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Bishop Pfeifer Ordains Three Deacons

by Peter Micale

On December 7, 2002 at 10:00 am, Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer ordained three permanent deacons in front of their families and friends at a packed Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo. These men were the first to be ordained from a class of thirty-six men formally enrolled in the diaconal ordination program of the Diocese.

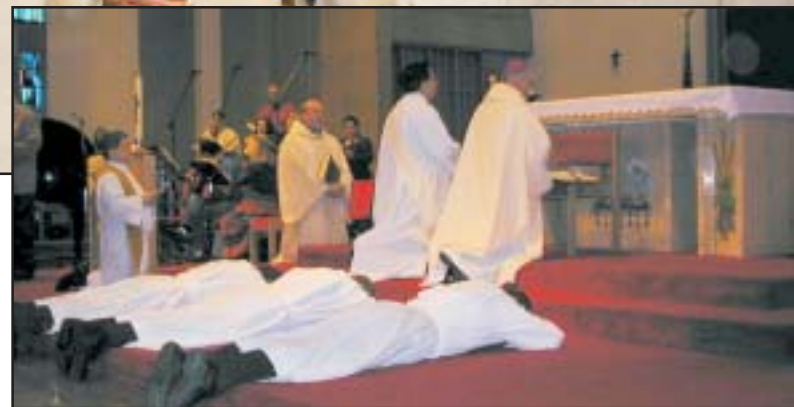
They are Mr. Michael Kahlig of the St. Peters parish in Mertzon and Mr. Arturo Casarez of the Sacred Heart parish in Abilene, both men graduates from the Loyola University Graduate School of Ministry, in New Orleans, with Masters Degrees in Theology. Also ordained was Mr. Michael La Monica of the Our Lady of San Juan parish in

Midland. Mr. La Monica is a graduate of the University of Dallas with a Masters Degree in Theological Studies. Each deacon will be assigned to his home parish.

Their fellow classmates from the diaconal program have a little over two years of intense studying before being ordained. The group meets one weekend each month, and instruction is given mainly by visiting priests from the faculty of the Oblate Seminary in San Antonio.

A permanent deacon is an ordained minister immediately below the rank of priest in the hierarchy of orders in the Roman Catholic Church. It is an office that was instituted in the earliest history of the Church in Jerusalem.

(l - r)
 Deacon Michael Kahlig,
 Bishop Michael Pfeifer,
 Deacon Michael La Monica,
 and Deacon Arturo Casarez
 after the ordination.



The deacons prostrate themselves in prayer before the altar during the ordination ceremony.



Diocesan RENEW Coordinating Team meet at Christ the King Retreat Center on Nov. 19, 2002. (Photo by Peter Micale.)

Renew Coming To The Diocese Of San Angelo

by S. Joan Markus

Bishop Michael Pfeifer, at the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, invited *RENEW* to the Diocese of San Angelo. *RENEW: Spiritual Renewal for the 21st Century* is a pastorally sensitive three-year process of spiritual renewal and evangelization designed to touch the entire parish. It will help parishioners develop a closer relationship with Christ, make an adult commitment to Jesus as central in their lives and open them to the power of the Holy Spirit so that they become more authentic witnesses.

Many dioceses in the United States have participated or are presently participating in the process. The data collected from these parishes indicated that participants have considerable spiritual growth – increased awareness of God, personal spiritual development, integration

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The Christmas Miracle

“The grace of God has appeared, saving all.” Titus 2:11)

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

The Angel of the Christmas Gospel announced the wonderful and miraculous news of God’s immense love for us: “I proclaim to you good news of great joy – a savior has been born for you, who is Christ the Lord – this will be a sign for you – you will find an infant lying in a manger.” These few inspired words remind us what is at the heart of Christmas and the Christmas season – the unbelievable, we can say, the miraculous news that the almighty God decided to become one of us, so as to bring us salvation, and began his life among us as an infant. To understand the miracle of Christmas, we must go and find that infant “lying in a manger.”

We, who are a little bit older, have heard many times the unbelievable story, the miraculous story of Christmas. It is easy to waste, as it were, the miracle of Christmas, so we need to let this infant remind us of what the Christmas story is all about.

The miracle of Christmas reminds us of God’s great love for us, about how the fullness of the grace of God appeared in Christ Jesus 2000 years ago. But this miracle is meant to be lived every day of our lives.

“Don’t waste the miracle” is a phrase that we should constantly keep in our minds as we celebrate the day of Christ’s birth. But it should be a saying that teaches us something new each morning of the year, but especially during the Christmas season.

The birth of Christ, with His resurrection, was the greatest event in all of human history. Christians have been celebrating the beautiful feast of Christmas for centuries, and to enliven our celebration, we have special music, we put up trees, we adorn our houses with



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El Milagro de la Navidad

(«Vino a este mundo la gracia de Dios, trayendo la salvación a todos.» Tito 2:11)

Por el Obispo Miguel D. Pfeifer, OMI

El angel del evangelio navideño anuncio la maravillosa y milagrosa nueva buena del amor inmenso de dios para nosotros: “No teman, porque yo vengo a comunicarles una buena nueva que sera motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo. Hoy nació para ustedes en la ciudad de David un salvador que es Cristo El Señor. En esto lo reconocerán: Hallaran a un niño recién nacido, envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre.” Estas pocas palabras de inspiración nos recuerdan lo que está al corazón de la Navidad y la temporada de la Navidad – lo increíble, podemos decir, la nueva buena milagrosa que dios todo poderoso decidió ser uno de nosotros, para traernos la salvación, y empezó su vida entre nosotros como un infante. Para entender el milagro de la Navidad, tenemos que ir a buscar ese infante “acostado en un pesebre.”

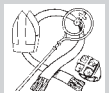
Nosotros, que somos un poco mas viejos, hemos oído muchas veces la historia increíble, la historia milagrosa de la Navidad. Es fácil desperdiciar, como fuera, el milagro de la Navidad, así que necesitamos dejar que este infante nos recuerde el significado de la historia de la Navidad.

El milagro de la Navidad nos recuerda del gran amor de dios para nosotros, de como la plenitud de la gracia de dios apareció en Jesucristo hace 2000 anos. Pero este milagro tiene que ser vivido cada día de nuestras vidas.

“No desperdiciar el milagro” es una frase que nosotros debemos constantemente tener en nuestras mentes al celebrar el día del nacimiento de dios. Pero debe ser una frase que nos enseña algo nuevo cada mañana del ano, pero especialmente durante la temporada de la

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The Bishop’s Schedule



December 2002

December 2: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Meeting with delegation from Diocese of San Pedro Sula, Honduras at 10:30 a.m. St. Mary - Advent Night of Prayer for Priests, Sisters and Deacons of San Angelo Deanery at 7:00 p.m.

December 3-4: San Antonio - Meeting of the Texas Conference of Churches

December 5: Dallas

December 6: San Angelo, Bishop’s Residence -Christmas Party for Staff at 6:00 p.m.

December 7: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Diaconal Ordinations at 10:00 a.m.

December 8: San Angelo - Mass at Fort Concho at 11:00 a.m.

December 9: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 12:00 noon.

December 10: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Presbyterian Council from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

December 10: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Christmas Party for Priests, Sisters, Deacons and Wives at 5:30 p.m.

December 11: Eden, Detention Center - Mass at 1:30 p.m.

December 12: San Angelo, Ca-

thedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00 p.m.

December 13: Abilene, Holy Family - Advent Night of Prayer for the Priests, Sisters and Deacons of the Abilene Deanery at 7:00 p.m.

December 15: San Angelo, St. Joseph - Mass at 11:15 a.m. West Texas Boys Ranch - Christmas Service at 5:00 p.m.

December 16: San Angelo, Shannon Hospital - Christmas Mass at 11:00 a.m.

December 17: San Angelo, San Angelo Community Hospital - Advent and Christmas Mass at 11:00 a.m. Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Penance Service at 7:00 p.m.

December 18: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Mass for Staff at 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting at 11:00 a.m.

December 20: San Angelo, Angelo Catholic School - Mass at 8:30 a.m. at Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart

December 21: Carlsbad, State School - Christmas Service at 11:00 a.m.

December 22: Sanderson, St.

James -Mass at 3:00 p.m.

December 24: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25: San Angelo, Goodfellow Air Force Base - Mass at 9:00 a.m.

December 26-28: Rest and Prayer

January 2003

January 1: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart – Mass at 9:00 a.m.

January 2-3-4: Rest and Prayer

January 5-9: San Antonio, Pat Guidon Center – Retreat for Bishops of Region X

January 10: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center – 8:30 a.m. Mass for Staff – 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting. Bentwood Country Club – 6:00 p.m. Mass and Dinner for the Holy Sepulchre.

January 12: Colorado City, St. Ann – 50th Anniversary Mass of parish at 10:30 a.m.

January 14: San Angelo, St. Joseph – 7:00 pm. Meet with Capital Punishment Group.

January 15: Dallas – Dialogue between the Texas Conference of Churches and the Baptist Conven-

tion of Texas

January 17: Abilene – Forum on Violence and Child Abuse at United Way Office at 11:00 a.m.

January 18: Odessa, St. Elizabeth – Mass at 5:00 p.m.

January 19: Odessa, St. Joseph – Mass at 9:45 a.m.

January 20: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart – Prayer service at noon in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

January 21: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center – Liturgy Commission meeting at 10:30 a.m.

January 22: San Angelo, Colt Stadium – Pro Life Mass at 7:00 p.m.

January 23: San Angelo, Knights of Columbus Hall – Priests Retirement Luncheon for Monsignor Benedict Zientek at 11:00 a.m. Personnel Board Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

January 24-26: San Antonio

January 27: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart – Mass at 6:30 p.m. in honor of Santa Angela

January 28: Big Spring, St.

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Vocation Circle

Convocations on Vocations and Priestly Spirituality

by Fr. Tom Barley
Director of Vocations and
Seminarists

On February 27-28, 2003, there will be two convocations held at Christ the King Retreat Center.

The first convocation will be on vocations. It will be on Thursday, February 27 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. This convocation will be open to all priests, religious, and deacons. Pastors are invited to bring a layperson involved in the identification and promotion of vocations in our parishes and missions. The presenters will be Mrs. Dorothy Foss, Executive Director of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD) and Fr. David Hulshof, President of NCDVD and a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Missouri.

All vocations start in the home

with the family. Vocations are fostered by examples and encouragement within the parish. Our deepest values are learned in the family and in the parish community. The most impressive examples of priesthood and religious life are the priests and sisters who work with the youth in the parish and in ministries. Yet, it is the way that families and parishes encourage youth to explore these vocations of dedication to the Church that often makes the difference.

The second convocation will follow the first on Thursday. This convocation will be *for priests only*. It will begin at 5:00 pm and end at 11:45 am on Friday, February 29. Fr. Dan Malain from the Diocese of Beaumont will present on the areas of spirituality and psychosexual development. Fr. Malain

has conducted priests retreats for many diocese and religious communities. He lectures in the areas of spiritual theology and spiritual direction. He has spent 15 years working in seminary formation and holds degrees in Protestant systematic theology, religious education, and pastoral counseling.

(Right) Also on Convocation Committee: (L-R) Deacon John Spect, Rev. Bob Bush, S. Joan Markus, S. Rebecca Otter, Sr. Malachy Griffin.



(Above) Convocation Committee meets to prepare report that will be submitted to the Presbyteral Council for recommendations. (L-R) Msgr. Larry Droll, Rev. Michael Rodriguez, Brother Jim Barrette (facilitator). (Photos by Sr. Hilda Marotta.)



World Day for Consecrated Life

by Fr. Tom Barley
Director of Vocations and
Seminarists

On the weekend of February 1-2, 2003 we will celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life. On that weekend we are all asked to become more aware of the Sisters who have served our Church with great talent, devotion, and grace. We are asked to pray for them and their vocation. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the value of this vocation and to renew our encouragement to our youth to consider the consecrated life.

Recently, I went to San Antonio to celebrate with a community of Sisters their 50th anniversary of having arrived in the U.S. from Ireland. They are the Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary founded by Nano Nagle in 1775 to educate the youth of Ireland in the Catholic Faith during a time when the English had made it illegal to edu-

cate Catholic Irish children. Her motto was "Spend yourself for the poor." These Sisters came to Texas in 1952 to teach in one parish and ended up holding many positions of importance in the areas of education, parish ministries, and home health care in many parishes in San Antonio. My connection with these Sisters began in kindergarten and grade school. It continued when I was in high school seminary and in the local parish over many years. Several years ago the Presentation Sisters gladly opened their convent over four years to girls from St. Lawrence Parish when I took them there on the Nun Runs. My relationship with them continues today in personal friendships and the presence of some of my relatives at the school where they used to teach. Over the 50 years only four of their number have died and only one left the community. They are a remarkable community. While I

know many good Sisters who have served the Church with all of their hearts, when I think of Sisters I first think of the Presentations. I have repeatedly seen them gladly open their house to Sisters from other communities and their lives to anyone who was in need. Their ministry has touched my life and the lives of tens of thousands of people; many are my life-long friends. The large parish church where the 50th anniversary Mass was celebrated was packed with people of all ages as a testament to the depth this community related to the people they served. Over 25 priests came to concelebrate the Mass in honor of the Sisters.

The challenge for each of us is not to compare one community of Sisters with another, but to find a personal memory or relationship with a religious Sister or community that we cherish and wish to share with others. If you do not have

such an experience it is not too late to meet a Sister and learn about her vocation.

Years ago many young women from our diocese entered religious communities. Today, few women follow in their footsteps. There are 28 Sisters in the Diocese in parishes and diocesan ministries. Like many of our priests, most of the Sisters came here from other places. I believe that while few people are entering seminaries and convents, God has invited many of our youth to consider a vocation in the Church. We need to encourage our youth to get to know our Sisters and to appreciate their presence in the Diocese.

Remember, on the weekend of February 1-2, pray for all of the Sisters that you may know and for vocations to Consecrated Life. Over many generations, these women have been generous in giving their lives to our Church.

SCHEDULE

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Thomas – 11:00 a.m. Meeting with Priests of the Midland/Odessa Deanery

January 29: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center – Meeting to Review Diocesan Policies on Ethical Conduct

January 30: Abilene, Holy Family – 11:00 a.m. Meeting with Priests of the Abilene Deanery

January 31: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center – 11:00 a.m. Meeting with Priests of the San Angelo Deanery.

Pray For Peace



Challenges to the Catechetical Ministry in the United States

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

Catechesis in the United States confronts a variety of problems arising from social and cultural conditions. Two of the greatest challenges involve engaging adults in lifelong formation, and addressing the relatively high percentage of Catholic children and young people who are not enrolled in any systematic catechetical program.

Presently the United States, 52 percent of all Catholic School – age children are enrolled in parish – based catechetical programs, and 16 percent of Catholic School – age children are enrolled in Catholic schools. Thus, 68 percent of all Catholic School – age children receive some form of systematic catechesis. On the other hand, 32 percent of all Catholic School – age children receive no catechesis. The percentage of Catholic young people of high school age who receive no systematic catechesis is generally much higher.

Catechesis in a multicultural and pluralistic society too often pays inadequate attention to the signs of the times in order to transmit the Gospel in understandable and meaningful ways within the various cultures of the people to whom it is addressed. There is insufficient effort to ensure that the person that Jesus Christ and his teaching penetrate every cultural situation with the Good News of salvation.

Inculturation of the Gospel Message

The dynamic process in the new evangelization for the Catholic Church demands both the inculturation of the Gospel and the transformation of the culture by the Gospel. Christ is present in every culture; he is limited by none.

Beginning with this issue of the Angelus I will focus on the first of five key topics of the inculturation of the Gospel message: as found in the draft for the new National Directory for catechesis. In the follow-

ing months I will continue with the other issue.

1. The Mystery of the Incarnation: Model of evangelization
2. The Evangelization of Culture.
3. The Process of Inculturation
4. Inculturation and the Media
5. Inculturation and Catechesis

In this issue I share with you reflections on the topic - *The Mystery Of The Incarnation: Model Of Evangelization*.

“Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, became man – a particular man in space and time and within a specific culture. In the mystery of his Incarnation, Jesus Christ is the human face of God and the divine face of man. While the Word of God cannot be exclusively identified with the elements of the culture in which he became flesh, the Incarnation of the only Son of God is the original inculturation of God’s word. The mystery of the Incarnation is also the model of all evangelization by the Church, who is “called to bring the power of the Gospel into the very heart of culture and cultures.” [John Paul II] Every culture needs to be transformed by gospel values because the Gospel always demands a conversion of attitudes and practices wherever it is preached. Cultures must often be purified and restored in Christ.”

In the next few issues of the Angelus I will be featuring the other key topics of the Inculturation of the Gospel Message.

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Diocese. May God pour out many blessings upon them, and upon you and the service you give the Carmelites and our Church.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary, Most Rev. Michael Pfeifer, OMI, Bishop of San Angelo

Welcome Home

by Chaplain Linda Hill
Director of Correctional Ministries

There is a new program on the horizon for Criminal Justice Ministry called “Restoration 961”. 961 comes from the ninth book of the New Testament, sixth chapter, first verse. “Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.” Galatians 6:1

The Office of Correctional Ministries for the Diocese of San Angelo will begin receiving a list of men who are being released from the Texas Prison System to our Diocese through a new and innovative program hosted by the First Baptist Church in Huntsville called, “Welcome Home”. This list will provide name, parole address, phone number and religious preference. I will be writing on behalf of the Diocese to each of the Catholics that are released into our Diocese, welcoming them home,



providing the name of a parish near their home, and providing the pastor a copy of the letter. I hope each pastor will designate someone to follow up the letter. I will do my

The Message Of Advent: Salvation Is Near

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

The message of Advent is that God’s salvation is near. What does that mean? It means Jesus is coming. Advent recalls the first coming of Christ some 2000 years ago. It reminds us to prepare to celebrate once again His birthday, and to prepare for His final coming.

Advent prepares us for the birthday of Christ on Christmas. To prepare the way for God’s word embodied in Jesus, the message of John the Baptist for that first coming was “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand!” When Jesus came, He insisted on repentance as the first step toward discipleship. The message of repentance reminds us that if there are persons, things, events, attitudes, or habits that block the full coming of Christ in

our lives, our families, now is the time to repent and to make changes. This can be challenging. Mark Twain said it painfully well: “Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of good example.” But good example inspires others to change. The call of repentance from John the Baptist and Jesus is intended for all of us.

Advent is a good time to clean the windows of our souls so that we can see more clearly what is it that we need to change – where do we need to repent? Before we make any comments or judgments about others, we need to pause and check to see if our spiritual insight is in any way impaired by an artificial blinder of our own design.

In a material sense, the world prepares for Christmas by filling our

part to make the parish aware of the releasee’s presence in the community. Please pray for success in this effort. Wynnechaplain.aol.com



¿Qué Señales De Reverencia Son Apropriadas Con Respecto Al Cuerpo Y La Sangre De Cristo?

[Preguntas básicas y respuestas]

por el Obispo Miguel Pfeifer, O.M.I.

En este artículo les presento las preguntas números nueve y diez del documento de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos sobre la Eucaristía. Este documento se llama, “*La Presencia Real de Jesucristo en el Sacramento de la Eucaristía*”, y aquí les presento las preguntas.

9. ¿Qué Señales De Reverencia Son Apropriadas Con Respecto Al Cuerpo Y La Sangre De Cristo?

El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo presentes bajo la apariencia de pan y vino son tratados con la mayor de las reverencias tanto durante como después de la celebración de

la Eucaristía (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). Por ejemplo, el sagrario en que se reserva el pan consagrado debe estar situado “en una parte de la iglesia u oratorio verdaderamente noble, destacad, convenientemente adornada y apropiada para la oración” (*Código de Derecho Canónico*, can. 938, §2). Según la tradición de la Iglesia Latina, se debe doblar la rodilla en presencia del sagrario que contiene el sacramento reservado. En las Iglesias Católicas Orientales, la práctica tradicional es hacer la señal de la cruz e inclinarse profundamente. En ambas tradiciones, los ademanes litúrgicos expresan reverencia, respecto y adoración. Es

apropiado que los miembros de la asamblea se saluden en el área de recepción de la iglesia (es decir, en el vestíbulo o narthex), pero no es apropiado hablar en voz alta o tono bullicioso en el cuerpo de la iglesia (decir es, en la nave), debido a la presencia de Cristo en el sagrario. Además, la Iglesia requiere que todos ayunen antes de recibir el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo como señal de reverencia y recolección (a menos que por enfermedad no se pueda hacerlo). En la Iglesia Latina, generalmente se debe ayunar al menos una hora; los miembros de las Iglesias Católicas Orientales deben seguir la práctica establecida por su propia Iglesia.

10. Si Alguien Sin Fe Come Y Bebe El Pan Y El Vino Consagrados, ¿Recibirá El Cuerpo Y La Sangre De Cristo?

Si “recibir” significa “consumir,” la respuesta es sí, pues lo que la persona consume es el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Si “recibir” significa “aceptar el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, consciente y voluntariamente, como lo que son, para obtener el beneficio espiritual”, entonces la respuesta es no. La falta de fe de parte de la persona que come y bebe el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo no puede cambiar lo que éstos son, pero sí impide la persona obtener el beneficio espiritual, que es la comunión con Cristo. Recibir

así el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo sería en vano y de hacerlo conscientemente sería sacrilegio (cf. 1 Co 11:29). Recibir el Santísimo Sacramento no es un remedio automático. Si no deseamos la comunión con Cristo, Dios no nos obliga a ello. Por el contrario, debemos aceptar, por la fe, la ofrenda que nos hace Dios de comunión en Cristo y en el Espíritu Santo, y cooperar con la gracia de Dios a fin de que nuestros corazones y mentes se transformen y nuestra fe y amor de Dios se acrecienten.

Policy On Communicating With The Media And The Diocese At Large

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

The media have such potential to bring truth and beauty into the lives of billions of people. Because of their enormous power to shape humanity’s destiny, the means of social communication are of great interest to the Church. The Diocese of San Angelo wants to engage the media in striving for a common goal - the truth. In dealing with the media, the Diocese is guided by the words of Pope John Paul II: “On this journey of human searching, the Church wishes to befriend the media, knowing that every form of cooperation will be for the good of everyone.”

There exists within human society a right to information which affects people individually or collectively, and according to the circumstances of each. The proper exercise of this right demands that the information communicated always be true and as complete as charity and justice allow. The matter of communication should further more be honorable and appropriate; this means that in the

gathering and publication of news the norms of morality and legitimate rights and dignity of people must be held sacred. Today public opinion exerts massive force and authority over the private and public life of every class of citizen.

The Diocese of San Angelo holds Communications to be a ministry that is based on the truth, honesty, openness and wisdom. The Office of Communications is the focal point for the Diocese in developing, coordinating, promoting and propagating news and educational information of religious interest to the public through the Diocesan newspaper, the West Texas Angelus, and whenever deemed necessary through press releases to the print and electronic media. The Director of Communications of the Diocese functions as the Bishop’s spokesperson.

The Office provides a liaison between the Diocese and public communications media. It assists and advises Diocesan offices in matters of public relations or publicity. The Office prepares summa-

ries, briefs, and reports on matters of Catholic information, news development and trends of public interest. It prepares short-range and long-range plans for religious communications. It prepares budget requirements to meet communications needs. The Office performs research in religious communications and maintains current communications technologies and skills. The Office serves as a liaison with local, state, national and international communication agencies. The Office conducts workshops and seminars in religious communications for Diocesan and Parish publicity and communications personnel.

The Office will be guided by a commitment to transparency and openness, as enunciated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in its published Charter and Norms of June 14, 2002 when dealing with the community at large and specifically with representatives of the media.

When dealing with cases of sexual abuse, especially of children

and minors, great compassion and care will always be extended to the victims. In the matter of sexual abuse and/or misconduct by any employee or volunteer of the Diocese, the respect for the person and reputation of the individual alleged to be involved will always be honored. Disclosure to the community at large and specifically to the media will occur only after thorough consultation with the Bishop and his advisors. The Diocese will always strive to be pro-active in dealing with the people of the Diocese and the media by formulating timely and clear statements. The Bishop or his representative will promptly reach out with honesty, compassion and clarity to those communities directly affected by any case of sexual abuse or misconduct by an ordained person, employee or volunteer.

The following principles will guide communications with the people of the Diocese and specifically with the press and electronic media, especially in cases involving sexual abuse or misconduct by

any employee or volunteer:

a) Other than the Bishop, the single spokesperson for the Diocese is the Director of Communications. The spokesperson should foster a spirit of trust and rapport with the people of the Diocese and with the print and electronic media that engenders an open and transparent policy. According to the need, the Bishop may appoint another person to serve as his spokesperson in certain parts of the Diocese.

b) Communications with the media and the people of the Diocese will occur only after deliberate consultation between the principals involved in the legal and pastoral issues of the particular case at hand.

c) The spokesperson of the Diocese will have a truly pastoral concern for victims of sexual abuse or misconduct.

d) All instances of alleged sexual abuse, especially of children and minors, anywhere in the Diocese must be quickly communicated to the Assistance Coordinator. This information should be handled as confidential in accordance with the guidelines mentioned above. Cases of sexual abuse of children and minors must be promptly reported to the civil authorities by Diocesan officials or designated representatives.



Region X Youth Examine How Their Gifts Can Change The World

by *Jordan McMorrough*
Today's Catholic

SAN ANTONIO – More than 3,500 Catholic young people and their adult leaders from Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma converged on the Riverwalk Nov. 15-17 for the biennial Region X Catholic Youth Conference.

The gathering, the largest in the 20-year history of the event, was held at the Municipal Auditorium and featured participation by all 18 dioceses in the three state region.

Focusing on the theme, “Share Your Gifts – Light Up the World,” participants had opportunities to hear nationally known speakers, volunteer at several social service organizations, take part in workshops, interact with many bishops in the region, and experience creative and vibrant worship.

In his welcome, Archbishop Patrick Flores exclaimed that the enthusiasm of the young people reminded him of when the pope visited San Antonio 15 years ago. He quoted the Holy Father as saying, “Texans love to dance, Texans love to sing and Texans love to yell and scream,” which elicited even more hoops and hollers from the packed auditorium.

“Young people love to be together,” said the archbishop. “There

is nothing Jesus wants more than for us to be united. He wants us to be united as one family of Jesus Christ.”

He called on the youth to accomplish two things during their time together, to realize how important they are and see how important everyone else is. “We are children of God. We must respect each other. There is no greater lesson we can learn.”

After reading the Gospel passage

for the day, Archbishop Flores continued. “God showers his talents on all of us. Never be angry that someone can do what you cannot do, but try to improve on what you can do. You know your talents. There is much good you can do for others with the talents you have been given. Not one of you can say I have no talents. Develop more and more talents that are yours.”

In a keynote address following the archbishop’s talk, Sister Kathy



(l to r) Coadjutor Bishop Joseph Gallante of Dallas, Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo and Auxiliary Bishop Patrick Zurek of Dallas.



(Right) Participants from the Diocese of San Angelo. (Photos by S. Hilda Marotta.)

Bryant, RSC, used humor, wisdom and personal stories to help the young church discern God’s call in their life.

“God is our coach,” she began. “He says, ‘You can do it.’ We need the courage of Christ to change our world. Instead of looking at our own weaknesses, look at what we do have. You are the members of the Body of Christ. You are the hands with which Jesus reaches out to touch people. You are the eyes that look out with compassion on the world.

All the gifts we need for the Body of Christ are right here.”

Sister Bryant pointed out into the crowd and said that the church’s future missionaries, moms, dads, music ministers, priests, and nuns are right here.

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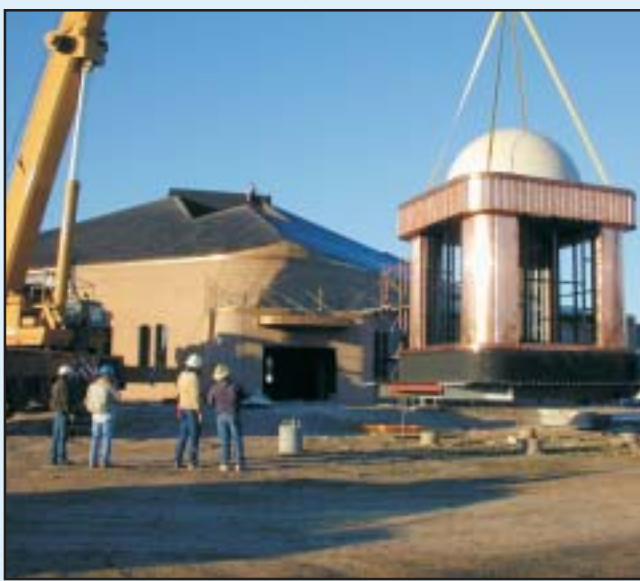
Bishop Michael Pfeifer and Polly Hyde (St. Ann – Midland) are among the participants in the Region X Congress.



Youth enjoy ice cream treat from Bishop Pfeifer.



Holy Angels Church Takes Shape



On the morning of Nov. 18, a very large crane raised, and put into place the Cuppola of the new Holy Angels Church. The height of the Cuppola makes it a visible landmark for the southwest portion of San Angelo. (Photos by Peter Micale.)

Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe "25" Aniversario

Nosotros los miembros de la Sociedad Guadalupana de la Catedral del Sagrado Corazón de San Angelo, Texas, queremos felicitar a nuestros hermanos Guadalupanos por su devoción al celebrar 25 años de servir con orgullo, amor, y gran fe a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Es un privilegio y una gran satisfacción ser Guadalupano. Los miembros que con honor felicitamos por servir 25 años de servicio Guadalupanos son los siguientes: Candelaria Amador, Lilly Cuellar, Eva y Alberto Flores, Janie y Fred Hernandez, Hortensia y Joe Jacobo, Martha Lopez, Lola Rodriguez, Marcy Rodriguez y Lillie Silva. Estos Guadalupanos siguen activos con la Sociedad, prestando su tiempo y trabajo todo por amor a la morenita, Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Durante los años, la Sociedad ayudo en diferentes proyectos que se hicieron en la Catedral. Esta es una humilde invitación para todos nuestros hermanos que quieran responder al llamado de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Cada segundo domingo del mes nos re-

unimos a las 11:45 a.m. en la misa de español, llevandole flores a la virgin. Despues de la misa seguimos con una oración y un canto. Ese mismo día, a las 7:00 p.m. en la capilla de la escuela del Sagrado Corazón ofrecemos un rosario y unos cantos y despues del rosario nuestra junta mensual. Si usted nos quiere acompañar y servir con amor y orgullo a nuestra Virgen de

Guadalupe, lo recibemos con los brazos abiertos. En nombre de la Sociedad Guadalupana, para cada uno de ustedes, les deseamos lo mejor hoy y siempre. Que Dios Nuestro Señor, la Virgen de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego los llene de bendiciones. Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego que en nuestro pecho llevan su altar!



(Photos by Peter Micale.)





9/11 Memorial



Knights of the Diocese and Knights of Columbus Field Agent Cliff Quick presented a check of \$1500.00 to Bishop Pfeifer for the Memorial project.



Bishop Pfeifer points to architects depiction of monument setting near Celebration Bridge in San Angelo showing the World Trade Center Memorial with piece of steel from the center. Msgr. Larry Droll also shown. (Photos by Peter Micale.)

RENEW

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of faith into daily life, increased sense of belonging in their parish, gained a greater appreciation of the Catholic Church, became more active in parish and civic community and considered a vocation to priesthood or religious life. 98% of RENEW participants recommended RENEW to others.

In November, Bishop Michael Pfeifer wrote each pastor/pastoral coordinator a letter inviting parishes/missions to participate in the RENEW process or some other process of spiritual renewal. He appointed S. Joan Markus and her staff to direct the RENEW experience in the Diocese of San Angelo. This process has already begun.

Deacon Michael Hanly from the RENEW International Office has been appointed to work with the diocese. The first training session was held on November 19th at Christ the King Retreat Center for all Diocesan staff members. An evening training session was held for the Diocesan Core Committee, a Committee formed to assist the Diocesan Coordinator with the implementation. Excitement and enthusiasm pervaded both meetings. There are possibilities for tremendous spiritual renewal for the People of God in the Diocese of San Angelo!

The Diocesan RENEW Coordinating Team has membership from each of the three deaneries. The Abilene deanery committee members are Rev. Joe Uecker (St. Vincent/St. Francis), S. Esperanza Razura, ASC (Sacred Heart, Coleman), Kay David (Our Lady of Grace, Dyess AFB), Judy Phaneuf

Intentions Of The Holy Father For December

General – That children around the world may be protected and defended by their families and by adequate social policies against all violence.

Mission – That remembering the Savior's birth may help people develop an ever greater respect for the little ones and those the world counts for little.

(Holy Family). San Angelo deanery committee members are Rev. Hubert Wade (St. Mary Star of the Sea, Ballinger), Carol Ahern (Sacred Heart, San Angelo), Chris Cooper (Sacred Heart, Menard), Socorro Ramirez, Deacon Roy Ibarra (St. Mary, San Angelo), Kathy Gloria (St. Patrick, Brady), Diane and John Whitely (St. Therese, Junction), Mike Wyse (St. Joseph, San Angelo). The Midland/Odessa deanery committee members are Margie Rodriguez (Sacred Heart, Big Spring), Gregg Elsner (St. Stephen, Midland), S. Regina Javier, OND (St. Joseph, Odessa), Elidia Padilla (Our Lady of San Juan, Midland), Rev. Bernard Gully

(Our Lady of Lourdes, Andrews), Romelia Simon Cordova (Fort Stockton Catholic communities), S. Carol Markus, (Southcentral area Catholic communities).

More information about RENEW will be forthcoming in your parishes as the implementation process continues. Meanwhile, Diocesan Core Committee members are available in each of the areas and serve as good resource persons to answer questions and explain the RENEW process. A kit, containing all the resources that will be used during the three-year process, is available at the Diocesan Media Center.



Diocesan RENEW Coordinating team members on Nov. 19, (l to r) Marjerie Schillo, Peter Micale, Bishop Pfeifer.



Deacon Michael Hanly



(l to r) S. Joan Markus, Gloria Trevino, Vivian Book. (Photos by Peter Micale.)

CARMELITE

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prayer for the Diocese, its spiritual well-being, its priests and religious, and all its ministries. The hermits wish to thank Bishop Pfeifer and all the Diocesan officials that have been involved with the Hermitage from its foundation.

As a place of silence and prayer, the Hermitage welcomes people to join in its prayer life, to experience the beauty, silence, and solitude of

the place. The Hermitage gates are open from 6 in the morning to 6 in the evening. Daily Mass from Monday to Saturday is at 6:15 in the morning, and Mass on Sundays and Solemnities is at 9 in the morning. Evening Prayer (Vespers) is at 5:30 p.m. There is a Holy Hour of Adoration every Sunday at 4 p.m.

**NAVIDAD**

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Navidad.

El nacimiento de Cristo, con su resurrección, fue el evento mas grande de la historia humana. Los cristianos han estado celebrando esta fiesta preciosa por siglos, y para dar vida a nuestra celebración, tenemos música especial, ponemos arboles, adornamos nuestras casas con decoraciones y luces, y damos regalos materiales. Pero puede pasar en medio de nuestras celebraciones materiales que no dejamos que el milagro de la Navidad invada cada día de nuestras vidas. Si no capturamos en nuestros corazones lo que significa este misterio, entonces es fácil desperdiciar el milagro.

Si todo lo que miramos en el tiempo de la Navidad son envolturas externas de la temporada, pero no dejamos entrar el milagro en nuestras mentes y corazones, entonces estamos desperdiciando el milagro. Si celebramos y tenemos fiestas pero perdimos esa alegría profunda del acontecimiento de la Navidad, estamos desperdiciando un milagro.

La Navidad no se enfoca en un día del año, pero se trata de un estilo de vida que debe ser vivido cada día del año. El niño Cristo acostado en un pesebre nos desafía a vivir su evangelio cada día del año. Cuando hacemos esto, entonces es cuando mantenemos vivo el milagro de la Navidad. Las buenas nuevas de la Navidad deben ser vividas en nuestro trabajo, en nuestras familias, nuestras amistades, cada día.

El milagro de la Navidad es del inmenso amor de dios para nosotros, naciendo como nosotros, y de Jesús viviendo su vida por nosotros, y dando su vida en muerte para perdonar nuestros pecados, y para darnos nueva vida en su resurrección. El nos invita a vivir como el vivió. Si solamente damos jarabe de pico al perdón, a la misericordia, y a la gracia que son ofrecidos en el milagro de la Navidad, y no aceptamos el milagro para nosotros mismos o extenderlo a otros, estamos desperdiciando el milagro de la Navidad. Si eligimos vivir en conflicto en vez de paz, discordia en vez de armonía, en miedo en vez de amor, estamos perdiendo el mi-

lagro.

Es fácil reducir la Navidad y el nacimiento del que hoy celebramos – el infante en el pesebre – a un sistema intelectual, a solamente un credo que seguir, o hasta un evento que quisiéramos probar lógicamente. Pero si desperdiciamos el milagro de un dios que amo al mundo suficiente para vivir en medio de las cosas ordinarias de cada día con gente como tu y yo, entonces estamos pasando por alto lo que se significa el misterio de la Navidad. Si pensamos que el milagro es solamente de ritual, o reglas, y perdemos la persona, el infante acostado en el pesebre, que esta al corazón de lo que significa la Navidad, entonces podemos desperdiciar el milagro de dios – entre nosotros – Emmanuel.

El misterio del milagro de la Navidad, la encarnación, no puede ser comprendido con nuestras mentes finitas. Cada día, debemos descansar en la realidad que mientras no podemos totalmente comprender las realidades alrededor del misterio, nosotros creemos la verdad de todo. Con la sabiduría del corazón, debemos tratar de vivir su significación cada día en el espíritu de amor.

Cuando nosotros permitimos el misterio del milagro de la Navidad a impregnar y llenar nuestros corazones, nosotros sabemos que somos servidores del milagro. Esto quiere decir que nosotros encontramos, en el niño acostado en el pesebre, la razón por la temporada, el que es nuestro dios eterno, el que pastorea nuestra vida, el que sostiene el mundo entero, incluyendo nuestro mundo, en sus manos. Cada día nuestro dios amoroso nos da libertad por las elecciones que hacemos a desperdiciar el milagro de la Navidad o a dejar que nos transforme de adentro para afuera.

Si dejamos que el milagro de la Navidad verdaderamente entre nuestros corazones, entonces somos movidos a llevar a cabo actos de amor y amabilidad. En fin, el milagro de la Navidad se trata del amor. Es totalmente cosa del incondicional amor perfecto de un dios quien es nuestro padre, y que nos dio el don mas maravilloso de dios en su propio hijo, Jesucristo. Y Jesús nos amo tanto que el se hizo uno de nosotros, y empezó su vida en esa primera Navidad como un

infante para enseñarnos que el quiere entrar en nuestras vidas en cada manera, hasta en el mas pequeño detalle. Para vivir el milagro de la Navidad,

Necesitamos abrir nuestros corazones para recibir el amor de dios, y luego debemos estar abiertos a compartir ese amor con otros. El amor debe ser dado, si se conserva. El amor debe ser derramado en otros como fue derramado en el mundo la primera Navidad, el milagro maravilloso del gran amor de dios para nosotros.

Dejenos abrir nuestros corazones a no solamente creer en este milagro, pero a recibirlo, darlo, y por favor, no desperdiciar lo. Que tengan una Navidad llena de bendiciones.

CHRISTMAS

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decorations and lights, and we give material gifts. But it can happen in the midst of all of our material celebrations that we don't let the miracle of Christmas invade every day of our lives. If we do not capture in our hearts what this mystery is all about, then it is easy to waste the miracle.

If all we see at Christmas time are external wrappings of the season, but don't let the miracle into our minds and hearts, then we are wasting the miracle. If we attend parties and festivities but miss that deep inner joy of the whole Christmas event, we are wasting the miracle.

Christmas is not so much about one day out of the year, as it is about a lifestyle that should be lived every day of the year. The Christ child lying in the manger challenges us to live his Gospel every day of the year. When we do this, then we keep the miracle of Christmas alive. The good news of Christmas is to be lived out in our work, in our families, our friendship, every single day.

The miracle of Christmas is all about God's immense love for us, being born like one of us, and about Jesus living his life for us, and giving his life in death to take away our sins, and giving us new life in his resurrection. Jesus invites us to live as he lived. If we give only lip service to forgiveness, mercy, and

grace that are offered in the miracle of Christmas, and don't accept the miracle for ourselves or extend it to others, we are wasting the miracle of Christmas. If we choose to continue to live in conflict instead of peace, disharmony instead of harmony, in fear instead of love, we are wasting the miracle.

It is easy to reduce Christmas and the one whose birth we celebrate – the infant in the manger – to an intellectual system, to just a creed to follow, or even to an event that we might try to prove logically. But if we waste the miracle of a God who loved the world enough to get all mixed up in the everydayness of ordinary people like you and me, then we are overlooking what the mystery of Christmas is all about. If we think that the miracle is only about ritual, or rules, and miss the person, the infant lying in the manger, who is at the heart of what Christmas is all about, then we may waste the miracle of God-with-us – Emmanuel.

The mystery of the miracle of Christmas, the incarnation, cannot be figured out with our finite minds. Each day, we must rest in the reality that while we cannot ever fully comprehend the facts surrounding the mystery, we believe the truth of it all. With the wisdom of the heart, we must try to live its meaning each day in the spirit of love.

When we allow the mystery of the miracle of Christmas to permeate and fill our hearts, we know that we are in fact a steward then of the miracle. This means that we find, in the child lying in the manger, the reason for the season, the one who is our eternal God, the one who shepherds our life, the one who holds the entire world, including our world, in his hands. Each day our loving God gives us freedom by the choices we make to either waste the miracle of Christmas or to let it transform us from the inside out.

If we let the miracle of Christmas truly enter our hearts, then we are moved to perform acts of love and kindness. In the end, the miracle of Christmas is all about love. It is all about the unconditional, perfect love of a God who is our father, and who gave us God's most wonderful gift in his own son, Jesus Christ. And Jesus loved us so much that he became one of us, and

began his life on that first Christmas as an infant to show us that he wants to enter into our life in every way, into its smallest detail. To live the miracle of Christmas, we must open our hearts to receive God's love, and then we must be willing to share that love with others. Love must be given away, if it is to be kept. Love must be lavished on others just as it was lavished on the world on that first Christmas, the amazing miracle of God's great love for us.

Let us open our hearts to not only believe in this miracle, but to receive it, to give it away, and for goodness sakes, let us not waste it. A blessed Christmas for all.

**Pray
For
Peace!**

**EDICTAL
SUMMONS**

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to Alejandro Daniel Quezada, 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, December 24, 2002, to answer to the Petition of Zulma Ramirez Sotelo, now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, "Zulma Ramirez Sotelo vs. Alejandro Daniel Quezada, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage," said Petition being identified as SOTELO - QUEZADA, Protocol No.: SO 02/74, 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 19th day of November 2002.

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



Share Your Gifts – Light Up The World Region X Catholic Youth Conference

by S. Hilda Marotta

Two hundred sixty participants were from the Diocese of San Angelo. Included during the conference weekend was the 2002 Region X Congress “How Will Your Gifts Change the World?” It was an opportunity to assist young people in recognizing their baptismal call to holiness and service. Youth participating in the Congress included: Daniel Cervantez, St. Stephen - Midland; Doreen Aguirre, St. Isidore, Lenorah; and Morgan Gist, Polly Hyde, St. Ann Midland. Adults participants included Joe Valles, St. Ann - Midland; Fr. Tom Barley, Vocation Director and Bishop Michael Pfeifer.

Youth were also given the opportunity to share their gifts by reaching out to the community. Several youth and adults spent Saturday at the Salvation Army interacting with children, families, and the elderly and assisting with meals, playing games and preparing Christmas packages for children and families. Matthew Jost from St. Boniface, Olfen said, “I learned that we are supposed to share our talents and gifts the Lord has given us. God gave us these gifts and talents to share with other people. God has not given us gifts to hide them, but to share and light up the world.”



Participants from St. Paschal, Sterling City. Missing from photo: Sr. Mary Kay Bailey, OP. (Photo by Sr. Hilda Marotta.)



(Right) Bus departure from Pastoral Center. Bishop Pfeifer imparts a blessing to all participants. (Photo by Peter Micale.)



Teens exchanged messages on the backs of their “T” shirts.



Director of Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Mike Patin speaking to Region X Youth. (Photos by S. Hilda Marotta.)

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“You need to be Christ’s light shining in this world. God needs you to bring light to your school, parish and home. No matter what happens we know Jesus is with us. We have been given all we need in the Body of Christ. God calls you to use your gifts now. He does not want you to wait. He wants you to do all of that now. Bring your light into the darkness,” she said.

Among the workshop options offered at the conference was a question and answer session with the bishops. Moderated by Deacon Pat Rodgers, director of communications for the archdiocese, panelists included Auxiliary Bishop Patrick Zurek, Coadjutor Bishop Joseph Galante of Dallas, and Bishop James Tamayo of Laredo.

The deacon began by asking the bishops what encourages as well as concerns them about youth today.

Bishop Galante said he was encouraged that they ask serious questions about life and the sense of

faith brought to bear in these questions. However, he was concerned about the formation being given through the media. “It seeps into our lives with regularity. We absorb that culture and it affects how we act.”

Bishop Tamayo offered his opinions too. “You are the church of today. You are the church in a different way. We need to hear from you so there is always room for you.” His concerns also encompassed the secular press as well as negative peer pressure.

Questions from the group of about 35 teens concerned depictions of God in the New and Old Testaments, why we pray to saints, names for confirmation, science versus religion, purgatory, favorite Bible verses and suffering.

In the afternoon keynote presentation, Mike Patin, director of youth ministry for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, focused on three things he said all youth possess.

The first is will power, or the power to choose. “We give our choices away,” Patin said. “A Chris-

tian realizes that when bad stuff happens I am not by myself. It is one of the highest powers God gives us.”

The second, according to Patin, is the Spirit of God, and lastly, gifts and talents. “All are different,” said the youth minister. “Share your gifts, your unique talents. You need to start owning them.”

He offered this action plan to the teens, which he called G-O-D. “What are you good at? Offer it to Jesus, and do something about it,” Patin shouted in a Cajun yell.

After dinner and free time on the Riverwalk, evening social activities provided choices ranging from a talent show to a dance to games to movies.

The closing Mass on Sunday morning was celebrated by Bishop Zurek, and music ministry throughout the conference was performed by “Foggy Church Band,” a group of youth from dioceses in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.



Financial Report Of The Diocese Of San Angelo For The Year Ended June 30, 2002

December, 2002

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

I am happy to present to you in an abbreviated form the Diocese of San Angelo's Financial Report for the most recent year ending June 30, 2002 as prepared by our outside auditors, the national firm of K.P.M.G. This audit has been carefully studied by the Presbyteral Council, the Diocesan Finance Council and the Diocesan Finance Officer and myself.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous financial support upon which our church ministries depend. As you will readily note in this year's results, a spirit of hope is quite alive as we continue to reorder our financial affairs. I am pleased to report that we are ahead of the recovery schedule which the Diocesan Finance Council and Presbyteral Council recommended to me at the time of our loss five years ago. This is due to both your material generosity and your spiritual support.

I invite any of you who would like to receive the full audited financials to contact our Diocesan Finance Officer, Les Maiman, who will be happy to provide a copy to you.

Your servant in Christ and Mary,
Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI
Bishop of San Angelo

The Administrative and Program Offices of the CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2002 and 2001

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash | \$8,745,378 | \$7,842,657 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | 19,446 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$51,528 in 2002 and \$34,645 in 2001 (note 4) | 529,195 | 441,094 |
| Grants receivable | 180,000 | 150,000 |
| Parish notes receivable (note 3) | 124,473 | 253,646 |
| Prepaid assets | 795 | 9,099 |
| Total current assets | \$9,579,841 | \$8,715,942 |
| Long term parish notes receivable (note 3) | 663,359 | 632,009 |
| Property and equipment, net (note 5) | 2,638,401 | 2,609,091 |
| Intangible asset (note 8) | 941,149 | 527,358 |
| Total assets | <u>\$13,822,750</u> | <u>\$12,484,400</u> |
| <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u> | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable (notes 7, 8, 12) | \$983,396 | \$606,501 |
| Collections | 9,699 | 12,357 |
| Parish savings deposits (note 6) | 7,704,631 | 7,399,318 |
| Total liabilities | \$8,697,726 | \$8,018,176 |
| Net assets: (notes 2 and 9) | | |
| Unrestricted | 2,699,295 | 2,526,700 |
| Temporarily restricted | 1,274,659 | 837,156 |
| Permanently restricted | 1,151,050 | 1,102,368 |
| Total net assets | 5,125,024 | 4,466,224 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u>\$13,822,750</u> | <u>\$12,484,400</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Administrative and Program Offices of the CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN ANGELO Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Revenues, gains and other support: | | | | |
| Contributions | \$44,720 | \$387,413 | \$ 48,682 | \$ 480,815 |
| Parish assessments (Note 10) | 1,811,536 | - | - | 1,811,536 |
| Interest and dividends | 163,952 | 24,827 | - | 188,779 |
| Grants | - | 431,500 | - | 431,500 |
| Other income and fees | 529,766 | - | - | 529,766 |
| Cemetery, net | - | (60,706) | - | (60,706) |
| Amounts released due to satisfaction of time and purpose restriction | 345,511 | (345,511) | - | - |
| Total revenues, gains and other support | <u>\$2,895,485</u> | <u>\$ 437,523</u> | <u>\$ 48,682</u> | <u>\$3,381,690</u> |
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| Seminarians education | \$ 204,110 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 204,110 |
| Vocations | 58,890 | - | - | 58,890 |
| Clergy medical and retirement | 285,837 | - | - | 285,837 |
| Continuing education of clergy | 53,213 | - | - | 53,213 |
| Permanent diaconate | 88,020 | - | - | 88,020 |
| Women religious | 1,029 | - | - | 1,029 |
| Christ the King Retreat Center | 355,354 | - | - | 355,354 |
| Religious Education and Formation | 262,216 | - | - | 262,216 |
| Communications and paper | 106,464 | - | - | 106,464 |
| Contributions and assessments | 120,823 | - | - | 120,823 |
| Tribunal | 78,027 | - | - | 78,027 |
| University Apostolate | 92,592 | - | - | 92,592 |
| LIMEX | 18,246 | - | - | 18,246 |
| Liturgy office | 10,965 | - | - | 10,965 |
| Superintendent of schools | 10,725 | - | - | 10,725 |
| Prison ministry | 4,162 | - | - | 4,162 |
| Administrative office | 721,695 | - | - | 721,695 |
| Bishop's residence | 29,539 | - | - | 29,539 |
| Capital renewal and replacement | 12,129 | - | - | 12,129 |
| Interest | 163,810 | - | - | 163,810 |
| Other | 45,044 | - | - | 45,044 |
| Total expenses | <u>\$2,722,890</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>\$2,722,890</u> |
| Change in net assets | \$ 172,595 | \$437,523 | \$ 48,682 | 658,800 |
| Net assets at beginning of year | 2,526,700 | 837,156 | 1,102,368 | 4,466,224 |
| Net assets at end of year | <u>\$ 2,699,295</u> | <u>\$ 1,274,659</u> | <u>\$ 1,151,050</u> | <u>\$5,125,024</u> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Diocese Thanked for Peter's Pence

by A. Card. Lodauro, Vatican Secretary of State.

Dear Bishop Pfeifer, I am writing on behalf of the Holy Father to thank you for the offering of \$35,731.65 forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature as the Peter's Pence contribution for the year 2002 from the Diocese of San Angelo.

His Holiness is deeply grateful to you and your people for assisting him in meeting the demands of his apostolic ministry. He is indeed appreciative of the effort and sacrifice which this collection involved.

Invoking the joy and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ upon you and the clergy, religious and laity, His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

With prayerful good wishes, I remain sincerely yours in Christ.

Archbishop Curley – Notre Dame HS

Archbishop Curley – Notre Dame High School in Miami, Florida is searching for our faculty, staff and alumni. We are preparing to celebrate 50 years of catholic education, to that end we are on a quest to locate all our past students and staff. If this search finds you please contact Beth Love at the ACND Alumni Department at 305-751-8367, ext. 22, by email bllove@curley.pvt.k12.fl.us or by mail at 4949 NE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33137.



Mt. Carmel Hermitage Aggregated to Carmelite Order

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

Dear Father Josef, I sincerely thank you for your letter of November 12, 2002, and for the enclosed Rescript from the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, which indicate that approval has been given to move the Hermits of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, of Christoval, Texas, from jurisdiction of the diocesan bishop, of the Diocese of San Angelo, to that of the Carmelite Order. The Decree is dated November 9, 2002.

I am sending a copy of this letter with the Rescript to Father Fabian Rosette and his community, so that they will know that they have been aggregated *pleno iure* to the Order of Carmelites.

As the Hermits of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel make this move my wish is that they would totally enter into the charism of the beautiful Order of Carmelites, and continue to pray for me and our see **"AGGREGATED" page four**

by Fr. Fabian Maria, O. Carm.

November 9, 2002 was a very important day in the history of Mount Carmel Hermitage. On that day, the congregation for religious issued a rescript aggregating the Hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel of Christoval, Texas into the Carmelite Order. This is the culmination of twelve years of preparation and building up of the physical and spiritual aspects of the community for an ever greater Carmelite identity, which was the goal to be attained since the Hermitage was established on July 1, 1991. Aggregation to the Carmelite Order means that the Hermits until now have been under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, and from this date on will be under the jurisdiction of the Very Reverend Joseph Chalmers O. Cann., Prior General of the Carmelite Order.

The Hermits will continue to offer their life of see **"CARMELITE" page eight**



(Above) The Hermits of Mt. Carmel Hermitage observe the First Sunday of Advent in a wreath lighting ceremony in the sanctuary of the Hermitage church.

(Left) The First Sunday of Advent marks the annual Pilgrimage to Mt. Carmel Hermitage for the Knights of Columbus. Shown are the Hermits of Mt. Carmel Hermitage and the Knights of Columbus of Fr. Serran R. Braun Fourth Degree assembly participating in this year's Pilgrimage. (Photos by Stephen Talley.)



"Gracias" For Honduras Collection

by Msgr. Larry J. Droll

The special collection for the Diocese of San Pedro Sula was held November 2 and 3 in the parishes and missions of the Diocese of San Angelo. Although the results are not in yet, it is time to say "Gracias" for the generosity of each contributor and to all who facilitated the collection.

The Dioceses of San Pedro Sula in Honduras and San Angelo in Texas entered into a partnership last year. We pledged to pray for one another; and so I want to enlist your participation by remembering our

brothers and sisters in prayer in your liturgies and personal prayer time. As Pope John Paul II reminded us, we are one Church in the Americas.

Another way we can become more united is to learn more about Honduras and the Diocese of San Pedro Sula. There is a lot of information in your library or on the Internet. If you read Spanish, there are some newspapers from Honduras on the Internet.

The two dioceses are trying to establish parish to parish and school to school partnering, through their Solidarity Commit-

tees. Parishes or schools interested in establishing a relationship are urged to contact the Chancellor of the Diocese of San Angelo for more information.

Two young people, Henry Ayala and Mayra Cabrera of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, were assisted by the Diocese of San Angelo to attend World Youth Day in Toronto. They are pictured with Padre Jose Canales, pastor of Our Lady of Suyapa Parish. (Photo by S. Hilda Marotta.)

