Then the mood got a little calmer as we began to worship God with song. Hands were raised as we sang some meditative songs. It was beautiful hearing this music and lyrics mixing with the sound of the waves. We were all aware of God's presence.

One of the coolest things was seeing people who were just walking along the beach, stop and listen. One woman even stopped and took a couple of pictures of us. It's kind of neat to think that God may have used us as His instruments that evening. Maybe we moved some hearts!!

We ended the evening with prayer from Father Thanh and we sang the Hail Mary and Ave Maria. We left the beach as the sun finished its descent with a little fire in our hearts and, thankfully, no birds in sight!

## She's Da Bomb Diggity!

### LIFE TEEN Welcomes New Director

by Nancy M. Powers



From the back woods of Tennessee to the castle strewn hillsides of Germany - From Indiana to Illinois...(and this was just her younger days)...she's hip, she's on the edge, she loves God.... please join me in welcoming our new LIFE TEEN Coordinator - Christina Venezia. She really is *da bomb diggity* (I learned that from her!)

Christina is a Bishop Kenny High School grad ('96 if you want to know) later graduating from UNF with a major in Advertising and a minor in Sociology. While she was attending BK she was in ROTC and even had her own platoon. (I thought that was cool so I threw it in.)

Christina's youth ministry experience dates back to her teen years. She was active in the SEARCH program; she performed in the musicals at Resurrection and was involved in their CYO program. Currently she's been with Music for LIFE, LIFE TEEN's band for the past four years where she's shared her incredible God-given singing ability. (She can bring tears to your eyes when she sings to Jesus during Adoration.)

Christina's mom lives here in town and attends Blessed Trinity. Her mom is a tremendous influence in Christina's life and they have a wonderful mother-daughter-friend relationship. Christina also has three brothers with families and she loves them all dearly. O.K. enough

of the mushy stuff...here's the inside scoop - she's a HUGE Robert De Niro fan ("You talkin' to me?") and she also has a rather large poster of young Elvis hanging on her office wall. She loves the cartoon "Pearls Before Swine", because she also has an unusual sense of humor and she laughs loudly at her own jokes (even snorts a bit if you want to know the truth.)

Christina brings incredible talent, enthusiasm, new ideas and a genuine love of teens to our LIFE TEEN ministry. She's excited about our upcoming fall retreat over Labor Day Weekend and looks forward to meeting all the teens. Get ready for a new and improved LIFE TEEN every week as we lead more teens closer to Christ.

Teens, if you haven't tried it yet...you'll want to try it now.

## Merry Times at Marywood

by Monica Figueroa

On a rainy Saturday morning, the ringing alarm signaled that it was time for my husband, Mike, and I to head out to Marywood to take part in a LIFETEEN retreat. Although it had been a very long week, we were both looking forward to a relaxing weekend and some fun with our friends at the retreat. We arrived to strong coffee, Panera bagels, and all of the familiar faces from the core of LIFETEEN: Music for Life, the Core Team, and Parents for Life.

Father John Gerth, pastor of a church in Largo, FL, was our spiritual director for the day. He told us that there are approximately 300 teens in the LIFETEEN program at his parish. Wow, that's awesome! In addition to saying LIFETEEN Mass in his own parish, Father John is involved with LIFETEEN nationally. It was obvious that "Father J," as he likes to be called, is on fire for Christ and that his charisma spreads through his ministry.

The general schedule for the day included scripture readings, music, and discussion about several

different topics. As always, Phil and Rebecca Militante filled our ears and our hearts with beautiful songs of praise and worship. We split into three groups: Music for Life, the Core Team, and Parents for Life, for discussion time, one remaining with Father J. for each topic. Afterward, all of the groups came together to present their views on the topics.

During our day, we had prayerful discussions about LIFETEEN; we talked about ways to improve the program and about ways to increase the involvement of the teens, parents, and others. Father J. also taught us a thing or two about parts of the Mass itself, as well as about the significance of the materials used on the altar during the liturgy of the Eucharist.

At the conclusion of the day, we had dinner, followed by Mass in the chapel with Father J. Sharing the Eucharist as a group was the perfect way to end a successful and productive weekend. We left refreshed and energized with new ideas about how to take on the challenge of expanding and improving the LIFETEEN program at Christ the King.

## Monsignor John J. Lenihan

# The Irish Leprechaun



by Ray Walker

Any of us who have ever tried to trace our ancestry, know how extremely difficult it is even to reach back 100 - 200 years with any degree of certainty.

Irish born, Monsignor John J. Lenihan (whom Bishop John Snyder has nicknamed The Irish Leprechaun), former pastor of Christ the King Church, was raised on a family farm, owned and occupied by his mother's people for 11 generations. This involves a time span in excess of 275 years. There is no way we Americans could imagine living on the same piece of property for almost 3 centuries - our country is not even that old.

When I was in Medugorje in 1988, we spent our week living in an old, stone-walled farm house which, we were told was first built 450 years prior to our visit. Naturally, it had been changed and added onto over the years (for instance, the bath room was in doors and quite modern) but the original stone walls still stood. Essentially, it was the same 450 years old house.

Monsignor Lenihan's family contains some legendary Irish names including the O'Brien's, the McCarthy's, and the Fitzgerald's as well as the Lenihan's. The Fitzgerald clan emigrated from Normandy in France but all the others are original Celtic stock. If being able to trace your family's homestead back 11 generations is impressive, how much more significant is it to be able to say you are a descendent of a people that settled on Irish soil 500 - 600 B.C.! This is when warlike bands of Celts swept out of Northern Europe and overran what is now England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

It seems reasonable to assume that many of our priest friends born in Ireland have a similar lineage. Irish priests and Sisters have dominated the ranks of the Catholic Church in Florida ever since the death of the first bishop of St. Augustine, Agustin Verot, a Frenchman. We Catholics, regardless of our ancestry, owe a great debt of gratitude to these Irish brothers and sisters of ours.

Monsignor Lenihan recently celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood (in 1953) and is enjoying a blessed retirement in beautiful St. Augustine. How many of us who are not clergy could imagine spending 50 years on the job?

Young Johnny Lenihan was born in County Kerry on July 14, 1929. County Kerry is on the extreme south-western tip of the Emerald Isle, a mountainous area where the land juts far out into the often turbulent Atlantic Ocean, and bays have cut their way over many millenniums deep into the land mass. One such area the young Lenihan knew well was picturesque Dingle Bay where steep cliffs rise abruptly out of the sea and

climb for several hundred feet. The westward view from here (I am told) is breath-taking. It is almost as though this corner of Ireland was stretching its rocky fingers westward toward its beloved second home - America.

Our future pastor entered St. Kieran Seminary in Kilkenny after high school and graduated in 1953, no longer Johnny Lenihan but now, Father Lenihan. He learned that Florida needed priests and joined the group emigrating to the Sunshine State. His first assignments were in Miami Springs, Fort Lauderdale and Hialeah.

After 5 years of parish work, he came to Jacksonville as the head of Catholic Charities, which he led until 1974. During this period he was asked to create a parish on Broward Road, and in 1959 built St. Patrick's Parish from scratch. In 1968 he was transferred to Christ the King Church following its founder, Father Thomas Larkin. Nine years later he was asked to take over the helm of San Jose Church on Toledo Road and stayed there for the next 22 years until his retirement in 1999. During this time he was responsible for the construction of the magnificent new church that stands there today. Because of his untiring efforts for the Church, Father Lenihan was vested with the title "Monsignor" in 1967.

One would think with all this, he would have had a full plate but he also became vice-chairman of the city's Childrens Commission and a member of the Commission For the Aging in the 1960's under Mayor Hans Tanzler. If there ever was anyone who epitomized the term ecumenism Monsignor Lenihan most certainly deserves the award. He was president of the Inter-Faith Council for two years and an active leader in the National Council of Christian and Jews (NCCJ). I well remember going to Israel and Rome with him in 1985 along with an equal number of Jews, Protestants and Catholics, all part of NCCJ. If the whole world got along as well as we did, there would be no need for disarmament treaties.

Monsignor Lenihan has great faith in the City of Jacksonville and delights in the spectacular growth he has been a part of during the last 45 years. He also applauds the increased involvement of the laity in Church affairs and has no problem with married clergy if it means more priests to serve the increasing needs of the people.

God is surely pleased with the transformation of Johnny Lenihan, from a little boy standing atop the precipitous cliffs of Dingle Bay in County Kerry, Ireland to Monsignor John J. Lenihan, a recognized leader in our Catholic community for half a century. We all wish him a happy retirement.

*Ad multos annos.*

**more on Monsignor Lenihan on page 9**