priests should follow Jesus, who he called the "supreme shepherd of souls," in their mission to "take care of the people of God, be teachers of the faith, animating and sus-
taining the community of Christians."

The pope quoted St. Augustine in pointing out that "it is a labor of love to graze the flocks of the Lord," and that love should act as the "supreme guide in conduct for the ministers of God." By following this guide, the pope said, a priest should show "unconditional love, be full of joy and open to all; to be attentive to those around him, gentle to children, to the weak and to the simple; and show the

The pope did not mention specific po-
ticles, communications professionals who profess and who promote a multicultural idea, with disdain for the religious and contemplative dimension of life," he said.

"In such circles are found some believ-
ers who are ashamed of their beliefs and who even give a helping hand to this type of secularism," he said. He said the changes in contemporary society require a "new missionary vigor" by mature lay Christians, and bishops themselves should show that they will not be "gagged" when it comes to announcing the church’s moral teachings. The pope made his remarks at his final major event in Fatima, where earlier in the
day he celebrated Mass for half a million people, then met with Catholic pastoral workers.

He did not mention specific po-
ticles in his address, but Portuguese church leaders have been distressed at the liberalization of abortion laws in 2007 and

The pope said that leading others does not mean domination but is rather illus-
trate in the humble act of Jesus Christ’s

In his final big event of the trip, the pope told 200,000 people at a Mass that their duty upon them. They each also received from the staff a letter of thanksgiving for their love and service.

The following section includes The Catholic Lighthouse...

By Cynthia Brewer
Can’t find your copy of The Catholic Lighthouse that just came in the mail? Did your clutter-free spouse toss it before you had a chance to file it in your stack? No worries. Just go to the Diocese of Victoria Web site and pull up the most re-
cent Lighthouse issue, or even an archived issue from a year ago.

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umn on the left, or go directly to the paper by typing http://www.victoriadiocese.

By Catholic News Service
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As the Year for Priests draws to a close, Pope Benedict XVI said a priest’s foremost role is to be a shepherd to his flock, and he asked the faithful to support their priests in their task of bringing people closer to God.

At his regular weekly audience in St. Peter’s Square May 26, the pope said
National CDA Chaplain’s Message

Being Open to Changes in Worship

This article appeared in Spring 2010 “Share” magazine, a quarterly published by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. It is reprinted with permission. It is written by Bishop David E. Fellhauer, Bishop of Victoria, Texas, who is the National Chaplain of the Catholic Daughters since Mrs. Libby Ramirez is the CDA National Regent. Her post ends July 2010.

Dear Catholic Daughters:

Our diocese like many others is currently scheduling workshops to prepare for the new English translation of the Roman Missal, which we will all be experiencing probably sometime next year. The translation will take a little getting used to, and it may not totally please everyone. It will adhere more faithfully and accurately to the original Latin text, without omissions, additions, and paraphrases. It will follow to some extent the style of the original Latin and occasionally will sound a bit stilted. We will be hearing English that is more formal and less “everyday,” different from what we have been used to.

Translating a text from one language and culture to another is a complex art and science. The translators of the Missal have taken into account the history of the ancient text (a history of which we are often largely unaware), and in some instances they have made clearer the many biblical and cultural references in the Missal. To say it again, not everyone, at least at first, will welcome this new translation; but many will do so, even while taking issue with one or another word or phrase.

Among the numerous changes, small and large, in the new text, I’d like to mention three in particular. The first is the response of the assembly to the priest’s greeting, “The Lord be with you.” Instead of answering “and also with you,” the people will say, “and with your spirit.” This is, of course, the literal translation of the Latin et cum spirito tuo, the original and ancient phrase of the liturgy. This response, by the way, has already been retained in all the major vernacular translations except the English. Our English greeting, “and also with you,” does not do full justice to the original, even though the precise meaning of “your spirit” may be totally clear.

The celebrant’s “The Lord be with you” and the response of the assembly is more than just a personal and polite exchange of greetings. The celebrant is praying that the Lord be truly present with the gathered assembly. The assembly is acknowledging that the celebrant is not merely representing himself during the sacred liturgy, but that he genuinely represents Christ who is most truly present and in whose name the priest pronounces the sacred words and performs the sacred actions of the Mass. The response, “and with your spirit,” is addressed only to an ordained minister. Thus the word spirit in this context is connected with the conferment of Holy Orders and may possibly refer to the gift of the Spirit received at ordination.

The second change I would mention is found in the so-called Nicene Creed, professed by people and priest after the Gospel in many Masses. Currently we pray, “We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ […] one in being with the Father.” The revised translation is “constituted with the Father,” a translation of the Latin consubstantialem, which means having the same substance as the Father. While one may argue that “one in being” and “having the same substance” are equivalent, the Holy See considers it preferable, and probably more accurate, to use the Latin term. Third and last, there is a change in the formula for the consecration of the wine. Presently the priest proclaims, “this is the cup of my blood […] it will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.” The new translation will retain the original Latin, “for many” [pro multis]. Theologically it is correct to say that Christ died for all, but it is the phrase “for many” which is found in the Gospels according to Matthew and Mark. And so the new wording conforms to the biblical text.

There is much more to be said, of course, about the revised English translation, and perhaps not everyone will find the topic as interesting as I. But the new wording will be presented at the center of our prayer and worship for years to come, and I believe that we do best to try to welcome and appreciate it, aware of the fact, as the saying goes, that every translation has its limitations.

God’s blessings on you all.
Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer
Bishop of Victoria, Texas

DSA & Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign Updates

2010 DSA
Diocesan Goal: $1,349,808.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $ 509,015.25
Parish Participation Totals: $ 418,824.52
Number of Parish Families Participating: 3,140

Reflection of Faith Capital Campaign
Diocesan Goal: $ 9,000,000.00
Parish Pledge Totals: $12,983,688.50
Parish Participation Totals: $ 7,575,015.78
Number of Parish Families Participating: 6,751

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Vocations

Seminary Burses

Seminary burses are a permanent fund used for the education of future priests for the Diocese of Victoria. The goal of each burse is $15,000. The interest from this amount is applied yearly to the education of seminarians. The burses are in memory of or in honor of an individual priest or lay persons, living or deceased. Publication of the burses will appear periodically when new contributions are received.

As of May 17, 2010

- General Seminary Burse
  Previously reported $96,734.00
  Gift from Sacred Heart Federal Credit Union $1,000.00
  In memory of Frances Pekar Hennesy by MEM J.O. Hennesy $30.00
  In memory of Richard S. Willis by MEM Fred Fischer Jr. 25.00
  Total $97,789.00

- Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Bartsch Seminary Burse
  Previously reported $3,685.00
  In memory of Rev. Msgr. Edward Bartsch by
  MEM Joseph Neskor $300.00
  Kupcak Family Reunion 50.00
  MEM Gary Cenzy 100.00
  Gift to burse by Raphael’s Refuge Board of Directors 130.00
  In memory of Vacha G. “Jim” Kalina by:
  Georgia Cenzy 10.00
  Stavy Hajek 2.00
  Total $4,280.00

- Catholic Daughters of America Our Lady Queen of Peace Court #1374
  Previously reported $4,687.72
  In memory of Theresa Binder by
  CDA Court #1374 55.00
  In memory of Dorothy Muck by CDA Court #1374 55.00
  In memory of Elora Goeitcy by CDA Court #1374 85.00
  Gift to burse by CDA Court #1374 60.00
  Total $4,942.72

- Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse #4
  Previously reported $12,659.00
  In honor of Fr. John Peters 36th anniversary of priesthood 10.00
  Gift in honor of anniversary of death of John & Tillie Peters 10.00
  In memory of Kenneth Besetzny by
  Georgia and Irene Knebel 50.00
  Total $12,729.00

- Joseph R. Janak Seminary Burse #2
  Previously reported $1,000.00
  In honor of Fr. Gary Janak 22nd Anniversary of Priesthood by
  Larry and Delores Dornak 20.00
  MEM Simum Tiska 50.00
  Total $1,070.00

- Rev. Jerome J. Stryk Seminary
  Previously reported $11,834.50
  In memory of Gerald Kalina by:
  Mrs. Celine Kalina 50.00
  Mrs. Julia Stryk 10.00
  MEM Andrew Stryk 100.00
  Lizzo Stryk 100.00
  Lad & Helen Muras 50.00
  Georgia Cenzy 10.00
  Total $12,174.50

Butterflies for God on Day

The second and third grade classes at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School in Schulenburg took part in their annual butterfly garden project this year with the help of the Schulenburg Garden Club. The club gave a wonderful presentation to the classes and then donated a variety of plants that attract caterpillars, which then turn into butterflies. The students have been caring for the garden, as well as observing it for caterpillars and butterflies each day. This is always a rewarding project to do with the students. Creating the flower garden was a gift to God for Earth Day.

Vocation camp for young men to be held

Diocesan Vocation Camp for Young Men, ages 15 – 21 will be held July 18 – 21. Life Awareness Retreat – Girls Vacation Camp will be held July 23 – 25. For more information or to register, please contact (361) 573-0828, ext. 32 or 50.

To All Of Our Readers: Have A Safe And Blessed Summer Vacation!

New formation adviser appointed to Holy Trinity Seminary


Father James Vásquez, 32 years old, is the sixth of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. José Vásquez of Port Lavaca, TX. Father Vásquez, whose parents are Mexican immigrants, was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas; he is bilingual. After graduation from a local public high school, Father Vásquez entered the seminary under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He attended and graduated from the college seminary in 2000 with a B.A. in philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Penn. He then completed his graduate studies in theology with an M.Div. from the University of St. Thomas while completing his priestly formation at St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston, Texas. On June 24, 2006, he was ordained to the priesthood in Corpus Christi Cathedral by the Most Reverend Edmund Camody, then the bishop of Corpus Christi.

Since Father Vásquez’s ordination he has served as the director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. In addition to this position, he has most recently served as a member of the faculty of John Paul II High School in Corpus Christi. His past parochial assignments include Corpus Christi Cathedral and most recently Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Corpus Christi.

Father Michael Olson, the rector of Holy Trinity Seminary, stated that he is most grateful for the generosity of Bishop Mulvey in permitting Father Vásquez to come to Dallas to work in this very important and rewarding ministry of priestly formation.

Father Olson added, “I am overjoyed to welcome Father Vásquez to the formation faculty of Holy Trinity Seminary. I have personally known Father Vásquez since the fall of 2001; he is a very talented and faith-ful priest and a man of solid character. I am very grateful for his willingness to serve in the work of priestly formation.”

Discerning while calculating (numbers, that is)

Continued from p. 3 brings them through the sacraments. I also enjoy spending time with the people as they call upon me to celebrate, as well as when they call me in my need. I am able to experience life with them. What was the last book you read? “The Lovely Bones” by Alice Sebold. What is your favorite spiritual book? “The Return of the Prodigal Son” by Henri Nouwen. What is your favorite movie? “Life is Beautiful” (Italian with English subtitles).

Who is a hero to you? Father Stanley Rother. I didn’t know him, but have read and heard his story from many points of view.

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Milestones and inch-stones: the reason we celebrate

I have been anticipating my birthday with the vigor and vigilance of an 8-year-old. For months I’ve pondered what I will eat and where I will shop and how I will dress. I’ve dedicated an entire weekend to Favorite Things. I’ve even devised a wish list. I felt awkwardly indulgent at first, but then I considered how novel the impulse is and vowed to nurture it. If so many birtihdays have slipped by quietly, desire to celebrate a one – just another notch along my twenties – may be worth heeding.

In the past year seems to merit celebration. I experienced the highs and the lows more acutely: late nights, early mornings, and a few leisurely weekends that rolled by with no plans and great fun.

I bought more flowers, whose bloom I studied and relished like never before. I have settled into a home perched beside an old oak, and just as I am looking up at its winding branches silhouetted against the sky, so too am I and it’s worth teasing.

The early spring hydrated my brittle rock, and everyone dances. We’re in the season that celebrates landmarks with wedding bells and graduation parties, and we are following the script, sending cards with doves and occasion parties, and we are following the list of individual characteristics that under no circumstances can homo- sexual acts be approved. The letter referred to one section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which said that “no one should be an object of scorn, hatred, or violence for any reason, including sexual inclination,” and that the church stood committed to avoiding “every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard.” But Catholic teaching cannot be “equated with ‘injust discrimination,’” it added.

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**Safe Sex, Anyone?**

It is safe to say that much "safe-sex" advice is actually aimed at avoiding correct condom use. In June 2000, four federal agencies dedicated to the study of various categories of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), released a comprehensive study of 138 peer-reviewed papers on the eight most prevalent sexually transmitted diseases: HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, hepatitis B, herpes, chancroid, trichomoniasis, genital herpes, and human papillomavirus (HPV).

The US Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of their findings July 20, 2001. The conclusion of the study can be seen from a summary paragraph from the report:

"For use in sex as the males for their main tool and unsuccessul in correct condom use. In preaching use of condoms for safe sex they are worse than snake oil salesmen playing it or recommending it to others. Why is not the 100% awareness of the females? "Sexually transmitted infections can cause adverse pregnancy outcomes and increase overall health care costs. In the United States, more than 65 million individuals are living with an STD, the majority of which are incurable viral infections. In the US, an estimated 493,000 individuals have died from AIDS, and 800,000-900,000 people are living with HIV disease. Many sexually transmitted infections can cause adverse pregnancy outcomes and increase overall health care costs. In the United States, more than 65 million individuals are living with an STD, the majority of which are incurable viral infections. In the US, an estimated 493,000 individuals have died from AIDS, and 800,000-900,000 people are living with HIV disease. Many sexually transmitted infections can cause adverse pregnancy outcomes and increase overall health care costs. In the United States, more than 65 million individuals are living with an STD, the majority of which are incurable viral infections. In the US, an estimated 493,000 individuals have died from AIDS, and 800,000-900,000 people are living with HIV disease. Many sexually transmitted infections can cause adverse pregnancy outcomes and increase overall health care costs."

The two diseases for which condoms offer partial protection constitute only two percent of all heterosexual STD cases in the US. That means that they are no protection for the other 98 percent of cases.

The importance of the study can be seen from a summary paragraph from the report:

The study found that condoms were effective in reducing the risk of gonorrhea in men but not in women. The protection rate of one condom relative to other STDs was virtually zero. For example, the report stated, "For HPV, the panel concluded that there was no epidemiological evidence that condom use reduced the risk of HPV."

"As true for herpes, Chlamydia, chancroid, trichomoniasis, and genital warts, which are common, important, and transmissible diseases: HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, hepatitis B, herpes, chancroid, trichomoniasis, genital herpes, and human papillomavirus (HPV). The US Department of Health and Human Services issued a report of their findings July 20, 2001.

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Millions of living and breathing human beings are full of disease. Does anyone care about them?"
CATECHESIS

Diocese of Victoria

Twenty-third Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry

Emerging Trends in Catholic Youth Ministry: The Pain and the Promise

Authentic and superstitious devotions

Q. I am a former Protestant, now Catholic for 10 years. I've come to realize there are fundamentalists and zealous people in every denomination. Somehow, this seems connected to a rejection of grace, when these groups apparently thrive on the feeling they have it right and one can “earn” a special position with God only by adopting their ideas, which typically involve a bunch of legalistic requirements.

Q. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for some Catholics (or people of other faiths for that matter) to become so enamored with a particular expression of faith that they want to freeze it and make it, as you say, “materialize” and “automatize,” thereby creating an obligation for salvation for everyone else. That’s understandable perhaps, given human nature is spiritually unhealthy at the very least.

A. A sure sign which can be easily measured is the feeling they have it right and one can “earn” a special position with God only by adopting their ideas, which typically involve a bunch of legalistic requirements.

Q. Recently, in the Easter season, I saw a film and was honestly mortified. It described the graces one receives on the first Sunday after Easter as essentially an eighth sacrament, how people must say certain prayers exactly in a specific format to receive the graces of Catholicity.

A. When do promoters of these “devotions” go too far and become just another extreme group? (New York)

A. In other words, it happens when we no longer understand our relationship with God as an interpersonal one of trust, love and caring, and begin to treat God as some “thing,” a guaranteed source of magic if only he is invoked and manipulated with proper invocations and rituals.

Have you noticed the changes in young people over the past ten years? Adolescents seem to be in another world most of the time. Keynote presenter Mr. Robert (Bob) McCoy recently stated, “Our pastoral ministry with young people in schools and in parish religious education programs has been greatly affected by the post modern context.” In his keynote address, McCoy will identify several critical factors impacting our ministry to youth, characteristics of generational change, and elements of a new map for effectively responding to young people throughout their lifetime, faith journey.

The Diocese of Victoria will sponsor the Twenty-third Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry at Holy Family Parish in Victoria on Saturday, September 25, 2010. The one-day conference is for all adults. A multitude of workshops will be presented throughout the day.

Catholic vendors will also be available.

Summer: A Time to Explore, Grow, and Learn

 Do something special this summer. Attend a Pastoral Institute class. The Diocese of Victoria through the Pastoral Institute Short-Term Program is offering theological and catechetical classes in parishes throughout the diocese. All classes except the Church class will be using the Echoes of Faith Plus program, which is a basic level video-assisted resource for the formation and enrichment of catechists in parishes and Catholic schools. The five theology modules (classes) are excellent for adult faith formation and enrichment. Each module has a companion booklet ($4.00), which contains a CD of the material covered in the class. Companion booklets are available at the Diocesan Catechetical Office and at the class sites.

Take this time to summer to attend the class or classes being offered in your parish or neighboring parishes. Catholics are often accused of not knowing their faith or not being able to fully explain their beliefs. When asked by non-Catholics or others, these classes are offered every summer because recent Church documents remind us that, as Catholics, learning and growing in our faith is a life-long journey. To register, please e-mail calvarez@victoriadiocese.org or call (361) 573-0828.

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Sisterly Thoughts

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Last month we looked at some ways that we can strive for spiritual gold - the prize we all hope to claim at the finish line of earthly life. We saw how body works - the corporal works of mercy - in our efforts to alleviate the sufferings of others by offering aid and support and encouragement. Perhaps the most difficult exercises of the spiritual works are those of forgiving offences willingly and bearing wounds patiently. We can carry grudges that destroy relationships with others - even our loved ones? Do we even run the risk of jeopardizing our own health and the happiness of those about us by harboring resentments? If so, let us ask the forgiving Jesus to give us the grace to forgive, and if possible, reconcile with those who may have hurt us. As far as bearing wounds patiently, we might want to try to remedy a wrongful situation; however, if we cannot, then we must resign ourselves, and let God to help us face and endure the hardships that life presents.

We all have opportunities to comfort the sorrowful (or afflicted) through our efforts to alleviate their suffering by offering aid and support. Also, our physical presence, a simple message, or a promise to pray for them can let those who suffer know that they are not forgotten. Our offering of prayer for them leads us to our final spiritual exercise: to pray for the living and the dead. There is no limit to this exercise: we can pray for liturgical services, at community prayer services, in our families and in the depth of our hearts. Short little prayers, called aspirations, for others can be a part of our life. These aspirations "pierce the heavens like arrows," and if we will prepare a mode of prayer, we can be said to "praying always." What a wonderful way to become spiritualized "little by little" on the way to achieving that spiritual gold.

During this month of June, let us salute all fathers who are called to be the spiritual leaders in their families. Happy Fathers' Day!

OCPY holds workshop for Youth Protection trainers

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... for the American Legion rebuilding fund at the Legion's meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The check represents $1,450 in proceeds raised at a turkey shoot the society held on April 18 and a matching grant of $250 received from the KJT home office. Special acknowledgment goes to the prize donors for the turkey shoot.

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Call the Chancery at (361) 573-1828 and ask to speak with the bishop of the chancellor; or

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Write to: Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer, Diocese of Victoria
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Victoria, TX 77903

Mark your letter "Personal and Confidential"

We will also help you bring your concerns to Church officials outside the diocese if the abuse occurred elsewhere and you now reside in the Diocese of Victoria.

If you are unsure about bringing a complaint or would like further information, please contact: Rev. Gary Janak at (979) 543-3770.

Legion building fund receives donation from KJT

The KJT (Catholic Union of Texas) was founded in July 1899 by some 150 Catholic immigrants in Bluff, Texas (now Hostyn). Today, the fraternal benefit society has over 18,000 members. Open to all Christians, the society provides life and accident benefits, a burial site for IRA's, home and farm loans, and other benefits to members, as well as sponsoring KJT family day, a youth camp and scholarships.

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GOLIAD — Politicians, historians, archeologists, re-enactors, news media and tourists will gather in Goliad Tuesday, June 8, for the grand re-opening, ribbon cutting and formal blessing of the Presidio La Bahía Museum, over which nine flags have flown.

Bishop David Fellhauer of the Diocese of Victoria, who owns the 289-year-old National Historic Landmark, will formally bless the museum. It was fully renovated at a cost of more than $500,000 during the past 3½ years. See http://www.prisidio-
laibaba.org/.

Activities begin with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m. at the museum entrance. Newton M. Warzecha, director of the Presidio since 1991, and museum designer Drew Patterson of Drew Patterson Studios, Austin, will comment on the re-design before the blessing and re-opening to the public.

A recently acquired, 250-year-old bronze cannon will salute the occasion. Lunch will be served on the Quadrangle grounds to invited guests and to visitors who have made advance reservations by calling 361-645-3742 or writing presidioLahia@goa.net. The Presidio is one mile south of Goliad on U.S. Hwy. 183 (37A).

Sally and David Johnson of Goliad, directors of the Presidio La Bahia Foundation, are sponsoring the lunch. The company’s barbeque team, the Farm Industrial Guild, will prepare the meal.

The walled bastion, a crucial structure in Spanish, Mexican and Texas colonial histories, was built in 1749 on the San Antonio River in 1749. In 1836 it became the bloodiest chapter of the Texas Revolution — The Goliad Massacre. The Mexican Army executed 342 Texans who had surrendered after the nearby Battle of Coleto Creek.

Thanks to the generosity of members of The Presidio La Bahia Foundation, its advisory board, the Friends of the Fort and numerous individuals and area foundations, the Presidio, museum and portions of Our Lady of Loreto Chapel have undergone the most extensive refurbishing in more than half a century, said Warzecha, also president of the foundation.

The fort features eight-foot stone walls, parlans, windows, doorways, a bell tower, and a functioning chapel with its bell tower, ancient religious statue and stunning fresco. All were restored to their 1836 appearance in the mid-1960s with funds from the Kathryn Stoner O’Connor Foundation.

The exhibits have been re-designed with new, museum-quality cases and lighting, and all interiors have been repaired; murals and decorations refreshed; the floors repaired and restored; and the gift shop expanded," Warzecha emphasized.

"The soldiers’ barracks have been upgraded and the entry and museum are now more wheelchair accessible — ‘The Quarters,’ which formerly housed officers and later priests, can accommodate four persons for overnight stays in one of the most historic — and eerie — lodgings in America."

A recent four-minute video of the Presidio La Bahia de Goliad, its story and Living History Program can be viewed at: http://www.kiitv.com feature/news release/86213732.html. A March feature news release and 10 other museum images with links are at: http://www.prweb.com/releases/Texas-
Revolution/Massacre-Re-enactment/prweb371506a.htm. Go to The Catholic Lighthouse Web site, click on June issue, and go to this story on page 9 and click on links.
TEENS

Youth Calendar of Events

June 6 — Rocky Mountain High parent/ participants meeting - 3:00 p.m at the Chancery in Victoria
June 13-15 — 1st Session - Camp David Junior High Camp
June 16 — Camp David Elementary Camp
June 16 -18 — 2nd Session - Camp David Junior High Camp
June 28 - July 1 — Discipleship Week
July 3-11 — Rocky Mountain High, Colorado
July 18-21 — Diocesan Vocation Camp for Young Men ages 15-21 (or those who will be sophomores in high school) will be held July 18-21.
July 23-25 — Life Awareness Retreat — Girls Vocation Camp

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For more information on any of these events, please contact:
Debbie Vanelli or José Ortega at the Office of Youth Ministry
573-0826 ext. 32 / 50 or e-mail at
dvaneli@victoriadiocese.org or jortega@victoriadiocese.org
Web site: www.victoriadiocese.org/youthoffice

PERFECT CCD ATTENDANCE SINCE KINDERGARTEN—Kasey Steffek, a junior in the CCD program of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville, was recognized at the May 5, 2010, Mass for having accomplished a Perfect Attendance Record for the past 12 years of CCD, from Kindergarten to 11th grade (the last year of instruction). Along with a plaque inscribed with his accomplishment, he also received a certificate and framed picture of the Divine Mercy. Kasey, pictured above with his pastor, Father John Peters, is a junior at Hallettsville High School and is the son of Ricky and Barbara Steffek. Congratulations to Kasey and his supportive family.

Easy ways to beat summer boredom

Summer is straight ahead, with long, gorgeous days of fun in the sun, of ice cream and sleeping in, of hanging out with friends — and moments of utter boredom.

For the beginning, summer stretches out in front of you like a world waiting to be conquered. But boredom does end up creeping into the picture after awhile.

Maybe your parents can’t or won’t drive you places, your friends are at camp or busy, or there’s nothing on television. The boredom creeps in like an insidious thief, stealing your fun and your summer. What then?

Here are some ways to fill some of the boring hours with activities that will make you feel good about yourself, help you get into college, earn a little pocket change and even provide you with a little fun along the way.

One easy way to beat summer boredom is to get a part-time job. While it doesn’t sound like the most glamorous way to spend your two months of freedom, it has two major upsides: It keeps you busy and it gives you money to spend.

Working at your favorite store can get you sweet discounts on clothes, books, music, movies and video games. You could also try an outdoor job as a lifeguard or a park landscape. Many kids’ summer recreation programs hire teens who know how to play sports or operate computers or have a number of other talents. This is a great way to get experience while having fun doing what you love.

You can also do your own boss by starting a neighborhood business that cares for yards, maintains neighbors’ pools or babysits.

Many parents who work during the day are desperate for help with their children during the summer. They would love the trusted help of someone they know. These activities rarely interfere with summer parties or gatherings with friends.

You could try something new or start a hobby you’ve always wanted to try but never had the time during the frenetic, responsibility-filled school year.

I spent a few summers doing theater. One of my friends used the summer to learn how to play the guitar; this was something he never had the time during the frenetic, responsibility-filled school year.

You could use the free time during the summer to pursue other interests. Take a few classes at a local college or university. The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi campus in Victoria offers fun and educational classes at a reduced rate.

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Who knows? This could be the summer you discover a new passion or a possible career you never knew existed. Try a new home-based hobby such as writing, making models, cooking/baking or engaging in crafts or photography. You can pick up these hobbies easily at home when the boredom pangs come on and put them aside when your friends call.

Make a low-budget action movie with your friends, paint a mural or take a camp trip. Make a pact to visit all of the free summer music festivals or state parks you can, or beat your favorite video games. Do whatever keeps you safe, together and having fun.

Many community agencies find that summer is the perfect time to fix up their buildings or expand their programs, and charities welcome the help of enthusiastic teens with new ideas. Grab a few friends and call a charity you like or one that would benefit from your talents. Find out how you could help. Make this summer the most amazing, fun-filled and productive summer ever. Reinvention, advancing your dreams, discovering your talents and becoming the independent and awesome person you were meant to be is all up to you.

Have fun!

Sacred Heart band, tennis and art do well in 2010 TAPPS

HALLETTSVILLE — The Sacred Heart Catholic School in Hallettsville participated in the TAPPS State Instrumental Music Contest April 16, 2010, at Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton, Texas. The band received a 2nd Division in the concert competition and a 2nd Division in the sight-reading competition.

The Sacred Heart Jazz combo also received a 2nd Division rating at the state contest. At the state competition, points are awarded for 1st Division ratings on solos and ensembles, as well as 1st Division ratings in sight reading and jazz band. The points are totaled, and the school with the most points is awarded Overall State Champion in their classification. The Sacred Heart Indian Band won the Overall State Champion for Class 2A. This is the sixth time for the band to win the state championship.

The Hallettsville Sacred Heart tennis team had a strong showing at the TAPPS state tournament with the girls’ team placing second overall behind Marble Falls Faith Academy.

In the TAPPS State Art Contest, Ethan Svertlik placed 1st in Oil on-site Photography, 2nd in Applied Design and 3rd in Sculpture.

Our Lady of the Gulf Church 11th Annual Golf Outing

This year’s event will be held Saturday, July 31st at the well-manicured Colony Creek Country Club in Victoria, Texas. Registration begins at lunch, with tee-off at 9:30 a.m.

Format-4 person team scramble with a modified handicap.

Team Level (make checks payable to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church):
Bishop’s Team — $600.00 includes round of golf with Bishop David Fellmann, photos, mulligans, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch, and special ditty bags.
Father’s Team — $500.00 includes round of golf with Fr Bryan and another priest from our Diocese.
Father’s Team — $400.00 includes round of golf, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch, and special ditty bags.
Pinkerton’s Team — $400.00 includes round of golf, range balls, 18 holes of golf, carts, lunch, and various awards.

There will be an auction presentation and lunch/dinner after golf.

To help properly plan for this event, please contact Mike Ellis via email at mdelvis@gmail.com or contact the church office at 552-6140 for more July 10th.

Knights of Columbus #9088 presents:

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8th Annual R’s R’s Fishing Tournament
Proceeds to go to Nazareth Academy, Victoria, Texas

July 3oth and 31st, 2010 — Port O’Connor
Fishermen and non-fishermen alike are invited for great fellowship and fun!

Join by either entering a team in the tournament, becoming a sponsor, or donating items for the auction, raffle, or door prizes.

For more information contact: Bryan Ellis (361) 578-0877 or Dennis Lockwood (361) 573-9015

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EL CAMPO—San Roberto Bellarmine Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2275 of El Campo celebrated their silver anniversary on Saturday, April 17, 2010; their actual installation date was April 15, 1985. The anniversary opened with a Mass officiated by CDA National Chaplain and Victoria Diocese Bishop David E. Fellhauer and concelebrated with Rev. John Peters, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Halletsville, and Rev. Lawrence Manita, pastor of St. Roberto. Members of the 4th Degree Knights, under the leadership of Faithful Navigator Gerry Mikexas, Assembly 1131, led the procession. They were Sir Knights Felix T. Garcia, Fred Cwynarski, Seboreo B. Mastante, Hector Gutierrez, David Rodriguez and Ray Viktorn, all from El Campo.

CDA member Lori Martinez served as lector; Marta Martinez, cross bearer; Hailey Flores and Skye Quintero, altar servers; Alice Quintero, Adela Martinez and Anita Guerra, color guard; Mercy Arismendez and Lorine Molina, CDA banner; Helen Escobar and Josephine Solz, groupers; Carol Diaz, photographer; Carmen Dominguez, anniversary coordinator; and gift bearers were Regent Terri Beltran, V-Regent Elma Escobar, Vicky Limas, secretary; Rebecca Estrada, treasurer; and Ofelia Torres, fin. Secretary.

CDA members Maria Delgado and Eva Molina along with Rosie Fuentes, Lisa Hernandez, Josie Ramos, Carmen Kocurek, J. C. Kocurek, Gilberto Vela, Elvia Kalinowski,-------- Roy and Melannie Ulrich, St. Michael School, Weimar; Keri Graff, St. Philip School, El Campo. Rev. Jacinto Olguin, presently serving at St. Patrick’s in Laredo, sent a congratulatory e-mail saying, "On March 25, 1984, as pastor of San Roberto Belarmino, in El Campo, Texas, I was invited by Ms. Beatriz Treviño to make a Lenten talk to the Catholic Daughters of America at the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. It was then I got the idea to establish a court of the Catholic Daughters at San Roberto. I mentioned it to Mrs. Treviño and she told me to speak to Ms. Loretta Knebel, who was state regent at that time. On September 23, 1984, I spoke with Ms. Knebel and she advised me to get 30 ladies, who were interested in forming this group, from San Roberto. I spoke to Ms. Knebel and she agreed.

**Volunteers Honored**—The Thirteenth Annual Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton Awards were presented recently in Shiner by the Office of Catholic Schools. A dinner was served, followed by the presentation of the awards. The making of the presentations was Bishop David E. Fellhauer, John Quary, school superintendent, and Janie Carrales. The recipients of the award for the year 2010 were (in no particular order) Mary Ann Mathews, Holy Cross School, Bay City; Bill Beck, Naazaroth Academy, Victoria; Dr. William and Melissa Crowley, Our Lady of the Gulf School, Port Lavaca; Regina Janak, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2275 in El Campo. Rev. Felix T. Garcia, Fred Cwynarski, Seboreo B. Mastante, Hector Gutierrez, David Rodriguez and Ray Viktorn, all from El Campo.

**St. Patrick’s Parish in Bloomington celebrates 50 years**

By Rev. Ty Bazar and edited by Cynthia Brewer

The parish of St. Patrick’s in Bloomington celebrated the 50th anniversary of the solemn dedication of the church, Saturday, May 1, 2010, with a 10:00 a.m. Mass presided by the Most Reverend David E. Fellhauer. Concelebrating with the bishop was St. Patrick’s pastor, Rev. Ty Bazar, and former pastors, Revs. Monsignor Michael Harrold and Rev. Gerard Cermoch. The celebration of the parish anniversary actually began September 15, 2009, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, which was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish. However, the history of the Catholic faith in Bloomington actually dates back to 1915 when the Rev. Peter M. Baque began traveling every other Saturday from his assigned parish, St. Agnes, in Edna, Texas, to hold a Mass in the Sleekha home. As Mass attendance increased in 1916, the faithful held Mass at the local funeral parlor; a short time later they moved to a former two-room schoolhouse; then to a pool hall, and later back to the funeral parlor. In 1919, the funeral parlor was bought from J.E. Ryan of Victoria with help from the Catholic Church Extension Society and remodeled into a church by the Warburton and Skarda families. The church was dedicated in honor of the Sacred Heart on January 13, 1920, by Bishop Arthur D. Jones, the first bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-San Antonio. The church was dedicated in honor of the Sacred Heart on January 13, 1920, by Bishop Arthur D. Jones, the first bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-San Antonio.

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The ages of priests in the Diocese of Victoria—
This is a graphic of the ages of the priests in the Diocese of Victoria, as of 2010. The majority of priests, 28 percent, in the diocese are in their 50s, 20 percent in their 70s, and 16 percent in their 60s. Priests in their 40s and 80s are tied at 13 percent. The smallest group, at 8 percent, is made up of priests in their 30s.

Graphic designed by Regina Janak

As Year for Priests nears close, pope says priests must be shepherds

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The church, which seats 250 persons, is of contemporary Spanish mission-style, designed by architect Harvey P. Smith of San Antonio. The entry of the church, facing the highway contains a stained-glass mosaic of St. Patrick of Ireland, the patron saint. In 1975, a multi-purpose parish hall was added to the parish complex. In 2000, in keeping with the original master plan for the large property, a new office building with a mission-styled exterior was added to the parish complex. In preparation of its 50th anniversary, from 2008 to 2010, the parish buildings received a fresh coat of paint and the parish hall kitchen, restrooms, barbecue shed and pits were renovated.

In 1994, through the generosity of James Skarda, the old Sacred Heart Mission was renovated at its former site into a meeting hall. It still stands today, but not in Bloomington, rather, in Port Lavaca, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School, where it serves as a schoolroom. The parish gave the structure to Our Lady of the Gulf in 2003.

The year 2010 marks the 98th year of Catholicism in Bloomington. The parish numbers over 330 registered families, and the religious education program educates over 200 students. Parishioners come from Bloomington, Placedo, Da Costa, Crescent Valley, and even Victoria. The parish has contributed one vocation to the permanent diaconate when Fred Soto was ordained a deacon August 15, 1987. Parish organizations include the Knights of Columbus Council 10751, established in 1990; Court St. Patrick #2494 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, established in 2001; and the Guadalupañas.

The anniversary Mass was followed by a catered lunch in the parish hall, which included a slide show presentation of the past fifty years. A special presentation was made to Bishop Fellhauer in the amount of $1000 to the Diocesan Seminary Burse to be opened as St. Patrick’s Seminary Burse in honor of the parish anniversary and the ‘Year for Priests.’ In gratitude for their years of pastoral care, framed and inscribed wooden medallion St. James crosses, which once adorned church pews, were presented to the former pastors, who were present. They were also presented with fifteenth anniversary pictorial directories. A framed St. James cross was also presented to Mrs. Dorothy Kocian in memory of the late Edward Kocian, who served the parish during the Year for Priests.

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As Year for Priests nears close, pope says priests must be shepherds

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Fr. Frank Lentz of St. Peter & Paul in Meyersville and Msgr. Arnold Anders, retired, enjoy the luncheon.
In honor of Fathers’ Day, The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth will be the June Family Puzzle Contest Prize. Miracles do happen: Eighty-two percent of Americans believe in miracles, according to a FOX News poll. Author David Beato believes that rate should go up to 100.

“There is no doubt in my mind that miracles are real,” states Mr. Beato, a devout Catholic and author of the new memoir The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth. “I have witnessed many miracles myself -- and so can all who are willing to keep their hearts and minds open to the possibility.”

Growing up in a poor farming family in Italy during World War II, David Beato was told he would never amount to anything. Shy and timid, he was a perfect target for the neighborhood bullies and his spaced-out older brothers alike. Fortunately, he had two heroes -- his father and God -- to save him.

Fortified by the Bible verse that told him if he fought for God, God would fight for him (Sirach 4:28) and by the example set by his father, who valued hard work and honesty, David learned not to listen to those who wanted him to fail and instead forged his own path out of obscurity.

As Father’s Day approaches I think about my father, dead now for 27 years, and the role he played in my life.

He was a strict farmer who worked half a century, from my days as an altar boy in the 1940s until the 1990s when he retired.

In these days of so much scandal, I find it necessary to say that Father Figlino was a very proper priest with the altar boys.

Like Dad, he had little patience with nonsense.

We were too far away from the nearest high school when I graduated from the eighth grade. So Dad and Mom moved the family to Colorado. Since I was the oldest of 10 children, I had to defer college for three years to help the family. But when I was 21, Dad said, “You have helped us enough.”

Fatherhood refers not only to biology but also to relationships.

With their help, example, interest in my future and friendship, two other men fulfilled the role of father in my life. One was Father Roy Figlino, our pastor at St. Augustine in Brighton, Colo., and the other was Jeremiah L. O’Sullivan, the dean of the College of Journalism at Marquette University.

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In these days of so much scandal, I find it necessary to say that Father Figlino was a very proper priest with the altar boys.

His only touch, besides a handshake, was a punch on the shoulder.

Like Dad, he had little patience with less than optimal performance. He always told us we were capable and demanded we do our best.

In 1990 when I published a book on the history of the Hispanic church, he wrote me a letter congratulating me, saying how proud he was of our family. I sent a copy of my book and he reciprocated with a check for $50, which I passed on to the Maryknoll missions in his name.

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It’s quite easy, really. How about this for a status: “On my way to Mass... my favorite part of the week.”

Or, “Wondering if I have any Facebook friends who are thinking about the Catholic faith. Would love to sponsor you. Call or text.”

It isn’t easy to be salt of the earth to this digital continent.

One of the hardest things about Facebook and other social media is that you can’t wear more than one mask at a time; you can’t be one thing to this person and another thing to that person.

Everyone sees them, but no one can read your tweets.

It’s a good time to begin reconceiving the image you present to the world with the real person you are inside.

If you are a Catholic who loves the faith, let it show.

Go into all the world, including the digital continent, and share the good news.

A Prayer before Logging onto the Internet and the Catholic Online Forum

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true, and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of Saint Ignatius, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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FAITH & FAMILY

Sunday Readings from June 13 to July 18

June 13 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ps 44:21-22, 27-29; 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 2 Kings 5:1-7, 10; Galatians 5:13, 18-21

Luke 7:36—8:3

Ps 119:56-62

Zechariah 12:7-10, 13:1

Psalms 63:2, 5-6, 8, 9-10

Galatians 5:1-13, 18-21

Luke 9:51-56

Isaiah 66:1-14

Psalms 66:13, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:11-12, 17-20

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Genesis 18:1-11a

Psalms 15:2-3, 4, 5

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

All daily and Sunday readings, as well as a reflection video, are available in text or audio at: www.ucsb.org/nab/

Family Puzzle Contest Winners


There was no youth contestant or winner this month. Those who have won the puzzle contest in the past six months, please send completed puzzle and contest form to The Catholic Light-

house, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, by June 25 for a chance to win “The Power of Prayer, Endurance and Truth.” Youth 18 years of age and under will have the opportunity to receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop (youth, please state age).

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Al acercarse el día del padre pienso de mis papás fallecidos hace 27 años, y el papel que jugó en mi vida.

En este escenario, el respeto de la vida humana a partir del nacimiento hasta el fin natural es fundamental. El padre Figlio y yo fuimos amigos por medio siglo, desde mis días como monaguillo en 1940 hasta el 1990 cuando yo me jubilé.

En estos días de escándalo, es necesario recordar que el Padre Figlio era un sacerdote de recta moralidad. El único modo que tocaba a los monaguillos, a demás de apretón de manos, era un puñetazo al hombro.

Como mi Papá, tenía poca paciencia con nuestros fallos. Siempre nos decía que éramos capaces y que siempre hacíamos lo mejor por nuestra familia. Pero cuando tenía 21 años, me dijo que podría avanzar un grado con mi máquina Underwood. Acepté el desafío y estuve un año con otro monaguillo que jugaba en mi vida. Mi padre, Roy Figlino, y Jeremiah O’Sullivan compartieron conmigo.

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At Fatima, pope asks Mary to help keep priests holy

By John Thavis
Catholic News Service

FATIMA, Portugal (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI prayed at the site of Mary’s apparitions at Fatima and entrusted the world’s priests to her, saying the church needs “holy priests, transfigured by grace.”

The pope prayed that Mary keep priests from the temptations of evil and “restore calm after the tempest.”

While he did not explicitly refer to the priest sex abuse crisis, the pope remarked May 12 in some ways echoed what he said on his flight to Portugal the previous day, when he called the scandal a “terrifying” example of sins committed by the church’s own ministers and urged a process of penance and purification in the church.

Pope Benedict arrived at Fatima to the cheers of more than 40,000 faithful, many of them sick or disabled, who had waited from stretchers as the pope waved from a pavilion overlooking a vast plaza in front of the shrine, as cold rain showers alternated with sunshine.

After celebrating evening prayer with priests, religious and seminarians, the pope pronounced the “act of entrustment and consecration,” as he wishes to welcome you more deeply, more radically, for ever and totally into our human and earthly lives.

Let your presence cause new blossoms to burst forth in the desert of our loneliness, let it cause the sun to shine on our darkness, let it restore calm after the tempest, so that all mankind shall see the tempest, so that all mankind shall see the darkness, let it restore calm after the tempest, so that all mankind shall see the...
Maritime Mass gives special recognition to those affected by oil spill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Mass for mariners and people of the sea celebrated in Washington May 22 took on special significance in light of the massive oil spill endangering people’s livelihoods and sea life in the Gulf of Mexico.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, the main celebrant and homilist, dedicated part of his homily to the situation. “Perhaps it takes a tragedy such as the events in Mexico,” Archbishop Wuerl said, “to suggest that public schools kids all turn out to be atheists, or think we have, that is safely to include their spiritual formation as well. We always must remember to suggest that public schools kids all turn out to be atheists, or think we have, that is safely to include their spiritual formation as well. We always must remember that a difficult medical situation involves a pregnant woman, there are two patients in need of treatment and care, not merely one,” Bishop Olmsted said. “The unborn child’s life is just as sacred as the mother’s life, and neither life can be preferred over the other.”

The Inquisition and Index: Vatican records shed light on dark legend

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Roman Inquisition and the Index of Forbidden Books obviously do not represent the brightest chapters in Catholic history, but newly published documents from Vatican archives should help form Catholics, God blesses in truth dark legends.

Published papers detailing the church’s investigations of individuals and of written works during the Roman Inquisition have been published — most of them for the first time — in a series released by the Vatican. Reprint records from the Inquisition’s activities — records held in the formerly secret archives of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith — were published to show how the Roman Inquisition really worked and to dispel age-old biases.

A lack of access to the archives, which were opened in 1998, meant some scholars and historians made “sweeping generalizations without sufficient foundation” about the church’s aims during the Inquisition, a former papal theologian wrote in the volume’s preface.

Cardinal Georges Cotier, theologian of the papal household under Pope John Paul II, wrote that by focusing only on cases in which the church acted extremely harshly — such as the condemnation of Galileo Galilei and the burning at the stake of Giordano Bruno, some historians concluded the church was engaged in a vicious war against science.

It is “misleading to see the activity as a struggle against Protestant ideas from spreading, he wrote. “The Inquisition and Index of Forbidden Books during the Roman Inquisition actually was concerned more with preventing Protestant ideas from spreading, he wrote.

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A family member of one of the 46 sailors killed on the South Korean naval vessel Cheonan cries as she touches a portrait during a funeral service at the Daerjeon National Cemetery April 29. (CNS photo/Shin Hyon-Jong, pool via Reuters)

By Catholic News Service

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Catholic leaders have called for prayers as tensions in the Korean peninsula escalate, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News.

South Korea’s president raised the stakes in the standoff by slashing trade to communist North Korea in retaliation for a torpedo attack by the North that killed 46 South Korean sailors. North Korea accused the South of a smear campaign and said May 25 that it would sever all ties with the South.

“With Christian faith, we view this as another ordeal on the way toward national reconciliation and we must keep hope. We need to pray for peace and reconciliation,” said Fabiano Choi Hong-jun, chairman of the Catholic Lay Apostolate Council of Korea.

He said the tensions have thrown cold water on efforts for national reconciliation.

The sinking of the South Korean warship Cheonan March 26 in the Yellow Sea was the country’s worst military loss since the 1950-53 Korean War. An international team of investigators determined a torpedo from a North Korean submarine sank the ship.

Father Raphael Seo Jong-yeob described South Korean President Lee Myung-bak’s decision to enact economic reprisals against the North as “regretful,” observing that the bishops’ Committee for the Reconciliation of the Korean People had planned much aid to North Korea, but had to cancel it. He welcomed the president’s decision to exclude North Korean children from the aid embargo.

South Korea has been the North’s second-largest trading partner, after China. Father Seo said North and South Korea “must continue to talk about peace and reconciliation” and that is why “prayers are needed earnestly.”

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ANTIB-ABORTION DEMONSTRATORS RALLY IN CANADA — An estimated 12,500 anti-abortion demonstrators take part in the 12th annual National March for Life on Parliament Hill in Ottawa May 13, 2010. The crowd celebrated the recent defeat in the Canadian Parliament of legislation that would have legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide. Those gathered also were pleased by a recent parliament vote to exclude abortion in a Canadian-led maternal and child health initiative among the Group of Eight leading industrialized nations. Currently, Canada has few restrictions on abortion. (CNS photo/Chris Wattie, Reuters)
The Catholic Church has historically held a strong interest in immigration and how public policy affects immigrants seeking a new life in the United States. Based on Scriptural and Catholic social teachings, as well as her own experience as an immigrant Church in the United States, the Catholic Church is compelled to raise her voice on behalf of those who are marginalized and whose God-given rights are not respected.

The Church believes that current immigration laws and policies have often led to the undermining of immigrants’ human dignity and have kept families apart. The existing immigration system has resulted in a growing number of persons in this country in an unauthorized status, living in the shadows as they toil in jobs that would otherwise go unfilled. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents must wait years for a visa to be issued. Yes, and our nation’s border enforcement strategies have been ineffective and have led to the death of thousands of migrants.

The Church has a responsibility to shine the message of God on this issue and help bring about a more humane immigration system. Because legal access to abortion is so often denied in our nation’s immigration system, it is the poor and the marginalized who are the most likely to be induced to seek abortions, clearly fulfilling the definition of abortion mills, as the bishops’ proposal makes clear. The bishops are not condoning unlawful entry or circumventions of our nation’s immigration laws. The bishops believe that reforms are necessary in order for our nation’s immigration system to respond to the realities of separated families and labor demands that compel people to immigrate to the United States, whether in an authorized or unauthorized fashion. Our nation’s economy demands foreign labor, yet there are insufficient visas to meet that demand. Close family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents face interminable separations, sometimes for twenty years or longer, due to backlogs of available visas. U.S. immigration laws and policies need to be updated to reflect these realities.

The Catholic bishops are proposing an amendment to the bill for those in this country in an unauthorized status who have built up equities and are otherwise admissible. “Amnesty,” as commonly understood, implies a pardon and a reward for those who did not obey immigration laws, creating inequities for those who wait for legal entry. The bishops’ proposal is not an “amnesty.”

The bishops’ amendment legalizes permanent residence for undocumented immigrants who are already living in our communities and contributing to our nation to come forward, pay a fine and administrative fee, go through rigorous criminal background checks and security screenings, demonstrate that they have paid taxes and are learning English, and obtain a visa that could lead to permanent residency, over time.

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To counter that, the Genocide Awareness Project exists, for when words cannot adequately portray the immensity of human development and aborted unborn babies are powerful witnesses to the truth that human life begins at conception and that the nearly 3,500 abortions performed every day in the United States is genocide.

Sadly, many Christians — both clergy and lay — object to the graphic pictures of aborted babies. But the project’s organizers explain that since educators properly insist on using shocking imagery to teach about other forms of genocide, they have the right to do the same.

From their experiences on public university campuses across the United States, the project has learned that “abortion is hidden, abortion is tolerated.” But “when abortion is seen, everything changes!”

Surprisingly, the project is having trouble getting on Catholic university campuses. Gregory Grinn, the project’s development coordinator, told me that the universities contacted to date — the University of Notre Dame, Thomas Aquinas College, Gonzaga University and Seton Hall University — have all denied the project’s request.

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