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President Bush presents Medal of Freedom to Pope in Rome

by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the White House text of U.S. President George W. Bush's remarks to Pope John Paul II during their meeting at the Vatican June 4.

Your Holiness, thank you very much for receiving Laura and me, and our delegation. I bring greetings from our country, where you are respected, admired and greatly loved.

I also bring a message from my government that says to you, sir, we will work for human liberty and human dignity, in order to spread peace and compassion; that we appreciate the strong symbol of freedom that you have stood for, and we recognize the power of freedom to change societies and to change the world.

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by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's remarks to U.S. President George W. Bush during their June 4 meeting at the Vatican.

Mr. President,

1. I offer a warm welcome to you and to Mrs. Bush, and to the distinguished delegation accompanying you. I also extend a cordial and affectionate greeting to all the people of the United States whom you represent. I thank you for wishing to meet with me again, in spite of the difficulties presented by your own many commitments during this present visit to Europe and Italy, and by my own departure tomorrow morning for a meeting with young people in Switzerland.

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U.S. President George W. Bush meets with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican June 4. In their first meeting since the Iraq war, the pope told Bush he was deeply concerned about the "grave unrest" in Iraq and called for a speedy restoration of sovereignty in the country. (CNS photo from Reuters.)



Pope's birthday like any other day, but with cake, spokesman says

by Cindy Wooden

Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although there was a birthday cake and a special lunch, Pope John Paul II's birthday also was "an ordinary day of work," the Vatican spokesman said.

The pope celebrated his 84th birthday May 18.

"For the Holy Father it will be an ordinary day of work and, especially, of thanking God for the gift of life," said Joaquin Navarro-Valls, Vatican spokesman.

The only change from the pope's normal schedule, he said, was that the pope had invited "his closest collaborators from the

Curia" to lunch.

The spokesman said birthday greetings from heads of state and from individuals around the world had arrived in the pope's mailbox.

An e-mail address was open as well.

As it does on special occasions, the Vatican's Internet office opened a special electronic address — john_paul_ii@vatican.va — for papal birthday greetings.

During the ordinary part of his workday, Pope John Paul met with Portugal's prime minister and witnessed the signing of a new treaty regulating relations between the Catholic Church and the country. The treaty,

guaranteeing the juridical status of the church and religious freedom, updated a concordat signed in 1940.

The visiting delegation sang "Happy Birthday" to the pope in Portuguese. The same tune was used a short time later, when members of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers sang their birthday greetings at an audience with the pope.

The pope also met with four U.S. bishops making their "ad limina" visits to Rome to report on the status of their dioceses. They were: Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of

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Pope John Paul II awaits the arrival of Portugal's prime minister May 18 at the Vatican. The meeting on the pontiff's 84th birthday was part of a typical workday for the pope, said the Vatican spokesman. (CNS photo.)



At the School of Mary, "Woman of the Eucharist" En la Escuela de María, "Mujer de la Eucaristía"

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

Por el Obispo Miguel D. Pfeifer, OMI

In his wonderful and inspirational Encyclical Letter, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* – the Church draws her life from the Eucharist – Pope John Paul II gives us a rather new and unique explanation of Mary's connection to the Eucharist. In this beautiful letter, our Holy Father invites us to attend the School of Mary, who can teach us so much about the most wonderful gift Christ has left our Church in the Eucharist.

In this article, I invite you to come to the School of Mary, "Woman of the Eucharist," and listen to some of the profound reflections of our Holy Father about Mary's connection to the Eucharist.

"If we wish to rediscover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church. In my Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (*The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*), I pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face, and among the mysteries of light I included *the institution of the Eucharist*. Mary can guide us towards this most holy sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it.

"At first glance, the Gospel is silent on this subject. The account of the institution of the Eucharist on the night of Holy Thursday makes no mention of Mary. Yet we know that she was present among the Apostles who prayed "with one accord" (cf. Acts 1:14) *in the first community which gathered after the ascension in expectation of Pentecost*. Certainly Mary must have been present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the first generation of Christians, who were devoted to "the breaking of bread" (Acts 2:42).

"But in addition to her sharing in the Eucharistic banquet, an indirect picture of Mary's relationship with the Eucharist can be had, beginning with her interior disposition. *Mary is a "woman of the Eucharist" in her whole life*. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery.

"*Mysterium fidei* (*The Mystery of Faith*)! If the Eucharist is a mystery of faith which so greatly transcends our understanding as to call for sheer abandonment to the word of God, then there can be no one like Mary to act as our support and guide in acquiring this disposition. In repeating what Christ did at the Last Supper in obedience to his command: "Do this in memory of me!", we also accept Mary's

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En su maravillosa y inspiradora Encíclica, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* – la Iglesia saca su vida de la Eucaristía – el Papa Juan Pablo II nos da una explicación nueva y única de la conexión de María a la Eucaristía. En esta carta preciosa, nuestro Santo Padre nos invita a asistir a la Escuela de María, quién nos puede enseñar mucho sobre el don más maravilloso que Cristo ha dejado a nuestra Iglesia en la Eucaristía.

En este artículo, yo los invito a asistir a la Escuela de María, "Mujer de la Eucaristía," y escuchar unas reflexiones profundas de nuestro Santo Padre de la conexión de María a la Eucaristía.

"Si queremos descubrir en toda su riqueza la relación íntima que une Iglesia y Eucaristía, no podemos olvidar a María, Madre y modelo de la Iglesia. En la Carta apostólica *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* presentando a la Santísima Virgen como Maestra en la contemplación del rostro de Cristo, he incluido entre los misterios de la luz también la *institución de la Eucaristía*. Efectivamente, María puede guiarnos hacia este Santísimo Sacramento porque tiene una relación profunda con él.

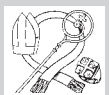
A primera vista, el Evangelio no habla de este tema. En el relato de la institución, la tarde del Jueves Santo, no se menciona a María. Se sabe, sin embargo que estaba junto con los Apóstoles, "concordes en la oración" (cf. Hch 1,14), *en la primera comunidad reunida después de la Ascensión en espera de Pentecostés*. Esta presencia suya no pudo faltar ciertamente en las celebraciones eucarísticas de los fieles de la primera generación cristiana, asiduos "en la fracción del pan" (Hch 2, 42).

Pero, más allá de su participación en el Banquete eucarístico, la relación de María con la Eucaristía se puede delinear indirectamente a partir de su actitud interior. *María es mujer "eucarística" con toda su vida*. La Iglesia, tomando a María como modelo, ha de imitarla también en su relación con este santísimo Misterio.

¡*Mysterium fidei!* Puesto que la Eucaristía es misterio de fe, que supera de tal manera nuestro entendimiento que nos obliga al más puro abandono a la palabra de Dios, nadie como María puede ser apoyo y guía en una actitud como ésta. Repetir el gesto de Cristo en la Última Cena, en cumplimiento de su mandato: "¡Haced esto en conmemoración mía!" se convierte al mismo tiempo en aceptación de la invitación de María a obedecerle sin titubeos: "Haced lo que él os diga" (Jn 2,5). Con la solicitud materna que muestra en las bodas de Caná, María parece decirnos: "no dudéis, faros de la Palabra de mi Hijo. Él, que fue capaz de transformar el agua en vino, es igualmente capaz de hacer del pan y del vino su cuerpo

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The Bishop's Schedule



June, 2004

June 1: McCamey, Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

June 2: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Staff Mass at 8:30 a.m. 25th Anniversary Luncheon for Sister Hilda Marotta, OSF and Sister Adelina Garcia, OFM at 11:30 a.m.

June 3: Big Lake, St. Margaret -

Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

June 4: Brownwood, St. Mary - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

June 5: Big Spring, Immaculate Heart, Sacred Heart, and St. Thomas and San Jose, Coahoma - Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

June 6: Andrews, Our Lady of Lourdes - Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

June 7: San Angelo, Bishop's Residence - Cookout for all Priests, Sisters and Bishop's Staff at 6:00 p.m.

June 9: San Angelo - Staff Meeting at 11:00 a.m. Home Mass in St. Mary's parish at 6:00 p.m.

June 10: Colorado City, St. Ann - Confirmation at 6:30 p.m.

June 11: San Angelo - Home Mass in St. Joseph's parish at 6:30

pm.

June 13: San Antonio - Celebration for Archbishop Patrick Flores
June 14-19: Denver - Meeting of United Conference of Catholic Bishops

June 20: Menard, Sacred Heart - Confirmation at 11:15 a.m.

June 21-23: San Juan, Texas - Meeting of Texas-Mexican Border Bishops

June 24: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Speak at Womens' Cursillo at 9:00 p.m.

June 26: San Angelo - Convention Center - Permanent Deacons' Ordination at 10:00 a.m.

June 27: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Marriage Jubilee Celebration at 2:00 p.m.

June 28-30: San Antonio

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July 2: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Staff Mass at 8:30 a.m. and meeting at 11:00 a.m.

July 4: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Mass at 10:00 a.m.

July 6-8: Rest and Prayer

July 9-11: San Antonio

July 13: Dallas, Anniversary Mass for Holy Spirit Circle

July 16-18: Corpus Christi

July 19-28: Rest and Prayer

July 29: San Antonio - Anniversary Celebration of Archbishop Patrick Flores

July 31-Aug. 1: Bellville, Illinois - Healing Mass at Our Lady of the Snows

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Vocation Circle

Permanent Deacons soon to be ordained

by Judy Pfaneuf and Mike Wyse

SAN ANGELO – This month marks the end of four years of preparation for those who will be ordained Permanent Deacons to serve the Diocese of San Angelo. On June 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the San Angelo Coliseum, Most Reverend Michael D. Pfeifer, Bishop of San Angelo, will ordain 27 candidates into the Permanent Diaconate at a special Liturgy. Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Deacon Tim Graham, who has spent many hours working with the candidates, praying with them, and helping them prepare for this special occasion, says that all are excited and looking forward to ordination.

The candidates to be ordained are: Flabio Ramirez Franco, St. Joseph / St. Anthony / St. Martin – Odessa; Reuben Reyes, The Catholic Community of Ft. Stockton; Jesus Ortiz, St. Mary / Our Lady of San Juan, Odessa; Salvador Primera, St. Elizabeth, Odessa; Sador Feliciano Sotelo, Our Lady of San Juan, Midland; Felix Segura, Sacred Heart Church, McCamey; Ignacio Villa, Our Lady of San Juan, Midland; Alejandro Sosa, St. Joseph, Odessa; Mark Reeh, St. Lawrence, St. Lawrence; Robert John Leibrecht, St. Stephen, Midland; Fidel H. Saldivar, St. Stephen, Midland; Michael Kenny, Holy Family, Abilene; Victor S. Lopez, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Midland; Abel G. Fernandez, St. Joseph, San Angelo; Reinaldo Ramirez, St. Joseph, San Angelo; Alex Perez, Our Lady of San Juan, Midland; Clemente Villa, St. Joseph, Stanton; Paul R. Hinojos, St. Joseph / St. Anthony / St. Martin, Odessa; Juan Arguello III, Sacred Heart / St. Thomas, Big Spring; Harry J. Pelto Sr., Holy Angels, San Angelo; Eldon Beck Knox, Sacred Heart, Coleman; Victor Belman, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Eldorado; Charles Raymond Evans, Holy Redeemer, Odessa; William Brady, St. Mary, Brownwood; Miguel Angel Medina, Our Lady of San Juan, Midland; Charles N. Lambert III, Holy Family, Abilene; Bill Butler, Holy Family, Sweetwater.

Please continue to pray for our candidates during these last few weeks as they continue to prepare themselves spiritually to celebrate the Sacrament of Ordination. The Diocese invites everyone to attend this special Liturgy and welcome our new deacons as they embark upon their new ministry.

NOTICE!
The Permanent Deacons' Ordination on June 26 at 10:00 a.m. will be at the San Angelo Coliseum, NOT the Convention Center.

Thinking globally and acting locally

by Sister Marie Malachy Griffin, O.P.

SAN ANGELO – The 2001 Partnership among the Diocese of San Angelo and the Dioceses of Tyler and San Pedro Sula, Honduras is alive and well. Members of the three teams met in the Rose Capital of Texas April 26-29. In another article, you can read about this gathering from the perspective of Msgr. Droll. (*Editor's Note: See page 5.*) Here, I will fill you in on how this "Hermanamiento" has affected us at the Newman Center.

For many Christian people "romance" surrounds visits to Central America which intend to bring the Word of God or to "fix" the world of our brothers and sisters. Folks from the United States often see themselves as "saviors" and rarely do they enter relationships that are healthy and benefit both parties. Hopefully, we as Catholics, recognize that our faith was planted in Latin America over five hundred years ago, long before it came to our shores. In 2002, when a Newman Center group traveled to Honduras, it was to share that faith, to learn, and not to fix anything. Our goal was to enter into a balanced, healthy, and life-giving relationship with university students who have tremendous gifts to share with us. Additionally, we believe that Hondurans have the capacity to know what is best for Honduras. We can assist our sisters and brothers by solving our own national, state, and local problems and by working and voting for legislation that recognizes the dignity and rights of all God's people. Only in this way will our solidarity be built on a strong foundation. Thus, we have worked hard to *think globally and act locally.*

First and foremost, we have maintained contact with Dominican Father Oscar Valderrama, O.P., the campus ministry coordinator from San Pedro Sula. At this point in time, he and his students are our main contacts in this partnership but we hope that the Tyler campus ministry will join us soon.

Each Monday and Friday, we have studied the eight themes of

Lydia Martinez (l) and Amy Saiz (r) prepare for Eucharistic liturgy.



Students meet with Father after Mass. (l to r) Hilarie Saiz, Luke Burnett, Diana Mandujano, Missy Garza, Lydia Martinez, Fr. Oscar Valderrama, O.P. (Photos courtesy Sister Marie Malachy Griffin, O.P.)

Catholic Social Teaching, which are gleaned from the gospels via papal encyclicals, and we have applied these themes to current world situations. Lenten alms, monthly donations, a student's coin collection, and a student's salary check, together with money raised from a garage sale, a hair cutting event, a pancake breakfast, and a t-shirt sale will assist students who will come for a reciprocal visit from Honduras and will aid the Dominican Sisters and Friars who operate Casa Aurora, a home for children with HIV/AIDS. We look forward to the impending visit of students, professors and Father Oscar.

Here at home, we participated in the Christmas project of Healthy Families, and we practiced and promoted ecological sustainability. We wrote about our relationships with God and published these essays in our newsletter. We have participated in the Diocesan RENEW process and in two gatherings requested by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops which focused on "Women, Their Spirituality, and the Workplace." Our university counterparts in Honduras are comfortable

speaking about their faith and we, who often think of faith as something very private, are intent on reaching a similar comfort level. Each Wednesday at Eucharist, we join all three dioceses in praying for one another.

Poverty exists everywhere. It is very visible in Honduras and less so in San Angelo. In order to act locally, we needed to know where to find the poor. We invited Reverend Craig Meyers, Pastor at Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, to come to the Newman Center because of his peace and justice advocacy track record. He told us that there are three groups of poor people in our midst: the underemployed (often illegal residents), the elderly poor who are assisted through Christmas in April and other means, and the one thousand children in our public school system who have no permanent address. Rev. Meyers saw the latter as the group we could help most. As a result, we invited Susan Underwood and Vanna Almond to tell us about the H.O.S.T.S. program (Help One

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Diocesan students earn Advanced and Basic formation certificates

by Office of Education and Formation, Diocese of San Angelo

SAN ANGELO – Twelve persons earned a certificate for completing Advanced Formation at the San Angelo Center. Participants at this level attended ten sessions focusing on Church History, Morality, Liturgy, Mary/Saints/Angels, Scripture and Social Justice. Participants who completed this cycle of Advanced Formation are: Big Spring, Immaculate Heart of Mary: Wanda Anderson; Brady, St. Patrick: Charlie Flores, Dora Flores; Brownwood, St. Mary: William Brady; Menard, Sacred Heart: Stella Flutsch; Midland, Our Lady



Advanced students study hard at this class held at St. Joseph Church, San Angelo. (All photos by Sr. Adelina Garcia, OSF.)

of Guadalupe: Mary Borrego; Angels: Lori Hines, JoAnn Turner; San Angelo, Angelo Catholic School: Steve Zimmerman. Congratulations!



ODESSA – Congratulations to the sixty-two participants who received a certificate for completing the Two Year Basic Formation Process on May 1, 2004. During the two-year process, implemented at St. Mary's Parish in Odessa, they focused on Ministry, Personhood, Spirituality, Hebrew and Christian Scripture, Christology, Church and Sacraments. The closing session was a day of reflection. Certificates were given to the following participants: Andrews, Our Lady of Lourdes: Marilyn Hemann, Carolina Lopez, Eloy Lopez, Lupe Lozano, Lidia Mireles, Ramona Morales, Jose Perez, Jessica Rodriguez, Viola Woods; Big Lake, St. Margaret: Connie DeHoyos, Erlinda (Linda) Ortiz; Big Spring, Immaculate Heart of Mary: Patricia Ramey; Crane, Good Shepherd: Manuel Cadena, Gabriel Rodriguez, Patricia Rodriguez,



Johnny Sanchez; Ft. Stockton, St. Joseph: Petra Gonzalez; McCamey, Sacred Heart: Dorealia Ramirez; Midland, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Carmen Brito, Francisco Brito, Soledad Gonzalez, Jose Moreno, Faustino Rodriguez, Mary Salinas, Gloria Zepeda; Midland, St. Ann School: Martha Bowden, Cynthia Shropshire, Hope Vinson; Midland, St. Stephens: Denis Cano, Steve Robichaud; Odessa, Holy Redeemer: Richard Carrasco, Gilda Jimenez, Steven Rojo; Odessa, Our Lady of San Juan: Delfina Hernandez; Odessa, St. Anthony/St. Joseph: Arturo Carrasco; Odessa, St. Anthony: Emma Acosta, Ana Galindo, Maria Elena Guevara, Eva

Basic formation students are all smiles as they experience their Retreat Day just prior to graduation at St. Mary's church, Odessa.

Hernandez, Diana Madero, Rose Mary Orona, Armando Rodriguez, Elva Rodriguez, Manuela Vargas, Margarita Villa; Odessa, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Victoria Detiveaux, Roman Venagas; Odessa, St. Joseph: Arthur Leal; Odessa, St. Mary: Judith Adams, Elsie Arzadon, Catalina Bobadilla, Jo Ann Gomez, Sylvia Gonzalez, Clara Lopez, Ramiro Lopez, Linda Ornelas, Mary Alice Villarreal; Odessa, St. Mary School: Katie Bodnovich, Maria Gonzales, S. Rita Mary Kelly, DC, S. Elizabeth Merkel, DC, Rosella Salazar. Congratulations!

Diocesan Photo Roundup



Bishop Anthony Ilonu (right) from Nigeria visits with Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI (left) at a recent staff meeting. Bishop Ilonu came to the diocese to visit three priests on loan from his own diocese in Nigeria: Fr. Obi Desmond Obi at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Winters; Fr. Romanus Akamike at St. Charles, Eden; and Fr. Hilary Ihedioha at St. Margaret, Big Lake. (All photos by Mike Wyse.)



Sr. Hilda Marotta, OSF (center) and Sr. Adelina Garcia, OSF (right) celebrate their 25th anniversary of consecrated life on June 2 with family and friends at a luncheon hosted by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI (left).



Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI speaks to representatives of the area media at the Annual Diocesan Media Luncheon on Friday, May 28, 2004.



The partnership with San Pedro Sula and Tyler

by Msgr. Larry J. Droll

TYLER, TX – “It’s a people to people partnership, not a twinning of one diocesan office to another,” noted Bishop Alvaro Corrada of Tyler. “That’s what I like about it. The partnership is building from the foundation.”

His remarks summed up the meeting of the Partnership Teams of the Diocese of San Pedro Sula of Honduras and the Dioceses of Tyler and San Angelo of Texas. These Teams are coordinators of efforts to have the people of parishes, schools, and campus ministries become aware of one another, meet each other, and develop solidarity with one another. They work to bring to reality the vision of “The Church in America,” the apostolic exhortation of Pope John Paul II (1999), which described the Catholic Church as one church, from the tip of South America, through Central America, and to the frozen limits of North America. The Pope pointed out that in the encounter with one another, we

meet the living Christ.

The Partnership Teams met in Tyler, April 26-29. The Diocese of San Angelo was represented by Sr. Malachy Griffin, O.P., Vicar for Religious and Director of the Angelo State University Newman Center, and Msgr. Larry Droll, Vicar General and Pastor of St. Ann’s Parish, Midland. Three persons from San Pedro Sula and three from Tyler also participated.

Two parishes from the Diocese of San Angelo and several from Tyler are in various stages of partnership. The people communicate with one another, pray for each other, visit one another and engage in projects of mutual benefit. A group of fourteen people, representing various San Angelo Diocese parishes, will make a mission trip to Honduras in June.

At the Newman Center, the Partnership is situated in terms of Catholic Social Justice teaching. A group from San Pedro Sula will visit San Angelo in September.

Progress in establishing the part-



Tyler Partnership Meeting. Representatives of the Partnership Teams of the Dioceses of San Pedro Sula, Tyler and San Angelo met in Tyler in April. Pictured left to right are Deacon Ruben Natera, Virginia Medrano, Leticia de Velasquez, Fr. Oscar Valderrama, OP, Lupe Natera, Bishop Alvaro Corrado del Rio, SJ, Msgr. Larry J. Droll, Fr. Jose Canales, and Sr. Malachy Griffin, OP. (Photo courtesy Msgr. Larry J. Droll.)

nerships is slow, but deliberate. It takes time to build relationships over such long distances. “But the effort is well worth it and a wonderful experience for those involved and for our diocesan church,” commented Sr. Malachy.

In addition to the on-going

building for partnerships, the Teams planned a celebration called “Partnership Days,” to make people in the dioceses more aware of the partnership. These will be held September 10-12, 2004, to recall the signing of the Covenant of Partnership on September 11, 2001. “While so

many terrible things happened on 9/11, including four Hondurans being killed in the World Trade Center, the Partnership was one of the good things that happened that day,” exclaimed Fr. Jose Canales of San Pedro Sula.

America must act in accord with fundamental moral norms

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

SAN ANGELO – The recent horrifying images from Iraq are overwhelming. The disgusting pictures of the cruelty of some U.S. soldiers are surpassed by the grotesque beheading of Nicholas Berg and the

abhorrent claim that his murder will redeem the dignity of the Iraqi prisoners.

The abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners have brought shame upon our nation, is an affront to our most basic ideals, and will undermine le-

gitimate efforts to confront the very real threats faced by our nation and the world. This shameful conduct will damage America’s credibility with the Muslim world for years to come.

As our nation expresses its revulsion at the crimes committed in its name and undertakes the essential task of determining the nature, extent and responsibility for the abuses, we should never lose sight of hard truth of the moral obligation to uphold the basic rights even of our worst enemies who, themselves, show contempt for such rights.

The gravity of the threats we face might tempt us to tolerate an ends-justify-the-means morality. The inherent justice of our cause and the perceived necessities in-

involved in stopping terrorism can lead to a minimalist morality that accepts a “permissive” interpretation of international law, the “inevitability” of mounting civilian casualties in Iraq, and the “realism” of an over-reliance on military responses to the problem of global terrorism.

The universal condemnation of what has taken place at Abu Ghraib is a hopeful sign that, despite the unspeakable evils done to us and

the terrible threats we face, our nation is committed to acting in full accord with fundamental moral norms and America’s cherished ideals of liberty and justice for all. In doing so, we will uphold international law, strengthen the moral fiber of our nation, and best honor the memory of the victims of September 11th and the soldiers and civilians who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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Miss USA recalls memories of Catholic private school near St. Louis

by Jennifer Brinker
Catholic News Service

ST. LOUIS (CNS) – From a food fight in the lunchroom to religion classes and service opportunities, Miss USA 2004, Shandi Finessey, said she has nothing but fond memories of her time as a student at Incarnate Word Academy.

A Florissant native and 1996 graduate of the all-girls private Catholic school in Bel-Nor, 25-year-old Finessey spoke with the St. Louis Review, archdiocesan newspaper, by telephone recently from her new home in New York. She was crowned Miss USA at the 53rd annual pageant April 12 at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles.

The first representative of Missouri to win the title of Miss USA, she also competed in the Miss America competition; she was named Miss Missouri America in 2002.

“It was such an awesome feeling,” she said about being crowned Miss USA. “It was a feeling of when you prepare so hard for something and then everything is culminated and your goal is achieved.”

Finessey transferred from a public school to Incarnate at the beginning of her junior year. She said the move was a big change

because she was leaving her friends and life there.

“But I made the decision because I didn’t feel like I was getting the education that I personally could benefit from, not to say anything bad about public schools,” she said. “I was so happy and blessed that I transferred. I felt like the teachers (at Incarnate) were teaching you to learn and that they weren’t teaching for the paycheck.”

Finessey said she also loved the idea of wearing a uniform and that the environment was all-female, which she said “helped to just focus on the academics.”

So what were some of her other memories of Incarnate?

“During senior year, right before graduation, someone had passed around a note that said, ‘Food fight at lunch.’ I don’t even know how it started,” she said with a laugh. “And I believe for that day at lunch it was taco salad.

“We destroyed the cafeteria! All of our uniforms were covered, and the principal came down, and we were so in trouble. I still have my uniform hanging in my closet. It still has the stains from the taco salad!”

Finessey said one of her favorite subjects was religion. Being

raised Lutheran, she said, “I didn’t really know much about the Catholic religion. I know it is similar to being Lutheran, but there is so much more depth to it.”

While at Incarnate, she also got the chance to participate in service opportunities that included volunteering at Karen House, a shelter for abused women and their children.

Finessey said she has continued to participate in service activities since graduation, specifically working with people with mental retardation. She also has written a children’s book, “The Furrtails,” which is part of her goal to address the inclusion of people with mental retardation and Down syndrome.

Maria Przada, a religion teacher at Incarnate, said she remembers Finessey’s volunteer work at Karen House. It came at a time when students were not required to participate in service activities.

“I believe Shandi has this unique opportunity to be a role model, especially for women, and I hope she will use that role to speak about life choices and values,” Przada added.

Incarnate helped her “learn how to come up with your own schedule and how to manage your free time,” Finessey said. “I really learned a lot of responsibility.”

Because of advanced college credit courses in high school, she was able to complete her undergraduate degree in three and a half years. She earned an undergraduate degree in psychology from Lindenwood University in St. Charles and is working toward a master’s degree in counseling.

Randy Berzon-Mikolas, principal at Incarnate, and Sharon Gerken, director of development, said other media outlets who have approached the school for



SHANDI FINNESSEY, MISS USA 2004

Shandi Finessey gives a thumbs up after winning the Miss USA 2004 competition in Los Angeles April 12. Finessey, a native of Florissant, Mo., and 1996 graduate of an all-girls private Catholic school, now resides in New York. (CNS photo from Miss Universe)

interviews tried to get school officials to talk about how Finessey was a “standout.”

“But she was really just a normal Incarnate girl,” Gerken said.

“It’s been very positive and very exciting for Incarnate,” Berzon-Mikolas said. “It’s brought such pride among the girls here.”

Finessey was to represent the United States at the Miss Universe pageant in Quito, Ecuador, June 1. During her reign as Miss USA, she will speak out on breast and ovarian cancer, the pageant’s official cause, and make appearances all

over the world.

She credits her parents, Patrick and Linda Finessey, with supporting her as she prepared for and competed in the pageant.

As part of her Miss USA prize package, Finessey will live in a New York apartment for a year and receive a salary as an employee of the Miss Universe Organization. She also received a diamond and pearl Mikimoto crown worth \$200,000, a two-year scholarship from the School for Film and Television in New York City valued at \$45,000, and a personal wardrobe.



On Saturday, April 17, 2004, the Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena, Texas. Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI and Fr. Prasad Gallela were the celebrants. Students came from St. Joseph Church in Rowena, St. Thomas Church in Miles and St. Boniface Church in Olfen.

Parish Secretaries
Please Note:
The Diocese web page (www.san-angelo-diocese.org) has been updated with the available data in the Pastoral Center.
Please check your parish’s information – personnel, Mass schedules, phone numbers, etc. – and send any corrections by mail or email to PMAngelus@aol.com.



Vatican more aware of needs of local church, U.S. bishop says

by Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

ROME (CNS) – Keeping abreast of the concerns of 1 billion Catholics around the world takes a tremendous amount of administrative organization, and one Texas bishop said the Vatican has begun doing a very good job of keeping in touch with the pulse of local churches.

“This is my fourth ‘ad limina’ visit to Rome, and the one this year is so far the best organized one of all,” said Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas.

“There’s a new awakening in the center of the church to the needs in the local churches. There’s a new effort to understand their needs and questions,” he said May 20 in an interview with Catholic News Service.

Bishops are required to make “ad limina” visits every five years to meet with the pope and curial officials and to report on the status of their dioceses.

Bishop Pfeifer attended the May 16-22 visit with 22 other bishops from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

“We bishops, as a group, were most concerned about education, and we made sure to point out all the lay efforts” under way in the dioceses, he said.

But Vatican officials brought up the need for new types of education for seminarians, “in particular, human formation and the psychosexual dimension,” he said.

Bishop Pfeifer said the bishops constantly have updated their standards for new seminarians.

He said the church uses a special team of people to recruit new candidates.

“The team is also present in the seminary itself to help candidates know themselves as human beings and where they are with their sexuality,” he said.

“We use psychological testing, we look at their faith development and where they are with their calling from God,” he said. “We are

using a lot more of the sciences” in screening and counseling programs.

“I was impressed with how well the Vatican was prepared and ready for our concerns. We felt free to express what we feel and the (Vatican) staff was very aware of what was going on in our dioceses,” said Bishop Pfeifer.

One reason Vatican officials are well-prepared is that the bishops fill out and turn in a questionnaire to the Vatican prior to “ad limina” visits. Another reason, the bishop said, was that staffers in Vatican departments come from all over the world.

“There are Americans in the dicasteries, and so that helps because they are aware of our culture and situation,” he said.

The clerical sex abuse scandal “weakened a lot of trust in the leadership of the church. But we’ll be bringing back new ideas for our efforts in ministry,” he said.

Bishop Pfeifer said this year’s “ad limina” visit left him with fresh inspiration to lead the church and gave him new hope despite the sex abuse crisis.

“I was impressed with the unity that exists among us and saw that (unity) as what I should work toward,” he said.

One source of inspiration for most bishops on their “ad limina” visits is their meeting with the pope.

“I made a special request to meet with Pope John Paul on May 18, his birthday, because it’s my birthday, too,” Bishop Pfeifer said.

“They actually granted my request. So I learned how to say ‘happy birthday’ in Polish, which is actually saying ‘may you live 100 years,’ which he just might do. And then I gave him birthday greetings in English and Spanish, as well as a gift which he really appreciated,” he said.

The pope “listened a lot and was really concerned about the people,” Bishop Pfeifer said.



Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI and Pope John Paul II are shown during the bishop’s “ad limina” visit to Rome. (Photo courtesy of Vatican.)



Pope John Paul II poses with a group of bishops from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas during their “ad limina” visits to Rome in May. The pontiff told bishops that families must be strengthened in order to strengthen the church family. In his new book released May 18, the pope described “ad limina” visits as a “particular expression of collegiality” that allows a pope and bishops to share their experiences. (CNS photo from Catholic Press Photo.) (See related story on page 9.)



Being an altar server is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

SAN ANGELO – As I travel through the Diocese to celebrate the liturgy, it always gives me great joy to see that in practically all of our churches we have dedicated and generous altar servers, both young men and women, who offer their service to Christ, the priest celebrants, and all our people, through the special ministry of serving at the altar. I am very grateful to all the altar servers of our Diocese for accepting this very important ministry for our Church.

On August 12, 2001, Pope John Paul II addressed the one thousandth audience of his pontificate. The audience was attended by more than 2,000 young men and women altar servers to whom the Holy Father addressed most of his remarks. In this article, I share with you, good altar servers, the thoughts and reflections of our Holy Father.

“Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service. In connection with this service, I wish to propose some reflections to you.

“The altar server’s clothing is very special. It recalls the garment that each one puts on when he is

welcomed in Jesus Christ in the community. I am referring to the baptismal gown, whose profound meaning St. Paul clarifies: “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

Even if you, dear altar servers, can no longer fit into your baptismal gown, you have put on [the clothing] of altar servers. Yes, baptism is the point of departure of your “authentic liturgical service,” which places you next to your bishops, priests and deacons (see *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, No.29).

“The altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. The altar server presents himself to a community and experiences firsthand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgical act. Jesus is present when the community comes together to pray and render praise to God. Jesus is present in the word of sacred Scripture. Jesus is present above all in the Eucharist under the signs of bread and wine. He acts through the priest who, in the person of Christ, celebrates the holy Mass and administers the sacraments.

“Therefore, in the liturgy, you are much more than simple “helpers of the parish priest.” Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus. Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life.

“The altar server often has a candlestick in his hand. How can one not think of that which Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount: “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). Your service cannot be limited to the inside of a church. It must shine in everyday life: in school, in the family, and in different realms of society. Because, whoever wishes to serve Jesus Christ inside a church must be his witness everywhere.

“Dear young people! Your contemporaries wait for the real “light of the world” (see John 1:9). Do not hold your candlestick only inside a church, but carry the light of the Gospel to all those who are in darkness and are living through a difficult time in their life.

“I have spoken of friendship

Bishop invites your participation in Peter’s Pence Collection

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

SAN ANGELO – Each year, the annual *Peter’s Pence Collection* in support of the works of the Holy Father is held in parishes across the country. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency-relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression and natural disasters. When we contribute to this fund, we are actively living the truth in love and speaking the truth in deeds.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join with more 1 billion Catholics in a loving expression of worldwide solidarity. More than 98 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the Holy Father’s spiritual and charitable efforts around the globe.

I ask you to contribute to this important Collection this year that will be taken up on the weekend of June 27, 2004, and I am grateful for your generosity. I thank you, too, for your past generosity and together let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us and our efforts to help the poor and the Holy Father.

with Jesus. How happy I would be if something more sprang from this friendship! How beautiful it would be if some of you were to discover a vocation to the priesthood! Jesus Christ has urgent need of youths who will be at his disposition with generosity and no reservations. Moreover, might not the Lord also

call one or two of you girls to embrace the consecrated life to serve the Church and the brothers and sisters? Even for those who wish to be united in marriage, the service of altar servers teaches that a real union must always include readiness for reciprocal and free service.”

The True Love Waits program

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

SAN ANGELO – Did you know that there is a Catholic True Love Waits Program? This fine program, which promotes chastity and communicates the Catholic Church’s moral teaching on human sexuality, is put out by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). For more information on this vitally important program, I ask you to please contact the Office of Education and Formation of our Diocese.

The NFCYM Program views True Love Waits as more than just a signing of a promise card. This program addresses how parishes need to develop a comprehensive process that promotes chastity, stresses the importance of the sacraments, gives solid Catholic moral teaching on sexuality, and creates a prayerful environment which

supports young people in leading chaste lives. This program also calls for the support of parents and families as they model and convey to their children Christian values, and affirms young people in their commitment to be witnesses for Jesus Christ as Christians in the modern world.

True Love Waits is about promoting holy and healthy lifestyles among adolescents – specifically the advancement of chastity. The religious education teacher, the catechist, and the youth minister must be aware that young people come to them with varied experiences. Some youth may never have dated and may have a few questions about sexuality. Other youth may presently be genitally sexually active. Other youth could be parents or have terminated a pregnancy with an abortion. With this

wide range of experience present, much good pastoral consideration must be given regarding the attitude and language.

True Love Waits may be the opportunity for re-conversion for some youth. For other youth, it may be the beginning of a change of heart and mind in their relationship with God. For other youth, True Love Waits may serve to reinforce and further develop the faith journey already begun.

Parish communities play a significant role in the lives of the faith formation of the young. True Love Waits Program for young people needs the support and prayers of the entire parish. I strongly encourage all the parishes and missions of our Diocese to learn about and use the True Love Waits Program as developed by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Vatican official says he wanted to hear British assessment of Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – The Vatican foreign minister, Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, said a recent meeting with his British counterpart, Jack Straw, was an important opportunity to speak directly with one of the major players in the ongoing drama in Iraq.

“It was very important for me to hear directly from the British government its assessment about the situation in Iraq” the archbishop said in a May 18 interview with Vatican Radio’s One-O-Five Live program. “I had the occasion to stress that the Holy See would like to see, as soon as possible, a United Nations resolution on the transfer of power in Iraq” he said. The Vatican hopes the United Nations will return to Iraq with “a strong mandate to be able to play a vital role in the pacification of the country and in the founding of the country’s democratic institutions,” he said. During his May 11-13 visit to London, the archbishop also met with the British government’s secretaries of state for international development and for Northern Ireland as well as with Gordon Brown, Britain’s senior finance minister.

Pray for Peace



Pope asks U.S. bishops to heal their divisions, strengthen families

by Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – For the Catholic Church to be a true family and witness of love before the world, families must be strengthened in their faith, and Catholic communities must overcome the tensions dividing them, Pope John Paul II told a group of U.S. bishops.

“As in any family, the church’s internal harmony can at times be challenged by a lack of charity and the presence of conflict among her members,” the pope told bishops from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas May 22.

“This can lead to the formation of factions within the church which often become so concerned with their special interests that they lose sight of the unity and solidarity which are the foundations of ecclesial life and the sources of communion in the family of God,” the pope told the bishops at the end of their “ad limina” visits to Rome.

Bishops make “ad limina” visits every five years to report on the status of their dioceses. During the weeklong visits, each bishop meets privately with the pope, and they meet as a group with top Vatican officials.

Speaking on behalf of the bishops who met the pope May 22, Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City thanked Pope John Paul for his teaching and leadership of the church over the past 25 years.

“Your teaching, your example and your enthusiasm have inspired the whole church and brought us into the new millennium with hope and confidence,” the archbishop said.

“Thus, despite the reality of sin and suffering of violence and terrorism, we are not afraid because Jesus has redeemed us and he is with us,” Archbishop Beltran said.

In his message, the pope asked the bishops of the United States to address the “worrisome phenomenon” of tensions within the church by being fathers to the people in their dioceses, striving to overcome division “by attempting to rebuild a level

of trust, reconciliation and mutual understanding in the ecclesial family.”

Meeting regional groups of U.S. bishops since March, the pope has focused on the bishop’s role in promoting the holiness of the individuals and groups within his diocese.

The key to personal and communal holiness, the pope said, is “a loving communion with God and one another.”

“The vocation and responsibility of every person to love grants us not only the ability to cooperate with the Lord in his sanctifying mission but also gives us the desire to do so,” Pope John Paul told the bishops.

“The communion of love present in family life” when a man and woman are committed to each other for life and committed to raising their children in the faith, he said, “serves as a model of the relationships which must exist in Christ’s family, the church.”

While most people in the West recognize the secular nature of marriage as a contract bringing rights and responsibilities, he said, too few people see it as a sacrament, a sign of God’s unending love for his creation, and as a binding spiritual reality.

“Modern society rarely pays heed to the permanent nature of marriage,” Pope John Paul said.

The pope praised the U.S. bishops for their efforts to improve marriage preparation programs and to ensure that all couples married in the Catholic Church receive instruction before their wedding.

But a few months of preparation is not enough, he said.

“The attitude toward marriage found in contemporary culture” means that Catholic schools and religious education programs also must be involved so that “young people, many of whom are from broken families themselves, are educated from a very early age in the church’s teaching on the sacrament of matrimony,” he said.

In addition, he said, the church must strengthen its outreach to

married couples, helping parents fulfill their responsibilities to teach their children; helping those who have strayed from the church, but want to return to active participation once they have children; and offering families concrete assistance.

Pope John Paul said that the church also must work at becoming a real family, a place where all Catholics “feel free to bring their sufferings, knowing that Christ’s presence in the prayer of his people is the greatest source of healing.”

Special efforts, he said, are needed to reach out to young people and offer them help and guidance.

“Young people, faced with a secular culture which promotes instant gratification and selfishness over the virtues of self-control and generosity, need the church’s support and guidance,” he said.

“So many young people are seeking strong, committed and responsible role models who are not afraid to profess an unconditional love for Christ and his church. In this regard, priests have always made and should continue to make a special and invaluable contribution to the lives of young Catholics,” the pope said.

(Editor’s note: See related photo bottom of page 7.)

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Oklahoma City; Bishop J. Peter Sartain and retired Bishop Andrew J. McDonald of Little Rock, Ark.; and Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas.

Archbishop Beltran, who was making his sixth “ad limina” visit, said his meeting with Pope John Paul was the normal, wonderful “ad limina” experience.

“I did take the occasion to extend birthday wishes to him,” the archbishop said. “He had a big smile, was very gracious and very happy.”

Archbishop Beltran said the pope was as interested as ever in what is going on in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, asking spe-

Parents obligated to control what children see in media, pope says

by Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Parents have a serious obligation to control what their children are allowed to watch or see on television, at the movies and on the Internet, Pope John Paul II said.

But government authorities also have a duty to ensure that the media, especially those using public airwaves to communicate, “are always respectful of the truth and the common good,” the pope said.

Pope John Paul spoke about the media during his midday “Regina Coeli” address May 23, the church’s World Communications Day.

The pope said the church looks toward communications professionals “with attention, kindness and a desire to establish with them a frank and open dialogue in order to encourage a commitment on behalf of the authentic progress of humanity.”

Pope John Paul said the media offer individuals and families “the vast resources of communication and information” that can contribute to “education, cultural enrichment and spiritual growth.”

But the media also can cause “serious damage to the family when they present an inadequate or even distorted vision of life, of the family itself, of religion and of morality,” he said.

“Therefore, one must learn to use them with wisdom and prudence,” the pope said.

(Editor’s note: See related photo bottom page 4, Bishop Pfeifer meeting with local media representatives.)

cific questions about vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the faith life of the people and ecumenical initiatives.

“He is a great listener,” the archbishop said. “He actually does listen.”

Canadian bishops to examine relationship with pro-life politicians

OTTAWA (CNS) – The Canadian bishops’ conference plans an in-depth study into the church’s relationship with Catholic politicians and others who run afoul of church teaching on issues like abor-

tion, euthanasia and same-sex marriage. The study will be conducted after the upcoming general election, expected at the end of June. In the meantime, it is business as usual, said Deacon Bill Kokesch, English-sector communications director for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. “Nothing has changed,” he said May 17. “We always looked at this as being the responsibility of the local ordinary to decide.” But he said that after the election is over, the bishops’ conference intends to have a “more in-depth study on the whole interface between Catholics and the political process, not only with politicians but also with other Catholics.”



Archbishop saddened by same-sex marriages, but warns against anger

by Catholic News Service

BOSTON (CNS) – Archbishop Sean P. O’Malley of Boston greeted the arrival of legalized same-sex marriages in Massachusetts with “deep sadness” but reminded Catholics that “our sadness at what has happened should not lead us into anger against or vilification of any group of people, especially our homosexual brothers and sisters.”

Hundreds of same-sex couples went to courthouses throughout Massachusetts to get marriage licenses May 17, the day the Supreme Judicial Court ruled the state had to begin granting the licenses to same-sex couples because it found the ban on same-sex marriages unconstitutional.

“The Catholic Church remains committed to the truth that marriage is a unique bond between a wife and a husband, a bond which is the bedrock and foundation of our families and society,” the archbishop said in a May 13 statement.

He expressed hope that “at some point in the very near future, our legislators will enact laws to protect the unique benefit to society that the marital bond creates and the good that this bond produces for children.”

On March 29, Massachusetts legislators approved a state constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriages but grant same-sex civil unions a legal status equivalent to marriage. The

amendment must be approved again by the 2005-06 Legislature before it goes to a popular vote. The earliest it could appear on the state ballot is November 2006.

Archbishop O’Malley said the church’s defense of traditional marriage “is motivated by a deep conviction concerning the common good of all citizens.”

“Marriage is given special protections and benefits in law because it is the institution which best provides for the procreation and raising of children,” he said in the statement. “The creation of a right to same-sex marriage in the end will not strengthen the institution of marriage within our society but only weaken it as marriage becomes

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y su sangre, entregando a los creyentes en este misterio la memoria vivía de su Pascua, para hacerse así “pan de vida”.

En cierto sentido, María ha practicado su *fe eucarística* antes incluso de que ésta fuera instituida, por el hecho mismo de haber ofrecido su seno virginal para la encarnación del Verbo de Dios. La Eucaristía, mientras remite a la pasión y la resurrección, está al mismo tiempo en continuidad con la Encarnación. María concibió en la anunciación al Hijo divino, incluso en la realidad física de su cuerpo y su sangre, anticipando en sí lo que en cierta medida se realiza sacramentalmente en todo creyente que recibe, en las especies del pan y del vino, el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor.

María, con toda su vida junto a Cristo y no solamente en el Calvario, hizo suya la *dimensión sacrificial de la Eucaristía*. . . ¿Cómo imaginar los sentimientos de María al escuchar de la boca de Pedro, Juan, Santiago y los otros Apóstoles, las palabras de la Última Cena: “Éste es mi cuerpo que es

entregado por vosotros” (Lc 22,19)? Aquel cuerpo entregado como sacrificio y presente en los signos sacramentales, ¿era el mismo cuerpo concebido en su seno! Recibir la Eucaristía debía significar para María como si acogiera de nuevo en su seno el corazón que había latido al unísono con el suyo y revivir lo que había experimentado en primera persona al pie de la Cruz.”

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invitation to obey him without hesitation: “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). With the same maternal concern which she showed at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary seems to say to us: “Do not waver; trust in the words of my son. If he was able to change water into wine, he can also turn bread and wine into his body and blood, and through this mystery bestow on believers the living memorial of his passover, thus becoming the ‘bread of life.’”

“In a certain sense Mary lived her *Eucharistic faith* even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that *she offered her virginal womb for the Incar-*

nation of God’s Word. The Eucharist, while commemorating the passion and resurrection, is also in continuity with the incarnation. At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord’s body and blood.

Mary, throughout her life at Christ’s side and not only on Calvary, made her own *the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist*. . . What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: “This is my body which is given for you” (Lk 22:19)? The body given up for us and made present under sacramental signs was the same body which she had conceived in her womb! For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into her womb that heart which had beat in unison with hers and reliving what she had experienced at the foot of the Cross.”

Intentions of the Holy Father for June

General - That all Christians may be constantly more aware of their personal and community responsibility to bear witness to God’s love for humanity and for every man and woman.

Mission - That religious freedom – a fundamental right of mankind – may meet with every growing respect in Asian countries.

only one lifestyle choice among many others.”

But the Boston archbishop said every person must be viewed “as an irreplaceable gift from God.”

“Each time we pray the Lord’s Prayer we begin (with the words) ‘Our Father,’ reminding us that as God’s children we are brothers and sisters of all,” he said.

“That does not mean that we must endorse everyone’s opinion or accept everyone’s behavior, but it does mean that we must care about each other, to be concerned about each other’s well-being, spiritual as well as material,” Archbishop O’Malley added. “As in all things, charity must mark us as a people of God and inform our actions.”

EDICTAL SUMMONS

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to ANTONIO FLORES 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 the 30th day of June, 2004, to answer to the Petition of BERTHA HERNANDEZ DE LA CRUZ, now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, “BERTHA HERNANDEZ DE LA CRUZ vs ANTONIO FLORES, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage,” said Petition being identified as HERNANDEZ-FLORES, Protocol No.: SO 03/74, 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 1ST day of JUNE, 2004.

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

EDICTAL SUMMONS

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to LAURA ALLINE NORTH 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 the 30th day of June, 2004, to answer to the Petition of DARWIN I. MEAD, JR., now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, “DARWIN I. MEAD, JR. vs LAURA ALLINE NORTH”, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage,” said Petition being identified as MEAD-NORTH, Protocol No.: SO 03/50, 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 1ST day of JUNE, 2004.

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



Diocesan Budget 2004-2005

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

I am presenting to you the approved budget for the Diocese of San Angelo for 2004-2005 which has been thoroughly reviewed by our Ministry / Department Heads, the Diocesan Finance Council and the Presbyteral Council and which I am accepting as bishop for the upcoming year.

I am extremely grateful for the support of our diocesan ministries and wish to similarly express my appreciation for your generosity to your individual parish and mission communities. Indeed, our parish and mission net incomes grew on average by 4.5 percent during this most recent year.

I ask the Lord to continue to bless our ministerial efforts in West Texas during this upcoming 2004-2005 year.

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

Program	Budgeted	Grants	Own FEEs	NET Assessment	% of Budget
Clergy Medical & Assistance	\$190,694	—	\$1,450	\$189,244	
Clergy Education	\$59,921	\$20,000	—	\$39,921	
Vocations	\$26,750	\$20,000	—	\$6,750	
Seminarian Education	\$134,982	\$65,000	\$69,982	—	
Women Religious	\$3,000	—	—	\$3,000	
Permanent Diaconate	\$48,082	\$10,000	—	\$38,082	
Ministerial Personnel	\$463,428	\$115,000	\$71,432	\$276,996	17.3%
CKRC Ministries	\$409,142	\$5,000	\$253,569	\$150,573	
Religious Education & Formation	\$315,671	\$140,000	\$48,376	\$127,295	
Contributions & Assessments	\$129,086	—	\$38,773	\$90,313	
Communications & Paper	\$115,109	—	\$94,086	\$21,023	
Tribunal	\$112,916	—	\$7,400	\$105,516	
University Apostolate	\$86,856	\$35,000	\$20,000	\$31,856	
Liturgy Office	\$12,442	—	\$1,000	\$11,442	
Superintendent of Schools	\$13,995	—	\$3,500	\$10,495	
Prison Ministry	\$5,000	—	—	\$5,000	
LIMEX	\$10,300	—	\$10,300	—	
Victims' Assistance / Personnel	\$100,765	—	—	\$100,765	
Ministries & Programs	\$1,311,283	\$180,000	\$477,004	\$654,280	48.8%
Administrative Office	\$373,836	—	—	\$373,836	
Business Services	\$477,479	—	—	\$477,479	
Bishop's Residence	\$24,993	—	—	\$24,993	
Obligations Renewal / Repairs	\$34,970	—	—	\$34,970	
Administrative & Fiscal	\$911,277	—	—	\$911,277	33.9%
** TOTAL **	\$2,685,989	\$295,000	\$548,436	\$1,842,553	100.0%

PRESIDENT

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And so, sir, we're honored to be here. Perhaps the best way I can express my country's gratitude to you, and our respect to you, is to present to you the Medal of Freedom from America. And if you might allow, I'd like to read the citation attached to that honor:

"A devoted servant of God, His Holiness Pope John Paul II has championed the cause of the poor, the weak, the hungry, and the outcast. He has defended the unique dignity of every life, and the goodness of all life. Through his faith and moral conviction, he has given courage to others to be not afraid in overcoming injustice and oppression. His principled stand for

peace and freedom has inspired millions and helped to topple communism and tyranny. The United States honors this son of Poland who became the bishop of Rome and a hero of our time."

And so, on behalf of the American people, Your Holiness, I would be honored if you would accept our Medal of Freedom.

POPE

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2. You are visiting Italy to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Rome and to honor the memory of the many American soldiers who gave their lives for their country and for the freedom of the peoples of Europe. I join you in recalling the sacrifice of those valiant

dead and in asking the Lord that the mistakes of the past, which gave rise to appalling tragedies, may never again be repeated. Today I too think back with great emotion on the many Polish soldiers who died for the freedom of Europe.

Our thoughts also turn today to the 20 years in which the Holy See and the United States have enjoyed formal diplomatic relations, established in 1984 under President Reagan. These relations have promoted mutual understanding on great issues of common interest and practical cooperation in different areas. I send my regards to President Reagan and to Mrs. Reagan, who is so attentive to him in his illness. I would also like to express my esteem for all the representatives of the United States to the Holy See, to-

gether with my appreciation for the competence, sensitivity and great commitment with which they have favored the development of our relations.

3. Mr. President, your visit to Rome takes place at a moment of great concern for the continuing situation of grave unrest in the Middle East, both in Iraq and in the Holy Land. You are very familiar with the unequivocal position of the Holy See in this regard, expressed in numerous documents, through direct and indirect contacts, and in the many diplomatic efforts which have been made since you visited me, first at Castel Gandolfo on July 23, 2001, and again in this apostolic palace on May 28, 2002.

4. It is the evident desire of everyone that this situation now be normalized as quickly as possible with the active participation of the international community and, in particular, the United Nations organization, in order to ensure a speedy return of Iraq's sovereignty, in conditions of security for all its people. The recent appointment of a head of state in Iraq and the formation of an interim Iraqi government are an encouraging step toward the attainment of this goal. May a similar hope for peace also be rekindled in the Holy Land and lead to new negotiations, dictated by a sincere and determined commitment to dialogue, between the government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

5. The threat of international terrorism remains a source of constant concern. It has seriously affected normal and peaceful relations between states and peoples since the tragic date of Sept. 11, 2001, which I have not hesitated to call "a dark day in the history of humanity." In the past few weeks other deplorable events have come to light which have troubled the civic and religious conscience of all, and made more difficult a serene and resolute commitment to shared human values: in the absence of such a commitment neither war nor terrorism will ever be overcome. May God grant strength and success to all those who do not cease to hope and work for understanding between peoples, in respect for the security and rights of all nations and of every man and woman.

6. At the same time, Mr. President, I take this opportunity to acknowl-

edge the great commitment of your government and of your nation's numerous humanitarian agencies, particularly those of Catholic inspiration, to overcoming the increasingly intolerable conditions in various African countries, where the suffering caused by fratricidal conflicts, pandemic illnesses and a degrading poverty can no longer be overlooked.

I also continue to follow with great appreciation your commitment to the promotion of moral values in American society, particularly with regard to respect for life and the family.

7. A fuller and deeper understanding between the United States of America and Europe will surely play a decisive role in resolving the great problems which I have mentioned, as well as so many others confronted by humanity today. May your visit, Mr. President, give new and powerful impetus to such cooperation.

Mr. President, as you carry out your lofty mission of service to your nation and to world peace, I assure you of my prayers and cordially invoke upon you God's blessings of wisdom, strength and peace.

May God bestow peace and freedom upon all mankind!

THINKING

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Student to Succeed). Throughout the spring semester eighteen "Newmaners" served as mentors for children needing extra attention in mathematics and/or reading.

Our studies and discussions have lead to a greater awareness of the pressing needs of those right here at home as well as those in other countries. To further our determination to act locally, Sister Mary Kay Bailey, O.P. provided a session on West Texas Organizing Strategies which gave us an array of opportunities and methods of involvement from which to choose.

In the fall semester, we plan to build on the solid foundation already in place and become more aware of our duty to extend the Reign and Peace of God through right and just relationships. More immediately, we look forward to a much anticipated visit from our Honduran brothers and sisters. Together we will, "Encarnar a Jesu Cristo" and "Cristificar el Mundo."



New saint gives working mothers model for holiness in modern world

by Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—She loved skiing and mountaineering, she liked to drive fast, she juggled a career as a doctor with raising her children and being married to a traveling engineer, and now she's a saint.

She is St. Gianna Beretta Molla — a modern-day working mom whom many parents today could relate to quite easily.

"Her life was a normal life. There was no outstanding thing like some of the other saints like Padre Pio, but she lived the ordinary life in an extraordinary way," said Joe Cunningham, president of the Society of Blessed Gianna, based in the

Philadelphia area.

"She had to juggle a lot of things in her life, being a working mom and wife, and when you read her letters to her husband you'll see that she encountered the same things we all encounter," he said in an interview May 15 with Catholic News Service.

Cunningham came to Rome with about 50 other people from the United States to watch St. Gianna's May 16 canonization by Pope John Paul II. Large groups also came from Canada, Brazil, Poland and Italy.

Gianna Beretta was born in 1922 near Milan, Italy. She was one of 13 children and was raised in a deeply Catholic family; three of her siblings joined religious orders. St. Gianna chose the vocation of marriage and wed Pietro Molla in 1955. They had three children while she continued to work as a pediatrician and general practitioner.

When St. Gianna was pregnant with her fourth child, doctors discovered a large ovarian tumor that re-

quired surgery. Surgical procedures at the time called for removal of her entire uterus, which would have aborted her two-month old fetus. She insisted surgeons only remove what was necessary and allow her baby to live and reach term.

St. Gianna died seven days after giving birth to her fourth child in 1962. She had pleaded with her family and doctors before the birth: "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate. Choose the child, I insist on it, save the baby."

Pope Paul VI paid special recognition to St. Gianna in an Angelus address in 1973. He called her a mother "who, to give life to her daughter, sacrificed her own with conscious immolation."

Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1994 during the International Year of the Family, and one week after Mother's Day this year he made her a saint as a model of virtue, holiness, motherhood, professionalism and devotion to the faith.

Cunningham said his organization is working to bring St. Gianna to a wider audience in the United States.

"There's a tremendous response to her once people hear the whole story about her life," he said. "So far we have distributed over 300,000 holy cards, and we've gone to about 25 states giving presentations about her life."

He said St. Gianna represents an important message for our times.

"It's a very strong message our society needs," said Cunningham.

"Her daily dedication to prayer, the rosary, daily Mass and the Eucharist, a terrific dedication to Our Lady and to family life and her husband and being concerned about her family: These are the kinds of things that really touch you, because these are the things we try to incorporate into our own lives and that we try to attend to daily the best way we can," he said.



St. Gianna Beretta Molla, a modern-day working mother and wife, was canonized by Pope John Paul II at the Vatican May 16. The pontiff called St. Gianna a "holy mother" who followed Christ's example of loving one's "own in the world and loving them to the end." She is pictured with son Pierluigi and daughter Mariolina in an undated photo. (CNS photo from Salt and Light TV)

Archbishop says U.S. soldiers carry out 'noble vocation'

by Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—At an annual military pilgrimage Mass, the head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services said the "barbarous acts" of a few U.S. soldiers should not overshadow the "noble vocation" of military service or the enormous accomplishments of most American men and women in uniform.

"This is not a political statement but a matter of fact," said Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien in his homily at the Ascension Sunday Mass May 23, held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Referring to the recent revelations that some U.S. soldiers subjected Iraqi prisoners to abuse and torture at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, the archbishop said, "As we discuss the ethics of our nation's role in the

overthrow of two dictatorships, as we decry the barbarous acts of custodial cruelty on the part of a few malicious miscreants, let there be no doubting the solid motives and the too-often unheralded and enormous accomplishments of so many of our military men and women, day in and day out, under the most trying of conditions far from home."

In an earlier public statement Archbishop O'Brien had said the abuse of the prisoners "must be condemned without equivocation" and those responsible must be brought to justice.

In his homily he described military service as a form of response to the call of baptism.

"The baptismal call to follow Christ is, basically and universally, a call to love of God and neighbor — to love God by sacrificing self for neighbor," he said.

"You, our servicemen and

women and their families, are responding, sometimes heroically, to that call," he said. "It is indeed a noble vocation to give one's life even in death that our neighbor might enjoy the justice and peace so often threatened by the despot and the terrorist."

Citing the "harrowing realities" facing U.S. troops deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, Archbishop O'Brien said, "Since we last came here in pilgrimage, how many young and generous souls have lost their lives in the effort. How many thousands more have come home physically and psychologically scarred — some for life."

The annual pilgrimage Mass is usually held the Sunday before the Memorial Day weekend and commemorates those who have died in defense of their country. About 1,600 people attended.

Archbishop O'Brien asked the



Representatives from various branches of the military present the colors during the annual military pilgrimage Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington May 23. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services asked worshippers to pray for all those currently serving in the military as well as past generations of armed forces. About 1,600 people attended the Mass which is usually held the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend. (CNS photo by John Whitman).

worshippers to pray in thanksgiving for all those currently serving in the military as well as for "past generations of our armed forces who have willingly given their all in so many noble endeavors for justice and peace."

"And as Christians who beg the Lord for peace in this Mass," he added, "we cannot fail to pray as well for the innocent people of Afghanistan and Iraq, persecuted for decades, who continue to bear the heavy burden of war."