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## Bethlehem Priest Says Palestinians Seek Refuge In Nativity Church

by Judith Sudilovsky  
Catholic News Service

JERUSALEM (CNS) – Some 200 Palestinians broke into the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem seeking refuge from the Israeli army the morning of April 3, said a priest at the church.

Most of the people were members of the Palestinian Police and possibly other militias, but some civilians, including old people, also were sheltered in the church, said Franciscan Father Amjad Sabbara in a telephone interview.

“They forced the door and en-

tered the Nativity Church. They entered with their personal weapons – that is normal – but since they entered they have not shot one shot. They have no more bullets,” Father Sabbara said. “We don’t know exactly who they are.”

He said the Franciscan monks and nuns all were staying in their convent adjacent to the church but had seen the people going into the church. He said the complex was running out of water.

Israeli news reported that some Palestinian militiamen had entered the Nativity Church as well as the

Salesian Santa Maria Church. Father Sabbara said he could not confirm the identity of the gunmen, but he believed they had already left the Salesian church.

“It is quiet now,” he said, speaking of the general situation in Bethlehem. “I don’t hear any more shooting.”

The Israeli army remained in Bethlehem for a second consecutive day, and media said families had been unable to bury their dead. One television report showed a man sitting watch over the bodies of his

see “**BETHLEHEM**,” page thirteen



Israeli soldiers enter the city center of Bethlehem April 3. In action described as a campaign to uproot terrorists, Israel launched a major offensive in several West Bank towns including the place of Jesus’ birth. (CNS photo from Reuters)

## Archbishop’s Murder Underscores Commitment Of Colombian Church To Work For Peace

by Kami Carey  
Communications Associate,  
Catholic Relief Services.

“I try to interpret the meaning for Colombia of this painful event.... I believe the authors of this act sought to plant the seeds of confusion to cause chaos and division amongst us. Nevertheless, from the perspective of faith I want to call on all Colombians without exception, to solidarity, to hope and to the search for unity so that, now more than ever, we may know that we are one great family, as human

beings and children of God.” (Alberto Giraldo Jaramillo, Archbishop of Medellín President of the Colombian Episcopal Conference).

For Archbishop Isaías Duarte Cancino, Saturday, March 16 began as just another day of serving the people of his community. He would preside over a wedding ceremony in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Cali, capital city of his archdiocese in southwestern Colombia. Yet this would be a day that would go down in the history of Colombia and in the history of the

Catholic Church, for the Archbishop’s life would end on that Saturday, his fate decided by unknown assailants who knew the work and words of their victim very well.

Archbishop Isaías, as he was called affectionately, was known for the powerful voice he lent to the cause of peace and human rights in his war-torn country. Throughout his ministry in the Church, he emerged as a leading

see “**MURDER**,” page twelve



Colombian Cardinal Pedro Rubiano Saenz blesses the coffin of slain Archbishop Isaías Duarte Cancino during his funeral at St. Peter Cathedral in Cali, Colombia, March 19. Unidentified men gunned down the archbishop as he left a church after celebrating a wedding. (CNS photo from Reuters)



## The Call To Holiness

(The Human Weakness and Failures of the Ordained)

“My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor.12,9)

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

“Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy,” (Lv.19,2) is the ancient call that God has made to people since Old Testament times. Through baptism all Christians are called to holiness. This is also true for all the ordained-bishops, priests, and deacons – as disciples of Jesus and whose main mission is sanctifying people in the power of Christ.

Unfortunately in recent weeks, we have heard much about some ordained who have not fully lived the call to holiness and have failed in the struggle to lead chaste and celibate lives. Our attention has been turned nationally to the issue of pedophilia, sexual abuse of minors by priests. The renewed focus on this issue is due largely to cases of priest abusers of minors that were not dealt with appropriately in the past. No news story about the Church is more shocking and scandalous than a report of children being sexually abused by priests. No victim is more defenseless than a child being preyed upon by an adult, especially an adult in a position of responsibility and respect.

Acts of pedophilia are immoral and require immediate ecclesial action and are to be reported to the proper civil authorities. Sexual abuse of minors by anyone, especially an ordained minister, is a deplorable act and a reprehensible breach of trust. To all those who have suffered from this abuse, the Church needs to express to the victims of sexual abuse our deepest apologies and heartfelt sorrow. In dealing with these terrible cases, our first concern must be for the victims, for the children. Every effort must be made to provide them with proper physical, spiritual, and emotional assistance, loving support, and psychological

see “**FAILURES**,” page fifteen



## Llamada A La Santidad

(La Debilidad Humana y las Fallas del Ministro Ordenado)

«Mi gracia es suficiente para ti, pues mi poder  
se manifiesta en la debilidad.» (2Co 12,9)

Por Obispo Miguel D. Pfeifer, OMI

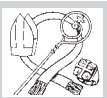
“Sean Santos, porque yo el Señor su Dios soy Santo” (Lv 19,2) es el llamado de Dios a su pueblo desde el Antiguo Testamento. Por medio del bautismo todos los cristianos están llamados a la santidad. Esto también se aplica para todo ministro ordenado -obispos, sacerdotes, y diáconos- como discípulos de Jesús y cuya misión es la santificación de su pueblo por el poder de Cristo.

Desafortunadamente en estas últimas semanas hemos escuchado mucho acerca de algunos ministros ordenados que no han vivido plenamente el llamado a la santidad y han fallado en la lucha de llevar una vida casta y célibe. A nivel nacional nuestra atención se ha girado a los casos de pedofilia, el abuso sexual de algunos sacerdotes a menores. Este enfoque se ha renovado debido a muchos casos del pasado de sacerdotes que han abusado de menores y a los cuales nos se les dio un trato adecuado. No hay noticia mas ofensiva y escandalosa para la Iglesia que el reporte de niños que han sido abusados sexualmente por sacerdotes. No hay víctima más indefensa que un niño que ha sido presa de un adulto, especialmente un adulto que tiene una posición de responsabilidad y de respeto.

Los Actos de pedofilia son inmorales y requieren de una acción eclesial inmediata y deben de ser reportados a las autoridades civiles correspondientes. El abuso sexual a menores, por cualquier persona pero sobre todo por un sacerdote, es un acto deplorable y una violación reprensible de confianza. A todos aquellos que han sufrido de este abuso,

see “**FALLAS**,” page fourteen

### The Bishop's Schedule



#### April 2002

April 1: San Angelo, Bishop Residence - Easter Cookout for Bishop's Staff at 6:00 p.m.

April 5: Fort Stockton, St. Joseph (St. Agnes, Coyanosa and Imperial) - Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.

April 6: San Angelo, Convention Center - Holy Angels Confirmation at 5:30 p.m.

April 7: Big Spring, St. Thomas/Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 11:30 a.m.

April 9: San Angelo, Diocesan

Pastoral Center - Diocesan Liturgy Commission meeting at 10:30 a.m. Eldorado, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Knickerbocker and Mertz) - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 10: Ballinger, St. Mary - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 11: Abilene, Dyess Air Force Base - Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

April 12: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 13: Odessa, St. Anthony - Confirmation at 5:30 p.m.

April 14: Midland, Our Lady of San Juan - Confirmation at 10:00 a.m.

April 16: Rowena, St. Joseph (Miles and Olfen) - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 17: Ozona, Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 18: San Angelo - Meeting of San Angelo Area Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

April 19: San Angelo, Newman Center - Appreciation Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

April 20: Abilene, St. Francis - Confirmation at 5:30 p.m.

April 21-22: San Antonio - Spring Meeting of MACC Board

April 23: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Presbyteral Council meeting at 11:00 a.m. Wall, St. Ambrose - Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.

April 24: Sonora, St. Ann - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 25: Abilene, Holy Family - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

April 27: Andrews, Our Lady of Lourdes - Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

April 28: Odessa, St. Joseph - Confirmation at 11:30 a.m.

April 30: Rankin, St. Thomas (McCamey, Big Lake, Iraan, Crane) - Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.

#### May, 2002

May 1: Coleman, Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

May 2: Midland, Our Lady of Guadalupe - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

May 3: San Angelo, St. Joseph - Confirmation at 7:00 p.m.

May 4: San Angelo, Walk for March of Dimes at 8:00 a.m. Big Spring, Immaculate Heart - Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

May 5: Sanderson, St. James - Confirmation at 3:00 p.m.

May 6-10: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Priests Retreat

May 11: San Angelo, St. Mary - Mass for Basic Formation Group at 11:00 a.m.

May 12: Odessa, Holy Redeemer - Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

May 13: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Rosary at Grotto at 6:30 p.m.

May 14: Midland, St. Ann - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

May 15: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Mass for Staff at 8:30 a.m. and Staff Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Meeting of SAISD Safety Committee at 4 p.m.

May 16: Abilene, Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

May 17: Ballinger, St. Mary - 25th Anniversary Mass for Father Hugh Wade at 6:30 p.m.

May 18: Abilene, St. Vincent - Confirmation at 5:30 p.m.

May 19: Menard, Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 11:15 a.m.

May 21: Midland, St. Stephen - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

May 23: San Angelo, Presbyteral Council - Budget Meeting

May 24: San Angelo, Angelo Catholic School Graduation Mass at 8:30 a.m.

May 25: Brownwood, St. Mary - Confirmation at 3:00 p.m.

May 26: St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence - Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

May 27: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Memorial Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

May 28-29: Rest and Prayer

May 31: Burbank, California - Priestly Ordination

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# Vocation Circle Seminarian Education Collection 2002 – Thanks!

by Fr. Tom Barley  
Director of Vocations and  
Seminarians

We wish to offer a huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to the Special Collection for Seminarian Education on the weekend of February 2-3. As of March 22, \$37,790.61 has been collected. This is on a par with last year's collection and will cover the expenses of 1 1/2 of our seminarians. Three of the men, Rodney White, Ferney Medina, and Joey Faylona, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in August and to the Priesthood next year. Keep all of them in your prayers. You will be in their prayers.

Contributions ranged from small to large – each contribution is valuable and helpful. The amount helps, but your intention to lovingly share your resources to educate the seminarians is more important. Most

important are your continued prayers for our seminarians and your promotion of vocations in your family and church community.

Thank you to these benefactors – the parishes and missions that have already submitted their collection. Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Mary, St. Joseph, Holy Angels, & St. Margaret (San Angelo); Sacred Heart, Holy Family, St. Francis, & St. Vincent (Abilene) & Our Mother of Mercy (Merkel); Our Lady of Lourdes (Andrews); St. Mary (Ballinger) & St. James (Bronte) & Our Lady of Guadalupe (Robert Lee); Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart, & St. Thomas (Big Spring) St. Joseph (Coahoma); St. Patrick (Brady); St. Mary (Brownwood); St. Therese (Carlsbad) & St. Paschal (Sterling City); St. Ann (Colorado City) & St. Joseph (Lorraine); Our Lady of Guadalupe (Eldorado) & Immacu-

late Conception (Knickerbocker); St. Joseph & St. Agnes (Fort Stockton) & St. James (Sanderson); Sacred Heart (Menard) & St. Theresa (Junction); Our Lady of San Juan, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Stephen, & St. Ann (Midland); St. Thomas (Miles) & St. Joseph (Rowena) & St. Boniface (Olfen); St. Martin de Porras Mission, St. Mary, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, & Holy Redeemer (Odessa); Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ozona) & Good Shepherd (Sheffield); St. Lawrence (St. Lawrence & St. Thomas (Midkiff); St. Ann (Sonora); St. Joseph (Stanton) & St. Isidore (Lenorah); Holy Family & Immaculate Heart of Mary (Sweetwater) & St. Albert (Roscoe); St. Ambrose (Wall) & Holy Family (Mereta). May God bless you in many ways throughout this year!

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

by Fr. Tom Barley  
Director of Vocations and  
Seminarians

**Needed: Families to pray for vocations.**

The *World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2002* will be celebrated during the weekend of *April 20-21*. The theme this year is *"Gift from God, given for God's People"*.

While we are all gift from God, we give thanks for people who dedicate their lives in service to others. Please take a few moments on the weekend of April 20-21 to pray as a family for vocations for our Church and in particular for our Diocese. Pray for our current Priests, Women Religious, and Deacons. Pray that many mature and holy men and

women will follow in the paths of the many good Priests, Women Religious, and Deacons we have in our Diocese. Pray for our seminarians and for other members of our Diocese who are ministering outside of the Diocese. Pray that our Catholic youth will listen to God's call and answer with courage, faith, and hope. They are our future. Our Catholic Faith calls us to be proactive. Pray for vocations, minister to others, and follow where the Lord will take you.

## Dominican Sisters Celebrate 100 Years In Kansas

Great Bend KS – This year marks the centennial of the founding of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, Kansas.

On April 23, 1902, Mother Antonina Fischer and six sisters from Brooklyn, New York, arrived in Great Bend. Their purpose for starting a foundation in Kansas was

to teach children, spread the Gospel, and spread the Dominican Order.

Upon arriving in Great Bend, the sisters began opening schools, and at the request of the city, opened St. Rose Hospital, which would later become Central Kansas Medical Center.

The sisters celebrated the 50th anniversary of their founding by responding to a call to accept a foreign mission. In 1956, three sisters went to Nigeria, West Africa, to spread the Dominican Order.

Since their founding in Kansas,

see **"SISTERS," page seven**

## KC 4th Degree Assembly Renamed for Area Priest

by Pat Lowery

The San Angelo Fourth Degree Assembly 1098 of the Knights of Columbus recently underwent a name change. The Assembly was first established in 1948 and chose the name of Monsignor Frank Maas, a pioneer priest in the area that was to become the Diocese of San Angelo.

On March 19, 2002 the members of the Assembly voted to change the name to honor the late Sir Knight Fr. Serran R. Braun.

Fr. Braun was ordained a Franciscan Friar on June 9, 1955. His first assignment was to Sacred Heart Parish in San Angelo. In the fall of 1958 he joined the Air Force as a chaplain and entered active duty one year later. After 22 years of service to his country and having received numerous decorations, he returned to the San Angelo Diocese which he joined in 1968. He served as pastor in Eldorado,



Sir Knight Fr. Serran R. Braun.

Carlsbad and at Holy Angels parish in San Angelo. He was the Director of Catholic Charities for the San Angelo Diocese. He also served as chaplain of the San Angelo Police Department.

At the time of his death on March 26, 1999 he was pastor emeritus of Holy Angels Church and Faithful Friar of Assembly 1098.

## San Angelo Priests' Retreat

**Monday - Friday, May 6-10**

*"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."*  
*Mark 6:31*

Father Nils Francis Thompson, O.F.M., will direct the retreat for all the priests of the Diocese of San Angelo, including members of religious communities who wish to attend, at Christ the King Retreat Center. Born in Galveston, Texas in 1935, Fr. Thompson is a member of the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Priests who are celebrating special anniversaries will be honored with a social and banquet on May 7.

Preregistration required.

## A Word to the Wise . . .

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# Catholic Diocese Recognizes Area Scouts

Seventy-eight Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts from the Diocese of San Angelo received Catholic Religious Emblems from Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, O.M.I. during the 5:00 p.m. Mass on February 16th at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Scouts receiving emblems include:

**Light Of Christ:** P.J. Aguirre, Brendan Donahue, William Donovan, Anthony Fuentes, Ty Hodnett, Sean Matchus, Joseph Nasser, Victor Thiel III, Daniel Torres, Amado Torres

**Par Vuli Dei:** Aaron Baeza, David Baeza, John Bertelson, Thomas Blackwood, Jeremiah Blair, Patrick Buren, Richard Dominguez, Dirk Eichorst, Jacob Huck, Stefan Johnson, Benjamin Kalvoda, An-

drew Lane, Alex Lopez, Marcus Martinez, Mitch Mazur, Joseph Ng, Robert Soza, John Suksta, Jason Thornton, Santiago Valdemar, Westin Zamarippa, Marc Zimmerman

**Ad Altars Dei:** Josh Albers, John Blackwood, Jeremy Lysinger, Christopher Osborne, Thomas Perez, Charles Scammel, Thomas Scammel, Michael Townsend, Cole Welmer, Sam Wehner

**Pope Pius XII:** William Fortin, Matthew Hines, Philip Holly, Matt Huro, Michael Huro, Valeri Kerby, Javier Medina, Shawn Murray, Cortney Sebesta

**Family Of God:** Cassi Cmerck, Alyssa Rodriguez

**I Live My Faith:** Amanda Aguilar, Nicole Clemens, Nicki

Daniel, Whitney Esquivel, Jessica Franco, Shelby Halfmann, Molly Johnson, Jasmine Martinez, Meredith McKeehan, Michelle Mendoza, Ellen Nasser, April Ortegon, Dana Price, Gabi Ramirez, Carol Reyes, Melissa Rocco, Emilia Rodriguez, Jennica Saenz, Danika Scevers, Samantha Smith, Becca Wessels, Chelsea Wessels, Hailee Wood, Megan Zapata, Francis Zuniga



# Caring For The Environment Is A Condition For Guaranteeing Human Life

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

Earth Day reminds us that caring for the environment is not an end in itself, but a condition for guaranteeing human life. As regards a relationship with Mother Earth, it must be affirmed that she is not to be exploited, but cultivated.

Our relationship to the Earth must be one of communion, not of exploitation, so that we might become more aware of the fact that the goods which nature offers to all must be respected because they are the heritage of the whole human family.

This relationship of communion with the earth stresses that the web of life is one. Agriculture, forests, fishing and caring for ecology are all tied to environmental conditions and greatly impact them. Creation has an integrity with an inherent value beyond its usefulness to human beings. Humans are to be responsible stewards of creation, working in harmony with God as co-creators.

Sustainable communities are socially just, economically beneficial, and environmentally healthy. The balance between nature, humanity and God is reflected in the web of life.

A basic belief of the Christian creed is that God is Creator of Heaven and Earth. If there is one celebration that can reunite all humanity, it is precisely that which celebrates its creation, a celebration which cannot help being religious because it sings the praises of God who created the Heavens and the Earth. Earth Day is a time to celebrate the Gift of Creation.

# Catholic Social Teaching In Action

by S. Marie Malachy Griffin, O.P.

*(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of ten articles written by team members who have and will continue to visit and work with our Diocese's sister Diocese in Honduras.)*

Catholicism's best kept "secret" is its corpus of social teaching. Built on biblical understandings and articulated within the last hundred years, Catholic Social Teaching has captured the imaginations of and provided a challenge for numerous college students in this country.

A San Angelo Newman Center group of nine bachelor degree candidates and two sponsors chose to study the application of these concepts in a third world country during spring break.

For two months before the planned visit to our sister diocese of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, the ASU young adults studied these "secret teachings." With the assistance of our Diocesan Office of Education and Formation and Kevin Creagan of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a curriculum was designed to highlight the eight building blocks, which have been distilled from the social teaching.

Only after this preparation, did the eleven set off to examine the implementation of social ethics in Honduras. Since returning, the travelers have been busy writing articles for the West Texas Angelus in which they will convey what they learned from our sisters and brothers in the second poorest country in Central America and the second most dangerous city (after Medellin, Colombia) in all of the Americas.

Because the end of the spring term is fast approaching, with its rush of assignments and tests, I volunteered to "go first" and offer an impression, a microscopic look at the number one foundational concept upon which the teachings rest: human dignity. The students' articles will begin to appear with the next issue.

In the Departments of Cortez and Atlantida, which comprise the Diocese of San Pedro Sula, the Catholic Church is the only organization that provides HIV/AIDS care. We visited two hospices for the terminally ill. Both of these were located "off the beaten path." In Honduras, as in the U. S. "out of sight, out of mind?" Yes and no. It is true that most people do not have to see the way these dis-

eases are ravishing the country. On the other hand, the Church IS there with and for the people.

The first care facility was ultra simple. It was clean, unadorned, and provided basic care and compassion. The caregivers were passionate about their ministry and upheld human dignity in every way possible. In the chapel was a large, freestanding cross, upon which (back and front) were inscribed the names of those who had died from AIDS. The list was interminable, or so we thought. What was not apparent at first was the hinge from which was suspended a second cross, also covered on both sides with names. The Honduran rate of infection will soon rival sub-Saharan Africa.

Three of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's missionary sisters staff the second hospice. It is obvious that they have greater financial resources at their disposal. Their building is new and attractive inside and out. It was designed to catch any breeze and boasts Winnie the Pooh sheets on all the beds. Each patient has a two-shelf nightstand on which to put his or her personal belongings.

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# Vatican Shares Alarm Over Bethlehem With U.S., Mideast Diplomats

by Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican's alarm over the Israeli siege of Bethlehem and the fact that Palestinian militia members had holed up inside the Church of the Nativity has been communicated to Israeli, U.S. and Arab League representatives.

In the discussions, the Vatican criticized the "injustice and humiliation imposed on the Palestinian people" and the wave of reprisals that only "increase the sense of frustration and hatred," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

In an April 3 statement, he said the Vatican's foreign minister, Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran, met that morning with U.S. Ambassador Jim Nicholson and the previous evening with Israeli Ambassador Yosef Neville Lamdan.

Another official from the Vatican Secretariat of State, Msgr. Celestino Migliore, met with the Arab League's representative to the Vatican, Mohamad Ali Mohamad, explaining the Vatican's position and "insisting, in particular, on the need to put an end to indiscriminate acts of terrorism," the spokesman said.

As part of what Israel described as a campaign to uproot terrorists, the Israeli army moved into more Palestinian towns in late March, often searching house by house for suspected terrorists.

Israeli tanks rolled in early April, and when fighting began April 2 Palestinian gunmen took refuge inside the Church of the Nativity and inside the convent of the Sisters of St. Brigid.

The Palestinians left the convent early April 3, but as of mid-afternoon several hundred were still inside the Church of the Nativity, which marks the place of Jesus' birth.

Zvi Tal, Lamdan's deputy at the Israeli Embassy, said April 3 that the ambassador has assured the Vatican that its army "has no intention whatsoever of opening fire on the church or shelling the compound" where some 30 Franciscan friars and sisters live.

Navarro-Valls said the Vatican officials made five key points in each meeting:

— "The unequivocal condemnation of terrorism, from whatever side it comes.

— "Criticism of the conditions of injustice and humiliation imposed on the Palestinian people, as well as for the reprisals and retaliations, which do nothing but increase the sense of frustration and hatred.

— "The need for Palestinians and Israelis to respect the resolutions of the United Nations aimed at bringing a cease-fire, promoting Palestinian statehood and guaranteeing the security of Israel.

— "The need to ensure 'proportionality in the use of legitimate means of defense.'

— "The obligation the conflicting sides have to safeguard the holy places, which are very important for the three monotheistic religions and for the patrimony of all humanity."

Navarro-Valls added that Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, has been in close contact with Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem and with the religious communities of men and women in Bethlehem, communicating to them "the solidarity of the Holy Father at this painful moment."

Nicholson and Tal said they were given "diplomatic notes" to pass on to their governments, expressing the Vatican's deep concern for the

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# Apostleship Of Prayer – The Heart Of Christ Devotion

VATICAN – Our Holy Father, John Paul II, asks the Apostleship of Prayer (A.P.) to spread His Monthly General and Mission Intentions asking our people to pray for specific areas of the Church's needs.

April General Intention:

*That family life may be central to world society.*

The Catholic Church consistently values the family as the core of society, the "Cradle of Life". It is also the school that promotes and safeguards faith and values. Positive and negative values effect family life development. Positively, there is an awareness of personal freedom, healthy interpersonal relations in marriage, elevated dignity of women, responsible procreation and the education of children. Today dark shadows are threatening.

The effects of ethical relativism

threaten Christian values and natural institutions. Weak and aggressive legislation does affect family welfare. Women as wives and mothers find little support. Internationally, the ideological political pressures favor distorted family models including homosexual ones. Enslaving demographic control policies strike at third world countries where destructive sinful policies are forced upon the people: family planning, artificial insemination, legalized abortion, destruction of embryos and euthanasia violate the dignity of the human person.

These false policies subvert the idea of the couples' independence and lead to an ambiguity regarding authority between the spouses, parents and children. International associates trying to limit parents' rights, especially in reproductive health areas, further threaten this shaky foundation. The media shows

little positive support.

The family is the school of morality and values, life and solid development in society and the teacher of love and respect for justice and peace. Children learn from the parents love and respect seen in the self-giving of parents. Also, sound family life is "the healthy womb" in which faith increases and deepens. Mary is the model of chaste and heroic family living in which parents teach their children to accept joy, happiness, suffering and death as the conditions of human living.

For reflection:

1. What moral and family values do you want to transmit to your children? What helps, what hinders you?

2. In what way can your parish help you fulfill your task?

# Knights Of Columbus Applaud Jewish Leaders' Opposition To Anti-Catholic Slanders

**In K Of C Columbia Magazine, Rabbi Honors Pius XII As A "Righteous Gentile"**

NEW HAVEN - Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson today applauded opposition expressed by prominent Jewish leaders to recent anti-Catholic slanders linking Pope Pius XII and the Vatican to Nazi atrocities.

"Catholics should welcome and have nothing to fear from an honest and open inquiry into the role of Pope Pius XII and the Vatican during World War II," said Anderson. "However, polemical attacks under the guise of such inquiry, attacks that baldly presume the Church's complicity in Nazi atrocities against the Jews, are to be rejected outright. I am heartened to see several prominent Jewish leaders are doing just

that."

Anderson's remarks came amidst reports of a new movie, "Amen," by noted director Costa-Gravas. The film echoes many of the accusations in the fictitious play *The Deputy*, by Rolf Hochhuth. The play, whose author was a member of Hitler's Youth, accuses Pius XII of remaining silent and taking no action to oppose Nazi atrocities against the Jews.

A poster for the movie in France prompted a strong protest from ten prominent Jewish leaders there. The poster depicts an elongated Christian cross that turns into a Nazi swastika.

Those signing the protest against the poster include Rene Samuel-Sirat, former Grand Rabbi of Paris; Emmanuel Weintraub, president of the French section of the World Jewish Congress; Madeline Cohen, vice president of Judeo-Christian Friend-

ship; and Henri Hajdenberg, former president of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions of France.

Both during and immediately after the war, Pius XII was widely praised in the media and honored by the Jewish community worldwide for his work in assisting Jews and opposing the Nazis.

"The historical record is clear," Anderson said. "There is simply no evidence for anyone to claim credibly that Pius was indifferent and did nothing to alleviate the suffering of the Jewish people at the hands of the Nazis. Indeed, the evidence, including abundant contemporary reports in *The New York Times* and elsewhere, shows the opposite," Anderson noted. "And it is heartening to see many scholars and authors re-

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# Chrism Mass

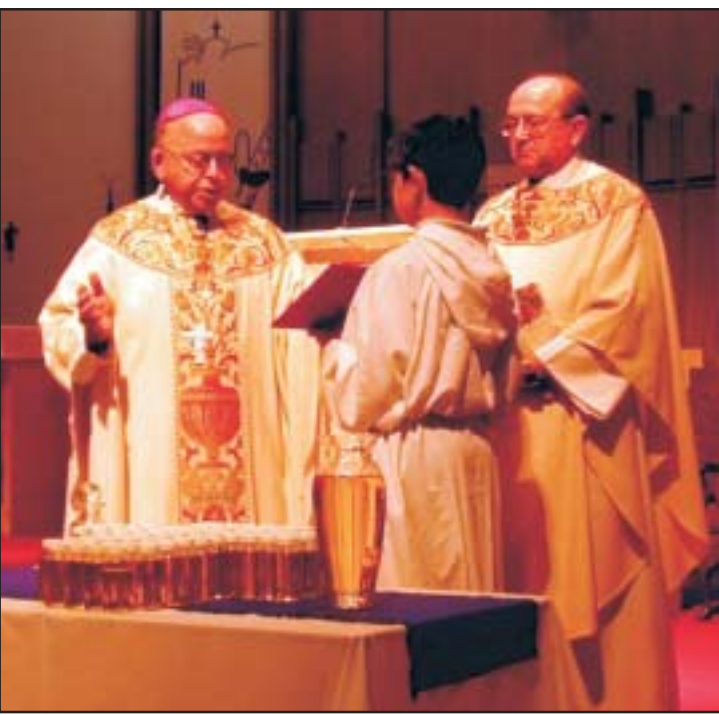
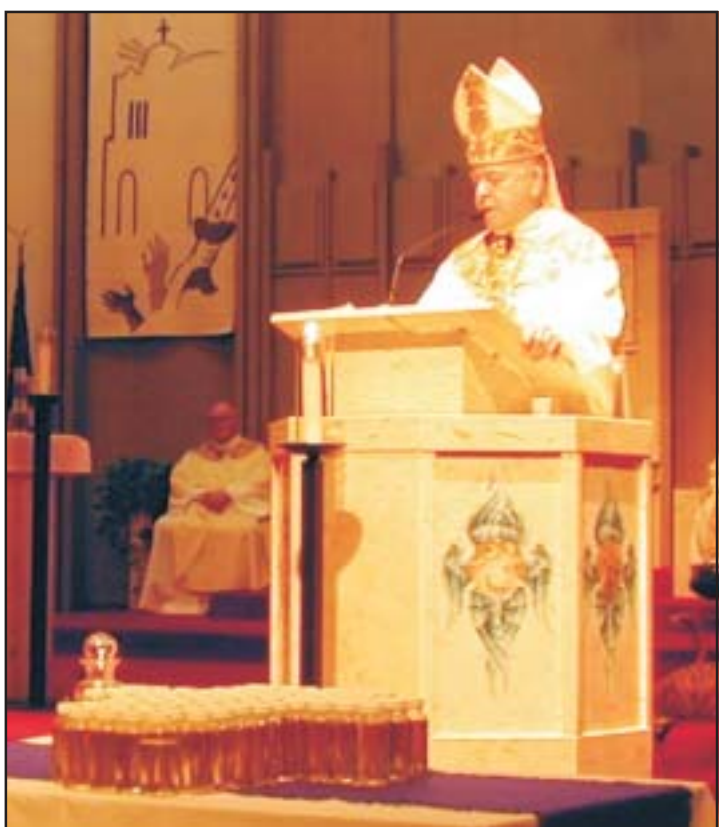
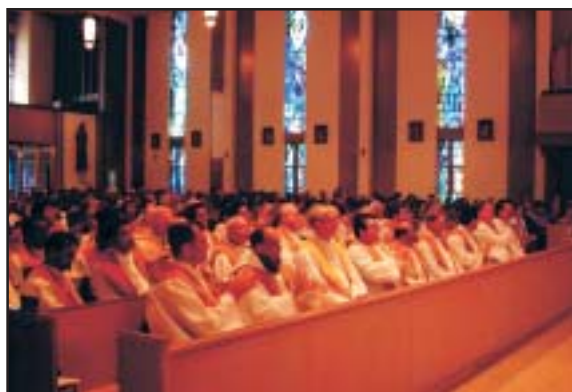
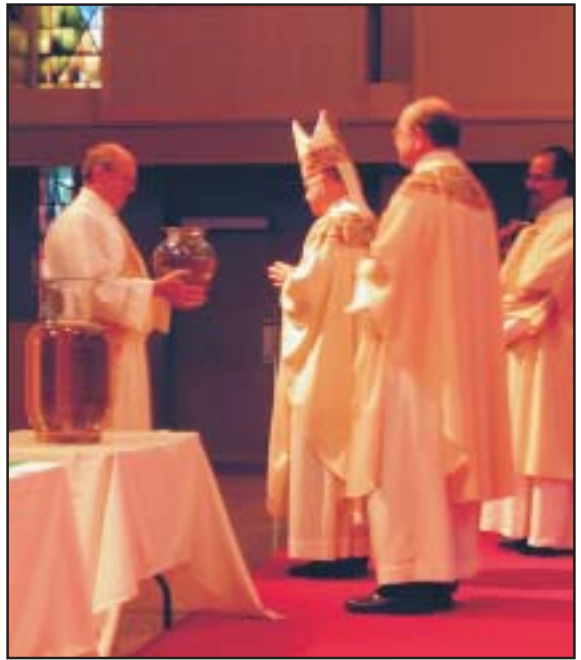
by Pete Micale, WTA

In many dioceses in the United States, the Chrism Mass is traditionally celebrated on the morning of Holy Thursday of Holy Week. Since the Diocese of San Angelo covers such a large geographical area making it difficult for priests, deacons, and laypersons from the various parishes to return for Holy Thursday evening services, the Chrism Mass is celebrated the

Thursday before Holy Week. This year the Chrism Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, in San Angelo, at high noon on Thursday March 21st. Bishop Pfeifer and Monsignors Murphy and Droll were concelebrants of the Mass. In attendance were most of the parish priests from the Diocese; also in attendance were members of the individual parishes of the diocese

who at the end of the Mass received the sacramental oils for use in the parishes during the celebration of the various sacraments. Little carafes containing the oils were placed on two tables in front of the altar and they were blessed and then distributed to the parishes. The accompanying photos show the concelebrants, priests of the Diocese, the choir, led by Frank Diaz, the presentation and blessing of the oils, and their distribution to some members of parishes.

(Photos by Pete Micale.)





## ¿Que Sigue?

(Un Plan Parroquial Pastoral Para Ministerio Hispánico)

por el Obispo Miguel Pfeifer, OMI

El 13 de Marzo, 2002, 85 personas de nuestra Diócesis se juntaron para una convocación pastoral, informativa y práctica sobre como desarrollar un Plan Pastoral Parroquial Hispánico. Esta convocación fue dirigida por dos excelentes miembros

del Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) de San Antonio.

Con la información presentada en la convocación, y con las ideas que fueron generadas durante la convocación, ahora ¿que es el próximo paso? Les he pedido a los participantes que se comuniquen con sus párrocos y coordinadores pastorales, y que se junten con todos o algunos miembros del sus Concilios Patorales para explicar como desarrollar este Plan Pastoral

Parroquial. Es importante recordar que este plan no es uno que impone algo totalmente nuevo sobre la parroquia, sino que como funciona con todas las organizaciones, los ministerios y los concilios existentes.

Como todos realizamos la gran mayoría de los Católicos de nuestra Diócesis son Hispanos, y sus números siguen creciendo. Ésta es la realidad para el Estado de Tejas y otras partes de los EE UU.

Yo, como Obispo, unánimemente apoyado por el Concilio Presbiteral, vi la necesidad para tal convocación para que podamos servir mejor los Hispanos de nuestra Diócesis. Trajimos profesionales para ayudarnos, y ahora es el tiempo para que cada unas de nuestras comunidades tome el próximo paso para desarrollar este Plan Pastoral Parroquial. Si hay una parroquia que no tuvo representante en la convocación, le pido a la perso-

na de la parroquia cercana que si asistió, que ayude a esta parroquia a empezar este plan.

Especialmente animo a mis hermanos sacerdotes, coordinadores pastorales, y otros líderes que trabajen juntos con los que asistieron a la convocación para desarrollar este plan que ayudará enriquecer las vidas de toda la gente de nuestras comunidades, no solamente los Hispanos.

## What Next?

(A Parish Pastoral Plan For Hispanic Ministry)

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

On March 13, 2002, some 85 people of our Diocese gathered for a very informative, pastoral, and practical seminar on how to develop a Parish Pastoral Plan for Hispanics. This seminar was led by two fine members of the Mexican

American Cultural Center from San Antonio.

With the information that was given at the seminar, and with the ideas that were generated during the seminar, now what is the next step? I have asked all the participants to contact their pastors and pastoral coordinators, and to meet with all or some members of their Pastoral Councils to explain how to develop this Parish Pastoral Plan. It is important to remember that this is

not a plan that imposes something totally new on the parish, but rather works with all the existing organizations, ministries and councils that are already there.

As we all realize the vast majority of the Catholics of our Diocese are Hispanic, and their numbers are growing all the time. This is true for the entire State of Texas and for many other parts of the USA.

I, as Bishop, supported unanimously by the Presbyteral Coun-

cil, saw the need for such a seminar so that we can better serve the Hispanics of our Diocese.

We brought in professional people to assist us, and now is the time for each of our communities to take the next step in developing this Parish Pastoral Plan. If there is a parish that did not have a representative at the seminar, I would ask that a person from a nearby parish who was in attendance would be invited to help this parish start this

plan. Twenty-six parishes of our Diocese were represented at this seminar.

I especially encourage my brother priests, pastoral coordinators, and other leaders to work together with those who were in attendance at the seminar to develop this plan which will help to enrich the lives of all the people of our community, not just Hispanics.

# Bishop Michael Pfeifer Hosts Hispanic Ministry Seminar

by Debra Vasquez

"...In essentials, unity; in accidentals, liberty; in all things, charity." These words of Blessed Pope John XXIII aptly describe the spirit of the challenges facing the 90 participants of the seminar on Hispanic ministry hosted by Bishop Michael Pfeifer on March 13 at Christ the King Retreat Center. Clergy, religious, and predominantly Hispanic lay leaders from 26 parishes met to learn more about Hispanic ministry and the changing face of the Catholic Church in Texas and the U.S. Bishop Pfeifer reported that more than 80,000 registered Catholics in the San Angelo Diocese, 70-75% are Hispanic, mainly Mexican-American. The need to address more directly the Hispanic presence in the Diocese was reinforced by the US Census reports of the dramatic growth of Hispanics in the State of Texas. According to Bishop Pfeifer, the bishops of Texas recognize the need to identify, train and form lay Hispanic people for ministry to serve the whole Church.

Those in attendance were charged to go back to their parishes to develop a pastoral plan for Hispanic

ministry. By the end of the day, it became clear that such a plan could not be developed in a vacuum, but would need to be integrated within a parish pastoral plan that includes everyone-Asian, African-American, Native American, and Anglo, and all ministries—because we are a church of many faces and gifts.

According to *Hispanic Ministry at the Turn of the New Millennium* (1999) by the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Hispanic Affairs, Hispanics currently form between 30-38% of U.S. Catholics, they are the largest ethnic group in the U.S. Church, and since 1960, they account for 71% of Catholic growth in the United States. Some population projections estimate that by 2050, they may form up to 85% of the Catholic population.

Presenters for the seminar were from the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) in San Antonio, Texas. They reviewed the history of events and actions in the U.S. Catholic Church to reach out to the Hispanic populations. In 1945 Archbishop Lucey opened an office for the Spanish-speaking in San Antonio, Texas. Through the years there

have been a series of conferences, each building upon each other, such as Encuentro National (1975), Segundo Encuentro (1977), Tercer Encuentro (1985), Statement on Evangelization, and most recently, Encuentro 2000. While presenting a picture of the history of Hispanics in the U.S. and the Church's response, MACC presenters urged participants to learn about their own parish history as a first step in the development of a future plan.

MACC presented a model for developing a pastoral plan which can be tailored to the resources and gifts of each parish. The beginning part of developing the plan might be called "the Snapshot" or picture of "What Does Our Parish Look Like?" A simple first step is to learn and share the history of the parish family to better understand all the groups who are part of the family. Filling in the details of this picture would include gathering information on parish demographics, history, culture and values of parishioners, social conditions such as, employment, education, health, political participation in the community and participation in the Church. Creating

this picture (or final report) so that it is a useful tool for discerning needs and ministries requires thoughtful planning, communication and connection to the community outside the church building and with all elements of the parish.

With this basic document or picture, the parish council or pastoral team can discern the mission of the parish in light of the Gospel and teachings of the Church. After discernment, the next step is action to fulfill the mission by identifying priorities with specific assignments of who, what, when, and where and how the priorities will be accomplished. The action step is followed by evaluation of progress, opportunities and challenges and how to address them. When there is a success, whether small or large, the parish needs to

celebrate.

Bishop Pfeifer reminded participants of the gifts which Hispanics bring to the Catholic Church popular religiosity, a strong sense of justice, emphasis on the family vs. the individual, and a devotion to following Mary's example as Our Lady of Guadalupe. One of the gifts which Hispanics can bring to the Church from their own life experience is a sensitivity and appreciation for other cultures and ethnicities, as the family of God in one Church, in unity and charity. Bishop Pfeifer strongly encouraged all participants to return to their parishes and discuss what they had learned with their pastors, pastoral coordinators, pastoral councils and other leaders and begin a plan for Hispanic ministry for each parish.

## SISTERS

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the Dominicans have ministered in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, and abroad to Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawai, New Guinea, Nigeria, Philippines, and Thailand.

Great Bend Dominican Sister

Rebecca Otter is a pastoral minister in the San Angelo Diocese.

In April the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend will celebrate their centennial with a festive Mass, dedication of a Centennial garden, and blessing of a new statue of St. Catherine of Siena, a Dominican saint, in the Centennial garden.

In August family, friends, and community members are invited to celebrate with the sisters at an open house, ice cream social, and Evening Praise.



# Un Taller Cuaresmal En Español

por Padre Juan Gonzales Castro, O.M.I.

Mas de ochenta feligreses representando todas las iglesias católicas de San Angelo; Santa Maria, Ballinger; Santa Margarita, Big

Lake; Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, El Dorado; El Sagrado Corazon, McCamey; La Sagrada Familia, Mereta; Santo Tomas, Miles; Santa Maria, Odessa; San Jose, Rowena y San Pascual, Sterling

City celebraron un taller cuaresmal en español el viernes, día veinte y dos de marzo, 2002 en el Centro de Retiros Cristo Rey, bajo el liderazgo del Padre Juan Gonzales Castro, O.M.I., el director del centro.



Padre Castro explicando la importancia de Maria durante Cuaresma.



El Coro bajo la dirección de la Senora Gloria Trevino.



Los asistententes después del Vía Crucis al aire libre.

## Two Historic Hours

by Fr. Frank Pavone  
Priests for Life

It had not happened since President Lincoln.

On Tuesday, December 4, 2001, for two sacred and historic hours, about one-third of the US Senate and House of Representatives, with representation from both major parties, knelt together in solemn prayer and repentance. This did not take place in a Church. It took place in the Rotunda of the US Capitol.

Chairs were arranged so they all faced in a circle. Microphones were placed in aisles. In the center for the speakers was a prayer bench with knee padding and a microphone. Other prayer benches were scattered outside the seating area. Clearly visible were the large murals in the Rotunda itself, depicting prayer meetings. One shows the baptism of Pocahontas. The other shows a Bible study among the Pilgrims. Another mural depicts George Washington resigning his

commission, while holding a copy of his Prayer for the States and State Governors in his hands.

It was a National Day of Reconciliation. The presence of God, the love of God, and our need for God's forgiveness and protection were among the dominant themes. "Who called this meeting . . . God did!" These were the words Chaplain of the Senate Lloyd John Ogilvie used in his opening remarks.

One Senator said that in the meeting, he could feel God forgiving us as a nation. Another elected official had the vision of the tribe of America marching toward the limits of God's sovereign protection, but that their leaders had stood at the edge and began signaling to the people to begin turning.

At the heart of such a gathering is God's promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven

and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Believers should rejoice that such a gathering took place. Although America's greatest sin, that of abortion, was not explicitly mentioned, some groundwork was laid for national repentance. After all, the attitude of humble prayer and worship is completely contrary to the attitude of "pro-choice." Prayer and worship says to God, "You are Lord of me, my life, and my choices." Pro-choice says, "I am Lord of me, my life, and my choices." The two just don't mix, and if we spend enough time on our knees, worship may begin to replace the destructive abortion mentality.

One's public and private life cannot be completely separated. One's beliefs and one's public service cannot be totally severed. As the US Catholic bishops have written, "Nor can we practice the Gospel of life only as a private piety. American Catholics must live it vigorously and publicly, as a matter of national leadership and wit-

ness, or we will not live it at all" (1998, Living the Gospel of Life, n. 20).

Scripture urges us to pray for our leaders and our nation. Perhaps what happened on December 4,

without the glare of media, will bring us a step closer to a Culture of Life

## Annual Men's Retreat

**Friday - Sunday, April 12-14**  
*"Christ, Yesterday, Today and Forever!"*

Christ, resurrected 2000 years ago, is the same Christ Who resurrects for us today and the same Christ Who will resurrect each of us forever! Father John Gonzales Castro, O.M.I., Christ the King Center director, will conduct the annual retreat for men by underscoring the Christ of yesterday, today and forever in contrast to the Christ relegated to the insignificant and superfluous by the New Age Movement in its attempt to cope with reality by utilizing eclectic man-made ambiguities. Friday check in: 6-7:15 p.m. The retreat begins at 7:30 p.m. and will end Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Donation for weekend: \$8. For more information, please call Mrs. Margie Schillo at (915) 651-5352.





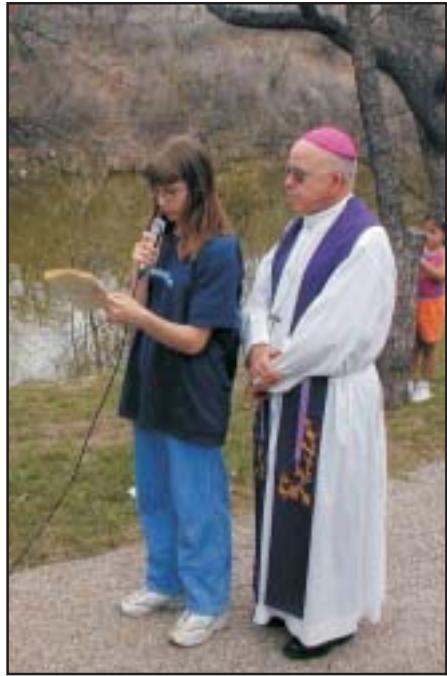
# Stations of the Cross

by Pete Micale, WTA

For 17 years Bishop Pfeifer, on Good Friday, has led a procession of many supplicants from the Diocese along a route of approximately a mile and half from St. Margaret's Church to the Christ King Retreat Center. He, with the help of many

participants, symbolically carries a Cross. During the procession, the holy rosary is recited in both English and Spanish. When the procession arrives on the grounds of the retreat center, it winds its way along the Stations of the Cross on the beautiful bank of the Concho

River behind the Center. The photos on this page show the carrying of the cross into the grounds of the Retreat Center, the marchers stopped and praying at some Stations, and some of the leaders of the prayers. A description of the individual Station and prayers were led, not only by Bishop Pfeifer and Fr. Cornejo, but also by selected members of the march including fathers, mothers, teenagers and young adults.



(Photos by Pete Micale.)





# Consultation On The National Directory For Catechesis Held

by S. Joan Markus, SSND

Twenty-one participants, representing a variety of ministries in the diocese, gathered at Christ the King Retreat Center on March 18th to discuss and share insights on the first draft of the National Directory for Catechesis.

Participants received copies of the draft and individual assignments prior to the consultation. The morning session of the consultation was spent in small group discussion to determine if a section needed some revision. Bishop Michael Pfeifer visited with the consultation committee and reminded the committee members that this is a graced moment for catechesis in our diocese and national church.

After lunch, each small group reported their group suggestions regarding the specific section they were asked to critique. Comments from the total group were added to each group report. The diocesan

report will be formulated by the Office of Education and Formation staff and sent to The Bishops' Editorial Oversight Board by April 15th.

A draft of the National Directory for Catechesis will be submitted to the Bishops at their November, 2002 meeting. A 2003 publication date is projected.

After the publication, workshops will be scheduled in the diocese to study the document and its implications for ministry.



l-r: Anne Hermann (Adult Faith-Holy Angels, San Angelo), S. Joan Markus (Director-OEF), Mike Wyse (DRE-St. Joseph, San Angelo).



l-r: Barbara Nay (CYM-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Odessa), S. Hilda Marotta (Associate Director-OEF), Lesley Pagano (Teacher-St. Ann School).



l-r: Socorro Ramirez (Adult Faith-St. Mary, San Angelo), Msgr. Larry Droll (Chancellor).

# Retirement Fund For Religious Thanks Diocese

by Sister Andree Fries, CPPS  
Executive Director

Dear Bishop Pfeifer:

Thank you for your Diocesan check for \$60,533.97 which has been deposited in the Retirement Fund for Religious account. This brings your total Diocesan contributions for all of the years of the collection to \$591,403.65 The

money has been recorded as part of Appeal XIV for 2002.

We are especially grateful to the Catholics of your Diocese for being so generous in this time of economic downturn and uncertainty of the impact of the war against terrorism. Unfortunately, this economic downturn has been particularly difficult for religious institutes

who are experiencing with other investors, the decrease in value of their retirement investments. Since the need for liquidity in retirement investments is great because of the current needs of our senior religious, the situation is particularly critical. Religious, however, remain steadfast in their faith and hope in God and their commitment to the care of their members. I am very impressed with this faith and the willingness of religious institutes to creatively plan for the care of their aged members.

Your support and the support of your Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, pastors, parish priests and deacons are essential to the fund's continued success. We are most grateful for all you do! You can be sure of the prayers of the increasing number of senior religious in gratitude for your generous support!

## VATICAN from page five

worsening situation in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

The two also told Catholic News Service that Archbishop Tauran explicitly recognized Israel's need to guarantee the safety of its citizens and said the Vatican, through diplomatic contacts with the Palestinians, had urged decisive action to end the suicide bombings.

While some Vatican officials have said the United States is not doing enough to pressure Israel to limit the scope of its military operation, Nicholson said the discussion "did not point fingers."

"It is clear we are moral partners with the Holy See in condemning terrorism and in calling for a ceasefire," Nicholson said. "The U.S. is engaged, and the Holy Father knows that."

The Vatican, he said, "is dispensing fault to both sides. There is a palpable concern at the continuing escalation of violence and for the religious places."

Nicholson said Archbishop Tauran continued to seek U.S. support for sending international monitors or peacekeepers into the region.

"The difficulty is in inserting any third party when the sides are face to face, shooting at each other," he said. "Right now it would make no sense."

Tal also said Archbishop Tauran raised the issue despite the fact that Israel already has rejected the idea and that the Vatican "was not able to give us practical hints" for how an international team would work.

The main part of the discussion, he said, "was to convey a message which basically says the Holy See sees the motives of our military campaign, but is concerned by the intensity of the action."

Tal said the archbishop also promised the Vatican would continue trying to convince the Palestinians to stop terrorist attacks.

The Vatican's concern over the situation, he said, has not damaged its diplomatic relationship with Israel; "there is understanding, comprehension and continuing contacts."

## St. Francis Parish Spring Fundraiser Saturday, April 27

826 Cottonwood St., Abilene, TX

Silent Auction - 2:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Mexican Dinner - 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Advance Tickets for Dinner  
Available at Parish Office

# LIMEX Students Engage In Focus Course Study

by S. Joan Markus, SSND

LIMEX students will begin the study of their first Focus Course during the months of May through July. Focus courses are content specific and are taken in a semi-independent study format between Courses five and ten. The students meet with their facilitator and learning group twice during the course.

A Discernment day, required by Loyola, was held after Course Four for the students to identify the direction of their Master Degree program in either Religious Education or Pastoral Studies. For the three students pursuing a Master Degree in Religious Education, the content of their first focus course will be "Foundations of Religious Education". Six students will pursue the Master Degree in Pastoral Studies which offers focus areas in Pastoral Life and Administration, Christian Spirituality, Youth Ministry, Small Christian Community Formation,

Marketplace Ministry, Religion and Ecology and Hispanic Ministry. One student chose "Pastoral Life and Administration". The content of that focus course is "Parish Life and Ministry". For the five students who will focus on "Christian Spirituality for Ministry", the content of the focus course is "Spirituality for Ministers". One student will focus on "Religion and Ecology". The content of the focus course will be "The Universe as Divine Manifestation".

In September, the LIMEX group in San Angelo will begin Course 8 and the LIMEX group in Midland will begin Course 6. Focus Course 2 segments are scheduled for the summer of 2003.

When asked what LIMEX has done for them since they began, some responses were "It has opened my mind to an entire new world, affirmed my faith and given me a great foundation for ministry." An-

other said "I have learned so much about my faith and my church. I am grateful to the Bishop and the Diocese to promote and support this long-distance graduate program." Others said "I have gained so much knowledge about my faith. It has helped me to live my faith more effectively." "LIMEX has given me an opportunity to reevaluate and set new priorities." "LIMEX has helped me know my faith so that I have confidence to be a good catechist."

S. Joan and S. Hilda, who serve as facilitators of the program, noted that LIMEX is a strong, academic graduate program. The course reading requirements are excellent. The papers required for each course, ranging from one to three demand knowledge of content, references and integration of faith and life.

LIMEX is a thirty-six (36) hour graduate program, sponsored by Loyola University, New Orleans,



San Angelo LIMEX Group. Seated l-r: Linda Dye (St. Therese, Carlsbad), Mary Ann Lewis (St. Ambrose, Wall) Deborah Michalewicz (St. Therese, Carlsbad). Standing l-r: Kay David (Our Lady of Grace, Dyess AFB, Abilene), Tracy Baker (St. Therese, Carlsbad), Leslie Mueller (St. Ambrose, Wall), Becky Bennes (Holy Angels, San Angelo).

LA, which seeks to increase the competencies of the participants in the areas of religious education and pastoral ministries. It is sponsored by the Diocese of San Angelo.

# Training Implemented For Adult Faith Formation Teams

by S. Joan Markus, SSND

February 1-2 were exciting days for the Diocese of San Angelo as ten Adult Faith Formation teams (thirty-six participants), sent by their parish leadership, gathered at the Holiday Inn to reflect more intentionally on the pastoral plan for adult faith formation "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us" in their respective parishes/clusters.

At the evening session, Dr. Lorraine DeLuca from the Diocese of Beaumont, TX and Joanne Sanders from the Diocese of Austin, TX, workshop presenters, led the group assembled through the document and its challenges for us today. Discussion continued as refreshments were enjoyed.

After breakfast was enjoyed, the first morning session focused on strategic planning in developing an adult faith formation program in a parish. A second session focused on fostering mature faith, content needed and approaches to be taken in adult faith formation.

Time was also spent developing a mission statement and writing goals, objectives and strategies for a parish program. Lunch followed.

The afternoon sessions focused on forming adult faith formation teams in parishes, methodology in

teaching and working with adults and modelling a catechetical session. Some resources that are available for use with adults were shared. Bishop Michael Pfeifer visited the group, thanked all for giving their time to this urgent need for adult

faith formation in our church today.

Participants found the experience to be an exciting and challenging one. One veteran participant said "it's about time we focus more intentionally on the education and formation of adults. This has been long in coming."

Following the weekend workshop, team members were sent a letter and a follow-up form to be used as planning for adult faith formation continues at the parish level. There will be a six-month review in the fall of 2002.

Participating parishes were from the South Central Communities (St. Margaret, Big Lake, Sacred Heart, McCamey, Good Shepherd, Crane), St. Joseph, Odessa, St. Ann and Our Lady of Guadalupe, Midland, St. Joseph, St. Mary and Holy Angels, San Angelo, St. Therese, Carlsbad, St. Theresa, Junction/Sacred Heart, Menard, St. Ambrose, Wall, Holy Family and St. Vincent, Abilene.

"The church wisely and repeatedly insists that adult faith formation is essential to who we are and what we do as a Church and must be situated not at the periphery of the Church's educational mission but at its center." The time spent at this workshop demonstrated that parish efforts are being made to situate adult faith formation at the center of the Church's educational mission.

If any parish is interested in adult faith formation and would like more information, call the Office of Education and Formation at 915-651-7500.



Representatives from Holy Family and St. Vincent, Abilene, St. Therese, Carlsbad, St. Joseph, Odessa.



Representatives from Holy Angels, St. Mary and St. Joseph, San Angelo



# Do The Consecrated Bread And Wine Cease To Be The Body And Blood Of Christ When The Mass Is Over?

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

As I have been doing for the past seven months, I review this month another question from the splendid document of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist." This month I present for your reflection, Question #7.

*7. Do the consecrated bread and wine cease to be the Body and Blood of Christ when the mass is over?*

No. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine

become the Body and Blood of Christ, and this they remain. They cannot turn back into bread and wine, for they are no longer bread and wine at all. There is thus no reason for them to change back to their "normal" state after the special circumstances of the Mass are past. Once the substance has really changed, the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (*Catechism*, no.1377). Against those who maintained that the bread that is consecrated during the

Eucharist has no sanctifying power if it is left over until the next day, St. Cyril of Alexandria replied, "Christ is not altered, nor is his holy body changed, but the power of the consecration and his lifegiving grace is perpetual in it" (*Letter 83, to Calosyrius, Bishop of Arsinoe* [PG 76,1076]). The Church teaches that Christ remains present under the appearances of bread and wine as long as the appearances of bread and wine remain (cf. *Catechism*, no.1377).

what's left are the most cowardly of cowards," Archbishop Isaías once stated. "A rebel who kidnaps and kills, eliminates entire populations, and mocks the whole process of peace, lacks the virtues proper to a human being and becomes the most miserable of men."

Isaías Duarte Cancino was born February 15, 1939, in San Gil, Province of Santander, in the northern/central region of the country. After going to secondary school in nearby Bucaramanga he went to Spain to study at the seminary in Pamplona, then onto Rome to study theology. He was ordained a priest on December 1, 1963.

He was appointed Bishop on April 10, 1985 and ordained in June of that year, becoming Auxiliary Bishop, then Bishop of Apartadó in June of 1988. Apartadó, located on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, had been a battleground for

in the conflicts; nonetheless it has become even more urgent that the Church maintains a lead role in finding a solution to end the violence."

The Colombian Catholic Church has taken an active role in promoting peace in the country. Colombian bishops have offered the Church as the link between the government and armed groups, which resulted in several bishops taking part in the three-year peace talks initiated by Pastrana. Since 1989, more than 20 priests and religious have been killed in Colombia, in addition to numerous laypersons working for the Church. Archbishop Isaías' willingness to courageously speak out in such a dangerous situation is the latest example of the Church's dedication and conviction to achieving peace in Colombia.

In the United States, Catholic partners of the Church in Colombia were obviously devastated by the tragic loss, but recognized the need to continue to support the struggle for peace. "Archbishop Duarte's violent death, one of more than 40,000 in the past decade, highlights the on-going tragedy in Colombia, but also the courage and dedication of Church and civil society leaders to create a path to peace and justice," said Catholic Relief Services Executive Director Ken Hackett.

Archbishop Isaías dialogued with clergy, the government and if necessary, armed actors because he refused to be silent about the plight of his diocese and his war-ravaged country. He was a crusader for peace and human rights while he was alive; in death, he is a martyr and impetus for peace for all of Colombia and its citizens.

"He was a man who said it like it was," recounted one Colombian clergyman, "and his death has really moved people."

Andres Pastrana began a formal and arduous peace process between the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, which is the oldest and largest of the guerilla groups. While the peace process opened up an unprecedented dialogue, Colombia's civilian population continued to be caught in the cross fire, threatened by kidnappings, forced disappearances, and brutal massacres. More than 2 million have been displaced from their homes in the midst of territorial battles.

The FARC's hijacking of a commercial airliner and kidnapping of a senator on board February 20, 2002 triggered the abrupt end of the three-year peace process. On February 21, the Colombian Armed Forces began a campaign to retake an area about twice the size of New Jersey in southern Colombia, which was granted to the FARC in 1998 as incentive for their participation in the peace process.

Along with the rupture in the peace process came a disintegration of the hopes for peace of the Colombian people. But in their time of desperation, Archbishop Isaías remained steadfast in his opposition to violence, and in his work to inspire peace built on integrity and justice.

"Take away the guns from those who commit violent crimes and

bishop was assassinated in the country was in 1989, by the National Liberation Army (ELN), one of the armed guerilla groups fighting in the complex Colombian conflict.

For nearly four decades, the people of Colombia have suffered from continued bloodshed as a result of the conflict between government forces and guerilla rebels. The conflict has deep roots in a history of social and economic inequity, and in recent years has degenerated into widespread human rights abuses by all of the armed actors. The conflict is further complicated by the activities of paramilitary groups - with extensively documented links to the armed forces - which have been cited for more than 70 percent of human rights abuses in recent years.

In 1998, newly elected president

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advocate for social justice; a defender of the poor; and an outspoken opponent of the corruption, illegal drug trafficking, and violence that has plagued Colombia throughout its 38-year civil war. And it was his fearless condemnation of those who perpetrate violence and victimize the innocent people of his homeland that put Archbishop Isaías at risk.

As he headed for his car following the nuptial ceremony, Archbishop Isaías was shot in the back of the head at point-blank range. His murderers got away. With his assassination, he became one of the highest-ranking clergymen in Colombia to be killed in the ongoing conflict. The last time a Colombian

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# What Is Happening With The Charismatic Renewal?

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

What is happening to the Charismatic Renewal, or Movement, is a question that is asked very often today. The Charismatic Renewal is still very much alive in the Church, although the original interest has waned in recent years. At the heart of the Charismatic Renewal is devotion to the Holy Spirit, and the opening of one's life to the inspiration, guidance, and to the beautiful gifts of this wonderful Spirit of God.

The Charismatic Renewal is a gift for the whole Church, not just a particular part, and so it has an important place in the life of the Church. Indeed, in its early days, like every prophetic movement, it was seen as a great sign of newness and openness, a forward thrust on various

fronts, the ecumenical outreach included.

The Charismatic Renewal was born to renew the whole Church and not just one part of it. Saying that it is for the whole Church, means the Church that positions itself firmly in the mainstream of orthodoxy and the magisterium; that is ready, if necessary - on one side or the other- to submit obediently to the appointed authority - the bishop or the pope as the case may be.

The Charismatic Renewal was born with a powerful drive to return to the essentials of the Christian life: the Holy Spirit, the lordship of Jesus, the word of God, the sacraments, the charisms, prayer, service, and evangelization. This is the secret of the explosive power of the Charismatic

Movement. It simply accentuates what should be common and "normal" for every baptized person.

The first aim of the Holy Spirit is to renew the Church at her heart. The basic work of the Holy Spirit is the sanctifying activity of this great Spirit (2 Thes: 13; 1 Peter: 1:2), by which the Spirit transforms human beings, giving them a new heart, not the heart of a slave, but the heart of a child of God's family.

It is my great hope that there will be a renewed interest in the Charismatic Renewal in our diocese, as in recent years interest has decreased. This is normal in movements of this kind. These movements are not made to become institutions but rather to transmit an impulse, a current of grace and then if necessary to

disappear, like an electric charge that is disbursed in a mass of matter. However, one thing remains the same today as in the early days of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and that is the power of the Holy Spirit. Every time we allow the Spirit to act, every time we provide suitable occasions for the coming of the Spirit, the Spirit does come down and work wonders in our life.

Certain visible signs of the coming of the Spirit are generally a rebirth of courage, hope and joy. The Charismatic Renewal should be seen as a movement of joyful people who are committed to Christ and happy to be called Christians. Joy is one of the signs of the fruits of the Spirit.

We need to remember that the Charismatic Renewal did not take its birth from something we did, but rather from something God did. In their statement, Grace for the New Springtime, the U. S. Bishops placed the emphasis not so much on the

forms and structures of the renewal, but on the grace, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, that drives the engine. It is "baptism in the Holy Spirit" that is, "Grace for the New Springtime." Pope John Paul II requested from all movements the following on the eve of Pentecost 1998, "The Church expects from you the mature fruits of communion and commitment."

I am happy to announce that the new leadership of the Charismatic Renewal of our diocese is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Siedel. I am working with Daniel and Sandy to set up a Renewal Committee that will represent our diocese, and to focus on giving new meaning to the Renewal in our diocese. Two of our immediate main goals are to foster and prepare Prayer Groups in our communities, and to once again establish Life in the Spirit seminars.

# Catholic or Not – Who Decides?

by Maureen Kramlich  
Public Policy Analyst

Sad circumstances brought me to a happy place not too long ago. It was my grandmother's funeral and I returned to St. Catherine's parish and grade school in my hometown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My family has a long history with the parish. My great grandmother was one of the first contributors to the building of the church. She sent my father and his three siblings to the parish grade school. My four siblings and I attended the school from kindergarten through eighth grade as did my niece and a nephew. St. Catherine's once served a mostly German and Catholic immigrant population. Today it serves a mostly African-American and non-Catholic population.

During my grandmother's funeral Mass, as the homilist retraced my family's history in the parish, I was keenly aware of my deep sense of connection to this history. That day, as I visited the neighborhood and the parish and school grounds, I was struck with a deep sense of pride for its service to the commu-

nity. St. Catherine's is an integral part of the community, and it serves its people with distinction based on the Church's social justice teaching. But if some have their way, it may not always be able to do so.

In recent years there has been an effort to redefine Catholic institutions, including Catholic grade schools like St. Catherine's, as non-Catholic or non-religious (in fact as secular institutions) when they serve a mostly non-Catholic population. This legislative sleight-of-hand, occurs in, of all things, mandates to require contraceptive coverage in employee health care plans, except when those plans are purchased by "religious employers." Some of these laws use an American Civil Liberties Union definition of "religious employer" that transforms Catholic organizations into non-Catholic ones. For example, a proposed mandate in New York is summarized as follows: "The new bill provides that a religious institution could deny birth control coverage through its employee health plan only if most of the people it employs and most of

the people it serves share that religion" (Richard Perez-Pena, "Albany Bill Would Cover Abortion," N.Y. Times, Feb. 4, 2002, B 1).

The absurd implications of this definition are captured in the next sentence: "That way, the exemption would not apply in most cases to Catholic hospitals or colleges, but it *would* apply to churches, dioceses and in many cases, Catholic grade schools" (emphasis added).

Many Catholic schools educate children who are not Catholic, children whose parents sacrifice so they can have the benefit of the excellent education Catholic schools provide. To suggest that Catholic schools and organizations are not Catholic if they serve non-Catholics betrays a total ignorance of Catholic social teaching, which requires service to those who are poor, not just Catholics who are poor.

My visit to the parish of my childhood brought home the important role that this parish and its school have played-as have parishes across the nation. Allowing the ACLU to redefine "Catholic" is beyond the pale. If we allow this to happen, all of us-Catholic and non-Catholic alike-will lose.

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## BETHLEHEM

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mother and brother, who had been shot in his house and whom he had not been able to move.

Father Raed Abusahlia, chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, said all churches, including the Church of the Nativity, were considered places of sanctuary.

"If these people have asked for shelter, it is our duty to protect them," he said. "We hope Israel will not invade the churches."

Israel has said its forces will not attack the churches.

"Our concern is not the Church of the Nativity, which is holy, but every human being – Christian, Jewish and Muslim – who are also

holy. Human life here has become like nothing," Father Abusahlia said. "There has been brutality on both sides. Unless we have the value of forgiveness, we will remain in this cycle of violence."

A convoy of church leaders and Christian activists tried to enter Bethlehem April 3 as a sign of solidarity with the people of Bethlehem but were prevented from doing so by Israeli soldiers.

"Israel has won. There is no reason for them to stay in Bethlehem," said Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem after being turned back from the checkpoint. "Their forces can now leave peacefully."

Israeli news reports said U.S. diplomats had entered Bethlehem to evacuate American citizens.

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# Annual Collection For Catholic Home Mission Appeal

by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer,  
OMI

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

Here in the U.S. of A., 82 dioceses, including our own Diocese of San Angelo, are simply unable to provide all of the basic pastoral ministries for our people without outside funding. All of these dioceses need financial assistance to provide religious services and ministries for our people. The Annual Catholic Home Mission Appeal helps to provide these essential services.

In our Diocese, the Annual Appeal currently supports the Office

of Religious Education and Formation, Seminarian Education, and Deacon Formation. I am very grateful to the Catholic Home Missions for the constant help they have given us with these and other ministries in recent years.

The annual collection for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal will be taken up in our Diocese on Sunday, April 28, 2002. I strongly encourage all of our people to be generous to this appeal that assists our own Diocese, and many other needy dioceses in the United States.

I thank you for your past generous contributions for this appeal, and I ask you to offer prayers for the success of this appeal and especially for God's blessings upon these efforts.

## EDICTAL SUMMONS

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to Matthew Charles Wunsch.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, at 804 Ford Street, San Angelo, Texas 76905, on or before, April 23, 2002, to answer to the Petition of Krista Len Harvey, now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, "Krista Len Harvey vs. Matthew Charles Wunsch, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage," said Petition being identified as HARVEY-WUNSCH, Protocol No.: SO 02/17, on the Tribunal Docket of the Diocese of San Angelo.

You may communicate with the Tribunal in person or in writing. Failure to communicate within the prescribed period of time will be considered your consent for the Tribunal to continue its proceedings in the above-named case.

Given at the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Angelo on the 17th day of March 2002.

Rev. William R. DuBuisson,  
O.M.I., M.C.L., J.C.L.  
Adjutant Judicial Vicar

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la Iglesia necesita expresar sus más profundas disculpas y profundo dolor hacia todas las víctimas de abuso sexual. Al enfrentarse con estos casos terribles, la primera preocupación debe ser por las víctimas que son los niños. Se debe de hacer todo lo posible para proveer de la adecuada ayuda física, espiritual y emocional, del apoyo amoroso y ayuda psicológica.

Estos eventos causan un profundo dolor a todos y especialmente a todos los que compartimos el sacerdocio nos entristece profundamente el hecho de que el ministerio sacerdotal sea traicionado de esta manera horrible. La confianza que la gente pone en sus obispos y sacerdotes debe ser altamente apreciada, y tanto obispos como sacerdotes deben de cuidarlo con su propia vida. El defraudar esta confianza nos conmueve profundamente a todos. Estos días son días muy difíciles para la Iglesia, especialmente para los obispos y sacerdotes y enciende el clamor por obispos y sacerdotes que sean fuertes, maduros, reflexivos, santos y

sanos. Estos eventos dolorosos nos recuerdan que el ministro ordenado debe ser un hombre de oración, cuyos pies están bien plantados en el Evangelio y cuyo corazón está bien unido con el corazón de Cristo.

¿Que debemos de hacer a la luz de esta triste realidad actual que nos concierne a todos?

Primero, todos, pero especialmente los ordenados, debemos pedir perdón por estas fallas. Todo, tenemos que pedir la misericordia de Dios, su luz, su sabiduría y su amor para enfrentar estas situaciones críticas. Humildemente admitimos que la Iglesia como institución humana ha cometido serios errores, por los cuales pedimos perdón. Sin embargo creemos por el Evangelio que Dios es misericordioso, siempre dispuesto a perdonar y a darnos la oportunidad de comenzar de nuevo cuando reconocemos nuestro pecado y estamos dispuestos a cambiar. Creemos que incluso ahora nuestro Dios esta con nosotros y nos guía hacia delante. De esta manera, la confianza en el ordenado puede ser restaurada.

Segundo, en lugar de buscar la separación, los ministros ordenados deben estar mas íntimamente unidos a nuestra gente por el espíritu de amor. Exhorto a nuestros sacerdotes para que hagan oración y discutan acerca de esto con nuestra gente. Compartiendo nuestras vidas con nuestra gente en un diálogo honesto y maduro en una comunidad equitativa que nos lleve a la sanidad y a la santidad. Debemos de buscar la reconciliación como comunidad, y hasta donde podamos, llegar hasta aquellos que han sido víctimas de estas circunstancias. Debemos de orar por las víctimas y sus perpetradores.

Tercero, debemos mencionar y reconocer el problema. Es imperativo que aprendamos más acerca de todo tipo de abuso a menores, de lo que le pasa a la gente que es abusada, y acerca del perfil de los abusadores. Necesitamos un estudio más profesional de toda la cuestión de la pedofilia. Si el pedofilio es un sacerdote, no debe de continuar activo en el ministerio. Toda la Sociedad debe de hacer más para enfrentar esta terrible aflicción, ya que muchos de los casos de la pedofilia suceden en el hogar. Esto ayudará a aliviar el rencor y las

heridas y nos llevará a una comprensión nueva de esta situación crítica.

Cuarto, El ministro ordenado debe reflexionar en su llamada a la Santidad y al Servicio y mirar a la institución en la que vive y preguntarse dura y directamente. ¿Por qué está sucediendo todo esto? ¿Es el sistema clerical en que vive un sistema que da vida enlazando la vida sacerdotal y la ministerial? La manera como viven, ¿apoya verdaderamente su sacerdocio y ministerio? Concerniente a su vida espiritual, ¿ha sido el ministro ordenado fiel a su oración diaria, uso frecuente del sacramento de la Reconciliación, y buscando dirección espiritual? Aunque algunos cuestionan el papel del celibato en estas circunstancias, debemos de acentuar que el celibato no es la causa de la pedofilia, como tampoco el matrimonio lo es del incesto. Sin embargo cada uno debe de considerar seriamente su desarrollo psico-sexual y, cuando sea necesario, buscar la ayuda apropiada. Aunque deploramos todo abuso sexual de gente joven, confiamos de que es mínimo el numero de ministros ordenados que están involucrados en esta actividad criminal. El daño sin embargo es inmensurable. El costo de este fenómeno para nuestra gente y nuestro ministerio es tremendo. Debemos de seguir seleccionando cuidadosamente todos los candidatos al diaconado y al sacerdocio.

La debilidad humana y el pecado son partes de la historia humana, y se encuentran en el ministro ordenado ya que ellos son humanos. Todo esto nos recuerda también que los primeros apóstoles llamados por Jesús fueron también débiles y

pecadores, y frecuentemente no llegaron a la altura del llamado de Cristo. Y aunque no encontramos faltas sexuales de ellos escritas en los Evangelios, sin embargo entre ellos, los cuales reconocemos como los primeros sacerdotes, existió un traidor, un negador, y en cierto momento todos abandonaron al Maestro en el momento que más los necesitaba. Jesús sin embargo no se dio por vencido. Él los perdonó y paciente y calmadamente los fue llevando a una unión más profunda de amor y de santidad preguntando ¿Me Amas? De los

doce discípulos, once son llamados santos pueblo santo.

También debo de decir una palabra de alabanza y agradecimiento a los más de cerca de 40,000 estupendos y files obispos y sacerdotes en nuestro país que cada mañana se levantan para dar sus vidas en servicio de la Iglesia dando testimonio de Jesús. Quiero afirmar el buen carácter y la calidad de servicio de todos los sacerdotes, tanto diocesanos como religiosos, y diáconos que están totalmente dedicados al servicio en nuestra diócesis. Estoy bien orgulloso de ellos y más que nunca le pido a nuestra gente que los apoye, que estén con ellos apoyándolos y orando por ellos. Quiero asegurar a nuestra gente que cuando hay una queja seria en contra de algún ministro ordenado o de alguien que está trabajando por la Iglesia, yo mismo y cuantos sirven conmigo siempre confrontamos estas situaciones de acuerdo con el Evangelio, con las normas y principios de la Iglesia, y cuando es necesario consultamos con las autoridades legales correspondientes y buscamos ayuda profesional. Quiero también asegurarles que tratamos a confrontar estas situaciones con la comunidad en general.

Con gran humildad reconocemos que "llevamos este tesoro en vasijas de barro, para demostrar que ese poder tan grande viene de Dios y no de nosotros" (2Co 4,7.) Debemos de tener el ánimo y la esperanza porque Cristo está con nosotros. Las pruebas que nos acechan como un torbellino pueden llevarnos a la muerte, o pueden llevarnos a un compromiso renovado y a una intensa dedicación al Dios que nos da la vida, a Jesús que nos salva, y al espíritu Santo que nos transforma en una comunidad viviente del pueblo de Dios. Cada día Cristo nos recuerda: "Mi Gracia es suficiente para ti, porque el poder de Dios se hace perfecto en la debilidad." (2Co 12,9) Cristo se revela en nuestras propias inseguridades y a través de la debilidad nosotros aprendemos mucho acerca de su amor para con nosotros. Nos volvemos a la Madre de todos nosotros, especialmente a la Madre de todos los sacerdotes, pidiendo que Maria interceda junto con su Hijo-Sacerdote por todos nuestros sacerdotes.

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Many stands were bare. We visited at supertime so most of the folks were enjoying their meal. Broad smiles gave us a joyful welcome. If memory serves me correctly, Mother Teresa spoke of wanting to do "something beautiful for God." Her Honduran sisters do just that.

Underlying the loving and tender care given these terminally ill men and women has to be an intractable belief in the dignity of every human person. In these two facilities, the sick live with dignity and die with dignity. While most of us are not called to this type of ministry either as laity or as religious, we are called to do "something beautiful for God." Nothing should be more elementary for us, disciples of Jesus the Christ, than upholding the human dignity of each person.

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jecting the calumnies against him and rising to Pius's defense."

Among these scholars is rabbi and historian David Dalin. In an article reprinted in the February issue of the Knights of Columbus magazine Columbia, Rabbi Dalin calls many of the attacks against Pius "an abuse of the Holocaust that must be rejected." Dalin further notes: "A true account of Pius XII would arrive, I believe, at exactly the opposite of what one author concluded. Pius was

not 'Hitler's pope,' but the closest Jews had come to having a papal supporter - and at the moment when it mattered most. The Talmud teaches that 'whosoever preserves one life, it is accounted to him by scripture as if he had preserved a whole world.' More than any other 20th century leader, Pius fulfilled that Talmudic dictum when the fate of European Jewry was at stake. No other pope had been so widely praised by Jews - and they were not mistaken. Their gratitude, as well as that of the entire generation of Holocaust survivors, testifies that Pope Pius XII was, genuinely and profoundly, a righteous gentile."

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counseling.

All are pained by these events and those who share in the priesthood are deeply saddened that the priestly ministry that we embody is betrayed in such a horrific manner. The trust people place in bishops and priests is to be highly treasured, and bishops and priests must guard this treasure with their lives. Betrayal of this trust shatters all of us to our very depths. These are difficult days for the entire Church, especially for bishops and priests and call for strong, mature, reflective, holy, and healthy bishops and priests. These painful events remind the ordained that they are to be men of prayer, whose feet are planted in the Gospel, and whose hearts are one with the heart of Christ.

What are we to do in light of the present sad reality that is ours regard-

ing this issue?

First, all, but especially the ordained, must ask God's forgiveness for these failures. We all need to ask for God's mercy, light, wisdom, and love as we deal with these critical issues. We humbly admit that our Church as a human institution has made some serious mistakes, for which we ask forgiveness. However, we know from the Gospels that our God is merciful, always ready to forgive and to give opportunities for new beginnings when one recognizes his or her sin and is willing to change. We trust that our God is with us even now and will lead us forward. In this manner, trust in our ordained can be restored.

Second, instead of withdrawing from our people, the ordained ministers must bond more closely with them in a spirit of love. I encourage our priests to discuss and pray about these issues with our people. Sharing our lives with people in honest and mature dialogue in a community of equals leads to wholeness and holiness. We must seek reconciliation as a community, and where we can, reach out with compassion to those who have been victimized. We must pray for the victims and the perpetrators.

Third, we must name and recognize the problem. It is imperative that we learn about all types of child abuse, what happens to people who have been abused, and about the profile of abusers. We need more professional study of the whole question of pedophilia. Pedophilia is a moral failure and psycho-sexual sickness, and those who are afflicted with the ongoing condition of pedophilia should not be where children are alone with the pedophile. If the pedophile is a priest, he should not be in active ministry. All of society must do more to face this terrible affliction, as most of the pedophilic cases happen in homes. This will help to diffuse anger and hurt and bring a new understanding to this critical issue.

Fourth, the ordained must humbly reflect on their call to holiness and service and look at the institution in which they live and ask some hard, direct, questions. Why is this happening? Is the clerical system in which they live a life-giving system that enhances our priestly life and ministry? Is how they live truly supportive of priesthood and ministry? As regards their spiritual life, are the ordained being faithful to daily

prayer, frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance, and seeking spiritual advice? While some question the role of celibacy in these matters, it must be pointed out that celibacy is no more the cause of pedophilia, than marriage is of incest. However, each one must give serious consideration of his psycho-sexual development, and where necessary, seek the proper assistance. While we deplore all sexual abuse of young people, we are confident that the number of ordained involved in such criminal activity are few. The damage, however, has been immeasurable. The toll this phenomenon has taken on our people and our ministry is tremendous. We must continue to screen carefully all candidates for priesthood and diaconate.

Human weakness and sinfulness are part of the human story, and are found in the ordained, as they are found in the human. All of this reminds us that the first apostles called by Jesus were also weak and sinful, and often did not measure up to the call of Christ. While no sexual failures are recorded of them in the Gospels, among those apostles whom we recognize as the first priests, was a betrayer, a denier, and at one point, all abandoned their Master in His greatest moment of need. Jesus, however, did not give up on them. He forgave them and patiently and gently led them to a deeper union of love and holiness asking "Do you love me?" Of the original twelve, eleven are called saints - holy people.

I must say a word of praise and gratitude about the more than 40,000 wonderful, faithful bishops and priests in our country who get up every morning to give their lives in full service to the Church as witnesses to Jesus Christ in our midst. I want to strongly affirm the good character and quality of service of all the dedicated priests, both diocesan and religious, and deacons, who serve in our Diocese. I am very proud of these men, and more than ever I ask our people to support them, to reach out to them, and to pray for and with them. I want to assure all of our people that when any serious complaints have been raised about an ordained minister, or anyone working for the Church, that I and those who serve with me, always try to address these situations in accord with the Gospel, the principles and policies of our Church, and when necessary, consult with the proper legal authority and seek professional as-

sistance. I want to assure all that we also try to address these situations in the general community.

With great humility we recognize that "we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us." (2 Cor.4,7) We must have courage and hope because Christ is with us. The trials that surround us like a whirlwind fire can lead us to death, or lead us to a renewed commitment and intense dedication to our life-giving God, to Jesus who saves us, and to the Holy Spirit who shapes us into a life-filled community of God's people. Each day Christ reminds us: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor.12,9) Christ reveals himself in our very insecurities and through weakness we learn much about his love for us. We turn to the mother of all of us, especially the mother of all priests, asking Mary to intercede with her Priest-Son for all of our priests.

**EDICTAL  
SUMMONS**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to Joe Daniel Green, whereabouts unknown.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, at 804 Ford Street, San Angelo, Texas 76905, on or before, April 23, 2002, to answer to the Petition of Margaret M. Simpson, Petitioner, now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, "Margaret M. Simpson vs. Joe Daniel Green, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage," said Petition being identified as SIMPSON-GREEN, Protocol No.: SO 02/14, on the Tribunal Docket of the Diocese of San Angelo.

You may communicate with the Tribunal in person or in writing. Failure to communicate within the prescribed period of time will be considered your consent for the Tribunal to continue its proceedings in the above-named case.

Given at the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Angelo on the 27th day of March 2002.

Rev. Tom Barley, J.C.L., Judge



# New Principal of St. Ann's School Named



Audrey L. Curry, new principal of St. Ann's School for the 2002-2003 school year.

Audrey L. Curry has been named the new principal of St. Ann's School for the 2002-2003 school year. Mrs. Curry was born in San Angelo, Texas and has lived in Midland County since 1956. She graduated as valedictorian of her high school class and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University. At Tech, Audrey was secretary of Chi Omega Sorority, and president of the Sigma Tau Delta English honorary. She served as secretary of Mortar Board and was in the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Mrs Curry received her Mid-Management Certification in Administration from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Religious Education from Loyola University through the Loyola Institute of Ministry Extension Program.

Mrs. Curry has taught speech and English at Alamo Junior High, Midland High, and Midland College. She served as an assistant principal on the elementary level and as Dean of Students at Midland Freshman High School.

Audrey has volunteered in many areas of the community. She served the Junior League as Texas Scholars Chairman and as JLM representative to the Education Combination Committee. Other community activities include service as past president of the Chi Omega Alumnae and past president of the Permian Basin Auxiliary of the Gladney Center. She was a member of Act IX, a Girl Scout leader, St. Ann's school board member and a parish school of religion teacher. She maintains sustaining membership in the Symphony Guild and the Junior League. She serves St. Ann's Church as a eucharistic minister, lector trainer, and liturgy committee member.

# Sr. Jose Moos Retires

by Lorraine Killen

Sr. Jose Moos was shown love and appreciation on Friday, March 22nd at Holy Angels Hall for her 14 years of service in San Angelo hospitals and Holy Angels Church.

In 1986, Sister came to San Angelo and became a chaplain serving both Shanon Memorial and Community hospitals. She visited and prayed with all Catholic patients, and some others, at both hospitals at least 6 days a week and all holidays. She trained at least 35 hospital ministers from all five parishes

in the city to take communion to the sick, and most of them are still active.

Sister, as an active member of Holy Angels and a schoolteacher for over 40 years in her early ministry, was drawn to leadership in Bible study.

As many transplanted residents, San Angelo and its people became her home and family, and the love is mutual.

Sisters of the Living Word are based in Chicago, but they are active in their ministries in many states and Sr. Jose Moos will retire in New Orleans, La.



Sr. Jose Moos and her dog Corky.

# Tall Texan Gets Down To Kids' Level As A Mercy Volunteer

When Wayne Wilson enters a room, the warmth of a smile enters with him. The tall Texan with dreadlocks is a good match for the kids in the after school program at Columbia Park, an apartment site managed by Mercy Services in San Francisco. Every afternoon, Wayne, who is giving a year of his life to Mercy Volunteer Corps, provides help with homework and regular field trips for kids ages six to 12, from a variety of cultures: African American, Filipino, Mexican, Caucasian. What they have in common is a need for attention and a fear of adults.

Wayne came to Mercy Volunteer Corps ready for a challenge. He credits his parents with instilling in him a concern for others, and he also remembers being attracted to the Peace Corps during high school. The only son of Joyce and W.C. Wilson of Midland, TX, Wayne, 28, attended Midland College and the University of Texas, Permian Basin, in Odessa TX, where

he worked toward a major in sociology. Then, while living and working in Georgia, Wayne heard his pastor speak about a missionary trip to Ghana, West Africa. "I felt a tug at my heart and signed up," he says. On that trip he learned that he had a desire to further the cause of social justice. He also admits the trip was a search for family ties. "The people put on a celebration for us, to welcome us home." He is still amazed at the memory.

Wayne's longing to be of service led him to the Mercy Volunteer Corps (MVC) web site. Becoming a full-time volunteer for a year felt like the right choice, "because while I'm still considering missionary work, I know I need experiences in the area of service, community living, and spiritual growth to see if my dreams are compatible with this reality. My service with MVC continues to enlighten me and help make me the human I wish to become."

As a Mercy Volunteer, Wayne is

following his dream of making a difference in the lives of children. He's also immersed himself in the local culture. A budding poet, he's sought out local open mikes to share his writing. As a peacemaker, he's participated in peace rallies since September 11. He likes providing a safe place in Columbia Park's community room for the children to be away from the guns and knives of the local parks. Directing the after-school care program, Wayne is faced with children who demand attention through difficult behavior. He is not fazed by Joseph's attempt to climb into the animal cages on a recent field trip to the zoo. "I've worked with kids before, but the challenge here is we have to provide a good foundation for discipline."

Wayne lives in community with volunteer Beth Miceli from Havertown, PA, who is working at "Sports4Kids," a program for low-income children in Oakland, CA. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy

of the Americas, Mercy Volunteer Corps is a yearlong opportunity - from August to July. Volunteers work in Mercy-sponsored ministries, assisting the economically poor, sick, uneducated and marginalized. Lay women and men of all ages and walks of life are invited to serve. The program is grounded in Christian values, as witnessed by Catherine M c A u l e y , foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Volunteers commit to compassionate service, a simple lifestyle in community, and spiritual growth. To learn more about Mercy Volunteer Corps, visit the website at [www.mercyvolunteers.org](http://www.mercyvolunteers.org), or call 215-641-5535.

