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## Diocesan Officials In San Pedro Sula

by Peter Micale, WTA

Four persons from the Diocese of San Angelo traveled to San Pedro Sula in Honduras during July as the second step of the Texas-Oklahoma/Honduras Initiative to establish relationships with dioceses in that country. Sr. Malachy Griffin, OP, of the Catholic Newman Center at Angelo State University; Sr. Hilda Marotta, OSF, of the Office of Education and Formation; Fr. Tom Barley, Diocesan Vocation Director; and Msgr. Larry Droll, Chancellor were in Honduras July 29 to August 3.

The four met with representatives of the Dioceses of San

Pedro Sula and of Tyler, Texas to discuss a partnership of solidarity. They developed a second draft of a "Covenant of Partnership" by which the three dioceses commit themselves to pray for one another, share information, and collaborate in various efforts. Representatives of Catholic Relief Services facilitated the process.

The group had an opportunity to visit several parishes to see how they are organized. They also toured the diocesan media ministry (including Radio Luz) and CARITAS (an international agency which provides aid, training and advocacy). A trip to the

*see related stories pages four and five*

Fortaleza San Fernando rounded out the activities.

The final step in the Texas-Oklahoma/Honduras Initiative will be for the representatives of the Diocese of San Pedro Sula to visit San Angelo and Tyler. This event will take place during the week of September 9-15. Following these visits, the dioceses will strive to put this partnership into practice.



During the second visit of representatives of the Dioceses of San Angelo and Tyler to the Diocese of San Pedro Sula, Msgr. Larry Droll and Fr. Tom Barley concelebrate Mass with Fr. Oscar Rojas, CSSR, at St. Anthony of Padua parish. Joining them are Fr. Jose Cortez of Tyler and Father Jose Canales, Vicar General of the Diocese of San Pedro Sula.

## Covenant Of Partnership Signed In Cathedral Ceremony

by Peter Micale, WTA

The Dioceses of San Pedro Sula in Honduras and of Tyler and San Angelo in Texas have entered into a relationship of solidarity with one another. An important step in the process of initiating this relationship was the signing of a "Covenant of Partnership" at

The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, at 7:00 pm. People from throughout the diocese were invited and encouraged to attend. A reception followed.

Bishop Angel Garachana of San Pedro Sula joined Bishop

Michael Pfeifer in the celebration of the Eucharist and the signing of this document. Several other representatives of San Pedro Sula were on hand, along with representatives of the Dioceses of Tyler and San Angelo. Staff members from Catholic Relief Services, who coordinated this effort,

joined them.

The text of the "Covenant of Partnership" is printed in this edition of the West Texas Angelus (pages 4 and 5). It calls to mind the unity of the Catholic Church across international boundaries. The Dioceses commit themselves to pray for one another, to share

information and to act in solidarity in various matters, especially pertaining to poverty and human rights.

After Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras in October 1998, the Dioceses of Texas and Oklahoma reached out to assist the Dioceses of Honduras. In Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II signed the document "The

*see "SIGNED", page eleven*



# The Main Thing is to Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

As we walk life's journey we constantly need to remember an old proverb which says, "The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing." Jesus stresses this idea when He tells us that only one thing is "necessary". That one "necessary" thing is to always keep our focus and attention on our God, and to give priority to Christ in all that we do.

From life's experience, we know that there are some things that we should be concerned about and some things that we should simply leave in the hands of God. The trick, of course, is knowing how to differentiate between the two!

To help us stay focused on the "main thing", we might begin by asking ourselves, "What are my major concerns today?" Perhaps we are worried about a variety of things a loved one, our health, our reputation, our employment, an important decision we must make, finances, growing old, the weather, our spiritual progress or lack of it.

Whatever our concerns we can consciously decide which issues deserve our time and energy and which we should simply entrust to the care of our God.

"The main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing". Each day of our lives, let us ask the Holy Spirit for the guidance and light to keep "the main thing" in our lives, that is, let us ask for the grace to bring our concerns into harmony with the Gospel teaching of Christ.

# La Cosa Principal es Mantener la Cosa Principal Como la Cosa Principal

Por Obispo Miguel D. Pfeifer, OMI



Así que caminamos la jornada de la vida constantemente necesitamos recordarnos de un proverbio viejo, que dice, "La cosa principal es mantener la cosa principal, como la cosa principal." Jesús pone énfasis en esta idea cuando El nos dice que solamente una cosa es necesaria. La cosa necesaria es mantener siempre nuestro enfoque y atención en nuestro Dios, y dar prioridad a Cristo en todo lo que hacemos.

De la experiencia de vida, sabemos que hay algunas cosas que merecen nuestra preocupación y hay algunas cosas que debemos simplemente dejar en las manos de Dios. El truco, naturalmente, es saber

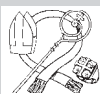
como diferenciar entre las dos!

Para poder estar enfocados en la "cosa principal", empecemos preguntándonos 'Cuales son mis preocupaciones principales hoy?' Quizás estemos preocupados por una variedad de cosas - un amado, nuestra salud, nuestra reputación, nuestro empleo, una decisión importante que debemos hacer, finanzas, ser anciano, el clima, nuestro progreso espiritual o nuestra falta.

Cualquier preocupación que tengamos podemos deliberadamente decidir cuales asuntos merecen nuestro tiempo y energía y cuales debemos simplemente encomendar al cuidado de nuestro Dios.

"La cosa principal es mantener la cosa principal, como la cosa principal". Cada día de nuestras vidas, debemos pedirle al Espíritu Santo por la orientación y la luz para mantener "la cosa principal" en nuestras vidas, eso es, debemos pedir por la gracia para poner nuestras preocupaciones en armonía con las enseñanzas del Evangelio de Cristo.

## The Bishop's Schedule



### September 2001

- Sept. 1: San Antonio
- Sept. 2: Rowena, St. Joseph - Mass at 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 3: San Angelo, The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Labor Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 4: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Presbyteral Council Meeting - 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5-7: Linares, Mexico - Texas Bishops Trip for 250th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Diocese
- Sept. 9: Brady, St. Patrick -

- Mass at 11:00 a.m. and meet with Pastoral and Finance Councils after Mass
- Sept. 10-14: San Angelo - Visit from Bishop and people from our adopted Mission, Diocese of San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- Sept. 15: Midland, St. Stephen - Mass at 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16: Crane, Good Shepherd - Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 17: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - 8:30 a.m. Mass for Staff - 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- Sept. 18-19: Cedarbrake - Meeting of the Collegium of the Texas Conference of Churches
- Sept. 21: San Angelo, Newman Center - 11:00 a.m. Meet with the

- Women Religious of the Diocese of San Angelo
- Sept. 22: Diocesan Liturgy Day
- Sept. 23: Austin - 6:30 p.m. Dinner to honor Bishop John McCarthy
- Sept. 24: Austin - Texas Bishops Meet with Governor Perry at 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24-25: Austin - Texas Catholic Conference General Assembly
- Sept. 27: Odessa, St. Mary School - Mass for Students at 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28: Midland, St. Ann School - Mass for Students at 8:30 a.m.
- Sept. 29: Ballinger - 11:00 a.m. Bless Shrine of St. Raphael at the cross
- Sept. 30: San Antonio

### October 2001

- October 1-2: San Antonio - Workshop on Lay Ecclesial Ministry Region X
- October 3: San Angelo, The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - 7:00 p.m. Presentation to RCIA groups of San Angelo
- October 4: San Angelo, Holy Angels - Angelo Catholic School - Mass and Blessing of Animals at 8:30 a.m. Midland, St. Ann - 7:00 p.m. Presentation to RCIA groups of Midland

- October 5: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - 8:30 a.m. Mass for Staff - 11:00 Staff meeting St. Joseph - Living Rosary at 7:00 p.m.
- October 6: Odessa, St. Elizabeth/St. Mary - Confirmation at 5:00 pm
- October 7: Stanton, St. Joseph - Mass at 9:00 a.m. and meet with the Pastoral and Finance Councils after Mass
- October 8-9-10: Trip to Mexico
- October 14: Midland, Our Lady of San Juan - Confirmation at 10 a.m.
- October 16: San Angelo, The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Mass of Thanksgiving for 40th Anniversary of the Diocese

- of San Angelo at 7:00 p.m.
- October 17-18: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Clergy Convocation
- October 20: Midland - Diocesan Youth Rally at Midland Center - Starts at 9:00 a.m., Bishop has Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- October 21-22: Dallas, Texas Conference of Churches at SMU - Board meeting
- October 23: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Meeting with Deans at 10:30 a.m.
- October 24-26: San Antonio - MACC Board Meeting
- October 28: Colorado City, St. Ann - Confirmation at 10:30 am.
- October 29-30: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - National Rural Life Conference

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### Festival Chairpersons Please Note

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**"Section 3. Restrictions:**  
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**Therefore No Mention Of "Raffle" May Be Made In Festival Announcements In The "Angelus."**



# Vocation Circle

## From Columbia In Christ

by Luis Jorge Ramirez

My name is Luis Jorge Ramirez. I go by "Jorge". I came to the Diocese of San Angelo from Bogata, Colombia where my parents and two brothers live. Ever since I was young I wanted to be priest. However, I delayed the decision to enter a seminary for many years. After working in a variety of jobs I finally came to the realization that it was time for me to enter a seminary in Columbia. While the other jobs were good, they were not taking me where I needed to be. I felt a strong call by God to become a missionary priest and to serve Catholics in another country. While in the university seminary, I had many friends and enjoyed studying philosophy. Then I studied theology at the National Seminary of Christ

the Priest in Columbia. My decision to become a missionary was in response to a national call by the Church in Columbia for priests to go to other countries where they are needed. Many priests from my seminary are now serving in various countries all over the world. I decided to apply to the Diocese of San Angelo to serve the Church.

When I arrived in San Angelo on January 10 of this year I met Father Tom Barley, the Director of Vocations and Seminarians. The next day I was presented to Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI and to Msgr. Larry Droll. For four months I lived at St. Ambrose in Wall studying English, learning the cultures of the Diocese and American liturgical practices, and helped with ministries at St.

Ambrose and at Holy Family Mission in Mereta. I have met many friendly and generous people, developed a taste for Tex-Mex food, and gained an appreciation for your cultures and the peoples that make up the Diocese. During this summer I have been at the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio in intensive English language courses and a mini-pastoral course preparing for priesthood. While I have a long way to go, I have made progress and feel the support and encouragement of many people.

This semester I have entered Assumption Seminary in San Antonio to continue my English studies and eventually take pastoral courses at Oblate School of Theology to prepare me for ordination in a few years.

I am proud to be a Columbian missionary who has left my country, family, friends, and things that

I am accustomed to in order to come to a new and beautiful land and serve the Church with the love of Christ (*en la tarea evangelizadora de la Diócesis de San Angelo en Texas. Desde aquí invito a muchos jóvenes a que no tengan miedo y se arriesguen a ser sal y luz en el mundo, transportando el amor de Cristo por su Iglesia.*)

While I keep

in touch with my family and friends, I look forward to my life here as a priest for you. These are some of the decisions that have



led me to this point in my vocation. However, if I had not made them, I may not be as happy or as much at peace as I am now.

## Weddings, Funerals and Quinceaneras on Sundays

by Msgr. Larry J. Droll, Chancellor

The Parish celebration of the Eucharist is intended to be the Sunday event in each church. As the Second Vatican Council noted, Sunday is "the original feast day" on which we gather in sacred assembly to worship God and to be nourished by the bread of the Word and of the Eucharist. It has happened from time to time that people request weddings, funerals and quinceaneras to be held on Sundays, particularly on Sunday afternoons. As the members of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of San Angelo see it, these special celebrations take the focus and many of the people away from the parish Eucharistic celebration. They add to the number of Masses that the priest must say on Sunday, when he is limited by canon law to preside at only three Masses and may have other health considerations as well.

At its meeting on August 7, 2001, the Presbyteral Council

recommended to the Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, that priests and other people in charge of parishes not encourage weddings, funerals, and quinceaneras on Sundays. Bishop Pfeifer accepted this policy and also directed that the policy be published in the West Texas Angelus, so that Catholics in the Diocese of San Angelo are aware of this policy and do not request weddings, funerals, and quinceaneras on Sundays. The policy follows:

### Weddings, Funerals and Quinceaneras on Sundays

The question has arisen whether or not the parishes and missions of this diocese should encourage funeral Masses, weddings, and Quinceaneras on Sundays.

The Presbyteral Council recommends and the Bishop agrees that the Priests and others in charge should not encourage funerals, weddings or Quinceaneras (with the Eucharist or within the context of the Eucharist) on Sun-

days. It is our recommendation that the focus for Sundays remain on the parish Eucharistic celebration.

There may be circumstances in which people need to have a wedding, funeral or Quinceanera on Sunday. Under such circumstances, and considering the very limited number of Priests that we have available, we recommend that such celebrations take place only when necessary and without the celebration of the Eucharist.

Neither the Code of Canon Law nor the liturgical directives prohibit such Eucharistic celebrations. However, we recommend the above to maintain the integrity of Sunday and to assist in preserving our smaller number of Priests.

*Pray for Vocations*

## 40th Anniversary

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! October 16, 2001 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of San Angelo. Until October 16, 1961, the Diocese of San Angelo was part of the Diocese of Amarillo and the Diocese of Dallas.

To celebrate this anniversary and to give thanks for the many blessings that God has poured out upon us during these past forty years, I will offer a Mass at The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend, and the priests are invited to concelebrate.

On this special anniversary, let us renew our commitment to Christ by making a new effort to live out the Mission Vision Statement for our diocese - Declaring and Living our Vision.

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# Aspects Of Partnership

The Catholic Dioceses of San Pedro Sula, San Angelo and Tyler wish to establish a partnership that enriches one another by our different pastoral and cultural experiences. We seek to advance the People of God, as one family, without national borders. Learning from one another, we hope to live our long-term reciprocal relationship which will be based upon our call to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity with each other.

This call will be expressed by:

- Our commitment to be brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing the Gospel values of solidarity, love, justice and dignity. We value the differences in our cultures and commit ourselves to the respect and appreciation of one another. We seek to promote dialogue within the Church and bring awareness to our communities that cultural differences are gifts.
- Our mutual support through

the sharing of our different ministries, materials and information; through meaningful interchanges within our faith communities, particularly in areas of social justice and evangelization as outlined in our pastoral plans.

- Our solidarity through prayer and encouraging reciprocal visits and the promotion of social justice issues concerning the dignity of human person, for example, as it refers to migrants and

prisoners, and other projects in defense of life.

- Our desire to learn from one another, and sharing in the areas of communication and information. We further desire to continue our relationship as a deep and meaningful exchange, always looking to expand our partnership to our individual parishes.

To this end, we affix our names below. May the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to this moment of unity, enable us to fulfill faithfully these proposals. May the intercession of Mary, our Lady of

Guadalupe and of Suyapa, help us to realize we are sons and daughters of one God.

- Msgr. Angel Garachana, Bishop of San Pedro Sula
- Rev. Jose Antonio Canales, Coordinator of San Pedro Sula
- Msgr. Michael Pfeifer, Bishop of San Angelo
- Msgr. Larry Droll, Coordinator of San Angelo
- Msgr. Alvaro Corrada del Rio, S.J., Bishop of Tyler
- Mr. Jim Smith, Coordinator of Tyler

# Covenant Of Partnership

“The Church in America must incarnate in her pastoral initiatives, the solidarity of the universal Church towards the poor and the outcast of every kind. Her attitude needs to be one of assistance, promotion, liberation and fraternal openness.” The Church in America, #58.

We, the People of God — brothers and sisters in Christ — in the Dioceses of San Pedro Sula, San Angelo and Tyler, in love, respect, and communion, hereby enter into the following “Covenant of Partnership.”

We proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is the path to conversion, communion and solidarity (The Church in America, #7). Our personal encounter with Christ and our communal encounter with Christ in the Church call us to be brothers and sisters in solidarity with one another, especially among our dioceses in America.

To continue the mission of Jesus Christ and build up the family of God on earth, we hereby make this commitment, in one faith and one baptism. Nothing could unite us more than this.

We wish to respond to the call for “a new evangelization - new in ardor, methods and expression.” (The Church in America, #6) This new evangelization will occur in the context of our communion, respecting the plurality and diversity of the cultures of our people.

We will work together in important areas, especially those which affect the most profound desires and aspirations of our people.

Our “Covenant of Partnership” is a response to the invita-

tion of Pope John Paul II “to promote communion among the particular Churches,” to “encourage the faithful to live this communion more and more, and to assume the responsibilities of developing bonds of communion with the local Churches in other areas of America through education, the exchange of information, fraternal ties between parishes and dioceses, and projects involving cooperation and joint intervention in questions of greater importance, especially those affecting the poor.” (The Church in America, #37)

We are aware that we are only at the beginning of a long process. We need to get to learn, to know

and understand one another better; each diocese has its strengths and limitations. It will be very beneficial for us to continue to clarify our vision, aspirations and plans in order to have a greater collaboration.

Realizing that God has opened a door for us, we want to enter this important relationship, which, without doubt, will have a significant impact on the ecclesial life of the Dioceses of San Pedro Sula, San Angelo and Tyler. Let us join our hands then and lift them to God in prayer in thanksgiving for this opportunity and in petition that God assist us to walk together in solidarity in Jesus Christ.

# ‘Familiaris Consortio’ Said To Offer Radical Vision For Family

by Carol Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — Pope John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation on the family, “Familiaris Consortio,” holds out a vision for family life that is radically different from what society offers, says Joseph Atkinson.

“What vision will we follow?” asked Atkinson, assistant professor at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, in a speech at a marriage and family life conference.

He addressed about 400 people involved in diocesan family life ministries who attended the Aug. 15-18 symposium in Arlington sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Atkinson said the pope outlined a biblical vision of families with God at the center, whereas

society tends to put people at the center to determine the family’s purpose.

In a God-centered family, he said, “men and women are called to be a community that reflects God’s love.”

The “authentic love” of the couple, according to the pope’s document, is indissoluble because it is totally self-giving and finds meaning in divine love, he said.

When Catholics study documents like this, they begin to see that “the vocation of marriage is a high divine calling,” said Atkinson. “We need to beg for God’s grace that we can live it.”

Atkinson said the document on family life presents four major challenges for families: to form a community of persons; to serve life; to participate in the development of society; and to share

in the life and mission of the church.

Some aspects of the exhortation were re-emphasized in a letter written by Pope John Paul II Aug. 6 to participants in the marriage and family life conference. It was addressed to Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, USCCB president.

The pope thanked the conference participants and encouraged them to “work with greater zeal in ensuring that families, on whom the future of humanity depends, will always receive the strength and support they need.”

He noted that, 20 years after “Familiaris Consortio,” the family is “still endangered by many insidious forces.”

“The high level of divorce, and widespread acceptance of contraception and abortion, as well as other threats to life, are

causes of concern to bishops and for all who have the good of the family at heart,” he wrote.

“Clear and convincing teaching regarding the divine plan for mar-

riage and the family, and insistence on the need to protect and strengthen the institution of the

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## Aspectos Del Hermanamiento

Las diócesis católicas de San Pedro Sula, San Angelo y Tyler deseamos establecer una relación que enriquezca a una y otra por nuestras diferentes experiencias pastorales y culturales. Esperamos avanzar en el Reino de Dios, como una sola familia, sin fronteras de nacionalidades. Aprendiendo de cada una, esperamos vivir nuestra larga relación recíproca, que estará basada en el llamado a la conversión, la comunión y la solidaridad con cada una. En consecuencia expresamos lo siguiente:

te:

- Nuestro compromiso es el de ser hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, compartiendo los valores de Evangelio, como ser: la solidaridad, el amor, la justicia y la dignidad. Valoramos las diferencias de nuestras culturas y nos comprometemos al aprecio y respeto de cada uno. Buscando promover el diálogo dentro de la Iglesia y enseñando a nuestras comunidades que las diferencias culturales son un regalo.

- Nuestro apoyo mutuo para

compartir los diferentes ministerios, materiales e información, por medio de intercambios profundos y significativos dentro de nuestras comunidades de fe, particularmente en áreas de justicia social y evangelización, enmarcados en un plan diocesano de pastoral.

- Nuestra solidaridad a través de la oración y visitas recíprocas por medio de la promoción de los temas de justicia social referentes a la dignidad de la persona humana, particularmente en lo que se

relaciona con las pastorales de la movilidad humana y penitencia-ria.

- Nuestro deseo de aprender de cada uno, compartiendo las áreas de comunicación e intercambio de información. Deseamos establecer nuestra relación como un relación profunda y significativa extendiendo nuestra hermandad a las parroquias individualmente.

Finalmente, firmamos la presente. Que el Espíritu Santo que nos ha traído a este momento de unidad, nos llene de fuerza para llevar a cabo fielmente estos pro-

pósitos. Que la intercesión de María, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Suyapa, no ayude a sentirnos verdaderamente hijos e hijas de un mismo Padre.

Mons. Angel Garachana, Obispo de San Pedro Sula

Pd. Jose Antonio Canales, Coordinador de San Pedro Sula

Mons. Michael Pfeifer, Obispo de San Angelo

Pd. Larry Droll, Coordinador de San Angelo

Mons. Alvaro Corrada del Rio, S.J. Obispo de Tyler

Sr. Jim Smith, Coordinador de Tyler

## Acuerdo De Hermanamiento

“La Iglesia en América debe encarnar en sus iniciativas pastorales la solidaridad de la Iglesia universal hacia los pobres y marginados de todo género. Su actitud debe incluir la asistencia, promoción y aceptación fraterna.” *Eclessia en América*, No.58.

Nosotros, el pueblo de Dios, hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, en las Diócesis de San Pedro Sula, San Angelo y Tyler, en amor, respeto y comunión establecemos el siguiente “Acuerdo de Hermanamiento.”

Proclamamos nuestra creencia

que Jesucristo en el camino a la conversión, comunión y solidaridad. (*Eclessia en América*, No. 7) Nuestro encuentro personal con Cristo y nuestro encuentro comunitario con El en la Iglesia, nos llama a ser hermanos y hermanas solidarios unos con otros especialmente en nuestras diócesis de América.

Para continuar la misión de Jesucristo, y construir el Reino de Dios en la tierra, establecemos entre compromiso sabiéndonos unidos en el compartir una misma fe, y un solo bautismo. Nada puede unirnos mas que esto.

Querimos responder al llamado “una nueva evangelización, nueva en su ardor, métodos y expresión.” (*Eclessia en América*, No.6) Esta Nueva Evangelización ocurrirá en el contexto de nuestra comunión, respetando la pluralidad y la diversidad de las culturas de nuestros pueblos.

Trabajaremos unidos en áreas esenciales y que tocan profundamente el pensar y el sentir de nuestros pueblos.

Este acuerdo de hermanamiento viene a ser una respuesta al llamado que nos ha hecho su Santidad el Papa Juan

Pablo II a “impulsar la comunión entre las Iglesia particulares, alentando a los fieles a vivir más intensamente la dimensión comunitaria, asumiendo la responsabilidad de desarrollar los lazos de comunión con las iglesias locales en otras partes de América por la educación, la mutua comunicación, la unión fraterna entre parroquias y diócesis, planes de cooperación, en defensas unidas en temas de mayor importancia, sobre todo los que afectan a los pobres.” (*Eclessia en América*, No. 37)

Estamos concientes que ésta es sólo el inicio de un largo camino. Necesitamos aprender a conocernos y enterarnos más, sabiendo que cada una de nuestras diócesis

tiene su potencialidades y sus limitaciones. Nos ayudará mucho que vayamos aclarando nuestras visiones, ilusiones y proyectos, a fin de tener una más estrecha colaboración.

Sentimos que este acuerdo de hermanamiento no es si no una puerta que Dios abre para todos, una oportunidad para entrar en esta singular experiencia, que sin duda marcará la vida eclesial de San Pedro Sula, San Angelo y Tyler. Unamos pues nuestras manos, y elevémoslas hacia Dios en acción de gracias, al mismo tiempo que pedimos su asistencia para que este sea definitivamente un camino de solidaridad en Cristo Jesús.

## Healing After Abortion

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

Many women who have aborted their own child (or children) are living in the fear that God has rejected them, or that they have no real place in the Church, or they are afraid that a priest will condemn them as sinners. These women need to hear Jesus' invitation to “Be not afraid.”

There are an increasing number of women who have been healed of past abortions and are living once again in God's love, devoid of any fear or shame. For a number of these women, their road to healing started with a simple Sunday homily, or a kind message through a friend, that expressed the wonderful truth

that God loves the woman who has aborted her child. It is the role of bishops, priests, and ministers of our Church to let others know that the Church is a place of mercy and love, and that God can readily forgive even the greatest sins.

I want to assure women who may have experienced an abortion that our Church is there to help them, and that our God is always willing to forgive and to show mercy. There is always hope for a repentant sinner. Scripture is filled with stories of God reaching out to a sinner. We need to remember that everyone needs to hear this message of God's mercy—not just the woman who has had an abortion, but also the father of

the child, and relatives and friends who perhaps took part in the decision to abort. When the truth is heard about how abortion not only destroys the child, but wounds the woman (and others as well), people will be better equipped to speak out against abortion and to help those who have experienced abortion to make a new beginning with God's mercy.

I close with the words of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II to women who have had an abortion, from his beautiful encyclical, “The Gospel of Life.”

“The Father of mercies is ready to give you [those who have had an abortion] His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of

Reconciliation—with the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you

can become among the eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life.”

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# Solemn Profession

by Peter N. Micale, WTA

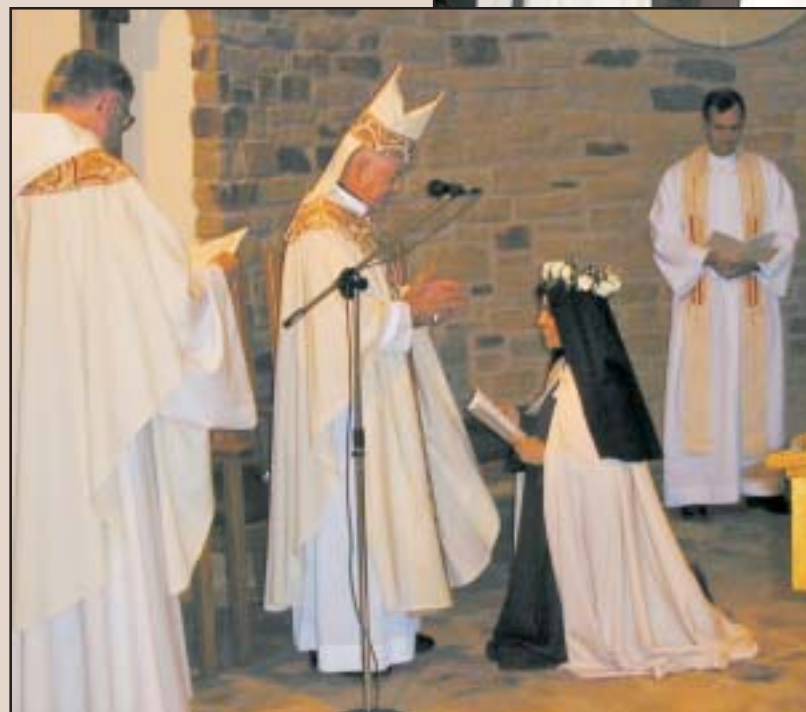
On August 15, 2001, at 4:00 PM, Sister Mary Agnes of the Blessed Sacrament, O.Carm., made her Solemn Profession as a member of the Carmelite Community during a Mass presided by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, at the Carmelite Monastery. Sister Mary Agnes fittingly professed her perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, with the Carmelite Sisters on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the day when Mary, the mother of Christ, was taken body and soul into Heaven.

Sister Mary Agnes is the eleventh child in a family of fifteen children born to Raymond and Vincenzia Tremblay. She was born in Rhode Island. After high school, Sister worked full time as a bookkeeper and went to college full time at nights to earn a degree in accounting. After graduation, she worked a few years as a corporate accountant for a construction company. Sister Mary Agnes first entered religious life by becoming a member of the community of the Daughters of St. Paul, a Catholic religious order dedicated to spreading the Gospel through publications and the media. After seven years with this congregation, and with the approval of her superiors, Sister discerned a deeper call to a more intense life of prayer and contemplation, and thus entered the Carmel of Our Lady of Grace.

The Carmelite Sisters dedicate their lives to giving worship, praise and thanksgiving to God, through prayer, contemplation, silence and solitude, sacrifice, work and service. The service of the Solemn Profession was attended by approximately 250 people.



(Photos by Peter N. Micale, WTA.)





# St. Joseph Church Remodeled

by Fr. David Espitia

On August 12, 2001 at 10:30 am, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, O.M.I., graced us with his presence and blessed the newly remodeled Mission Parish of St. Joseph in Loraine, Texas. We would like to thank all those who made this possible; a lot of hard work and dedication went into the renovation. I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Joseph's for their patients and hope that they are very satisfied with their new Church. We are also very grateful to Mr. Ronnie Arispe and his crew for all the work and long hours that were dedicated to the remodeling of St. Joseph. May our good Lord bless all of you and protect you always.

Bishop, Fr. David and members of the Baile Folklorico of Loraine, Texas.



## Does Your Child Have Emotional Problems?

by Richard K. Harding, M.D.

When a child has a feverish cold, flu, stomach cramps, or other unexplained physical discomfort, parents are quick to call the doctor for help.

But they may blame "just a phase," when the kid doesn't seem like himself, appears sad, anxious and "down and out" for days at a time, or has trouble sleeping. Perhaps she won't go to school without a tantrum, or constantly misbehaves in school, or slips academically. Or he can't keep friends, disobeys despite punishment, gets into fights and loses his temper at the slightest provocation.

Even though parents sense that something is truly wrong, most find it hard to acknowledge that their youngster's behavior may indicate a mental disorder—an illness that affects the way they think, act and feel about themselves and toward others. Yet every year, one in ten children do experience such disorders but only one in five is adequately evaluated and treated for it.

Some problems are caused by temporary home and school stresses that will pass in time

with caring help and understanding from parents and other caregivers. Other disorders are more serious. Untreated, they can lead to academic failure, dropping out of school, delinquency, drug and alcohol addiction and an increased risk of suicide.

Mental disorders are a warning sign to parents to stop what they are doing and pay attention to the child. With 100 percent concentration, talk with the child (not to the child) about what they are experiencing and feeling. Acknowledge what your son or daughter is saying without being judgmental. Make tactful suggestions.

Frequent, empathic communications over time says to the child

"you are important and we love you," and often will resolve the child's problem. Parents also should seek information about their child's behavior from teachers and others who come in contact with him or her.

If the child does not improve or the behavior worsens, despite the parents' best effort, it is time to consult the family pediatrician. The doctor will want to examine the child, and may refer the youngster to a child and

adolescent psychiatrist who also is a physician, or to another mental health professional. There is no shame in seeking such help.

The important message to remember is that mental disorders in children can be successfully treated.

For further information visit the American Psychiatric Association web site at [http://www.psych.org/public\\_info/index.cfm](http://www.psych.org/public_info/index.cfm) or the American

Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at [www.aacp.org/publications/factsfam/74.htm](http://www.aacp.org/publications/factsfam/74.htm).

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Bishop Pfeifer and Fr. Tom Barley hosted seven of the nine seminarians of the Diocese at a luncheon at the Zentners Daughter restaurant in San Angelo. After various assignments throughout the Diocese, the seminarians were preparing to return to their theological studies. (Photo by Peter N. Micale, WTA)



# Questions on the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani 2000 and the Pastoral Introduction to the Order of Mass

*(Editor's note: in this and the following three editions of the WT Angelus questions and answers will be printed which were prepared by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy Secretariat (BCL) to help clarify the work in progress on the revision of the Roman Missal and its implementation in the dioceses of the United States. They are reprinted with permission from the September 2000 BCL newsletter. With the recent news releases regarding the upcoming promulgation of the third edition of the Roman Missal, along with the publication of the English study translation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, many pastors and liturgical leaders are asking how they might prepare their parishes for this next step in the ongoing renewal of the liturgy. The anticipation of a new Sacramentary in English provides an opportune moment for a renewed catechesis in general, and the Eucharist and Eucharistic celebrations in particular. This catechesis, well prepared at the diocesan and parish level will provide the firm foundation on which to understand the ongoing reform.)*

## 1. Where did the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal come from?

The Institutio Generalis is published by the authority of Pope John Paul II, who approved the document on January 11, 2000. As the dicastery of the Holy See charged with all liturgical matters, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published the Institutio. Under the leadership of its prefect, Cardinal Jorge Medina Estevez and Archbishop Secretary Francesco Pio Tamburrino, OSB, the Congregation is composed of 42 bishop members and assisted by 21 consultants. In addition, the Congregation makes use of a large number of liturgical specialists, theologians and other advisers throughout the world.

## 2. How long did the revision of the Missale Romanum take?

Readers of the BCL Newsletter first learned of plans to revise the Missale Romanum, including the Institutio Generalis, when the July/August 1991 issue reported on a plenary meeting of the Congregation at which Cardinal Joseph Bernardin a member of the Congregation, took an active role. After nearly two decades of consultation and drafting, the Congregation published the revised Institutio earlier this summer in anticipation of the publication of the Missale Romanum expected sometime this Fall.

## 3. When does the revised General Instruction of the Roman Missal become law for the dioceses of the United States?

The Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani (General Instruction) becomes the universal law of the Church upon its publication as a part of the Missale Romanum (in Latin).

# Catholic Schools Open Around Diocese

by Father Mark Woodruff

Summer 2001 has ended, and the children and young people of the Diocese of San Angelo have returned to school. Among them are the nearly 800 students who attend the three Catholic schools located in the Diocese of San Angelo.

At a recent meeting of the Diocesan School Commission, the principals of the three schools reported to Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, on the state of their schools:

### ANGELO CATHOLIC, SANANGELO

The oldest of the schools, Angelo Catholic, began its 114th year in August, reported principal Charles Guenat. One hundred and seventeen families enrolled 152 students in the pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade school. The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart and Holy Angels Parishes sponsor Angelo Catholic, and classes are held at both parishes.

Among special developments at Angelo Catholic has been the pre-kindergarten classes for three-year-olds. Fourteen students are enrolled.

An ACS committee of parents, teachers, pastors and community members are working on technology and five-year-plan committees. The Home & School Association has scheduled open houses at the Holy Angels Campus (Sept. 17) and Sacred Heart Campus (in October). Plans are also underway for the Oktober Fiesta to be held on October 28. It is one of the school's major fundraising events.

Bishop Pfeifer celebrated the Eucharist with the school August 31.

### ST. ANN'S SCHOOL, MIDLAND

St. Ann's School in Midland has begun its 51st year, according to principal Barbara Ransbottom. Its enrollment is 425 students in grades pre-kinder 3 through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Two hundred and eighty-two families are sending their chil-

dren to the school. Sixty-one of these are new to St. Ann's.

St. Ann's Parish operates the school, while children come from all the Midland parishes, and even a few from Odessa. Ninety-one percent of the student body is Catholic.

The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) installed new flooring throughout the school over the summer. A new grading system has been implemented, as well as a new discipline system called *Discipline with Dignity*.

Bishop Pfeifer is scheduled to celebrate the Eucharist with the school community on September 28.

### ST. MARY'S CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL, ODESSA

Beginning its 41st year, St. Mary's Central Catholic School is the youngest of the Diocese's Catholic schools. It opened this fall with 160 students from the five parishes of Odessa.

St. Mary's Parish operates SMCCS, but all the Odessa parishes subsidize the school, with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton assisting the school almost as much as St. Mary's Parish itself. St. Elizabeth's pastor (Father Mark Woodruff) is the Administrator of the school.

Over the summer a new principal came to SMCCS. He is Mr. H. T. Sanchez, Jr., a native of

Eldorado, Texas. Mr. Sanchez graduated from Angelo State University and is completing a graduate degree in school administration at Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas. For the last four years he taught English at Nimitz Junior High School in Odessa.

Also new at St. Mary's School this year is the pre-kinder class for 3-year-olds which completes the Early Childhood Education Department. St. Mary's, classes for 3, 4 and 5-year-olds use the Montessori method of hands-on education. The teacher of the 3-year-olds holds an International Montessori Certification, while the teachers in the other two age groups are completing their AMI certification.

The school's computer lab is being upgraded, and soon each classroom will have its own computer as well. The principal, a computer expert, will be teaching the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders an elective in Web Page design. The reading program is also being revamped.

The school also offers band and orchestra. More than 20 students are studying violin under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Holstadt.

Bishop Pfeifer will be celebrating Mass for the school community on September 27.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

### Fall Festival 2001

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# Church Offers Solutions Before Birth, Near Death, Speakers Say

by Nancy Frazier O'Brien  
Catholic News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS)—The Catholic Church's teachings on life offer solutions to problems encountered before birth and approaching death, said speakers at a national conference on marriage and family life Aug. 17.

Three panelists discussed church teachings on contraception, infertility problems and end-of-life care at the Aug. 15-18 conference in Arlington marking the 20th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's apostolic exhortation on the family, "Familiaris Consortio."

John S. Grabowski, associate professor of theology at The Catholic University of America, set the stage for the panel discussion by explaining the cultural setting in which "Familiaris Consortio" was issued and its major teachings.

Calling the 1981 document "one of the most current and fully developed treatments of these issues," Grabowski said surveys show that many Catholics say they are opposed to the church's position on life. "They aren't really sure what it is; they just know they're opposed to it," he added.

After the "explosion of disagreement, dissent and debate" that greeted Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical, "Humanae Vitae," which reaffirmed the church's ban on artificial contraception, Grabowski said, "the church lapsed into an uneasy silence ... and lost its voice" on issues related to sexuality.

But Pope John Paul made reclaiming that voice a priority, convening a Synod of Bishops on the family in 1980 and issuing "Familiaris Consortio" after the

synod, Grabowski said.

The document reaffirmed to Catholics that "the first and fundamental purpose of marriage is to transmit life," he said. "But it does not say families must have as many children as possible. There is no negation of the gift of self in natural family planning."

Dr. Marie Anderson, an NFP-only gynecologist practicing at the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, Va., offered a Top 10 list of unasked questions about contraception and urged her audience to consider "why they are not asked."

In response to question No. 8, "What happens when contraception fails?," Anderson said, "Each failure represents a baby, and these pregnancies are most likely to end in abortion."

"At the heart of contraception is the belief that fertility is an infection that must be contained," she added. "This is an example of the slippery slope at its best."

Anderson said her practice includes crisis pregnancy counseling, "complete with a sonogram." She added that "we have found the time we spend doing the sonograms is very well spent."

Her No. 1 question was "What about NFP?" Anderson drew laughter from the audience when she cited arguments that the short periods of abstinence required by natural family planning can make a man "explode."

"There has never been a documented case of a man exploding from NFP," she said. "But he does become a better husband."

Citing a 99 percent success rate for natural family planning and a divorce rate of only 4 percent for couples who practice it, Anderson said, "This news is great and it

needs to get out."

Diane Daly, coordinator of fertility care services at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and natural family planning coordinator for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, said most infertile couples do not realize that there is an alternative to in vitro fertilization which is "effective and 100 percent in keeping with church teachings."

Natural procreative technology, developed at the Pope Paul VI Center for the Study of Human Reproduction, centers on "identification and treatment of the underlying disease" causing infertility, Daly said.

Of 1,322 infertile couples treated at St. John's Mercy, 55 percent achieved pregnancy by 24 months into the program and 70 percent did so by 60 months into the program, Daly said. In comparison, artificial reproductive technologies are approximately 25 percent to 28 percent effective, she said.

Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, said church teachings about end-of-life care follow "the same basic principle — that life is our first and most fundamental gift from a loving God."

Saying that everyone experiences a fear of dying, he added that "working through (those fears) is one of the most important things we'll ever do."

Doerflinger urged audience members to take Jesus as their model for providing comfort care to the dying.

"Pro-life is pro-compassion," he said. "The drive for euthanasia is as much an attack on real compassion as it is on life."

# No Accidents, No Mistakes

by Msgr. Jim Lisante  
Director, The Christophers

Some people, you just remember. It's not just their looks or intelligence. It's something in their presence, their very essence. That was my reaction when I first heard Kay C. James speak. A beautiful, charming, self-possessed, articulate woman, she commands your attention by the sureness of her convictions. Kay James has held a number of major positions with the government and with charitable organizations. She was an executive with the Washington, D.C.-based One-on-One Foundation, and also served as President George Bush's Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And some folks would suggest that gifted and accomplished person should never have been born.

Let me set the context. Among her many educational efforts, Kay James has also argued for the right of children to be born. As an African-American, she is keenly aware that few are targeted for abortion more frequently than poor black Americans. Following one presentation, Kay James was confronted by a woman who identified herself as a counselor at an abortion center. Her attack on James was deeply personal, suggesting that because Kay James dressed well and enjoyed a privileged lifestyle, she was in no position to advise the poor on their choice for abortion. The critic said: "Mrs. James, you don't know what you're talking about. You are obviously so middle-class that you can't relate to the needs of the poor. You don't understand why a poor woman would need abortion services to improve the quality of her life."

Now, Kay James is no fool. So she responded to the criticism with a question: "Tell me how would you counsel a woman who comes to you in tears and says, 'I'm pregnant and I don't know what I'm going to do. I already have four children. My husband is suffering from alcoholism and he physically abuses the children and me. He can't hold a job, and I don't know how I'm going to put food on the table.'"

The abortion counselor had a ready answer. "The most loving thing that woman could do would be to have an abortion. What loving mother would bring a child into the world under those circumstances? What quality of life could that child be expected to have?"

And then Kay James lowered the boom. "I have a vested interest in how you would counsel that woman, because that woman was my mother. And that fifth child she carried was me. And in case there is any doubt in your mind, the quality of my life is very, very good. My husband Charles and I have three children and have adopted a fourth. I was born into a family struggling against poverty and alcoholism, but I am an example of what the power of Jesus Christ can do in the life of a believer."

Many people in our society see children as a personal choice, or as an accident of timing, or as a mistake in planning. Kay James thinks differently. She knows that there never has been and never will be a child conceived who is a "mistake" or an "accident" in the mind of God. Others believe that only when conditions are close to "perfect" should we dare to let a child be born. But as Kay James's life indicates, sometimes the most imperfect of situations produce abundant blessings.

When Kay James was only seven weeks old in her burdened mother's womb, she had a unique and distinct set of fingerprints. No one in the world could match them. Because that's how we're made: individual, precious. And each of us has a purpose which is uniquely our own.

Kay James's mother knew that. The world is richer for her choice to give life a chance.

## Pray For Rain!



# Catholic Outreach Helps Indigent Patients

by Pat Dishman

The Diocese of San Angelo, Catholic Outreach Services and City-County Health Department joined resources to assist county indigent patients with emergency and essential medications during the month of August. The Health Department ran out of funding in mid-July and did not receive additional funding until September 1.

"This is a unique opportunity for two faith-based groups to join with a governmental entity to help those individuals most in need of what in many cases is life-sustaining medication," Bishop Michael Pfeifer said. "The Health Department has a registered pharmacist on staff and can obtain these specific medications at a cost much less than what my office or Catholic Outreach could negotiate through local pharmacies even though several provide discounts: By saving more on individual prescriptions; more individuals will be helped," he said.

"Because funding is limited; only those patients in need of prescriptions for things like heart problems, blood pressure and diabetes will be served," Mike Loving, director of the City-County Health Department, explained: All patients will be screened and processed through the Health Department: We appreciate Bishop Pfeifer and Catholic Outreach contributing the funding for these prescriptions for the month-of August; Loving added.

"Since we announced plans, to raise funds, for a proposed new building; foundations and local individuals have been very generous with Catholic Outreach," Pat Dishman, executive director; stated. "The San Angelo Health Foundation awarded us a \$100,000 challenge grant and Houston's Scanlan Foundation gave us \$50,000 for the building project.

"Additionally, over 60 individuals, churches and organizations have contributed in excess of \$17,000- toward our \$450,000 goal. In light of this community generosity; we felt a responsibility to share a part of the burden of meeting these unmet health needs;" she continued:

Both Bishop Pfeifer and Ms. Dishman encouraged other agencies to share in this program to help those most in need: Persons needing assistance- with medications should contact the City-County Health Department for screening and processing.

# Why Does Jesus Give Himself To Us As Food And Drink?

by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

Recently I featured an article in the *West Texas Angelus* on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, a statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops that was approved at our June meeting at Atlanta, Georgia. In that article, I mentioned that I would be featuring in future editions of the *Angelus* the basic questions and answers of this statement. In this edition, I present for your reflection the first question - *Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?* Thus far, at this writing, I do not have the Spanish edition of this statement, but in the future, as I present other questions from this statement, I do hope to present these in both English and Spanish.

*Why does Jesus give Himself to us as food and drink?* Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation.. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn 6:56). In being united to the humanity of Christ we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life. "Just as the living Father sent

me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me" (Jn 6:57).

By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" (theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

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family for the well-being of society, are urgent priorities," the pope added.

The pope also stressed the importance of families handing down the faith to their children, saying that the future of evangelization "depends in great part on families" and that parents have a "particular responsibility to bear witness to Jesus Christ and participate actively in the life of the church."

Eileen Marx, author of "Weaving Faith & Family When You're Hanging on by a Thread," shared some of the practical ways parents and children could live out their faith during an Aug. 16 panel discussion at the conference.

A key aspect, she said, was for parents to listen to children and learn from them.

"Listening is a sacred act. Let the children know they are loved and treasured," said Marx, who is the communications director for the Diocese of Trenton, N.J.

She said that, from her own experiences as a mother of two, a religious education teacher and an "interested adult," she has seen how children can teach adults about the faith, showing them how to be filled with wonder and awe, to embrace diversity and to be playful and free.

"Adults can leave the joy out of religion," she said, but children are "the best reminders that we're supposed to have fun and that faith is supposed to be fun."

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**  
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**St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Garden City, TX**  
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**Annual Fall Festival**  
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# Liturgy Day, 2001

September 22, 2001

St. Joseph, San Angelo, TX

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How will it affect me on Sunday?**

Adrian Dominican Sister Lois Paha is the Director for the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Austin. She has more than thirty-five years experience in ministry. Before coming to Austin, Sister Lois served as an elementary educator and administrator, Vocation Director for her community, and Lay Ministry at the parish level. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Theology in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. She also received a Master of Arts in Teaching Religion from St. Michael's College, Winnoski, Vermont. Sister Lois is an instructor in the Austin Diocesan Ministry Program and has given numerous presentations and workshops on the topics of Liturgy, Sacraments and Prayer. She has been a contributing editor to the Austin Diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit and the J.S. Paluch Liturgy Resource, AIM Magazine.

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## EDICTAL SUMMONS

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to Christie Lynne Thompson.

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, September 26, 2001, to answer to the Petition of Jay Kevin Hobbs, now introduced before the Diocesan Tribunal in an action styled, "Jay Kevin Hobbs vs. Christie Lynne Thompson, Petition for Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage," said Petition being identified as HOBBS-THOMPSON, Protocol No.: SO 01/38, 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 21st day of August 2001.

Rev. William R. DuBuisson,  
OMI, MCL, JCL  
Adjutant Judicial Vicar

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spiriting away their two sons. Eventually, the man took them to the Washington area to stay with their grandparents.

"We cut down the (July 14) Chandra Levy special by two minutes, got him on the show, and guess what?" Walsh said. The grandparents were "fans of 'America's Most Wanted.' They didn't know that he killed his wife. They watched the show on Saturday night, and they turned the boys in. Isn't that great? Isn't that fabulous? There's nothing like that."

The boys are two of the 24 missing children returned as a result of the show, he said.

Despite putting in 14-hour days to prepare each show — Walsh takes only Christmas off — he has remained busy in other ventures.

He is preparing to go on a nationwide tour to promote his third book. His first two each hit the New York Times best-seller list.

Walsh also is doing a single-topic daytime talk-show pilot for

NBC with a possible January 2002 launch. If that doesn't work out, Walsh said, CNN and the Fox News Channel expressed an interest in having him on camera.

Walsh said anything he would do would be "high-end. . . I'm not about transvestite midgets from Mars."

Another spin-off from the abduction and murder of Walsh's son is the "Code Adam" program, named after the boy, at Wal-Mart stores.

Code Adam is a special alert issued over the public address system when a customer reports a missing child in a Wal-Mart store. A brief description of the child is provided to all employees, who immediately stop their normal work to look for the child and monitor all exits.

Within 10 minutes, if the child is not found, or if the child is seen accompanied by someone other than a parent or guardian, store personnel notify the local police department.

According to Walsh, the general manager of one Wal-Mart store said if a child goes missing, "I'm going to train my staff to

close the doors, shut down everything and look for that child — and look in the parking lot."

The first Code Adam alert caught a pedophile who had a 3-year-old missing girl in a car. "He had molested her, and they held him down until the police came. Wal-Mart has expanded that program to every Wal-Mart nationally, and made it available to other department stores," Walsh said.

Participating stores display in their windows blue and white Code Adam decals telling shoppers the in-store child safety procedure is in effect.

Three pedophiles have been caught thanks to the initiative, Walsh said.

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Church in America," calling on Catholics in North, Central and South America to a personal encounter with Christ, the way to conversion, communion and solidarity. He urged Catholics to establish relationships with Catholics in other countries in the Western Hemisphere for a new

evangelization, for mutual sharing of programs and resources, and for addressing human rights and poverty issues.

The Diocese of San Angelo established an annual collection in 1999 to assist the Diocese of San Pedro Sula and its parishes. The offering at the Jubilee Mass in June 2000 was also sent to our sister diocese in Honduras. Several groups have visited the Diocese of San Pedro Sula. A Solidarity

Committee has been formed in the Diocese of San Angelo to promote communion and solidarity with San Pedro Sula, by bringing the message of these efforts to local parishes and organizations.

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# 'Planet Of The Apes' Star Helps Boston Priest Who Helped Him

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BOSTON (CNS) — When the hit movie "Planet of the Apes" premiered in Boston, star Mark Wahlberg invited his former parish priest, who helped steer the actor from the streets.

Father James Flavin left the premiere with a six-figure pledge from Wahlberg to help rebuild the gymnasium at St. Edward Parish in Brockton, where Father Flavin serves as pastor.

The relationship between the movie star and the priest dates back to when Wahlberg was a troubled youth. Father Flavin befriended Wahlberg while serving as pastor at St. William's in Boston's Dorchester section.

"He was kind of a street thug and he got himself together. He was always getting in fights at every basketball game," Father Flavin said of Wahlberg.

But it was Wahlberg's participation in a Catholic Youth Organization basketball league that

helped steer the youth in the right direction, Father Flavin said.

Wahlberg's story is the story of a kid with troubles who made good, the priest told The Pilot, newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese.

The exact figure of the donation could not be made public, Father Flavin said, because of the contract bidding process. But it did exceed six figures, he said.

The priest recalled how Wahlberg as a youth would regularly drive past St. William, always in a different car, waving and beeping.

It's been a while since Father Flavin visited Wahlberg in jail. Through the years, the two continued their relationship.

Father Flavin described Wahlberg as being a very mature adult who attends Mass every Sunday.

"He's very proud of being Catholic," Father Flavin said. "The church really helped him to set a foundation."

For the July 26 premiere, Wahlberg arranged for members of community organizations from the Boston area to attend.

In an upstairs theater, young moviegoers awaited Wahlberg, who greeted the audience to choruses of "We love you, Mark."

James Romikitis, 13, of St. Augustine Parish in South Boston attended the screening with friends from the Boys and Girls Club of South Boston.

"He (Wahlberg) came up to us and shook our hands," Romikitis said. "He gave a shout out to the Boys and Girls Club."

Romikitis gave the movie good reviews, although he said the ending went a little overboard.

Father Flavin said Wahlberg is expected to be on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new gymnasium in the fall.

"I'm as proud of him as the kids from St. William's who became bricklayers," Father Flavin said. "Mark now has the means to help a lot of people."



Mark Wahlberg as Leo leads a rebellion against tyrannical primates in "Planet of the Apes." Closer to home, the actor is helping a priest rebuild a gym at St. Edward Parish in Brockton. (CNS photo from 20th Century Fox)



John Walsh of "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back" lost a son to a murderer 20 years ago. He says hosting TV's crime-catcher program "is the best job in show business." (CNS photo from Fox)

# Walsh's Son An 'Angel' Looking Out For Him, TV Host Says

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HOLLYWOOD (CNS) — John Walsh, the Catholic host of "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back," lost his young son, Adam, to a murderer 20 years ago.

But Adam has never been far from Walsh's mind and heart. Nor, Walsh believes, is Adam that far from him physically.

"I believe Adam is my angel," Walsh told Catholic News Service. "I believe most people are good."

"I wish that no one would have to walk in my shoes, ever. I would give everything to have my little boy back. This is the 20th year of his abduction," Walsh added.

"But it's been a lot of hard work. I've traveled to every state working on legislation and testified before every legislature, 35 times before Congress. Now I have a job that catches child molesters and pedophiles. It's the best job in show business," he said.

"America's Most Wanted," which airs 9-10 p.m. EDT Saturdays on Fox, has been credited for the capture of 675 fugitives — including 14 people on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list — who have been tracked down in 30 countries during its 14 years on the air.

The show, which won a Humanitas Prize for Walsh in

1998, also has captured its highest ratings since it first aired in 1987, he said. "We caught more criminals this year than we've ever caught," he added. Even so, "we turn down 100 cases a week," he said. "There could be 'America's Most Wanted' every night."

Walsh, who likes to call the program "the first reality show," said there are fewer re-enactments of grisly crimes than in past seasons. Instead, there are more breaking stories profiled on the program.

He told of an Atlanta man wanted for murdering his wife and

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