Mexican Catholics pray for 72 migrants found massacred on ranch 100 miles south of Brownsville

By David Agren

Catholic News Service

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Catholics in the northeastern Mexican state of Tamaulipas offered prayers for the 72 undocumented migrants from Central and South America whose bodies were discovered Aug. 24 in what was possibly the largest mass slaying since the country began cracking down on drug cartels and organized crime.

Father Alan Camargo, spokesman for the Diocese of Matamoros, said four priests in the municipality of San Fernando (100 miles south of Brownsville), where members of the Mexican navy discovered the bodies on a ranch, were offering pastoral support to local residents.

The residents, he added, were gathering in private homes to pray.

A secretary who answered the phone at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San Fernando told Catholic News Service a Mass for the victims would be celebrated Aug. 26.

An undocumented migrant from Ecuador, who survived the massacre on a ranch near San Fernando and alerted a navy patrol, said the killings took place Aug. 24, the newspaper Reforma reported.

He said the migrants — who were from Ecuador, Brazil, El Salvador and Honduras and included 14 women — were kidnapped and executed after being unable to pay extortion demands and declining to join forces with a drug cartel formed by rogue soldiers known as Los Zetas.

The massacre once again highlighted the enormous risks run by undocumented migrants transiting the country in desperate attempts to reach the United States.

Human rights groups and Catholics working with migrants condemned the massacre and the Mexican government’s failure to prevent such a tragedy. They said it showed the paradox of the Mexican government’s posture on immigration matters: the country vigorously fights for the rights of its own migrants residing in the United States but often fails to curb the abuse and exploitation of undocumented Central and South Americans in its own territory.

“Due to the frequent testimonies of migrants victimized by kidnapping, that for the past two-and-a-half years various civil society organizations have been documenting, we can affirm that this massacre . . . is not an isolated event,” the Mexican bishops’ migrant ministry and seven Catholic migrant and human rights groups said in a statement distributed Aug. 25 by the Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center in Mexico City.

“Until this date, the response of the federal government has offered about the subject has been limited to a report sent to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.”

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In his Will, we find his peace

God’s providence reigns in life of priest celebrating 25-year jubilee

By Cynthia Brewer

Who knows? If a particular movie that 12-year-old Johnson was planning to see at the local theater had been playing, we in the Diocese of Victoria may never have gotten to experience the gift of the priesthood of Father Johnson.

Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood Sunday, July 25, 2010, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Vanderbuilt, the parish to which he has been assigned since 2002.

He was ordained July 27, 1985, in Ghana, West Africa.

Bishop David E. Fellhauer presided over the Mass, which was concelebrated by Father Johnson, six priests originally from Ghana, four other diocesan priests and his former student, Father Robert Fisher, SVD, who is now serving in Port Lavaca.

Before the end of Mass, Father Johnson told of the story of how on one evening when he was not quite 12 years old, he went to the theater, but the movie he wanted to see wasn’t playing, so he decided to go home. But on the way, he saw a group of boys being taught by an adult on the campus of St. Louis University.

The group was named St. Dominic Savio and they were learning about the lives of the saints. He decided to pass the time with them and became so interested in the saints that he returned to the group every day. Those days turned into four years, as he couldn’t get enough of those “saintly lives.”

Those years left a great impression on him. They were filled with church services and devotions; hospital and prison visits; soccer matches and studies; and fishing and swimming.

During this time, the thought of becoming a priest developed.

From his very young age he kept coming to me: “Would it not be wonderful if I can give my life as a priest to help other people,” he said. “So I decided to become a priest and entered the minor seminary.”

From this small group of boys, five priests have come,” he said.

“God works in mysterious ways,” he said. He doesn’t know the reasons, but he knows one thing for sure, “That He (God) changed my focus: from living for myself in self entertainment, to living for others by helping them find their way to heaven.”

“That evening that started with great disappointment (missing my movie), turned out to be the evening that fulfilled my deepest longing. Little did I know that...

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Bishop Fellhauer’s Schedule

September
5  10:00 a.m., Mass, 150th Anniversary of St. Mary Church, High Hill
8  11:00 a.m., Mass, St. Anthony School, Columbus, 8th grade retreat, Spiritual Renewal Center
12  2:00 p.m., Mass, Consecration of Associates, Incarnate Word Convent, Victoria
14  6:00 p.m., Mass for Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, St. Mary Church, Victoria
15  3:00 p.m., Diocesan Finance Board meeting, Chancery Office
17  4:30 p.m., Diocesan Building Board meeting, Chancery Office
18  7:30 p.m., Reconciliation Service, Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria
20  7:30 p.m., Reconciliation Service, Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria
21  8:05 a.m., School Mass, Sacred Heart Church, and blessing of Art Center and renovations of Sacred Heart School, Hallettsville
22  3:00 p.m., Quinceañera celebration, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Victoria
24  6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Council 9088, Public Servants appreciation night, Holy Family Church, Victoria
25  9:00 a.m., Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Holy Family Church, Victoria; 4:15 p.m., Mass
26  8:00 a.m., Mass, the Stevenson Detention Unit, Cuero
27  26-27 Texas Bishops’ meeting, Texas Catholic Conference General Assembly, Austin

October
3  10:30 a.m., Mass, in memory of Monsignor James C. Brunner, St. Mary Church, Victoria
5  Clergy Fraternity Day, Yoakum - dinner, Knights of Columbus Hall, Shiner

Official Appointments to the Presbyteral Council
By Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer

Vicar General: Five year term effective September 6, 2010 to September 5, 2015
Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. McLaughlin

Deans: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013
Rev. Msgr. Michael Harrold, Victoria Deanery
Rev. Kirby Hlavaty, Cuero Deanery
Rev. Michael Lyons, Edna Deanery
Rev. Gary W. Janak, El Campo Deanery
Rev. John C. Peters, Hallettsville Deanery
Rev. Timothy Kosler, Schulenburg Deanery

Deans also serve on the Priests’ Personnel Board for the duration of their appointment.

Deanery Representatives: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013
Rev. Stanley DeBoe, O.S.S., Victoria Deanery
Rev. Roger Hawkins, Cuero Deanery
Rev. Michael Petering, Edna Deanery
Rev. Donald$$$$$$-
Rev. Charles Sonnier, Hallettsville Deanery
Rev. Robert Guerra, Schulenburg Deanery

Bishop’s Appointees: Three year terms effective August 9, 2010 to August 8, 2013
Rev. David Berger
Rev. Gabriel Espinosa

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS APPOINT NEW OFFICERS—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Sacred Heart Court #797 in Hallettsville met on June 21, 2010, in the family center for their regular meeting and the installation of new officers. CDA officers elected for 2010-2011 are Regent Joyce Machicek, Vice-Regent Margaret Steffek, Carol Bludau, treasurer; Joyce Janak, recording secretary; and Anita Steffek, financial secretary. The installation ceremony was conducted by District Deputy Carolyn Janak and assisted by Father John Peters, pastor. A multi-district officer-training workshop was held for the newly elected officers on July 24 at the hall of St. Agnes Parish in Edna. Pictured from left are Carolyn Janak, Joyce Janak, Margaret Steffek, Joyce Machicek, Anita Steffek, Carol Bludau and Father John Peters.

KC COUNCIL #2490 MEETS ALL GOALS OVER 5 YEARS—At the Victoria KC diocesan meeting held at the Hallettsville K of C Hall July 25, Grand Knight John Tumlinson of El Campo’s KC Council #2490 was presented a plaque for the council meeting its State Charities Goal and a plaque for the council meeting its goals for the past five years. Pictured, l. to r., are District Deputy #148 Kenneth Trochta, Grand Knight John Tumlinson, and State Deputy Tony Harneth. Congratulations to the Knights!

KJZT #53 DONATES TO MISSIONS—KJZT #53 St. Zdislava in Wied, Texas, presented a check recently to Sister Rebecca Janacek, IWBS, for her African Mission in Kenya. Pictured in the IWBS Convent in Victoria, from l. to r., are Katherine Kahanek, Helen Dornak Janak, Sister Rebecca Janacek, Helen Janak and Bea Butschek.

HOLY FAMILY KC MEMBER PLACES FIRST AT STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT—Sixty-four teams and over 250 brother knights participated in the 46th Annual Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament this year at the Woodlands in Texas. Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #9088 of Victoria sent one team, and that team placed 2nd out of the 64 teams. Team members included Albert Janak, Jeff Lehnert, Robert Rodriguez and Bryan Ellis. Bryan Ellis came in 1st place in the Singles Event, averaging 231 for 3 games bowled, and 1st place in All Events, averaging 213 for 9 games bowled. Pictured above is the winning team, from l. to r.: Bryan Ellis, Albert Janak, Grand Knight Dennis Lockstedt (presenting the plaque to team) and Jeff Lehnert. Not pictured: Robert Rodriguez. Inset is 1st place winner Bryan Ellis.

FATHER LYONS IS FAITHFUL FRIAR TO 4TH DEGREE KC ASSEMBLY—The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus El Campo Assembly #1131 held a fall out on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Ganado. A total of 19 Sir Knights were present. Father Michael Lyons, pastor of Assumption Parish, agreed to be the Faithful Friar of the assembly and made the announcement after the Mass. The assembly sends a big thank you to Father Michael! The assembly was also very fortunate to have District Master Peter Tan and District Marshall Mike Mikulkena fall out with them. Pictured, front row, l. to r., are Sir Knights Wayne Bubela, Richard Rosalez, Andy Swoboda, Gerry Mikulkena, Most Reverend David Fellhauer, District Master Peter Tan, Blair Coury, Joe Verver, Mike Couvillion, and David Muggie; back row, l. to r.: Sir Knights Greg Witcher, Amado Reyes, Jesus Rosalez, Matt Pena, Father Michael Lyons, Philip Webernicks, James Fowler, Raymond (Bubba) Toman and Fred Cowaykus; not pictured is Anthony (Red) Hensley who was the eucharistic minister and usher for the Mass.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHEDRAL ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Sunday, October 10 at the Victoria Community Center Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Buffet style barbecue-beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings Adults, $7; children under 12 years, $4.50 All plates-to-go $7 with curb service available

Booths and games for the entire family Auction begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center Annex
Seminary Burses

Sanitary 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 August 19, 2010

— Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse
  Previously reported: $14,104.00
  In memory of Jim Bojka by
  Rev. Michael Rother Seminary Burse
  Previously reported: $3,760.00
  In memory of Hugh M. Wallis by
  MM Bernard Rother
  To honor Father Michael Rother by:
  Bruce and Angela McConnell
  SEMINARY BURES
  DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
  P. O. BOX 4070
  VICTORIA, TX 77903

— Rev. John C. Peters Seminary Burse
  Previously reported: $370.00
  Gift to burse by Emily Year
  100.00
  Total: $470.00

— Rev. Mrgr. Thomas McLaughlin
  SEMINARY BURES
  DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
  P. O. BOX 4070
  VICTORIA, TX 77903

— Rev. Mrgr. Albert Henkes Seminary
  Burse
  Previously reported: $2,184.00
  In memory of Mgr. James Bruner and
  Emil Bures Jr. by
  Bernard and Evelyn Bures
  and Emile Bures Jr.
  In memory of Bennie and Georgia Hybner by
  Midge Christian Elam
  In memory of Bennie and Georgia Hybner by
  Thomas and Angie Hajek
  20.00
  Anonymous gift to burse
  20.00
  Total: $2,810.00

— Knights of Columbus Ganado Council
  #3204 Rev. Joseph Hybner Seminary
  Burse
  Previously reported: $2,184.00
  In memory of Aluxu Hajovsky by
  Daniel & Berenice Ubicht
  15.00
  Total: $2,199.00

— Rev. Mrgr. Joseph Hybner Seminary
  Burse
  Previously reported: $2,785.00
  In memory of Aluxu Henkes by
  MM Walter Dedear
  25.00
  Total: $2,810.00

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— Rev. Celestino Say Seminary Burse
  (Catholic Life Ins.)
  Previously reported: $3,810.00
  In memory of Jimmy Hobbs by:
  MM Harrison Raisa
  20.00
  MM Jeff Dickinson
  200.00
  Total: $4,030.00

Those wishing to begin a burse or to contribute to an existing seminary burse may do so by sending their contributions with the appropriate burse designation to:

Happy Birthday!

Scott Hill (r.) is a Theology student at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. His home parish is St. Roch, Mentz, and his birthday is September 29. Please show your support for our seminarian by writing to: Scott Hill, St. Mary Seminary, 9845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024-3407

VOCATIONS

LARGEST SEMINARIAN GROUP AND RELIGIOUS ENJOY SERRAN BBQ—This summer’s Serra Club Cookout for seminarians and religious was the largest in diocesan memory. Ten seminarians and two religious women attended the August 12 BBQ held at the Victoria KC Hall. Pictured above, front row from left: Postulant Pati Lohre, IWBS; Bishop David Fellhauer and temporary professed Sister Louise Marie Jones, IWBS; back row: Father Dan Morales, vocations director; Patrick Knippenberg (Shiner), Jasper Liggo (Dickinson), Stephen Vaczek (East Bernard), John Dougherty (Bay City), Philip Brune (Freiburg), Kristopher Fuchs (Needville), Matthew Soto (Shiner), Jacob Koether (Bay City), Scott Hill (Mentz) and Adam Beard (Port Lavaca).

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The seminarians’ mission trip is paid for entirely by the proceeds from the Bishop’s Invitational Golf Tournament, which is organized by the Youth and Young Adult Office and the Holy Family Knights of Columbus #9088. A huge thank you goes to the KCs and all those throughout the diocese who support the golf tournament, especially the teams that play and the sponsors.

GABRIEL PROJECT CONTINUES TO EXPAND THROUGHOUT DIOCESE—The Gabriel Project, Region 3, meeting was held Monday, July 26, at St. Agnes Parish Hall in Edna and on Tuesday, July 27, at Holy Family in Wharton. The Gabriel Project is an ever-growing, Christian-based network of church volunteers standing together in their commitment to offer assistance to women and families facing crisis pregnancies. Members from Assumption Parishes, Port Lavaca, Holy Cross and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes, Bay City; St. Anthony Parish, Palacios; Holy Family Parish, Wharton, and its mission, St. Joseph, Boling; and St. Agnes Parish, Edna, were present at the meetings. Mst. Pat Kremlak, coordinator for St. Agnes Parishes in Edna, and director of coordinators in the diocese, discussed the division of the Victoria Diocese Gabriel Project into three regions due to the geographical size of the diocese. More resources can be shared and quarterly regional meetings can be attended in an easier manner because of the three divisions. Region 3 consists of Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties. The Gabriel Project is growing and expanding thanks to people concerned for the life of the unborn and their parents. Front row, left to right: Mary Ann Collins, Joyce Gerard, Clarice Kutach, Phyllis Lesak, Lauren Lesak, Dolores Kocian and Barbara McCain of Victoria and regional public relations person; back row: Mason Collins, Louis Gerard, Vicki Schneider, Julia Krenk and Pat Kromka of Edna and director of coordinators in the diocese.
The good shepherd: a break that forms a bond

By Theres J. Borchard Catholic News Service If it seems that half of today’s college students are drunk much of the time, you aren’t too far from the truth. 

According to a study released by the Harvard School of Public Health, the number of students who binge-drink, or drink to get drunk, remains more than 44 percent of all students. A new report by a task force of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism concluded that four college students die every day in accidents related to alcohol involvement, and an additional 1,370 students suffer alcohol-related injuries. The study said that college students contribute more than 1,400 student deaths, 5,000 injuries and 70,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.

I understand why so many young people abuse alcohol. I quit drinking the stuff before I was legal because I so much enjoyed its effects. Like a magic potion, alcohol granted me social ease and confidence. A few beers or a shot of vodka helped me to mingle with folk’s I wouldn’t dare approach sober. Conversation and help seemed to flow freely and people hardly knew – seemed deeper and more fluid, void of that awkwardness I feared in sober dialogue. Under the spell of booze I felt more popular, more beautiful and, ultimately, more lovable.

That’s why young folks are after: love and acceptance. It seems easier to down a shot of rum to shed the personal insecurities than to risk rejection as they approach a stranger. It’s easier. That’s why college students drink. And that’s why some don’t outgrow binging drinking.

But young people who binge-drink risk serious damage to their brains now and increasing memory loss later in adulthood. Recent studies conclude that adolescents may be even more vulnerable to brain damage from excessive drinking than older drinkers. Alcohol can impair activity in the brain receptors responsible for memory and learning. To not mention the hangovers, especially the spiritual ones. Never having to face oneself, never learning about what’s inside, leads to the chronic college problem: outgrow binge drinking.

... and the sheep may go on to be a leader among the flock.

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations, USCCB

Dickens was right. The law is a ass.

The Catholic Church supports marriage between a man and a woman. The definition of marriage and the promotion of the family is a public good. The Catholic Church opposes all unjust discrimination against gays and lesbians and abhors violence against them. The Catholic Church also holds that marriage is a unique institution with a privileged place because it is foundational to the good of society. The church is not alone in holding that a family headed by a mother and a father is the optimal place in which to raise a child. Judge Walker regards it as absurd and beyond the pale. What’s really irrational is his ignoring the will of the people with real life experience of marriage, who have voted down gay marriage not only in California, but throughout the United States whenever legalization of gay marriage has been put to a vote. These votes did not take place in pockets of conservatism. Fourteen years ago, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 42-67, and the Senate voted 85-14, to accept the traditional definition of marriage in the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

What is even more irrational is the judge’s dismissal of the U.S. Constitution’s First Amendment and Freedom of Religion with religious expression. So too do those who speak of anti-immigrant, anti-woman, anti-religious beliefs. From weighing in on the “acceptability” of religious positions to denying that some people act despicably bigoted people are an unfortunate result but not a reason to upend the U.S. Constitution. Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage, was spot on when he declared that the anti-marriage position is more fundamental and essential to the well being of society than perhaps any other institution. It is simply unreasonable to think that the court could claim a conflict between marriage and the Constitution.”

On August 4, 2010, Judge Walker proved Dickens was right. The law is a ass.

Cardinal suggests preparing children for Communion even before age 7

By Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Children today are maturing so quickly and are exposed to so many different influences that it might be time to consider allowing them to prepare for and receive their first Communion even before their 7th birthdays, said the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

“A child’s first Communion is like the beginning of a journey with Jesus, in communion with him: the beginning of a friendship destined to last and to grow for his entire life,” wrote Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera.

Today, he said, “children live immersed in a thousand difficulties, surrounded by a difficult environment that does not encourage them to be what God wants them to be.”

“Let us not deprive them of the gift of God,” the cardinal wrote. “The encounter with Jesus is the first step towards the embrace of Christ and deprived of the food of eternal life, they would be deprived of a remedy for human frailty.”

The cardinal said he wanted to use the 100th anniversary of St. Pius’ decree to remind pastors that children should receive first Communion until long after the child reaches “the age of reason,” generally accepted to be about 7 years of age, was the result of the erroneous belief that “the most holy Eucharist is a reward rather than a remedy for human frailty.”

The late pope pointed out that the ancient tradition of the Church, still kept by many of the Eastern Catholic churches, was to give babies Communion immediately after their baptism. The practice died out in the West, largely because of concerns that the baby would spit out the consecrated wine.

“This practice of preventing the faithful from receiving, on the plea of safeguarding the august sacrament, has been the cause of many evils. It happened that children in their innocence were forced away from the embrace of Christ and deprived of the food of eternal life,” the cardinal wrote.

In a paper delivered on the anniversary of St. Pius’ decree to remind pastors that children should receive first Communion, the cardinal said that children have access to the grace that would help them to grow and to mature into strong Christians.

“The encounter with Jesus is the strength we need in order to live with happiness and hope,” he wrote.

“We cannot, by delaying first Communion, deprive children — the soul and the spirit of children — of this grace,” he said.

The cardinal said he wanted to use the anniversary of St. Pius’ decree to remind pastors that children should receive first Communion when they have “the use of reason, which today seems to be even sooner” than age 7.

A recent trend of delaying Communion, he said, is not recommended, “on the contrary, it is even more necessary to anticipate.”

The sacrament “is the guarantee of their growth as children of God, generated by the sacraments of Christian initiation in the bottom of holy mother church,” he said.
Four Shiner Catholic School teachers have completed Level 2 Writing Road to Reading training, making them eligible to be certified teachers of language arts. The teachers are, from l. to r., Krystal Patel, Lisa Kneese, Carol Vrana and Kathy Vrana.

Shiner Catholic teachers complete language arts program

SHINER—Four Shiner Catholic School teachers, Krystal Patel, Lisa Kneese, Carol Vrana and Kathy Vrana, recently completed the Level 2 Writing Road to Reading training. These teachers now have a total of 90 hours of graduate school level training in this highly specialized, integrated language arts program. They are now eligible to be certified teachers of language arts. Stage I of this program was implemented in grades k-6 last year and will be fully implemented beginning this fall. The new program involves a comprehensive and fully integrated advanced level of phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, writing and literary appreciation. Students are challenged to read and spell words far beyond their grade level, write narrative and expository text every day, and read from poetry, award-winning literature. The program is designed based upon how the brain works and upon the most sound educational theory and research. Many studies have confirmed that this language arts program produces exemplary results in student achievement as shown on standardized tests. These teachers should be proud of their accomplishment, and students will reap the benefits of a challenging, accelerated language arts curriculum.

2010 – 2011 OCL meetings focus on marriage
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explains what Father Gary had emphasized about one of the most misunderstood beliefs regarding Catholics and divorce:

Q.1 “After a civil divorce, can a baptized Catholic receive the sacraments of the Church?”

A.1 “Yes, a baptized Catholic can receive the sacraments of the Catholic Church. A civil divorce does not prevent this, but remarriage, outside the norms of the Catholic Church, without being free of the prior marital bond, does prevent a divorced Catholic from receiving the sacraments of the Church. Those in such situations should speak with a priest or deacon as soon as possible, to address this situation.”

Q.2 “What happens when a Catholic, who is divorced, remarries without following the necessary regulations of the Catholic Church?”

A.2 “By Church law, divorced and civilly remarried Catholics are unable to receive the sacraments of the Church. The Church is concerned about those in such situations and pastoral care and prudence must be extended to them, …”

Q.3 “Why does a divorced non-Catholic require a declaration of nullity, prior to entering into marriage with a Catholic?”

A.3 “The Church stands on the initial presumption that all marriages that have taken place, according to the pertinent regulations and norms, are valid. Therefore, the Catholic Church contends the marriages of non-Catholics are valid, regardless of whether or not it occurred in a church setting or in a civil ceremony. No other attitude can be held, for it would be insulting to non-Catholics to suggest that the only valid marriages are those of the Catholic Church and contrary to the Church’s understanding of marriage. Hence, the Catholic Church does all within its power to uphold and protect the institution of marriage. He said often people are concerned about the cost of an annulment. A declaration of nullity in the Diocese of Victoria costs $300 and is only for the administrative costs: paperwork, stamps and the employment of a secretary. Unfortunately one’s civil divorce can run in the tens of thousands.

Before going into a question/answer session, Father Gary referred the catechists to the pastoral letter titled “Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan” that is available on the USCCB Web site. The letter presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage as a natural gift, as a sacrament, and as a public commitment between a man and a woman. It also discusses several contemporary challenges to marriage and how the Church addresses those challenges. An abridged version may be viewed at http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/Love-and-Life-Abridged-Version.pdf and it can be ordered from: http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

And the learning continues . . .

O ur youngsters are settled in the routine of a new academic year. They know their schedules and can find their way to classes. They are acquainted with their teachers and the teachers’ expectations. At least some of them are becoming more capable of managing their time for study and early rising. The new clothes and school supplies—which may have been bought with such great enthusiasm and care—have lost their luster and are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. Now the students should be ready for serious study.

It seems that the students in our schools are well on the way to a successful school year. But, what about the rest of us? After all, learning is a lifelong process. How can we keep up with what is going on around us? How can we keep our minds active and healthy?

Those of us who have students in our household may have an advantage over the rest of us. If the students are beyond needing our help with their studies, we can still show an interest in what they are studying. I find it fascinating to look at life through the eyes of students. They can give me perspectives that I might have not dreamed of if I had not tried to see things from their viewpoint. Moreover, if by some chance, our students have teachers or classmates who look at life differently from the way we do, we can discuss this with the students. Students today are faced with moral situations that we never had to face as students. With our guidance, we can help them develop Christian principles in order to help them set at society and its influence through the eyes of the Church as it were. We can help them search for answers to questions with which they are faced. All of us, whether we have students or not, can learn a lot as we face the challenges of living our Christian life in a society which appears to be drifting away from the God-fearing principles upon which our nation was founded. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, along with the Vatica n Library Web site (vatican.va) and the American Bishops’ Web site (usccb.org), are useful resources for discovering what the Church teaches. Moreover, there are classes specifically designed for our spiritual development in our diocese and in our churches. Check out the Pastoral Institute classes that are being offered in our diocese and find out what is being offered or check where your service may be needed in your parish. Nothing helps a person learn more than becoming involved in the religious education programs. Look all about! There are learning frontiers all about us. Discover the wonders of creation in our surroundings. Get a hobby; start a garden or if you already have one, plant something that you never tried before. Check out what your library offers. Yes, let the learning continue . . .

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By Terri Busha

BAY CITY—Teens and adults from Holy Cross in Bay City stayed busy this summer with several opportunities for traveling to different places to learn more about the Catholic faith and to grow closer to Christ. The first trip was to the Life Teen Convention held in Scottsdale, Arizona, June 13-16. Father Casey, along with Matthew Schaefer, from Our Lady of Sorrows in Victoria, and six adult core members, traveled to Scottsdale to join parishes from all over the world to learn more about our faith and what the Holy Spirit is doing in the Church through the Life Teen movement. It was a celebration of the priesthood as we honored over 70 priests who were present, and we also celebrated Life Teen’s 25-year anniversary.

We were excited to get back from Scottsdale because that meant that Steubenville South would be our next destination. This was the eighth year Holy Cross has traveled to Alexandria, La., for the Steubenville South High School Youth Conference, and we took one of our biggest groups ever!!! This year was special because we had teens from Our Lady of Guadalupe join us to share the Steubenville experience.

The Steubenville conferences depend on many volunteers to make that weekend possible for over 3,500 teens. We did our part by helping to take 24 adults that volunteered to work at the conference assisting in the bookstore and ushering. These adults are a great example to the teens of what it means to have a servant heart because without the effort of all the volunteers, the conference would not have been possible.

Five of our teens were able to start their Steubenville experience a week early as they applied and were chosen to attend the Leadership Conference held for the first time at the Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Four adults and nine teens spent the week with the national Life Teen staff to learn and grow in leadership skills and come to a new understanding of discipleship. The teens spent the week attending sessions about our faith, learning about prayer and adoration and what it means to be a servant leader. We were also invited to join the Benedectine Monks for their Liturgy of the Hours and they were very surprised to see over 130 teens join them at 6:20 a.m. for their morning prayers.

The teens who traveled this summer were challenged in new ways to take their faith to a deeper level. They have come back with a deeper love for our Catholic faith and a deeper love for Christ. We are very grateful for the experiences of all our trips this summer and very grateful to our church community for their love and support.

Victoria actor shares screen with two Emmy Nominees in hit series "Friday Night Lights"

Charlie Quary, a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Victoria and son of John Quary, the superintendent of Catholic Schools in the diocese, is a 12-year-old actor who has recently appeared in seasons four and five of the critically acclaimed, Emmy-winning drama, “Friday Night Lights.” Charlie’s character is Andre Merrweiather, the oldest son of “Big Mary” (Steve Harris).

This year’s Emmy nominees included Best Actor (Drama) Kyle Chandler as Coach Eric Taylor and Best Actress (Drama) Connie Britton as Tammy Taylor, Coach Taylor’s wife and the principal of West Dillon High. FNL debuted in 2006, and its fifth season will be airing this fall on Direct TV and next spring on NBC.

SHCS STUDENT RECEIVES DUKE TIP RECOGNITION—Sacred Heart Catholic School 7th grade student, Nicholas Hadash, attended the 2010 Texas Recognition Ceremony honoring students in the 7th Grade Talent Search for high SAT or ACT scores. The ceremony was held at Trinity University in San Antonio. The Duke University Talent Identification Program’s (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the 95th percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test. This year, one of the 14,733 participants from Texas alone, only 5,344 qualified for state recognition. Nicholas, who is going into the eighth grade this year, is the son of Phillip and Nancy Hadash.

The end of the Steubenville weekend brought the beginning of the Life Teen Leadership Conference held for the first time at the Benedicente College in Archdiocese of Houston. He can also be followed on Facebook and TV Rage.com.

Charlie is also an accomplished athlete in soccer, football, basketball and track. In his spare time, he enjoys computer and video games, sports, music and spending time with his family, friends and pets.

Victoria actor shares screen with two Emmy Nominees in hit series "Friday Night Lights"
Starting bottom left clockwise: Maddy Buhler and Eric Still raise money for the golf program at St. Joseph High School as well as the youth and vocation offices on the fun hole at the tournament. A team waits at the fun hole to let St. Joe golfer Eric hit the ball on the green for them. Jose Ortega and Debbie Vanelli visit with Patsy Brown, fun hole coordinator, during the tournament. The team of Fathers David Berger, Michael Rother, BryanHeyer, and seminarian Patrick Knippenberg pose right before finding out they had won in their flight. We have finally uncovered the secret to Bishop Fellhauer’s golf game; it seems that prayer before the putting is what is needed. So forget those lessons and get on your knees!

Bishop Fellhauer Invitational Golf Tournament ~ Thank You!

Vocation and Youth Ministries flourish with the help of the K.C.’s!

The 13th annual Bishop David Fellhauer Charity Golf Tournament, held for the diocese’s youth and vocation offices, was one of the most successful ever, thanks to the generosity of the people of the diocese. The tournament, which was held at the Colony Creek Country Club, Friday, April 23, 2010, is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus Holy Family Council 9088 of Victoria. This year’s tournament brought in over $28,000, thanks to many generous sponsors and the participation of 31 teams. The proceeds were split between the diocesan offices of Vocations, directed by Father Dan Morales, and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry, directed by Mrs. Debbie Vanelli. These proceeds will benefit numerous new and existing vocations and youth programs throughout the diocese. Thank you to the sponsors listed below.

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Youth office presents a “Whirlwind” of retreats this summer

By Debbie Vanelli, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

What a whirlwind summer this has been for the youth office. In early June, we had our first Camp David sessions in the new Hermes Hall at the Spiritual Renewal Center. The new facilities are such a blessing and certainly made having camp for 200 young people and 30 staff a breeze compared to the previous facilities. Camp David celebrated its 13th year, and as we reflected on the past years, from our humble beginnings to the new facilities, it really makes one understand that God’s generosity is beyond our imagination.

This year the youth office had two seminar intern teams work with us in all of our programs. Kristopher Fuchs from Needville and Matthew Soto from Shiner received a LARGE dose of what comprehensive youth ministry is all about. They had an amazing rapport with the staffers and the youth in attendance, and they even managed, for the most part, to hang in there for the 17+ hour days.

One week after Camp David, the youth office hosted Discipleship Week at the Spiritual Renewal Center. This is the 10th year to hold this camp. Five priests: Father Kirby Hlavaty, Bryan Heyer, Tommy Chen, David Berger and Dan Morales juggled their extremely busy schedules to spend the week at the camp. The young people were truly one of the most delightful groups that we have ever had. Of course the staff for this retreat is second to none, and that certainly sets the tone for the way the retreat flows. We declared two of the days of the retreat “Father Dan Day” in celebration and thanksgiving for the 20th anniversary of Father Dan’s ordination.

Camp David Staff Members

After this retreat, the youth office took four days to regroup and prepare for the Boys Vocation Camp. This is the fourth year to hold this camp. Five priests: Fathers Kirby Hlavaty, Bryan Heyer, Tommy Chen, David Berger and Dan Morales also facilitated the camp. This is such a special camp that allows the participants to ask questions, experience the spiritual life of the priesthood, and look at the holiness that all of us are called to as baptized Catholics regardless to what vocation God is calling us.

While it was an extremely busy whirlwind of a summer, it is always so rewarding to work with such gifted and willing servants of God, as well as the amazing participants of these retreats.

Youth Calendar of Events

September 7-8 — St. Anthony School Retreat at SRC
September 9 — Theology at the Well at Chili’s in Victoria
September 12 — Our Lady of Victory Confirmation Retreat at SRC
September 18 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class at the Chancery
September 19 — Youth Leadership Training
September 23 — Theology at the Well at Chili’s in Victoria
September 25 — Catechesis and Ministry Conference
September 27 — Texas Catholic Conference
October 3 — Youth Leadership Training
October 7 — Theology at the Well at Chili’s in Victoria
October 16 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class at the Chancery
October 21 — Theology at the Well at Chili’s in Victoria
November 4 — Theology at the Well at Chili’s in Victoria
November 12-14 — Region 10 Youth Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas
November 20 — Foundations Youth Ministry Class
December 5 — Youth Leadership Training
December 9-12 — National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in New Orleans
January 8-9, 2011 — Youth Leadership Retreat at the SRC
January 22, 2011 — Prolife Rally in Austin
February 6, 2011 — Souper Bowl of Caring
February 20, 2011 — Youth Spectacular

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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 at (361) 573-0828 ext. 32 / ext. 50 or e-mail at dvanelli@victoriadiocese.org or jortega@victoriadiocese.org
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Local family experiences
vacation on oil-polluted beaches

By Cynthia Brewer

The dirty, oily water and the brown beaches didn’t ruin the Gomez Family Reunion this past Fourth of July week. Although they couldn’t get in the water because it was contaminated, it didn’t look much different than the Texas beaches near Corpus Christi and Port Aransas, said René Garcia, with the business office of the Victoria Diocese.

Thirty-six of his family members rented a 10-bedroom beach house in Gulf Shores, Alabama. They had made the reservations at the end of summer in 2009, long before the BP oil rig explosion and oil spill.

When talking with the locals, René learned that the Gulf Shores area took a big economic hit, “It was a very down Fourth of July for them. Normally the beaches are jam-packed, but there was nobody on the beach near us; a lot of the beach houses had vacancies.”

But the Gomez Family didn’t cancel their reservations because the main point of their trip was to see family and just get away to somewhere they had never been before.

“The kids automatically went for the water,” René said, “but we had to yell to them to stay out of it.” It looked normal to them.

Because there are many mud-bottom rivers flowing through Texas and emptying into the Texas Gulf waters, our Gulf water has a brownish, green color to it.

The who has seen photos of the Alabama beaches prior to the BP tragedy, know they consist of sugar-white sand that is lapped by crystal-clear, bluish green waves.

However, the water René’s family saw was dark and murky. When the waves came to shore, they left brown foam that stained the beautiful sand.

“The foamy water reminded me of a Coke float,” René said.

“We had the good fortune of meeting a supervisor of one of the clean-up crews that was contracted by BP,” René said. “When he learned we were staying at one of the beach houses, he brought a crew to clean our beach front area daily. It was a constant effort since an oily residue and tar balls were left on the beach after each high tide.

Even the vacationing kiddos got into the environmental clean-up action. In an effort to help the wildlife affected by the oil, they caught sand crabs in their sand pails and tried to clean off oil from them. No crabs were harmed in this clean-up effort, and fortunately no fingers were lost to pinching crab claws.

René said his family had a wonderful time. “It was great to be with family, and although we couldn’t get in the Gulf water, our beach house had a small pool, and it was so peaceful listening to the waves at night.”

Although the BP and Deepwater Horizon oilrig explosion caused a great economic misfortune to businesses and families whose livelihoods depend on the health of the Gulf of Mexico waters, the real tragedy, that won’t recover with the next summer season, is the death of 11 of the oilrig workers. Our condolences go out to their families.

Sister Louise Miksch leaves Victoria Diocese

SAN ANTONIO—After 21 years of service in the Diocese of Victoria, Sister Louise Miksch, Sister of Divine Providence (CDP), has returned to her congregation at Our Lady of the Lake Convent in San Antonio.

Her last position was with the Catholic Community of Cuero, where she ministered to God and God’s people for six years. “I will always be grateful to all those who were a part of this and so helpful,” Sister Louise said.

“I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been part of the Victoria Diocese,” she said. “I owe a huge thanks to the cathedral office for its help and support.”

She also said she is grateful for being introduced to Generations of Faith (GOF).

“For me GOF is the best faith formation, as it reflects what it means to be Church,” she said.

Sister Louise has accepted a pastoral care position where her focus will be on providing spiritual support for the elderly and dying. She will also plan the religious services before and after death.

Her ministry in the Victoria Diocese included: 1981 – St. Rose, Schulenburg (1 year); 1985 – St. Joseph, Moulton (5 years); and 1994 – Holy Rosary, Hostyn (Plum and Cistern) (9 years).

(above) Children from the Gomez Family Reunion search for sand crabs. (left) With each high tide, an oily residue dirtied the Gulf Shore beaches famous for their white sand. Inset: A close-up look at the oil brought in by the high tides.
Impact of Mother Teresa's work, prayer still felt 13 years after death

~ 100 years since her birth ~

By Carol Zimmermann
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Thirteen years after her death, the impact of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta’s work and prayer is still felt around the world. Mother Teresa would have turned 100 Aug. 26. The order she started 60 years ago — the Missionaries of Charity — continues its outreach to the “poorest of the poor.”

Many say Mother Teresa’s legacy is the combination of her extreme devotion to God and her extreme attention to the poor and her spirituality since both were so deeply intertwined.

“Mother Teresa’s legacy is the combination of her extreme devotion to God and her extreme attention to the poor and her spirituality since both were so deeply intertwined,” said David Gentry-Akin, a theology professor at St. Mary’s College of California in Moraga, who wrote for all the accolades about Mother Teresa, she also received a fair amount of criticism. Although many thought her work was noble, they also noted her order in 766 convents “system” and some in the church thought she was too traditional.

The order says, the nun’s enduring legacy is her spirituality. “The work she did is phenomenal,” he said, adding that it was more effective because it was “motivated out of deep love and holiness.”

Gentry-Akin said telling feature of Mother Teresa’s spirituality is revealed in a prayer that is said to have prayed each day asking God’s light to shine through her so that those she came in contact with would “see no longer me but only Jesus.”

The prayer’s imagery serves as title for a book of her writings published in 2007: “Jesus the Word to Be Spoken ~ Prayer and Meditations for Every Day of the Year” by Mother Teresa and compiled by Brother Angelo Devananda.

Teresa’s words are both practical and profound. Her insights into humility, prayer, love of God and neighbor, self-sacrifice and obedience were a call to each of us to live a life and approach to God. As such, they bear profound impact on our own call to follow God, for we’re in the midst of our families, in our churches and prayer groups, and even on the job. Her words are simple, but they touch the heart.

The next Family Puzzle Contest winner will win “Jesus the Word to Be Spoken ~ Prayer and Meditations for Every Day of the Year” by Mother Teresa and compiled by Brother Angelo Devananda and published by Servant Books. See book review on this page.

The winner of the August Family Puzzle Contest and “Knowing Right from Wrong” by Father Thomas D. Williams and published by Euthus Words, is Loretta Runk of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Freiburg.

There were only two contestants for the youth contest, so both will be winners.

They are Rachel Witting (7) of St. Joseph Mission in Boling and Blysen Brown (7) of St. Rose of Lima in Schuylkill. Each will receive a gift from the Incarnate Word Gift Shop.

If you have not won the puzzle contest within the past six months, please send completed puzzle and contest form to The Catholic Lighthouse, P. O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77903, by September 25 for a chance to win “Jesus the Word to Be Spoken.” 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).

Mother Teresa specials on EWTN

All of the below times have been changed to Central Time.

• MOTHER TERESA: SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS – This animated story tells the life of Mother Teresa from her birth in Albania through her childhood and how she heard God’s call for her to become a nun. Mother Teresa’s desire to help the poor was with her since her childhood and later prompted her to start the Missionaries of Charity to help the poor in Calcutta, India (30 min.): Sat., Sept. 4, at 9:00 p.m.

• MOTHER TERESA: THE LEGACY – This moving documentary presents an intimate look at the life, ministry and spirituality of Mother Teresa (1 hr.): Sunday, Sept. 5, at 1 a.m.; Friday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m.

• THE MANY REFLECTIONS OF MOTHER TERESA: Pt. 1 – Host Jan Marie Hayden interviews Sr. Mary Luana, General of the Missionaries of Charity about her vocation and about what a typical day is like in the great order founded by Mother Teresa (30 min.): Sunday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 a.m.

• MASS IN HONOR OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA (LIVE) – Holy Mass with the Missionaries of Charity on the Anniversary of Mother Teresa’s death and the 100th Anniversary of her birth. Archbishop Piero Sanelli, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Celebrant and Homilist (2 hours): Sunday, Sept. 5, at 1 p.m.; Encore: Sunday, Sept. 5, at 11 p.m.
By Ron Rolheiser

Sometimes after his 70th birthday, Mor-
ris West wrote an autobiography, which
he titled, A View from the Ridge. By ridge, he meant the angle that 70 years of living had
given him.
And what he offers is an ex-
cceptionally mature perspective on life.
When you get to be 75 years
old, West says, your vocabulary
should be pretty simple. You
only need to have two words left:
“Thank you!” Gratitude is the
real mark of genuine maturity,
of spiritual health. Don’t ever be
fooled about this.

Moreover, for West himself,
gratitude wasn’t easy to come by.
His life, as his autobiogra-
phy makes clear, had its share
of hurts and rejections; not least
by the Church which he loved.
So his the renowned psycholo-
gist, puts it this way: All of
us, from the time that we are
infants in the cradle until we are
written an autobiography like Mor-
ris West’s, are not adequately
loved, not adequately cared for,
not adequately recognized, not
adequately valued, and not ade-
quately honored. Moreover all
of us also suffer positively some
rejection and abuse. None of us
is spared life’s unfairness. She
calls this the drama of our
child, namely, the drama of being
a unique, sensitive, intelligent,
deep, and gifted person who
in this life is never quite loved
enough, recognized enough,
respected enough, or honored
equately, and who is sometimes
positively rejected and abused.
Small wonder that it is easier
to be bitter than grateful, parasitic
than hospitable, angry than gra-
cious.

What can we do about this,
beyond first of all admitting that
we do nurse a grudge against
life?

Miller suggests the most
important task of mid-life and
beyond is that of grieving. We
need, she says, to cry out until
the foundations of our life are shak-
en. At a certain point in our lives
the question is no longer: “Am I
hurt?” Rather it’s: “What is the
hurt and how can I move beyond
it?” It’s like having been in a
 car accident and carrying some
permanent scars and debilita-
tions. The accident happened,
the limp is there, nothing is going
to reverse time, and so our only
real choice is between bitterness
and forgiveness, between anger
and getting on with life, between
spending the rest of our lives
saying “if only!” or spending the
rest of our lives trying to enjoy
the air, despite our limp.

An important idea within
the Jewish and Christian concept
of the Sabbath is the notion that,
while the celebration, rest, enjoy-
ment, and prayer of the Sabbath
is largely for its own sake, there
are also in function of something
practical, namely, forgiveness.
We are meant to rest regularly
pray regularly, celebrate regul-
arily, and enjoy life regularly both
because this is what we will
be doing in heaven and because,
by doing these, we might find
within us the heart we need to
forgive.

If there’s no accident that,
together, this is often the case,
so if we look forward to a vacation,
some time away to rest, to recall
with friends, to drink wine and
enjoy the sun. Then we take
the vacation and do, in fact, very
much enjoy it. Sadly though,
within days or weeks after we
return we find ourselves as tired
as we were before the vacation.
What happened? Why didn’t our
vacation work?

Our vacation didn’t work be-
cause we didn’t forgive anybody.
We didn’t let go of any grudges.
The most tired and stressed part
of us didn’t get to go on vacation,
didn’t get to let go and relax,
and didn’t find itself warmed by
wine and friends. It stayed cold,
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**Pope Benedict XVI**

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Pope says “travel companion” important for spiritual journey

By Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — In Pope Benedict XVI’s catechism to an estimated 3,500 pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of the papal summer residence, he spoke of the importance of having a “travel companion” for one’s spiritual journey in life.

People can share their experience of faith with a spiritual director or confessor or can turn to Mary and the saints by praying to them, studying their lives and writings, and trying to imitate them, the pope said. People can start by looking more in-depth into the lives of their name saints, he said.

The pope said while Sts. Joseph and Benedict are important to him, St. Augustine “found in Christ the fullness of that truth which brings authentic freedom and joy,” he said.

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**Feast day of the Guardian Angels to be celebrated with a Mass**

Raphael’s Refuge in Fajlona will celebrate the feast day of the Guardian Angels on St. Michael’s Chapter (9:30 a.m.) and Mass (10 a.m.) on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010, in the Chapel of Fajlona. The Bishops of the various dioceses in the country will be present to offer prayers for the guardian angels of the faithful.

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**Coming of Age**

By Effie Caldarola

**Catholic News Service**

In recipe for peace, simpler lifestyle is key ingredient

Dee Williams is part of a small-house movement that you don’t need a McMansion to be comfortable and happy. Photo by Scott Eklund/Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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John Henry Newman: Heart Speaks to Heart

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh, Director of Media Relations, USCCB

The beatification of John Henry Cardinal Newman on September 19 in Birmingham, England, may draw much media attention, but it is still noteworthy. Newman’s beatification will be the first one Pope Benedict XVI has presided over. One senses that the theologian/scholar/Pope Benedict might feel a kinship with Cardinal Newman, a great intellect of the Victorian Age, and a man of renown in both Anglican and Catholic traditions. Newman was born in 1801 and died in 1890. He converted to Catholicism in 1845 after study and struggle to understand God. His efforts with the Oxford Movement to bring Anglicanism back to its Catholic roots led him instead to join the Catholic Church. Conversion brought no end of grief for him. Anglican scholars felt betrayed; Catholic scholars were suspicious. He had must feel quite bleak when he wrote in his journal in 1863. “O how forlorn and dreary has been my course since I have been a Catholic, I seem to myself to have had nothing but failure, imprisonment.”

He was a prodigious writer who promoted the need for the church to engage the world, a position that did not always make him friends. As a Catholic he fervently defended the faith, to the point where he nearly went to jail for intemperate words while wearing an anti-Catholic zealot.

He was a man of intellectual rigor, but writings reveal humanness too. He expressed it in his motto as a cardinal: ‘heart speaks to heart.’ A favorite poem, written in 1833, when he was 32, is “The Pillar of Cloud.” It reveals both the intellectual quest for God which he was known, and the deep reach of a soul, to which most can relate at some point in their lives.

Cured US deacon to read Gospel at Newman’s beatification Mass

By Simon Caldwell

Catholic News Service

LONDON (CNS) — An American who was inexcusably healed of a crippling spinal condition after praying to the intercession of Cardinal John Henry Newman will read the Gospel and serve as a deacon when Pope Benedict XVI beatifies the cardinal in September.

Deacon Jack Sullivan, of Marshfield, Mass., told Catholic News Service he was asked to participate in the Sept. 19 Mass by Father Timothy Menezes, the master of ceremonies for the beatification, when the English priest recently visited the United States.

“I am extremely excited that I have been asked to assist at the papal Mass as deacon, for it best reflects my simple prayer, ‘Cardinal Newman, help me to walk so that I can return to classes and be ordained a deacon,’” he told CNS in a July 29 e-mail.

“For years I suffered as patiently as I could and was rewarded instantly by a simple prayer,” he said. “I am not priding myself on the fact that the Church has seen fit to reward Cardinal Newman as he courageously followed the light of truth.”


Pope Benedict is waiving his own rules to perform a beatification as pope for the first time, instead of handing a high-ranking Vatican official to conduct the ceremony. The pope has studied his writings throughout his adult life, and in 1991 as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, told the U.S. bishops that Cardinal Newman was the most important thinker on the subject of conscience since St. Augustine of Hippo.

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St. Philip’s to hold Jeff Cavins’ Bible study courses

Bible Study Courses will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Church in El Campo beginning in mid-September and again in mid-January. Jeff Cavins’ “Revolution – The Kingdom Yet to Come” is an 11-week study that will begin Monday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, and will end the last week of November. Jeff Cavins’ “James – Pearls for Wise Living” will begin the week of Oct. 10 and end in March. An eight-week study of “A Quick Journey Throughout the Bible” will begin Monday, Jan. 10 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Registration forms and study materials for all classes may be picked up at the rectory or at the first class. All classes will be held in the Youth House (door-side entrance) across the street from the church parking lot. For more information, please contact Ebbie Leslie at (979) 543-6570.

David Kaufman Concert – Sept. 19

David Kaufman, founder of Good for the Soul Music, will be in concert celebrating a night of song and story at Holy Fam
ily Catholic Church in Victoria from Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend with no admission fee. GOOD FOR LOVING OFFERINGS. Holy Family Church is located at 704 Mallette Drive. For additional information about the concert, please call Chip Stefflgl (361) 772-2447. To learn more about the artist, please go to: http://www.goodforthesoulmusic.com

Television shows to highlight Newman's life

All times have been changed to Central time.

• TRANQUIL WORK: CARDINAL NEWMAN AND THE BIRMINGHAM ORATORY – Come with us as we take a tour of the Birmingham Oratory, located in Birmingham, England. Based on a type of devotional community founded by St. Philip Neri, John Henry Cardinal Newman established the Birmingham Oratory, erecting several buildings in the process. The program will feature a privileged audience that the Rev. Philip, his long life, which includes responding to requests that he write his famous Apologia pro Vita Sua in which he defended his conversion to the Catholic Faith. The series also shows the Birmingham Oratory Church, erected as a memorial after the Cardinal’s death (30 min.). Sunday, Sept. 12, at 3:30 a.m.

• HEART OF THE MATTER: NEWMAN ROUNDTABLE: THE LIFE & LEGACY OF JOHN HENRY CARDINAL Newman – Recorded at Littlemore, the former home of Cardinal John Henry Newman in England, our panel of Newman experts bring us through a memorial after the Cardinal’s death (30 min.). Monday, Sept. 1, at 4:30 p.m.

• SHEPHERD SPEAKS: MOST REV. CARDINAL WINTER – In an exclusive interview with Deacon Jack Sullivan, who will interview the cardinal (1 hr.). Sunday, Sept. 19, at 6:00 p.m. The public will be admitted to hear the Cardinal’s story (30 min.). Monday, Sept. 19, at 4:00 a.m.

• IN STEP WITH NEWMAN – A visual tour of the places associated with Cardinal John Henry Newman, whose beatification will take place in September 2010. This tour includes an exclusive visit to Cardinal Newman’s private study in the Birmingham Oratory, England, and also “The College Littlemore,” Oxford, the place where Cardinal Newman studied and taught for 28 years (1 hr.). Monday, Sept. 13, at 3:00 p.m.

• IN CONVERSATION WITH FR. GREGORY WINTERTON – Fr. Gregory Winterton reflects on the life and works of the greatest English Catholic of his time, St. John Henry Newman. It will focus on listening to “The Master Potter” who created each of us as his gift and speaks to us in the stillness of our own hearts. The retreat is open to men and women. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with your Bible. Lunch may be purchased for $5.00 or bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. It is suggested that you call (361) 575-7111 to register. The retreat conven is located at 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria. Please park in the front and walking signs. A Love offering will be accepted for the day.

Father Tommy Chen to lead Victoria retreat

St. Mary’s Altar Society in Victoria will sponsor a half-day retreat Wednesday, September 29, 2010, featuring Father Tommy Chen, pastor of St. Mary’s activ

ity Center. Registration is from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Lunch will be served in the activity center following the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The retreat will conclude after the Mass. There is no charge for the lunch and retreat, but please make reservations before September 27 to Geraldine Jurica at 573-3949 or Janell Krupp at 573-8166.

SPIRITUALITY

John Henry Cardinal Newman

AMOR MEUS RETREAT – Sept. 18

A spiritual day retreat will be held at the Amor Meus Spirituality Center at the Incarnate Word Convent Saturday, September 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day of quiet prayer and reflection will focus on listening to “The Master Potter” who created each of us as his gift and speaks to us in the stillness of our own hearts. The retreat is open to men and women. Please arrive at 9:15 a.m. with your Bible. Lunch may be purchased for $5.00 or bring your own lunch. Drinks will be provided. It is suggested that you call (361) 575-7111 to register. The retreat conven is located at 1101 N.E. Water St., Victoria. Please park in the front and walking signs. A Love offering will be accepted for the day.
At Father Johnson’s 25th Anniversary Mass, 11 priests concelebrate Mass with him and Bishop David Fellhauer at St. John Bosco Church in Vanderbilft, Father Johnson’s assigned parish. In the center, from l. to r., are honoree Father Charles Dwomoh, Bishop Fellhauer and Father Johnson Owusu-Boateng.

“In His Will, we find his peace”

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it was the providence of God at work in my life, working everything together for my good and the good of all.”

Throughout the day of his aniversary celebration, he reminded all in attendance that only in God’s will is our peace. In fact, his personal message on his Jubilee Mass bulletin was titled “Providence: In Your Will is Our Peace, Lord!”

Father Charles Dwomoh, a companion of Father Johnson throughout his friendly journey and currently the pastor of St. John the Baptist in Hungerford, said the homily.

His main emphasis was that the Lord’s Prayer is the influence of Father Johnson’s life. Father Johnson strongly believes that God is truly Father; therefore, we’re all God’s children.

“He makes friends easily with all races for they see the Lord’s Prayer, and he keeps those friends forever. He is always available, willing to listen and help those in need.

Fathers Charles and Johnson met in the St. Dominic group, went to catechism and mission St. Theresa in La Salle — during his mission, St. Ann, in 1995; and the chial vicar at Holy Family Wharton and since coming here, he’s become a U.S. citizen.

Speakers from each of the parishes that Father Johnson came to the diocese, he reminded all in attendance that when Father Johnson came to the dime, he was a good trade,” he said.

“We are blessed in our diocese with priests from Ghana,” he said, to much applause. “They are a living reminder to us of the universality of our Church.”

Father Johnson came to New York and received his masters in business, then met up with Father Charles Dwomoh with, who had come to the Diocese of Victoria. Since coming here, he’s become a U.S. citizen.

Abuse that has happened should be reported. Children learn to tell a parent or other trusted adult when someone is hurting them and to keep telling until they are believed. One study shows that children tell someone of their abuse an average of nine times before someone believes them. Parents can help children learn whom they can trust by pointing out the adults who can be trusted. Parents can also teach children the correct names of private body parts. This simple step gives children the vocabulary to tell others what happened to them.

4. You can recognize abuse when it happens. Children learn to trust that feeling that says something isn’t right and to tell a parent or other trusted adult when something happens that makes them feel uneasy. Children learn to question if someone is telling them to do what the child doesn’t like but says it is because he loves the child. Children learn to tell parents or trusted adult if another person makes them feel scared or confused or tries to get them to break rules. This can stop the process of grooming by which an abuser earns a child’s trust and friendship.

5. There are ways to spot a grooming process. Offenders are willing to spend a great deal of time grooming the family, the child and even the community so they may be seen as a trusted family friend. Children learn that anyone who lets children break rules, gives them alcohol or shows them pornography needs to be reported to parents and other trusted adults. Children learn not to keep secrets from parents. They learn that they should tell parents when someone gives them special gifts, when they are always touching them or tickling them and says not to tell.

6. Parents or other trusted adults will talk about this subject. Children often try to protect their parents from bad news, so they need to learn they can tell others anything. This lesson is conveyed when parents stay involved in their children’s activities and talk with them about what is happening in their lives. Now children learn what can be shared with par- ents. The more effective safe environment programs include parents in the learning process. This gives the child a clear signal that this subject is not off limits but instead is something to be talked about with family members.

7. Boundaries exist. Learning about personal boundaries can protect children and one way of knowing boundaries reinforces the teaching to listen to one’s instincts. Children who listen to the voice that says “This doesn’t feel right,” can protect themselves.

8. Children can stand up for themselves. Children need to be respectful and obey, yet they need to set boundaries. There are times when it is okay to say no to an adult. Children learn when it is appropri- ate to articulate what has happened to them. For example, they hear they can say no to someone who makes them uncomfortable, shows them pornography, or offers them alcohol.

9. There are ways to explain inap- propriate behavior. Children learn how to describe what’s happening. This is something that just seems to be a “little weird” even though it may not seem wrong. The purpose of this is to articulate what has happened to a child enables a child to more easily confide in a parent or other trusted adult. This can alert the adult to a potentially dangerous situation so it can be avoided. This is ultimately the goal of safe environ- ment education.

Kagan set to take Supreme Court bench in October

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Solicitor General Elena Kagan was set to take a seat as the third woman on the current Supreme Court in October after the Senate confirmed her Aug. 5 in a 63-37 vote. After a swearing-in ceremony at the high court, Supreme Court in October after the Senate confirmed her Aug. 5 in a 63-37 vote. After a

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Use of new Roman Missal to begin in US at Advent 2011

By Nancy Frazier O’Brien
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholics in the United States will begin using the long-awaited English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent in 2011, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago said Aug. 20.

The cardinal’s announcement as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops marks the formal beginning of a more than 15-month period of education and training leading to the first use of the “third typical edition” of the Roman Missal at English-language Masses in the United States on Nov. 27, 2011.

The missal, announced by Pope John Paul II in 2000 and first published in Latin in 2002, has undergone a lengthy and rigorous translation process through the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, followed by sometimes heated discussions over particular wording at USCCB general assemblies during much of the past decade.

The USCCB said April 30 that the Vatican has given its “recognitio,” or confirmation, of that the Vatican has given its approval of the new translation process by the new English translation of the Roman Missal on the first Sunday of Advent 2011.

At several points during the Mass, for example, when the celebrant says, “The Lord be with you,” the people will respond, in a more faithful translation of the original Latin, “And with your spirit.”

The current response, “And also with you,” was “not meant as ‘you too’ or something like ‘back at you,’” Father Richard Hilgartner, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship, told Catholic News Service.

Rather it is “an invitation to the priest as he celebrates the Mass, a reminder that he is not acting on his own, but in the person of Christ,” -- a distinction that the new language will highlight, he said.

“The order and structure of the Mass will not change at all,” he added, but Catholics will see some new texts for prayers, new observances for saints added to the Church calendar in recent decades and such additions as a Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of human life and an extended vigil for Pentecost, similar to the Easter Vigil.

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When the Second Vatican Council endorsed a new missal and permitted Catholics around the world to begin celebrating Mass in their local languages, the translation work that followed “was as at its best a rush job,” she said. The Vatican’s translation principles at the time also favored “a looser construction,” with the thought that in this way it could be adapted to various people more readily,” she added.

“At some time, it became evident that... in many instances, the richness and power of the Latin text didn’t really come through,” Sister Janet said. “This was true of all the translations, not just the English.”

The new translation offers “much text at http://www.usccb.org/ romanmissal. More information can be found at of the third edition of the Ro

Changes Coming

Some changes in wording at Mass that will come with the new Roman Missal in English at Advent 2011

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Getting Smart on Drugs

Texas swapped a $600 million prison-expansion plan in 2007 for a $241 million plan to expand its community-based drug and alcohol treatment services. It created residential drug and mental health facilities for in-prison and post-prison populations, and halfway houses for new parolees. By 2009 its inmate-population declined.

Michigan closed eight prisons and invested the savings in an expanded network of drug, mental health and job training services for ex-offenders. Following suit, Kansas also closed prisons after investing in treatment drug programs and services for parolees.

States are racing every state but North Dakota, legislators are looking for savings around their prison populations that on average rose 600 percent from the 1970s. So far, ten states have addressed the uncritical rhetoric of “tough on crime” with the compassionate wisdom of “smart on drugs.”

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The demand of users. It ignored the cultural forces that promoted the euphoric “highs” and the relief from even the slightest pains. Once a user creates a frequent pattern, an addiction, whether physical or process, can easily hold. Drugs can no longer be viewed merely as a public safety problem leading to crime, but must be understood as a public health problem.

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COLLEGE STUDENT TAKES TO CAMPUS FOR PEER-TO-PEER DISCUSSIONS ON ABORTION—Dominique Monlezun, left, a senior at Tulane University and chaplain for the Joshua Leadership Institute, talks with a student at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge during the July program “Reclaiming Your Campus for Life.” (CNS photo/courtesy of Ben Clapper)

Mexican Catholics pray for 72 migrants found massacred on ranch

San Fernando, approximately 85 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border at Brownsville, Texas, has been beset with organized crime violence as two cartels — the Gulf Cartel and its former armed wing, Los Zetas — stage a turf war in Tamaulipas over a lucrative smuggling corridor.

Violent conflicts in the state of Tamaulipas, just across the Rio Grande from the U.S., have claimed over 1,000 lives so far this year. Clashes have pitted the Gulf Cartel and its former armed wing, Los Zetas, against the Beltran Leyva Cartel and its former armed wing, La Familia.

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Holy Cross Fall Festival Oct. 24 at the KC Hall

Hallettsville—

Goliad—

Retrouvaille —

St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity/Secular Franciscans –

Catholic Family Services—

go available at $8 p/p. The auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 6 p/p with dine-in or drive-thru plates-to- go available at $7.50 p/p. Inside a/c hall bingo performance will be at 12:30 p.m. with San Antonio Liederkranz Choir. There will be a chicken & stew dinner will be served. Visit the newly restored grounds (207 Graham). There will be many activities, auction, performances, and country store items may be purchased during the day. The menu will include barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with sauerkraut. Hamburgers will be available after 1:00 p.m. sausage dinner serving from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at $7.50 p/p. The auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be games, refreshments, cakewalk, and country store, silent auction and much more for young and young at heart. Bingo begins at 5:30 p.m.

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St. Joseph Parish Picnic Sept. 12 at the community center. A fried-chicken dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. There will be kids games, country store, cakewalk, silent auction and much more to see and do.

Tivoli—The Catholic Community of Austerlitz/Tivoli will hold their Annual Parish Festival Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Tivoli. Turkey dinner with tea included will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. at $10 p/p. Inside a/c hall bingo, country store items and a lot of fun and fellowship! Live Auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. with bingo and raffle drawings following. Look them up at www.tivoliunited.org. Visit the newly restored hall. The dinner will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. at $7 p/p with dine-in or drive-thru plates-to-go available. Auction begins at 11:30 p.m. There will be a vol- ubil-kitchen turnout. 

Port Lavaca—Our Lady of the Gulf annual parish festival Sept. 12 at the Imperial Fish Market. There will be seafood plates served starting at 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at $8 p/p. The auction begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information and details for the festival, see ad on page 16.

Sweet Home—Queen of Peace Parish Picnic Sept. 20 at the community center. There will be food, games, cakewalk and comboreded dining. The auction will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be a country store, cakewalk and games in the afternoon. Hamburgers will be available after 1:00 p.m.

EM—St. Philip the Apostle Parish Picnic Sept. 26 begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Amory Road, just off Hw. 71) St. Philips will host the entire day including a live auction and music by the Dukkha Brothers. Call (361) 573-3730 for more information.

Meyersville—St. Peter and Paul Annual Festival Sept. 26 on the church grounds (11220 FM 237) beginning with Mass at 10:15 a.m. followed by a barbecue chicken dinner to be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All plates will be $7 p/p with dine-in or plates-to- go available. Bingo starts at 12:30 p.m. Live auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be cakewalk, raffles and games and much more. For more information call (361) 275-3808.

Bosilovitch—St. Patrick Turkey Dinner Sept. 26 in the parish hall. The dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m. and again from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at $10 p/p with plates-to-go available at 9:00 a.m. The auction begins at 11:30 a.m. There will be live games, kids country store, cake and toy walk and more.

Victoria—Victoria County’s Annual Czech Heritage Festival will begin on Sept. 26 with a Czech Church Mass celebrated at 9 a.m. At Our Lady of Victoria Cathedral and continue at the community center with music, food, museum, arts & crafts, Czech demonstrations, area vendors, and much more. Admission is $5 pp—under 15 free. More information at www.victoriachogeritagefestival.com

Upcoming Events

Shiner—Shiner Catholic School Fall Festival sponsored by the Home and School Committee and sponsored by the American Hall. A barbecue chicken dinner at $7 p/p will be served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. with drive-thru available. The live auction begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be a cakewalk, games, music, food, and more. See ad on page 8.

Huntingford—St. John Annual Church Bazaar Oct. 3 at the Huntingford Hall starting at 10:00 a.m. Free admission. A barbecue, beef and sausage dinner will be served along with sauerkraut. There will be all types of homemade pastries, kolaches, strudels, pies and more. The auction starts at noon with a special homemade Texas A&M quil and much more. There will be entertainment outside including a country store, cakewalk, bingos, kiddle rides to name a few.

Mentz—St. Roch Annual Picnic Oct. 3 with a barbecue-beef, pork and sausage dinner to be served from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at $6 p/p. Music, games, auction and more. See ad on page 7.

Hosyn—Queen of the Holy Rosary Festival Oct. 5 with a fried- chicken and sausage dinner to be served starting at 11:00 a.m. at $10 p/p. Games, bingo, country store, music and more. See ad on page 10.

Dallas—Save the date for the Holy Trinity Seminary 2010 Women’s Dinner Welcome to be held Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Boardwalk Ballroom, 300 E. 7th St., Dallas. The menu will include barbecue chicken, and sausage with “homedemade desserts” including pies, phe- ttingen. Hamburgers will be served starting at 300 p.m. Czech pastries, refreshments and country store items may be purchased during the day. The grand auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. All kinds of games will be available from noon-5:00 p.m. Attractions will include a moonwalk, veggie rock, wall climbing, pony rides and more. There will be entertainment outside including a country store, the Legacy Czech Band (noon - 3:30 p.m.), the Dukkha Brothers (3:30-6:00 p.m.) and No Limit (6:00 p.m., till 7). Mass schedule at 1:30 p.m. with Mass at 5:30 p.m. Columbus—St. Anthony Fall Festival Oct. 10

Victoria—Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish Festival Oct. 10 at the Catholic Lighthouse Page 19 – September 2010
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EMERGING TRENDS IN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY:
THE PAIN AND THE PROMISE
Mr. Bob McCarty, Keynote Presenter
Saturday, September 25
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Round A Workshops
A-1 Parish Youth Ministry: Renewing the Vision
A-2 Creative Ways of Leading Children in Prayer
A-3 Finding Jesus in the Most Unexpected Places
A-4 Translation of the New Roman Missal
A-5 Eucharist: Source and Summit
A-6 Practical Ways of Using Scripture in the Classroom
A-7 Ministry with the Family in Mind
A-8 The Pure of Heart (and Body) Shall See God
A-9 I am an Immigrant, Who do You Say I am?
A-10 Who Hijacked Vatican II: The Church 45 Years Later
A-12 Emerging Visions of Lay Leadership
A-13 Bendito, Partido, y Compartido

Round B Workshops
B-14 Parents: The Primary Educators of Our Faith, Right?
B-15 The Bible: God’s Revelation to his People
B-16 First Reconciliation: Don’t just Teach it! Experience it!
B-17 The Nuts & Bolts of a Well-Planned Lesson
B-18 Marriage - The Rock on Which the Family is Built
B-19 It Takes a Village to Raise a Killer: Family Life Ministry,
    Violence & the Death Penalty
B-20 Prayer: Weaving God’s Enduring Love into the Fabric
    of Our Busy Lives
B-21 Ministry with the Family in Mind
B-22 Implementing Music in the Third Edition of the Revised
    Roman Missal
B-23 Emerging Visions of Lay Leadership
B-24 Renovando Nuestros Matrimonios: Comprendiendo
    el Sacramento del Matrimonio

Round C Workshops
C-26 Bringing Church Home
C-27 The Gospel of Matthew
C-28 Medical Ethics & End of Life Issues
C-29 The Church and Care of God’s Creation
C-30 First Communion: Don’t Just Teach it! Experience it!
C-31 Contraception, What’s the Big Deal?
C-32 Multi-sensory Catechesis
C-33 You are the Light of the World: Empowering Teens to
    Witness to Their Faith
C-34 A Renewed Passion for Every Marriage
C-35 The Pure of Heart (and Body) Shall See God
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C-38 Soy un inmigrante, ¿Quién dices tú que soy yo?

Registration Information
Early registration – $14.00 per person
(On or before September 16, 2010)
* $12.00 per person for groups of 10 - 15
* $10.00 per person for groups of 16 - 20
* $ 8.00 per person for groups of 21 or more
Late Registration – $16.00 per person
(After Thursday, September 16, 2010)
Registration at the Door – $20.00

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