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# West Texas ANGELUS

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## Beginning, End of Life Workshop

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer will be hosting an "Ethical/Medical/Legal Workshop on Critical Human Life Issues at its very Beginning and its End" on Tuesday evening, **October 18, 2005**, from 6-9:30 p.m. at Christ The King Retreat Center in San Angelo. The evening will include presentations by a moral theologian, physicians, and an attorney reflecting upon their respective professional perspectives as Catholics. The evening is offered free of charge and all are cordially invited to attend.

## Fr. DiOrio to preside over Healing Mass

Fr. Frank DiOrio, Apostolate of Divine Mercy and Healing will preside over a special Healing Mass **Saturday, October 8** from 1-5 p.m. at Chaparral Center on the campus of Midland College in Midland.

According to his biographical information, Fr. DiOrio received the gift of healing on May 9, 1976.

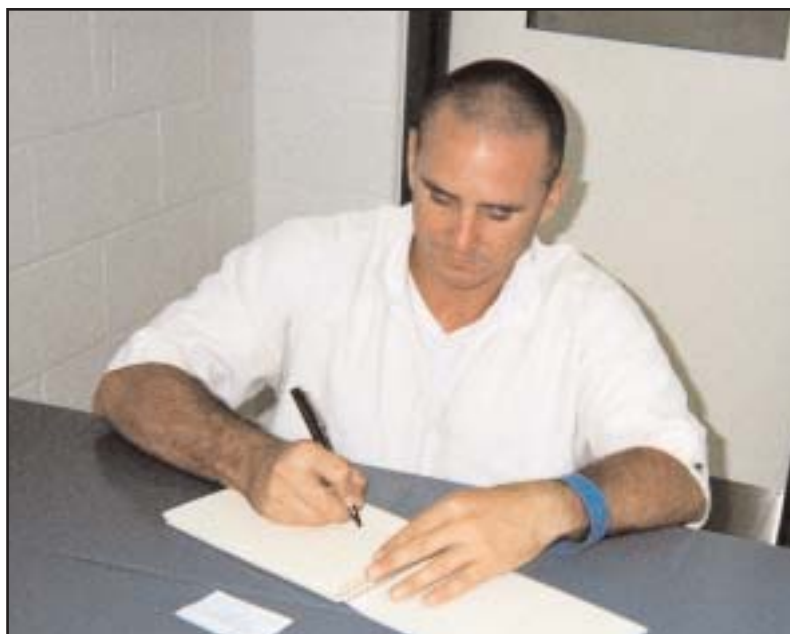
Fr. DiOrio will be ministering to the priests and people of the diocese and will also conduct a healing service for priests and deacons while here. DiOrio is a priest, educator, philanthropist, author, artist and healer. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Liberal Arts from the St. Charles Seminary in Staten Island, NY; a degree in Theology Studies and the Priesthood from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Melrose Park, Ill; a Masters in Education (School Psychology Major) from Fitchburg (Md.) State College; a BFA in Fine Arts from University of Massachusetts where he graduated Cum Laude and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Anna Maria College, in Paxton, Md.

## Editor's Note

Some features, such as The Back Page, National News and Diocesan Briefs are not contained in the September Angelus because of space limitations. They, and other submitted articles, will return as space is available.

*'There are 14 Protestant opportunities in prison every week. If you're Catholic, there is one.'*

-- Wallace unit offender Sean Corbin, a Catholic (at right). Corbin wrote a letter to Pope Benedict XVI after the pope's election, extending his prayers.



**C**OLORADO CITY. When he was 8, he was sexually abused. At 10, he was smoking and drinking. A series of wrong steps and bad choices have landed Sean Corbin in his current home. He is Offender 1125448 in the Wallace Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Colorado City. He won't talk about what he's in for, citing prison's long-time "don't tell, don't ask" policy and says that only three people he considers friends know what he's done to land him there.

By Jimmy Patterson  
Editor,  
*The Angelus*

## Criminal Justice Sunday: October 16 (Story, Pg. 2)

What he will talk about is his reborn Catholicism. Dormant for years, his faith sparked again after he found himself lying in his prison cell doing nothing, accomplishing little.

"You have to do something while you're in here. You can sleep, associate with gangs, develop a physical training program," Corbin said. "I read the Bible, the Koran, readings

from the Sikh and Hindu faiths. I spent a lot of time in the library, educating myself. And everything I read led me back to my Catholicism."

Corbin was born in North Carolina and grew up in Japan. He bounced around for years of his life before landing in Arlington where he was at the time of his arrest. His imprisonment, he says, cost him everything. His wife, children, job

Please See **CORBIN/11**

## Woman with family in Katrina's path calls on faith

**Carol Ann Hunt** grew up in Southeastern Louisiana, and still has two sisters and a mother who live in the hurricane ravaged area. Ms. Hunt is the Director of Religious Education at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland and shared some of her feelings with Angelus Editor Jimmy Patterson  
More Thoughts on Katrina:  
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*As told by Carol Ann Hunt*

There's just so little we know, and so much flux in their lives and I think that's the hard part right now.

I have two sisters there, one who can go home and one who

has lost her home. One lives in Kenner and one in LaPlace.

The one who lives in LaPlace, her house is fine, but my sister Barbara in Kenner, she lost her home. What do you say? What do you do? You want to do

Please See **HUNT/11**



Carol Ann Hunt

From The Bishop's Desk

## Scripture reading, prayer encouraged in Year of Reconciliation



Bishop Pfeifer

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

I am happy to share with all the people of the Diocese that I am proclaiming a special YEAR OF RECONCILIATION, focusing on the Sacrament of Penance (Confession), God's mercy and forgiveness, heal-

ing and conversion, for the Diocese of San Angelo, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2005 and ending with the Feast of Christ the King on November 26, 2006. In each edition of the Angelus, beginning with the December issue, an article will be featured on recon-

## En espanol/Pagina 3

ciliation and healing, especially on sacramental Reconciliation.. During this special year, I ask that all of our people strive through prayer,

Please See **RECONCILIATION/14**

## HELP WANTED

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# Honduras: 'That they all may be one ...'

**'A**s you are in me and I in you,  
that they also may be in us,  
that the  
world may believe  
that you sent me."  
(Jn. 17:21) So begins  
the document written  
by university students  
from San Angelo and  
San Pedro Sula  
together with their  
diocesan teams and  
united by love, faith,  
and solidarity.



**Sr. Marie Malachy  
Griffin, O.P.**

What led up to  
this momentous occasion? It was with a  
hope of mutual learning and a dream to  
build upon the diocesan "hermanamiento"  
with our Honduran sisters and brothers  
that we welcomed twelve visitors as win-  
ter began in earnest. ("This cold is a  
sin!") Long range planning for this event  
involved numerous fund-raising endeav-  
ors, grant writing, arranging for hospitali-

ty and transportation, scheduling interac-  
tive sharing sessions, and attending to  
myriad details. Finally, the day, or rather  
the night arrived. A Newman Center  
group assembled, gathered a beautiful  
large welcome sign and a dozen yellow  
roses of Texas, and headed to Mathis Field.  
Our guests, Father Oscar Valderrama, O.P.,  
professors Brenda Hernandez and Dalton  
Morales, four male and five female students  
entered the airport waiting room sporting  
cowboy hats! We rounded up the substantial  
amount of luggage, grabbed a midnight  
snack, exchanged gifts, and made room  
assignments.

Our first appointment, as the week  
commenced, was with Bishop Pfeifer  
who greeted our visitors, spoke about the  
diocesan partnership, and enjoyed a pic-  
ture taking marathon at the Pastoral  
Center. During the days that followed,  
while the ASU students were in class, the  
Honduran students met two of our priests  
and some parish leaders. Father Terry

Brenon and several women parishioners  
presented an overview of Saint Mary's  
outreach and the ways the parish serves  
young people and the poor. Another day  
Father Quirino Cornejo and a deacon  
showed a Power Point presentation on  
Saint Joseph's and took the group on a tour  
of the parish buildings. A mixed group of  
students visited ASU President, Dr. Jim  
Hindman, in his office and received a warm  
welcome and Rams T-shirts. Dr. Hindman  
then crossed the street with us and was our  
guest at lunch. Later that same day, 19 of us  
joined Bishop Pfeifer for his Advent night  
of prayer with the deacons and their wives,  
the priests, and sisters of the San Angelo  
deanery.

During these days, it was school as  
usual both at ASU and the Newman  
Center. Students completed homework  
assignments, went to classes, studied,

Please See HONDURAS/5

## Fr. Charles Larue dies following lengthy illness

SAN ANTONIO — The Rev. Charles  
Joseph de Vesine Larue, retired priest of the  
Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo,

where he served from  
June 1993-January  
1996, died August 22  
in San Antonio follow-  
ing a lengthy illness.  
He was 74.



**Fr. Larue**

born in  
New Orleans on  
September 19, 1930,  
served as Parochial  
Vicar at St. Ann's  
Church in Midland, St.  
Joseph's Church in Stanton, and St. Isidore  
Mission in Lenorah from June 1993-  
October 1994. He then served as Assistant  
Pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San  
Angelo, from October 1994-November  
1996 before his retirement.

Fr. Larue was ordained a priest by Bishop  
Pfeifer at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San  
Angelo on June 26, 1993, at the age of 63.

The son of Ferdinand Louis de Vesine

### Necrology-September

2-Rev. Hilarin Lapinski (1994)  
4-Rev. John Busch, OMI (2003)  
6-Rev. Vincent Daugintis (1990)  
10-Rev. James Franchi (1969)  
10-Rev. Leo St. John, OMI (1976)  
15-Rev. Peter Vergauwen (2003)  
23-Rev. Herman Valladeres (1997)  
25-Rev. William Lensing (1978)  
26-Rev. William Cadigan, MSC (1971)  
28-Deacon Paul Ramos (1990)

Larue and Elizabeth Corinne Bonnacaze,  
Fr. Larue graduated from New Orleans  
Jesuit High School in 1948 and served in  
the U.S. Army from 1948-49. He then  
graduated from Louisiana State University  
in Baton Rouge, La., in 1954 with a  
Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Fr. Larue moved to Odessa in 1974 where  
he began work as assistant treasurer and  
controller for Area Builders and Clyde  
Construction Co. He also operated a private  
tax business out of his house until 1986.

## Criminal Justice Sunday set for Oct. 16

Within the San Angelo diocese, there are 50  
facilities of incarceration with a Catholic popula-  
tion of over 8,000 in federal, state, juvenile and  
county jails, about 10 percent of our diocesan  
congregation. To increase awareness and height-  
en concern for our incarcerated brothers and sis-  
ters, Bishop Michael Pfeifer is officially declar-  
ing October 15-16, 2005 (29th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time) as Criminal Justice Sunday. To  
bring the topic of injustices within the prison  
system to the forefront of our faithful, the cele-  
bration of Mass for this weekend will take on the  
theme of Criminal Justice in terms of the homily,

music, prayers and petitions. The weekend will  
also provide an opportunity for a focused effort  
to recruit volunteers to join this ministry.

Over the last decade, the number of people  
incarcerated in the US has increased significantly  
to a level of 2.1 million in federal, state and local  
jails. In addition, there are over 4.8 million men  
and women on probation and adult parole. Of  
this total population, 10 percent are females with  
the remaining 90 percent being males. Within,  
the state of Texas, the incarcerated pop-

See **SUNDAY/16**

In 1989 he entered Sacred Heart School  
of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc.

Fr. Larue resided at Padua Place, a  
retirement home for priests, in San  
Antonio, before his death Monday.

Fr. Larue was preceded in death by his  
mother and father, and by his brother,  
Ferdinand L. Larue, Jr., of Lafayette, La.

Fr. Larue, who, previous to his entry  
into Sacred Heart Seminary, had been mar-  
ried, is survived by four daughters,  
Elizabeth Thoms, of Georgetown; Patricia  
Dickinson, of Cedar Park; Judith Larue of  
San Antonio; and Marguerite Amundsen,  
of Cedar Park; a brother, Louis P. Larue, of  
New Orleans; and sisters, "T.C." Dwyer, of  
St. Michaels, Md., and Kitty Mahaffey, of  
Saratoga, Calif., and four grand-children.

In lieu of flowers, Fr. Larue's family  
earnestly requests that you help them  
honor their father with a memorial fund at  
Padua Place, a retirement home for priests,  
in San Antonio. Donations should be made  
to "Padua Place," 100 Peter Baque Rd.,  
San Antonio, TX., 78209.

### Pastoral Center Schedule September

11 -- Catholic University of  
America collection.  
16-18 -- Beginning Experience,  
CKRC.  
17 -- Advanced Formation, St.  
Mary's Odessa, 8:45 a.m.  
18 -- Catechetical Sunday  
18-20 -- Social Justice  
Workshops, Renew International,  
details TBA.  
30 -- Lubbock Deacons Annual  
Retreat (through October 2).

## Petrie named Pro-Life Director for diocese

### *Pfeifer to host Pro-Life Mass in Midland*

In remembrance of the over 43 million unborn who have died needlessly through abortion, a special Pro-Life Mass will be held on **Saturday September 17**. Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the diocese of San Angelo invites you to attend the liturgy, to be prayed at the Pro-Life Prayer Garden located on Ft. Worth St. between Texas and Illinois streets in Midland. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m., and will be preceded by young people leading the Rosary at 9 a.m. Come and pray for a renewed respect for all life, from conception to natural death, especially the unborn. All Christians are encouraged to attend this peaceful celebration of life to show our solidarity on the issue. Come as a family and bring your children. Due to limited seating, please bring your lawn chairs. For more information call Deacon Bob Leibracht at 685-4159 or Steve Mueller at 561-5401.

**By Jimmy Patterson**  
Editor  
*West Texas Angelus*

John Petrie, a lifelong Catholic and former village administrator in Lake Zurich, Ill., has been appointed Director of Pro Life for the Diocese of San Angelo, Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer announced.

Zurich succeeds Pete Micale, former Pro-Life Director and Director of Communications for the diocese.

Semi-retired, Petrie still provides consulting work for Tekcom Corp., in Glendale Heights, Ill., from his San Angelo home.

As Pro Life Director, Petrie plans to continue keeping the subject in the news.

"I think we just want to keep people aware of the problems of abortion and the unborn child," Petrie said. "All we want to do is keep that foremost in people's minds and hopefully have some facilities for women to take care of their babies so they don't abort them. We do already have programs for women who do abort to help

them afterward."

Petrie said his position will consist mainly of awareness campaigns, letter writing and at times "writing articles that may refute" something in the news.

Petrie and his wife Roberta have been married for 48 years. The couple have two sons, John and Joseph, both retired from the United States Marine Corps, and five grandchildren.

He was educated at Elgin Community College where he studied accounting and is also certified in urban executive training from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Petrie is currently a board member with Catholic Outreach, and a member of the Knights of Columbus, the International City Management Association, Downtown San Angelo and West Texas Woodworkers. He is a former Rotary Club president, Jaycee and member of the Metropolitan Chicago City Management Association.

## Del Escritorio del Obispo

### *Un año de reconciliación para los diócesis de San Angelo*

por Obispo Miguel Pfeifer, OMI

Me da muchísima alegría anunciarles a todos los feligreses de la Diócesis de San Angelo que estoy proclamando un especial AÑO DE RECONCILIACIÓN, enfocando en el Sacramento de Penitencia (Confesión), la misericordia y el perdón de Dios, sanación y conversión, para nuestra diócesis, empezando con el Primer Domingo de Adviento, el 27 de Noviembre de 2005 y terminando con la Fiesta Cristo Rey el 26 de Noviembre de 2006. En cada edición del Angelus, comenzando con la edición de Diciembre, un artículo será publicado sobre reconciliación y sanación, especialmente sobre la Reconciliación Sacramental. Durante este año especial, pido que toda nuestra gente haga un nuevo esfuerzo por medio de la oración, lecturas y estudios bíblicos,



Pfeifer

para adquirir un nuevo entendimiento y aprecio de la llamada de Cristo a la reconciliación y conversión especialmente dada para nosotros en la Palabra inspiradora de Dios y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. La manera más profunda para celebrar este Año de Reconciliación es ser fiel a atender Misa e ir a confesión con frecuencia y comparten la misericordia de Dios con otros.

Para mejor entender los varios eventos y celebraciones que estoy pidiendo que se lleven a cabo en este AÑO DE RECONCILIACIÓN, estoy compartiendo aquí una carta que he mandado a todos los sacerdotes y coordinador pastoral de nuestra Diócesis. Pido que esta carta sea compartida con los Concilios Pastorales y Financieros, también con los líderes pastorales de nuestras comunidades.

Mis Queridos Párrocos y Coordinador Pastoral:

AÑO DE RECONCILIACION

Por medio de esta carta, comparto con ustedes las buenas nuevas que estoy proclamando un Año de Reconciliación para la Diócesis de San Angelo que empezará con el Primer Domingo de

Adviento, el 27 de Noviembre de 2005 y terminará con la fiesta del Cristo Rey, el 26 de Noviembre de 2006. El propósito primario de este año es traer a todos nosotros a una nueva apreciación y entendimiento del Sacramento de la misericordia de Dios, el Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. Entonces, este es un año para asimilar en nuestros corazones el mensaje completo de reconciliación y sanación que Cristo ha dado a nuestra Iglesia, y para entender mejor la necesidad para reconciliación y sanación constante en nuestras vidas individuales, en nuestras familias, y en todas nuestras comunidades y como todos somos llamados a compartir en el ministerio de reconciliación. Simplemente, es un tiempo con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo para ser reconciliados con nuestro Dios, nosotros mismos y nuestros vecinos. Es un tiempo para tener la experiencia de la misericordia y perdón de Dios y para compartirte don con otros. Rezamos en El Padre Nuestro: "Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden." ¿Cuántas veces tenemos que perdonar? Jesús dice hasta

## BISHOP PFEIFER'S SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2005

**Sept. 11: Big Spring**, Sacred Heart – Mass at 10 a.m.  
**Sept. 13: San Antonio** – Meeting, MACC Executive Committee, 9 a.m.  
**Sept. 14-16:** Rest and Prayer  
**Sept. 17: Midland** – Pro Life Mass, Prayer Garden, 9:30 a.m.  
**Sept. 18: Lenorah**, St. Isidore – Mass at 10 a.m.  
**Sept. 19: San Angelo** – Christ the King Retreat Center – Social Justice Workshop - 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
**Sept. 20: San Angelo**, Mass for Staff at 8:30 a.m. and Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. **Holy Angels** – Speak to RCIA at 6:30 p.m.  
**Sept. 21: San Angelo**, Newman Center, Mass at Noon  
**Sept. 22-24** : Rest and Prayer  
**Sept. 25-27: Austin** – Texas Catholic Conference –General Assembly and Texas Bishops' Meeting  
**Sept. 29: Midland**, Our Lady of San Juan- Lunch with Priests of the Midland/Odessa Deanery at 11:30 a.m.  
**Oct. 1:** San Angelo, Catholic Schools Commission Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Campus Odessa, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton-Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.  
**Oct. 2:** San Angelo, Sacred Heart Cathedral – Mass, 10 am.  
**Oct. 3:** Coleman, Sacred Heart – Install Father Santiago Udayar as Pastor at 6:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 4:** San Angelo, Mass and Blessing of Animals at 8:30 a.m. for Angelo Catholic School at Sacred Heart Campus Abilene, **Holy Family** – RCIA Presentation, Abilene Deanery at 6:30 p.m.  
*(Additional October dates in October Angelus)*

## Ethic Workshop Dates

### San Angelo Deanery

September 12, 7-10 pm, Sacred Heart, Menard  
September 15, 7-10 pm, St. Margaret, Big Lake  
September 22, 7-10 pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ozona  
September 27, 7-10:00 pm, St. Ann, Sonora  
October 4, 7-10 pm, St. Margaret, San Angelo

### Midland/Odessa Deanery

September 8, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Mary, Odessa  
September 13, 7-10 pm, Sacred Heart, McCamey  
September 19, 7-10 pm, St. Stephen, Midland  
September 20, 7-10 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Big Spring  
September 27, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Mary, Odessa  
September 27, 7:00-10:00 pm, Our Lady of San Juan, Midland  
October 10, 7:00-10:00 pm, St. Joseph, Fort Stockton  
October 17, 7:00-10:00 pm, St. Ann, Midland  
October 18, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Mary, Odessa

### Abilene Deanery

September 8, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Mary, Brownwood  
September 17, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Holy Family, Abilene  
September 19, 7:00-10:00 pm, Holy Family, Sweetwater  
October 6, 6:30-9:30 pm, St. Mary, Brownwood  
October 17, 7:00-10:00 pm, Holy Family, Abilene

If you have need of an additional Ethics Workshop (English or Spanish) at your parish or Catholic School, please contact Mike Wyse at the Chancery Office (325) 651-7500. Please refer to the diocesan web page, [www.san-angelo-diocese.org](http://www.san-angelo-diocese.org), for the most current workshop schedule information. Unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause changes in workshop dates and/or locations.

## Christ The King Retreat Center Schedule

### September

8 Fr. Bill's 50th Anniversary  
9-11 Engaged Encounter  
12 Heart of Mercy Prayer Group  
13 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
16-18 Beginning Experience  
Rachel's Vineyard  
19 Heart of Mercy Prayer Group  
Renew Meeting- English & Spanish  
20 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
24-25 Youth Lock-In  
26 Heart of Mercy Prayer Group  
27 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
30-Oct 2 Lubbock Deacon's Annual Retreat

# Catechetical Sunday 2005: Life is Christ

By Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

The theme for Catechetical Sunday 2005 is Life Is Christ, which is taken from the Letter to the Philippians (1:21), the second reading for Sunday, September 18, 2005. This theme is rich imagery and reminds us of the abundance of God's gifts and the resplendent wonder of Christ's loving presence among us. As a people blessed beyond measure, we respond to such generosity by dedicating our lives to being Christ's disciples.

## Living in Christ

Talking about being a disciple of Christ is one thing, actually living as a disciple is another. Following the example of St. Paul—one of the Church's most dedicated catechists—we can approach the challenge of living as a disciple by seeking ways to be more mindful of Christ's life within us. Here are seven ways to do this:

- Make a commitment to grow in faith. How much time do you spend in personal prayer each day?
- Focus on your need to grow in knowledge of the faith. Even the best teachers or catechists can only give what they themselves have.
- Live what you believe. Jesus tells us that when we take care of the needs of others, we do it for him, so be attentive to other people.
- Maintain awareness of God's creation. Life flows in abundance all around us, but to notice natural phenomena, we need to stop what we are doing and pay attention.
- Appreciate daily blessings. The "me first" culture that we live in often confuses rights with entitlements.
- Be active in the pursuit of justice. The Christian life is never just about "me and Jesus."
- Accept life's difficulties. The Christian disciple's life is not necessarily one that will be lived "happily ever after." Quite the contrary, our faith challenges us in sometimes unsettling ways to ponder the tragedies that abound in our world and to act in the name of Christ in response to them.

Catechetical Sunday 2005 comes at the end of the year dedicated to the Eucharist. Catechists not only teach others about the Eucharist, but they are also themselves empowered for their ministry because of their love for the Eucharist. All catechesis flows from the Eucharist and finds its meaning in it.

To recognize, form and appreciate catechists is a very important job and responsibility of each community. Catechists, thank you very much for the good service that you bring to thousands of parishioners of our Diocese. May God pour out many new blessings upon you.

## Vivir en Cristo

El tema del Domingo Catequético para 2005 es La vida es Cristo, el cual se ha tomado de la Carta a los Filipenses (1:21), la segunda lectura del domingo 18 de septiembre de 2005. Este tema es rico en imágenes y nos recuerda la abundancia de los dones de Dios y la resplandeciente maravilla de la presencia amorosa de Cristo entre nosotros. Como pueblo bendecido sin medida, respondemos a tan gran generosidad dedicando nuestras vidas a ser discípulos de Cristo.

Hablar acerca de ser discípulo de Cristo es una cosa; vivir realmente como discípulo de Cristo es otra. Siguiendo el ejemplo de San Pablo – uno de los catequistas más dedicados de la Iglesia – podemos enfrentar el desafío de vivir como discípulos buscando modos de ser más conscientes de la vida de Cristo dentro de nosotros. Estas son cinco maneras de lograrlo:

- Hagamos el compromiso de crecer en la fe.)

Encontrar **CRISTO**/Pagina 13

# Five minutes with ... Sister Hilda

Sr. Hilda Marotta is the Director of the Office of Education and Formation for the Diocese of San Angelo. She spoke with *Angelus* Editor Jimmy Patterson recently about the release of the new National Directory for Catechesis, released in May, which serves as a directory for those individuals involved in Catholic education and formation.



Sister Hilda Marotta

**Angelus: You mentioned that the new directory is more in line with our world today. How so?**

**S. Marotta:** When you look at society, it is different today than when the last directory was published. Families face challenges that are different and we need to be in tune with those changes, and we recognize the media opportunities, the technology that is available that wasn't in 1977 when the last directory was published. When you look at the reality of when the last directory was published at a different time over the years, there certainly are many more resources available to us

now. What the directory does is bring an awareness and helps us to recognize we are in a new day.

**Angelus: Is the directory written for people new to the church who want to learn more about the faith?**

**S. Marotta:** That's not the purpose of the book, no. It's intended as a teaching tool and it's for persons who have responsibilities in the area of catechetical ministry, primarily within dioceses, parishes and schools. The directory is mainly to give direction for persons who present the catechesis, yet it's not a catechism.

**Angelus: People who are well-formed in their faith, would they benefit from reading it?**

**S. Marotta:** It gives a sense of the direction of the Catechesis for the U.S. and it affirms what came out in the general directory, but it makes it specific to the U.S. with regard to our challenges, our culture and direction it goes with the general directory.

**Angelus: You said in August that you and everyone in the diocesan Office of Education and Formation that you would**

**spend time studying it and exploring it to determine its implications. What have you learned from your studies?**

**S. Hilda:** We're continuing to study. Our resources and education sessions continue to be put out by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and we continue to get resources and we will continue working with our coordinators, religious education teachers, youth ministry and DREs in different parishes. We'll continue moving with this in order to look at the implications that it has for us here; that's kind of an ongoing piece.

**Angelus: You said earlier that the Catechetical Directory had changed to reflect the changing times ... yet, I would guess the one thing that remains a constant and has not changed is the teachings of the church contained in the directory.**

**S. Hilda:** Yes, the teachings remain the same, and it really shows us how we can teach the church's teachings better in light of the changes we as a culture have gone through.

## THE TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH

# 'He suffered under Pontius Pilate ...'

Part 4 of 12

The fourth article of the Creed, "He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried" puts the death and resurrection of Christ in a historical context.

According to Catholic apologist John Trigilio, "It reminds the faithful that one can't blame all Jews for the death of Jesus ... certain Jewish leaders conspired against Jesus but a Roman gave the actual death sentence."

San Angelo Bishop Michael Pfeifer said, "Christ's death came about through legal system of the day blended together with the religious. It's a strange mixture there, the one that could help him, Pontius Pilate, was wishy-washy when it came to making a stand.

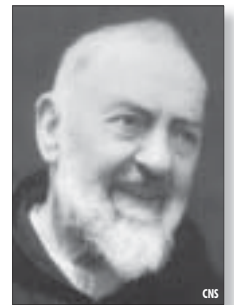
"Pontius Pilate saw Jesus was innocent but to appease the people went into a lesser way of handling the situation. He had him beaten and ultimately when Pilate didn't use his authority, Jesus was abandoned to the crowd and the mob took over and soldiers took over, that's a part of history."

## Pio of Pietralcina

1887-1968

feast – September 23

Born in an Italian farming village, Francesco Forgione gained worldwide fame as Capuchin friar Padre Pio, who bore the stigmata, or wounds of Christ, invisibly from the time of his ordination in 1910 and visibly from 1918. As his renown as a confessor grew, the Vatican investigated the genuineness of his stigmata and ministry of prayer and healing. At San Giovanni Rotondo, he built a hospital to treat patients using prayer and science, as well as a pilgrimage and study complex. Shortly before his death, the stigmata disappeared. He was canonized in 2002.



Saints for Today

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Jesus had earlier predicted his death and spoke of Jonah being in the whale's belly for three days, that he would die and be buried, which leads us into the Resurrection.

## HONDURAS: Recent trip feels like return to family

(From 2)

took exams, turned in projects, volunteered at H.O.S.T.S. (public elementary school program Help One Student to Succeed), met for the weekly RENEW session, and taught C.C.D. in various parishes. Sometimes the San Pedro Sula students accompanied them and in doing so, learned about the very busy lives of our students. Mid to late afternoon both groups of coeds gathered to create a document that flowed from lives and faith shared. Though the two dioceses differ and the reality of the students differs, the young adults came to realize that one commonality is the necessity that FAITH IMPACTS LIFE. The outcome of hours and hours of intense mutual labor was the creation of vision and mission statements, goals and objectives, and a determination to live more intentionally as Catholic university students who are sisters and brothers in Jesus Christ and who are responsible for building one Church in America.

Our vision is "to form a family founded on the gospel, prayer, and love, where solidarity and justice help us to live as one body that values life and human dignity."

To celebrate the completion of this document we had a cultural night that gave the Hondurans an opportunity to share their music, dance, traditional dress, and a typical meal with their Texas "relatives."

We spent a portion of our final day remembering, praising, and thanking God in the Eucharist. Our hearts were filled with great gratitude for all who made the trip.

Our mission: To impel the communion among our churches, by encouraging our students to live more intensely the communitarian dimension of the Catholic Church, and by assuming the responsibility of developing ties among the Dioceses of Tyler, San Angelo,



Kirby Castille, left, of St. Ann's in Midland, presents some Honduran friends, Jose Antonio (second from left), Mario Torres and Odel Marin with soccer jerseys. Castille and others from St. Ann's also recently made a mission trip to Honduras. Their efforts will be highlighted in the October Angelus

and San Pedro Sula, through mutual communication and cooperation, through sharing pastoral plans and by taking action on issues of major importance to all, especially on those which affect the poor. (Cf. Ecclesia in America, No. 37)

With the grace of God and your prayers we will work to achieve what we have set as our mission.

More recently, when the San Angelo Diocesan Partnership team arrived in San Pedro Sula in July we were met by "official" team members and by Professor Brenda Hernandez, Leonel Moran, and Laura Handal, who represented the University Pastoral portion of the "Hermanamiento." The days and weeks between visits faded and it felt like being met by family. Many of us have kept in contact by email but there is nothing like being face to face. Because I had to adhere to a tight schedule, we hastily concocted a plan for my free time in San Pedro Sula.

Each evening we gathered to catch up on the important events of our lives and to discuss the progress we are making in living out our Mission Statement. This also provided an opportunity to meet family members of some of our group. Brenda brought her husband, son, mom, and niece to supper one evening. Professor Dalton Morales introduced his

wife, Vilma, who as translator, made it possible for me to communicate better with her husband and the Spanish-only folks. Laura brought her brother and a couple of students brought friends.. We definitely missed Padre Oscar Valderrama, O.P. (who has been transferred by the Central American Province of the Dominicans to Managua, Nicaragua) and Jose Maria Aguilar (who, with his wife and three children, lives several hours from San Pedro Sula in the coastal city of La Ceiba).

Our final evening included a Mass, at which Bishop Garachana presided and preached, and dinner at Hasta la Pasta, called by Padre Jose Antonio Canales "the Official Restaurant of the Partnership." By the third and last night we had eight of the original nine students and the two professors at the dinner table. During dessert, all introduced themselves and described what the relationship among the dioceses means to them. (Tyler, Texas is also part of the Partnership but did not participate in the university exchange.) The university students, in particular, did a beautiful job of plumbing the depths of what it means to be brothers and sisters who "are responsible for building one Church in America."



Christians process during the Corpus Christi Celebration.

## Abilene Catholics, others commemorate 7th annual Corpus Christi celebration

ABILENE. On May 15, 2005, hundreds of Catholics from many parishes and many brothers and sisters from other faiths were united at Sacred Heart Church in Abilene for the seventh annual Corpus Christi celebration and crowning of Mary. This year's celebration was the largest, most solemn, and festive event expressing the significance of the year of the Holy Eucharist proclaimed by the late Pope John Paul II. Priests and deacons from the Big Country joined Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer in expressing appreciation for gifts that God has given to us. It was very evident in watching the dancing, hearing the glorious music, and seeing the impressive stage and altar, that many people and innumerable hours of work were needed in order to make this day a very special one.

Bishop Pfeifer explained to the jubilant gathering that the purpose for being there was to celebrate three wonderful foundations of our faith. First, in this year of the Eucharist, the tremendous gift of the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament was preeminent. Second, was the crowning of Mary as Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven, and third, Pentecost, the birth of the Church. While each of these three great actions is worthy of infinite appreciation independent of the other two, it is only in looking at the three together, however, that we see their profound message for us.

In the life of Christ, God reveals Himself to us and makes Himself known. While countless theologians and philosophers have used their finite intelligence to explain the infinite essence of God, John made it clear in just three words; "God is love." Jesus taught us the inextricable connection between this love and suffering. The crucifixes that hang in our churches and around our necks are constant reminders that we should not hope to have one without the other. Jesus also taught us through His words and actions that we are to be humble and lowly in this world if we are to be exalted in the next.

We can be certain of difficult times ahead and the time to prepare for them is now. By following the examples of Jesus and Mary, by getting closer to them and others through the Holy Eucharist, our sacraments, rosaries, adoration, and scripture we can become more peaceful despite the turbulence around us. While others may see everything as a matter of life and death, Jesus and Mary teach us instead that everything is actually a matter of death and life!

Written by Dr. James R. Sulliman, Executive Director of Pastoral Care and Counseling Center in Abilene. He is available for group presentations —Email him at [sulliman@camalott.com](mailto:sulliman@camalott.com)

## Honduran Partnership Days 2005

The fourth anniversary celebration of the life giving relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of San Pedro Sula, Honduras is scheduled for September 10-12. This is a time to give thanks for the many blessings received by the Church in both countries, especially for the opportunity to encounter Christ in each other. Through this partnership we are truly taking steps toward being the

One Church in America about which Pope John Paul II wrote so eloquently.

Please pray for the continued building up of the Body of Christ which flows from this endeavor. Attend Mass at a parish that is celebrating, get to know more about our family in this poor but very beautiful Third World country, ask for information on how you can become involved in the Partnership.

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## PARISH FESTIVALS

### St. Mary's Star of the Sea -- Ballinger

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ballinger will have its Fall Festival beginning at 11 a.m., **Sunday, Sept. 11**. A traditional Mexican Fajita Dinner will be served beginning at 11 a.m.; plates are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children; drive-thru plates are \$6. A live auction will begin at 1 p.m. Also featured: children's games, bingo, a jumping castle, handmade quilt raffle and a motorcycle raffle. You can also buy a chance to win a gourmet gas grill, patio furniture and a DVD Mobile Theater. For additional info, call St. Mary, Star of the Sea, at 325.365.2687.

### St. James -- Sanderson

St. James in Sanderson will hold its annual festival on **Saturday, Sept. 17**. The day will begin with Mass @ 10:00 am. The day will continue with the Jamaica at the Courthouse Square with many booths for all to enjoy throughout the day. The evening will end with a dance at the St. James Hall to crown the new King and Queen. Come to Sanderson for a good old-fashioned "Homecoming" as our Sanderson Eagles will have their Homecoming Six-Man football game on Friday, September 16th (7:30 pm) at Eagle Stadium. Come join us for a weekend of celebrations.

### St. Therese -- Carlsbad

St. Therese Catholic Church in Carlsbad and its mission, St. Paschal Catholic Church in Sterling City, will hold their annual festival on **Sunday, Sept. 18**. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3636 N. Bryant in San Angelo, Texas. A barbecue brisket/homemade German sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. inside the hall. Dinners may also be purchased from a

drive-thru at the same location. An auction consisting of donations from various merchants and parishioners will begin at 1:15 p.m. A Silent Auction, Country Store, Bingo and other various games for all to enjoy will also be available during the afternoon.

### St. Ann's -- Midland

St. Ann's in Midland will host its 57th annual Family Fair on the church grounds (Illinois @ Avenue M) on **Saturday, Sept. 24**, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Additional carnival hours are Sept. 22 & Sept. 23 from 6-10 p.m., and Sept. 25, 1-6 p.m. The raffle's 1st prize is \$10,000 in gold; 2nd prize is \$ 1,000 in gold, and 3rd prize is \$500 in gold. There will be non-smoking bingo, arts and crafts, a country store, and odds and ends. The great food includes burgers, tacos, nachos, turkey legs, funnel cakes and more. There will be lots of children's games, too, and something for everyone to enjoy. For more information, please call 432-682-6303. The Family Fair benefits St. Ann's Catholic School.

### Immaculate Conception -- Knickerbocker

Immaculate Conception's Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, Sept. 25** and will feature mesquite-cooked Brisket & Sausage Barbeque Plates with all the trimmings (\$6/plate, \$4 for children 12 & under). PLates will be served from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Music is by the band "Old Dog ... New Licks." Also featuring Raffle/Bingo/Games/ Auction/ Washer Pitching.

### St. Lawrence -- St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence's Annual Fall Festival will be **Sunday, Oct. 2**, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. An auction begins at 1 p.m. Also featured, Bingo, Kountry Kitchen, Games, BBQ Brisket and German Sausage Lunch. St. Lawrence is located at

2400 FM 2401 in Glasscock County, south of Garden City.

### St. Mary's -- Brownwood

St. Mary's in Brownwood will have its Fall Festival on **Saturday, Oct. 8**, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at 1105 Main St., in Brownwood. Silent and Live auctions will be featured. Entertainment includes a bounce house, games, crafts, food booths, a petting zoo and washer tournament.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -- Odessa

Please join St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for its 3rd annual Fall Festival, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., **Sunday, Oct. 9**, 7601 N. Grandview, Odessa. The festival will feature games, prizes, international foods, a pumpkin patch, horse cart rides and entertainment. A fireworks show will conclude the festival day at 8 p.m.

### Saint Boniface Fall Festival-- Olfen

Please visit St. Boniface's Fall Festival in Olfen, **Sunday, Oct. 9**. The festival will feature homemade sausage made in Olfen by parishioners. The schedule for the festival is:

11:00 a.m. -- Dining Room Lunch Meal  
10:45 -- Plates-to-go & Drive-thru  
Noon -- Games & Entertainment  
1:00 p.m. -- Auction Festivities  
3:00 pm. -- Candy Drop  
Turkey, dressing & sausage meal: Adults \$6, Children 10 & Under \$3 Plates to Go \$6

### St. Ambrose Catholic Church

The St. Ambrose Parish Festival will be **Sunday, Oct. 16** in Wall. Serving turkey, dressing, sausage, and all the trimmings beginning around 10:30. Games begin at 10 a.m. Auction begins at 1 p.m.

## The Eucharist makes us into the family of God

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

In his many writings about the wonderful gift of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II, reminds us that the Eucharist is the center of our faith. The Pope tells us, building on the teaching of Christ, that the way that we really and truly become one family in the Catholic Church, and one family in our homes, is by taking part in the Mass, receiving communion, and then by bringing God's love, the fruit of the Eucharist, to other people.

Pope John Paul II has dedicated October 2004 through October 2005 as the Year of the Eucharist. Our Holy Father's great desire is to rekindle in our hearts a deep appreciation for the Eucharist, the greatest gift Christ has left the Church, and to frequently take part in the celebration of the Eucharist -- the Mass. Jesus Christ is present to us each time we receive Holy Communion. He enters into union with us personally and brings us into communion with the Father, the Holy Spirit, the saints in heaven, and with one another here on this earth. The way to strengthen the bond of family life is for parents and children to attend the Eucharist and receive Holy Communion together, and to reflect together on the meaning of this greatest of gifts of Jesus.

The Eucharist is the gift of the real substantial presence of Jesus Christ. Jesus, who is risen and who is Lord of all creation, is totally present under the signs of bread and wine. Through the words of Jesus spoken by the priest and the action of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine truly become His body, His blood, soul and divinity each time that the Mass is celebrated. Just at the moment of the incarnation, by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, the Eternal Word became flesh in the womb of Mary, so to in the Eucharist by the action of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the real true presence of Jesus Christ. Just think -- when we receive communion, we receive the second person of the Trinity -- a divine person.

Our belief in the real presence of Jesus on our altars and in our tabernacles comes from Jesus Christ Himself. He told

Please See **EUCCHARIST/11**

## Confirmands from Stanton's St. Joseph's reflect on their journey

Dear Bishop Pfeifer:

We, the confirmation class of St. Joseph Church, Stanton, Texas, come before you with humble hearts and prayerful minds, ready to accept our responsibilities as adults in the Catholic Church. We are a varied group, some of us studying for confirmation for two years, some for one year. We even have one among us who has studied confirmation for three years. Throughout our studies, we have learned much from our teachers about the life of the church and our role in continuing her growth and prosperity in the new millennium.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we know that we can do anything. The Holy Spirit is our helper and guide—giving us guidance when we are lost. The Holy Spirit is our protector—giving us courage when we are scared. The Holy Spirit is our role model—giving us strength when we are weakened by temptation. The Holy Spirit is also our mentor—giving us the wisdom and discernment to make right choices in our daily lives.

We will do our best to live the sacrament of confirmation every day. The sacrament will help us make better decisions on what to do in our daily lives. The Spirit will

help us come to church and bring others to church. Most of all, being confirmed will help us to focus on God, keeping God first in our lives by donating our time, talent and treasure to the Church as full-fledged confirmed adults. We recognize that this will be a spiritual challenge. With the help of our teachers, our pastor and our supportive parish community, we gladly accept his challenge and are ready to be confirmed.

Following Confirmation, we will use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. We will have courage to not be afraid to express our faith. We will use wisdom to teach our friends life lessons that we have experienced or learned from others. We will gain knowledge by continual study of the Word of God. We will understand by praying, listening, and asking for help as well as giving help to others. We will demonstrate fear of the Lord by participating in the sacraments and doing our best to live a holy life. We will have piety by finding our religious vocation and serving in our church community as readers, lectors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and following in the footsteps of our teachers as catechists.

We have chosen Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 as our first read-

ing because it demonstrates how God has a plan and how this plan includes all of us. Everything is done in God's time, not in our time. If we are glad to be alive and content to live our lives according to God's will, everything will happen as God has planned it for us.

We have chosen Matthew 25:14-30 -- The Parable of the Talents -- as our Gospel reading for that day. We chose the parable because it spoke to our hearts about what God wants you to do with what he gives you. In the parable, the Master is God and the talents are representative of the talents God has given to us. How we use those talents for the service of God is what is important. If we are called to be singers or preachers or readers or teachers, we are to offer that talent to the Lord. If we do not utilize our talents on earth, we will not have any rewards in Heaven. If we hide our talents, we are useless to God and will be punished for our selfishness. The only true way to serve the Master is to share his teachings with others by helping them and doing God's Will.

-- Your servants in Christ and Mary,  
St. Joseph Confirmation Class 2005

# Diocese of San Angelo

*Map, Directory*



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September 2005

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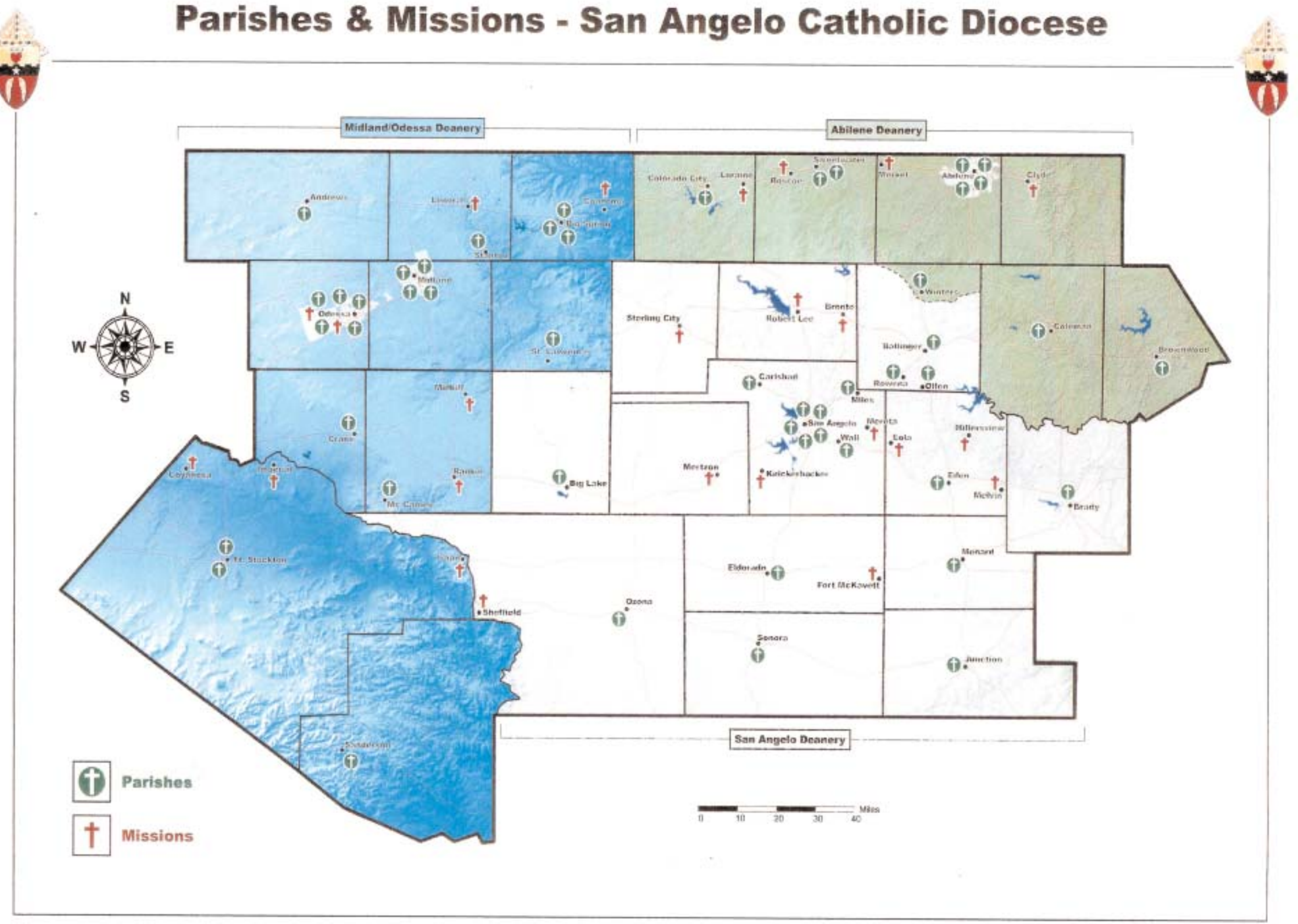
**Clergy Re-assignments**

The following re-assignments were announced in August in the Diocese of San Angelo:

**Effective September 6, 2005**  
**Fr. David Herrera:** Pastor St Mary's Church (San Angelo); Pastor St. Theresa (Carlsbad), and Pastor St. Paschal Mission (Sterling City).  
**Fr. Santiago Udayar:** Pastor Sacred Heart Church (Coleman); Pastor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Winters)  
**Fr. Terry Brenon:** Pastor St Vincent Pallotti (Abilene); Our Mother of Mercy Mission (Merkel)  
**Fr. Gabriel Binye:** Parochial Vicar of St. Lawrence (St. Lawrence); Sacramental Minister St. Paschal Mission (Sterling City)  
**Fr. Joseph Choutapalli:** Sacramental Minister St. Theresa (Carlsbad)  
**Fr. Bernard Getigan:** Sacramental Minister St Paschal Mission (Sterling City)

**Effective July 15, 2005:**  
**Fr. Edward de Leon, OMI:** Pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Midland)

**Parishes & Missions - San Angelo Catholic Diocese**



**SAN ANGELO**  
**Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart**  
 19 S. Oakes, San Angelo 76903  
 325.658.6567  
**Masses:** Sa: 5 p.m. Su.: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
 Spanish: Su., 11:45 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Maurice Voity

**Our Lady of Peace**  
 17th TRW/HC, 154 Ft. Griffin Ave.  
 Goodfellow AFB, TX  
 76908 325.654.3424  
**Masses:** Su.: 9 a.m., Noon  
**Pastor:** Rev. Jerome Mueller

**Holy Angels**  
 2309 A&M Ave., San Angelo, 76904  
 325.949.3308  
**Masses:** Sa.: 5:30 p.m.  
 Su.: 9, 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Charles Greenwell, ED.D.

**St. Joseph the Worker**  
 301 W. 17th, San Angelo, 76905  
 325.653.5006  
**Masses:** Sa. 6 p.m., Su.: 11:15 a.m.  
 Span.: 8:15 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Quirino Cornejo

**St. Margaret**  
 2619 Era, San Angelo, 76905  
 325.651.4633  
**Masses:** Sa.: 9 a.m., Su.: 8, 10:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Choutapalli, HGN

**St. Mary**  
 7 W. Avenue N, San Angelo, 76903  
 325.655.6278  
**Masses:** Sa. 6 p.m. (BiLing.), Su.: 11 a.m.  
 (Eng.), 8 a.m., Su, (Span).  
**Pastor:** Rev. David Herrera

**ABILENE**  
**Holy Family**  
 5410 Buffalo Gap, Abilene, 79608  
 325.692.1820  
**Masses:** Sa.: 5:30 p.m. Su.: 9, 10:30 a.m., Noon  
**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Fred Nawarskas

**Sacred Heart**  
 837 Jeanette, Abilene, 79602  
 325.677.7951  
**Masses:** Sa., 5:30 p.m.  
 Su.: 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Bob Bush

**St. Francis**  
 826 Cottonwood, Abilene, 79601  
 325.672.6695  
**Masses:** Sa. 5:30 p.m. (Apr., May, Jun., Oct.,  
 Nov., Dec.); Su.: 9 a.m. Span.: 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Thomas Manimala

**St. Vincent**  
 2525 Westview, Abilene, 79603  
 325.672.1794  
**Masses:** Sa. 5:30 p.m., Su. 11 a.m. Span.:  
 Su., 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Terry Brenon

**Our Lady of Grace**  
 158 Ave B., Dyess AFB, TX 79607  
 325.696.4224  
**Masses:** Daily 11:30 a.m.; Sa.: 5 p.m., Su.: 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Michael O'Neill

**MIDLAND**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 1401 E Garden La., Midland, 79701  
 432.682.2581  
**Masses:** Sa. 5 p.m.; Su. 8, 10 a.m., Noon,  
 5:30 p.m. Span.: Sa. 5 p.m., Su. 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Victor Santoyo

**Our Lady of San Juan**  
 1008 W New Jersey, Midland, 79701  
 432.570.0952  
**Masses:** Sa. 4:30 p.m., Su., 10 a.m.; Span.:  
 Su. 8 a.m., Noon.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Arturo Pestin

**St. Ann**  
 1906 W. Texas, Midland, 79701  
 432.682.6303  
**Masses:** Sa. 5:30 p.m.; Su. 8:45 a.m., 11  
 a.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Larry Droll

**St. Stephen**  
 4601 W. Neely, Midland, 79707  
 432.520.7394  
**Masses:** Sa. 5 p.m.; Su. 8, 10:30 a.m., 5 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. James Bridges

**ODESSA**  
**Holy Redeemer**  
 2633 Conover, Odessa, 79763  
 432.580.4295  
**Masses:** Sa. 5 p.m.; Su. 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.  
 Span.: Su. 8:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Frank Chavez

**Our Lady of San Juan**  
 905 Edgeport, Odessa, 79765  
 \*\* 432.332.5334  
**Mass:** Su. 9:30 a.m. (Span.)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Francis Frey

**St. Anthony**  
 1321 W. Monahans, Odessa, 79763  
 432.337.2213  
**Masses:** Su. 10 a.m.; Span.: Sat., 5:30 p.m., Su.:  
 Noon  
**Pastors:** Rev. Joseph Uecker, Rev. Mark Miller

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
 7601 N. Grandview, Odessa, 79765  
 432.367.4657  
**Masses:** Sa. 5 p.m., Su. 7:30, 10, 11:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Mark Woodruff

**St. Joseph**  
 907 S. Dixie, Odessa, 79763  
 432.337.2213  
**Masses:** Su.: 11:30 a.m.; Span: Su. 8, 9:45 a.m.  
**Pastors:** Rev. Joseph Uecker, Rev. Mark Miller

**St. Mary**  
 612 E. 18th, Odessa, 79761  
 432.332.5334  
**Masses:** Sa. 6 p.m.; Su. 8, 11 a.m., 5, 8 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Francis Frey

**St. Martin de Porras Mission**  
 2821 E. Hammett, Odessa, 79761  
 432.337.2213  
**Mass:** Span.: Sa. 6 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph Uecker



## Abilene Deanery

### BROWNWOOD

**St. Mary**  
1101 Booker  
Brownwood, 76801  
325.646.7455  
**Masses:** Sa. 5:30  
p.m.; Su.: 8, 11  
a.m.; Span.: Sun.  
9:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Barry  
McLean

### CLYDE Sts. Joachim & Anne

North 1st & Cherry  
Clyde, 79510  
\*\* 325.677.7951  
(Sacred Heart)  
**Mass:** Su. 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Bob  
Bush

### COLEMAN Sacred Heart

303 E. College  
Coleman, 76834  
325.625.5773  
**Masses:** Su. 10:30  
a.m. Span: Sa., 6  
p.m.  
**Pastor:** Fr. Santiago  
Udayar

### COLORADO CITY St. Ann

2005 Walnut  
Colorado City,  
79512  
325.728.3252  
**Masses:** Sa.: 6:30  
p.m. (BiLing), Su.:  
10:30 a.m. (English)  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
George Varakukala

### LORAINÉ

**St. Joseph**  
403 S. Hinson  
Lorraine, 79532  
\*\* 325. 728.3252  
**Mass:** Su. 8:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
George Varakukala

### MERKEL

**Our Mother of  
Mercy**  
1300 S. Locust  
Merkel, 79536  
325.928.5239  
**Masses:** Su. 11 a.m.  
(BiLing.); We. 7 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Terry  
Brenon

### ROSCOE

**St. Albert**  
205 Laurel  
Roscoe, 79545  
\*\* 325.235.3318  
**Mass:** Su. Noon  
(Span.)  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Michael Rodriguez

### SWEETWATER Holy Family

507 Crane  
Sweetwater, 79556  
325.235.2694  
**Masses:** Sa.: 5:30  
p.m.; Su. 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Michael Rodriguez

### Immaculate Heart of Mary

511 W. Alabama  
Sweetwater, 79556  
325.235.3318  
**Masses:** Su.: 10  
a.m.; Span.: Sa. 5  
p.m., Su. 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Michael Rodriguez

### WINTERS

**Our Lady of Mount  
Carmel**  
119 W. College  
Winters, 79567  
325.754.4626  
**Masses:** Sa.: 5:30  
p.m.; Su. 9 a.m.,  
Span.: Su. 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Fr. Santiago  
Udayar

## Midland- Odessa Deanery

### ANDREWS

**Our Lady of  
Lourdes**  
201 NE Ave. K  
Andrews, 79714  
432.523.4215  
**Masses:** Su. 10:30  
a.m., Span.: Su.,  
8:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Bernard Gully

### BIG SPRING Immaculate Heart of Mary

1009 Hearn  
Big Spring, 79720  
432.267.4124  
**Masses:** Sa. 5  
p.m., Su.: 8, 11  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Richard Regan

### BIG SPRING (cont'd)

**Sacred Heart**  
508 N. Aylesford  
Big Spring, 79721  
432.263.7884  
**Masses:** Sa. 5  
p.m.; Su.: 10 a.m.;  
Span.: 8 a.m., Su.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
James Plagens

### St. Thomas

605 Main  
Big Spring, 79721  
432.263.2864  
**Masses:** Su. 11:30  
a.m.; BiLing.: Sa.,  
6:30 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
James Plagens

### COAHOMA

**St. Joseph  
(Mission of  
Immaculate Heart  
of Mary, Big  
Spring**  
108 S. 4th  
Coahoma, 79511  
432.267.4124  
**Mass:** Su. 9:15  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Richard Regan

### COYANOSA

**St. Isidore Mission**  
Sarabee & Battle  
Coyanosa, 79730  
432.652.8216  
**Masses:** Alternate  
Saturdays, 6:30  
p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Nilo  
Nalugon

### CRANE

**Good Shepherd**  
810 S. Virginia  
Crane, 79731  
432.558.2718  
**Mass:** Su. 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Nilo  
Nalugon

### FORT STOCKTON

**St. Agnes**  
4100 N. Hwy 18  
Fort Stockton,  
79735  
432.336.2724  
**Masses:** Sa. 4:30  
p.m.; Su. 9:45 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Floro  
Hinacay

### St. Joseph

403 S. Main  
Fort Stockton,  
79735  
432.336.5027  
**Masses:** Su. 8,

11:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Floro  
Hinacay

### IMPERIAL

**Our Lady of  
Lourdes**  
103 Merrill  
Imperial, 79743  
\*\* 432.652.8216  
**Masses:** Alt.  
Saturdays, 6:30  
p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Nilo  
Nalugon

### IRAAN St. Francis of Assisi

500 S. Blaton  
Iraan, 79744  
\*\* 325.884.3221  
**Mass:** Su. 9:30  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hilary  
Ihedioha

### LENORAH

**St. Isidore**  
3324 Co. Rd. 3400  
Lenorah, 79749  
\*\* 432.756.3743  
**Mass:** Su. 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Thomas Vempala

### McCAMEY

**Sacred Heart**  
800 S. Burleson  
McCamey, 79752  
432.652.8216  
**Mass:** Su. 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Nilo  
Nalugon

### MIDKIFF

**St. Thomas**  
\*\* 432.397.2300  
**Mass:** Su. 8:30  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Bernardito  
Getigan

### RANKIN

**St. Thomas**  
S. Upton St.  
Rankin, 79778  
\*\* 325.884.3221  
**Mass:** Su. 8 a.m.  
(BiLing)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hilary  
Ihedioha

### ST. LAWRENCE

**St. Lawrence**  
2400 FM 2401  
Garden City, 79739  
432.397.2300  
**Masses:** Summer -  
- Sa. 6:30 p.m., 8  
p.m.  
Winter -- Sa. 5:30,

7 p.m.; Su.: 10:30  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel  
Binye

### SANDERSON St. James

209 E. Hackberry  
Sanderson, 79848  
432.336.5027  
**Mass:** Su. 3 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Floro  
Hinacay

### STANTON

**St. Joseph**  
405 N. Convent  
Stanton, 79782  
432.756.3743  
**Masses:** Sa.: 5:30  
p.m., Su.: 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Thomas Vempala

## San Angelo Deanery

### BALLINGER

**St. Mary, Star of  
the Sea**  
608 N. 6th  
Ballinger, 76821  
325.365.2687  
**Masses:** Sa.: 4  
p.m. Su.: 8:45 a.m.;  
BiLing.: Su. 11:45  
a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hubert  
Wade

### BIG LAKE

**St. Margaret of  
Cortona**  
107 E. 1st  
Big Lake, 76932  
325.884.3221  
**Masses:** Sa. 7  
p.m., Su.: 11:30  
a.m. (BiLing).  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hilary  
Ihedioha

### BRADY

**St. Patrick**  
406 S. Bridge  
Brady, 76825  
325.597.2324  
**Masses:** Sa.: 7 p.m.  
Su.: 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. George  
Thirumangalem

### BRONTE

**St. James Mission**  
302 N. Washington  
Bronte, 76933  
325.365.2687  
**Masses:** Su. 5 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hubert  
Wade

### CARLSBAD

**St. Therese**  
Beaumont & 14th  
Carlsbad, 76934  
325.465.8062  
**Mass:** Su.: 9:30 a.m.  
**Sacramental  
Minister:** Fr. Joseph  
Choutapalli

### EDEN

**St. Charles**  
Moss & Petty  
Eden, 76837  
325.869.8311  
**Mass:** Su., 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Romanus Akamike

### ELDORADO

**Our Lady of  
Guadalupe**  
901 Divide (Hwy  
277)  
325.450.8083  
**Masses:** Sa. 6 p.m.  
(Span.); Su.: 11:30  
a.m. (English).  
**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph  
Vathalloor

### EOLA

**St. Phillip Mission**  
11937 CR 5511  
Eola, 76937  
\*\* 325.869.8311  
**Mass:** Sun. 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Romanus Akamike

### FORT McKAVETT

**St. William**  
6635 FM Rd. 864  
Fort McKavett,  
76841  
For Mass  
Information, call St.  
Theresa, Junction,  
325.446.3393

### JUNCTION

**St. Theresa**  
114 S. 7th  
Junction, 76849  
325.446.3393  
**Masses:** Su. 9 a.m.;  
Span.: 7 p.m., Sat.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Michael Udegbonam

### KNICKERBOCKER Immaculate Conception

12142 W. Torres  
Knickerbocker, 76939  
325.450.8083 (Our  
Lady of Guadalupe,  
Eldorado)  
**Mass:** Su. 8:15 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph  
Vathalloor

### MELVIN

**St. Francis Xavier**  
Hackleberry &  
Savage  
325.597.2324  
**Mass:** Sa. 5 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
George  
Thirumangalem

### MENARD

**Sacred Heart**  
609 Ellis  
Menard, 76859  
325.396.4906  
**Mass:** Su. 11:15 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Michael  
Udegbonam

### MERETA

**Holy Family**  
18370 Bledsoe Rd.  
Mereta, 76940  
325.468.3101  
**Mass:** Su. 10:45 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Tom  
Barley

### MERTZON

**St. Peter**  
324 N. Commerce  
325.835.2000  
**Mass:** Su. 9:45 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Joseph  
Vathalloor

### MILES

**St. Thomas**  
404 W. 7th  
Miles, 76861  
325.468.3171  
**Masses:** Sa.: 6:30  
p.m., Su.: 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Bhaskar Morugudi

### MILLERSVIEW

**Our Lady of  
Guadalupe**  
NE of Hwy 765  
**Mass:** Su. 9:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Romanus  
Akamike

### OLFEN

**St. Boniface**  
1118 Co. Rd. 234  
Olfen, 325.442.2893  
**Mass:** Su. 11 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Bhaskar Morugudi

### OZONA,

**Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help**  
227 Martinez  
Ozona, 76943  
325.392.3353  
**Masses:** Su. 11 a.m.;  
Span.: Sat. 7 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Sarafin

Avenida

**ROBERT LEE**  
**Our Lady of  
Guadalupe Mission**  
601. W 10th  
Robert Lee, 76945  
\*\* 325. 365.2687  
**Mass:** Sa. 6 p.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Hubert  
Wade

### ROWENA

**St. Joseph**  
506 Edwards  
Rowena, 76875  
325.442.3521  
**Masses:** Sa. 5 p.m.,  
Su.: 9:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev.  
Bhaskar Morugudi

### SHEFFIELD Good Shepherd Mission

Hwy 290  
Sheffield, 79781  
\*\* 432.392.3353  
**Masses:** Su.: 9 a.m.  
(BiLing)  
**Pastor:** Rev. Serafin  
Avenida

### SONORA

**St. Ann**  
311 W. Plum  
Sonora, 76950  
325.387.2278  
**Masses:** Sa. 7 p.m.;  
Su. 11 a.m.; Span.  
Su: 8 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. William  
DuBuisson

### STERLING CITY St. Paschal Mission

202 Concho  
Sterling City, 76951  
\*\* 325.465.8062  
**Mass:** Su. 11:30 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Fr. Gabriel  
Binye

### WALL

**St. Ambrose**  
8602 Loop 570  
Wall, 76957  
325.651.7551  
**Masses:** Sa.: 6 p.m.;  
Su. 7:30, 9 a.m.  
**Pastor:** Rev. Tom  
Barley



## CORBIN: Catholic volunteers 'desperately needed' in West Texas prison ministries

(From 1)

and home. All are gone. And all that's left for Corbin now, aside from practicing his faith, is counting the days. He was sentenced to six years. And he can tell you precisely how long he has left on his sentence.

"Two years, 10 months," he said. "You start counting every day when you reach the half-way point."

Corbin has become a strong voice for trying to heighten the visibility of the need for Catholic volunteers in prison. It is an area that is severely lacking.

"We have 14 Protestant events -- classes or church service -- every week," Corbin said. "Sixty to 80 Protestants attend church every week. If you're Catholic -- and there are 30-40 of us -- we have one opportunity every week. One. We need help.

"The Catholic community in prison needs volunteers. We need leadership, we need deacons, we need the Knights of Columbus, we need Jesuits. We need to see these people."

Corbin said Fr. George Varakukala, parish priest at St. Ann's in Colorado City, has been "incredible."

"He listens," Corbin said. "He provides a lot of spiritual direction and makes himself available every other Monday for Communion and confession. Last night we had Mass. He has really reaffirmed my belief system. He fulfills his role."

Corbin and the other Catholic offenders housed at the Wallace Unit will miss Fr. George while he is away in his native India for a one-month sabbatical, and in his absence will welcome Deacon Ronnie Urisbe. Although the deacon can't perform the sacraments, Urisbe does still offer companionship and guidance when he visits the Catholic offenders in Colorado City.

In the meantime, Corbin will continue to pray and live a life rich in his faith; as rich as he is able given his surroundings and the lack of volunteers needed to help make the faith experience even richer. And he will wait for his letter to return from the pope's representative, which Bishop Michael Pfeifer said has returned to the United States and has been sent to West Texas by the papal nuncio in Washington.

Yet another reason for Corbin to have his belief system reaffirmed.

To become involved in the Criminal Justice Ministry, call Deacon Bob Leibrecht, Criminal Justice Director for the diocese, at 432.685.4159 or email [leibrecht@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leibrecht@sbcglobal.net).

**IN OCTOBER'S ANGELUS:** Kay Womack shares a unique story of her imprisonment and correspondence with Bishop Michael Pfeifer, which gave her hope upon release. Ms. Womack has since taken an active role in helping others.

## HUNT: If we don't have faith, we have nothing

(From 1)

something, but what? She can't do anything but wait for the water to go down. Barbara lives a block and a half from where the levee broke at Lake Pontchartrain. All of her neighbors lost their homes. And she is left to wonder if anyone stayed behind.

My sister said there was a small town on the tip of the Louisiana border named Buras ... and it's not even on the map anymore. It's just gone. When they show pictures of where it was you can't even see it anymore. My cousin lived there and we can't get hold of him. He was probably lost.

Barbara worked in a New Orleans school for girls who are pregnant and she taught there. Nobody can even work there anymore. When you think about it, it's just mind boggling. People want to go home and take care of everything ... but there's nothing left to take care of.

These folks will have to come through with the help of their faith and the strength the Almighty gives them. You hear beautiful stories of heroes and horrible stories of looters. People keep saying what if, what if. There's so much uncertainty and in the face of uncertainty the only thing a person can count on is faith. If you don't have that, I don't know what you do have.

## How You Can Help

### JEANS FOR TEENS

St. Ann's Church in Midland will be collecting jeans in any size to send to the families affected by Hurricane Katrina. The collection effort will continue through Sept. 30. Please drop donations at the Msgr. Murphy Ministry Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; bring to religious education classes Wednesdays and Sundays, or mail to St. Ann's Jeans for Teens, 1906 W. Texas, Midland, 79701. Call Lucie Valles, 432.682.6304 for more information.

### Other giving opportunities: Catholic Relief USA

Web site: [catholicreliefusa.org](http://catholicreliefusa.org)  
Donate online or send to: Catholic Relief USA  
2005 Hurricane Relief

Fund  
PO Box 25168  
Alexandria, VA 22313  
Phone:(800) 919-9338

### Catholic Extension Society

Web site: [catholic-extension.org](http://catholic-extension.org)  
Donate online or send to: Catholic Extension Hurricane Emergency Relief  
150 South Wacker Drive, 20th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60606

### Catholic Relief Services

[www.catholicrelief.org](http://www.catholicrelief.org)  
Donate online

### American Red Cross

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)  
Donate online, or send to: American Red Cross  
P.O. Box 37243  
Washington, D.C. 20013  
Or call:  
1-800-HELP-NOW

### United Way

[national.unitedway.org](http://national.unitedway.org)  
Donate online

## EUCHARIST: Catechism serves as excellent guide for teaching

(From 6)

us: "For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." (John 6: 55-56) During the Last Supper, Jesus said over the bread: "This is my body which will be given for you... : He did the same with the cup (of wine) after supper, and said: "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you." (L 22: 19-20) This teaching about the real true presence of Jesus has consistently been handed on by the Church since the time of the Apostles. Like the disciples on the Walk to Emmaus, as we meditate on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our eyes are opened to see Jesus and our hearts burn with love for Him.

One of the great fruits of the Eucharist is to build us into the one Body of Christ, to make us truly the family of God. Hence, the way that each family can truly become the Body of Christ, and have that real true unity of love and care that Jesus wants for all of us, is for the family to be present together at the Mass, and to prayerfully enter into the mystery of the Mass by all members totally offering their lives, their hearts, their works, sorrows

and joys to God. During the Mass we celebrate the redemptive mysteries of Christ – His passion, His suffering, what Jesus did at the Last Supper, His death on the cross, and His resurrection and ascension into heaven. Just think, when we go to Mass, we are taking part in these tremendous events of the life of Christ.

What can families do to better understand the Eucharist and to celebrate the Year of the Eucharist? During this Year of the Eucharist, I invite parents to read the Catholic Catechism about the teaching of the Church on the Mass -the Eucharist and to teach their children, according to their age, about this greatest gift Jesus has left our Church, and to bring their children together and ask them questions like – "What would you like to do outside of Sunday Mass to show Jesus that you really truly thank him for his Eucharistic presence among us?"

The primary way for all families to celebrate the Eucharist is to be present at Mass, receive communion and, if necessary, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Receiving Jesus together as a family, fosters a familial spirit of communion, and unites us with other families of our parish and wider community.

Another way for families, for parents

and children to celebrate the Eucharist during the Year of the Eucharist, is to make a visit now and then to the Blessed Sacrament, to kneel and pray together before the tabernacle. Our tabernacles contain the real true presence of Jesus Christ, and how wonderful it would be if parents and children would make time to visit our churches during the Year of the Eucharist. For example, moms and dads picking up their children at school might stop to visit the nearest church, and go before the tabernacle together to offer a prayer.

Families can do simple things to plant seeds of understanding and appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist. It might be passing out a prayer card about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It might be by taking time before going to Sunday Mass to share together as a family where and why we are going to Mass. As we reflect on the unity that comes from being present at Mass and receiving communion, we need to remember that the Eucharist is the gift that brings about that fraternal union of love which calls us to transform the world by being Christ's agents of love, forgiveness and peace for one another. Every Catholic who receives the Eucharist is both united with Jesus

Christ and with every person who receives it. This means that when parents and children receive the Eucharist together, they are united in a deeper bond of love, and they are united in a deep spirit of caring and compassion with all who attend Mass, and they are also united with all the people of our diocese in other cities and towns, and they are united with people in other parts of the world – in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Oceania and Europe. All of us are united in Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and truly become brothers and sisters to one another.

Furthermore, from celebrating and receiving the Eucharist, we become people responsible to work in the world for justice and peace. For this to happen, we need to foster a new recognition of the dignity of each human person, as created in the image and likeness of God from the first moment of conception, and remember that this image continues until each person ends his or her life on earth. Catholics, by their reception of the Eucharist, commit themselves to make the world a place where the values of the Gospel are lived in our families, in our work place, in our schools, in our parishes, wherever we are planted.

**FAMILY**

From the Editor

**Our duty as Christians, Americans, Texans, neighbors**

Texas governor Rick Perry sounded like two of the state's more famous public relations campaigns last week when he first welcomed Katrina evacuees:

"Come to Texas, It's Like a Whole Other Country," he seemed to be saying at first. Then, three days later when he hoped to stem the flow -- it was more like "Don't Mess with Texas."

In Dallas, the mayor and the county judge argued over whether the city had room for any more evacuees and everywhere criticism sprang forth about the federal government's response to this great national nightmare, a humanitarian crisis in our country the likes of which most of us have never seen.

Forget politics. Forget any potential economic turmoil on the horizon. Our very Christianity is being tested in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We simply must find a way to help these people. It really is no more complicated than that. We are called to come to the aid of the less fortunate and you



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can read it in The Big Book of How to Live Life. The Bible is chock full of examples, from the Good Samaritan to any number of Christ's other teachings and parables.

Now is not the time to determine the reasons we can't be bothered. Now is the time merely to determine the depth and breadth of our generosity.

Rick Perry shined last week when he welcomed with open arms the flow of evacuees. After temporarily seeming to want to close our borders to neighbors in need, he then had the decency to continue trying to find shelter for the displaced by airlifting them to states who could receive them.

In West Texas, we have already taken in some whose very existence has been changed forever. I would venture to say that if West Texas is ultimately called upon in greater numbers, our giving spirit and selflessness will again prevail.

How can you help?

**Pray.** It costs nothing but means everything.

**Give money.** There is no amount too great and no amount too small. In the words of Fred Rogers, the late Presbyterian minister and children's advocate, "The real issue in life is not how many blessings we have but what we

do with our blessings. Some people have many blessings and hoard them. Some have few and give everything away."

**Give time.** As important as money.

**Open your home.** If at all possible, do it if your town is called upon. What you receive in return for your generosity will be multiplied tenfold.

Historian Will Durant, author of *The Story of Civilization*, once wrote, "Civilization is a stream with banks. The stream is sometimes filled with blood from people killing, stealing, shouting and doing things historians usually record -- while on the banks, unnoticed, people build homes, make love, raise children, sing songs, write poetry, whittle statues. The story of civilization is the story of what happens on the banks."

Let us stand together on the banks as the politicians quarrel in the stream. We can quietly change civilization by opening our hearts, our homes and our pocketbooks. It is our duty.

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Jimmy Patterson is the Director of Communications for the Diocese of San Angelo.

## Your Family

**Where did the summer go?**

By Bill and Monica Dodds  
Catholic News Service

It's early September, and that list of summer chores is -- well, it's around here somewhere. You know the chores: painting, gardening, cleaning out this, fixing up that. And now it's time -- parents give a little sigh, children give a little shudder -- for the school year to begin.

Where did the summer go? For that matter, where did the first two-thirds of 2005 go -- not to mention 2004, 2003 and all of the '90s? It's never been scientifically proven, but every adult

knows from personal experience that time's passage accelerates as we age. The stretch from the Fourth of July to Christmas is longer for a 6-year-old than the span from high school graduation to 25th reunion for an adult. (Blink twice and you're almost at your 50th.)

If it's not quite Labor Day 2005, it's almost Memorial Day 2006 when you'll be asking yourself, "Where did the school year go?" That's why now is the time to jot down some family goals for the next nine months and to figure out how you can achieve them.

What would you like to accomplish? Dinners together more often? School lunches packed and ready to go the night before? Less TV? Some evenings out with the spouse? Sunday Mass together? No last-minute homework crises? OK, fewer last-minute homework crises.



Bill &amp; Monica Dodds

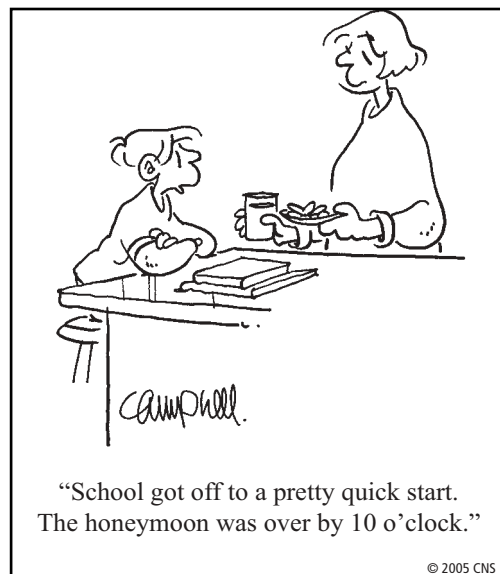
A couple of weeks ago -- no wait, it was December 2003 -- we wrote a column that included a list of items that goal-setting gurus promote. Here's an abridged version of the list to help you prepare for school year 2005-2006. When it comes to setting a goal:

1. Be specific.
2. Make it measurable.
3. Make it achievable.
4. Make it relevant and realistic.
5. Put it on a time schedule.
6. Write it down!
7. Be flexible. (Some days, some weeks, the schedule and the plan go out the window because of circumstances beyond your control. Often the very definition of "family" is "circumstances beyond your control.")

**On the Web:****Fostering a Solid Parent-Teacher Relationship**

Parents.com has an article titled "Be an A+ Parent," offering tips on how to boost your child's chances for academic success "by forging a good relationship with his teacher." The author offers suggestions for getting off to a good start this September (reading those handouts!), preparing for conferences (listing your concerns), resolving conflicts respectfully (knowing when to ask a principal or counselor to step in) and keeping the lines of communication open (letting the teacher know what's happening at home that can affect classroom behavior). This is a cumbersome URL, but go to: [www.parents.com/articles/ages\\_and\\_stages/3234.jsp?page=1](http://www.parents.com/articles/ages_and_stages/3234.jsp?page=1).

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Answers to  
Just 4 Kids  
Puzzle  
(Pg. 13):

1. created
2. basket
3. Jericho
4. Goliath
5. Joseph, 6. 12
7. Pentecost.

**Bishop declares Priesthood Sunday, Oct. 30**

I, as your bishop, along with various other Catholic groups and organizations, am declaring Sunday, October 30, 2005, as **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** for the Diocese of San Angelo. This Sunday is a special day to honor the beautiful gift of priesthood, and all the priests of the world, and especially to show appreciation for the good priests of our own diocese.

The key focus of Priesthood Sunday is on the priesthood's place as a central reality in the life of the Church, and the shortage of priests makes them less visible, but hopefully not less appreciated.

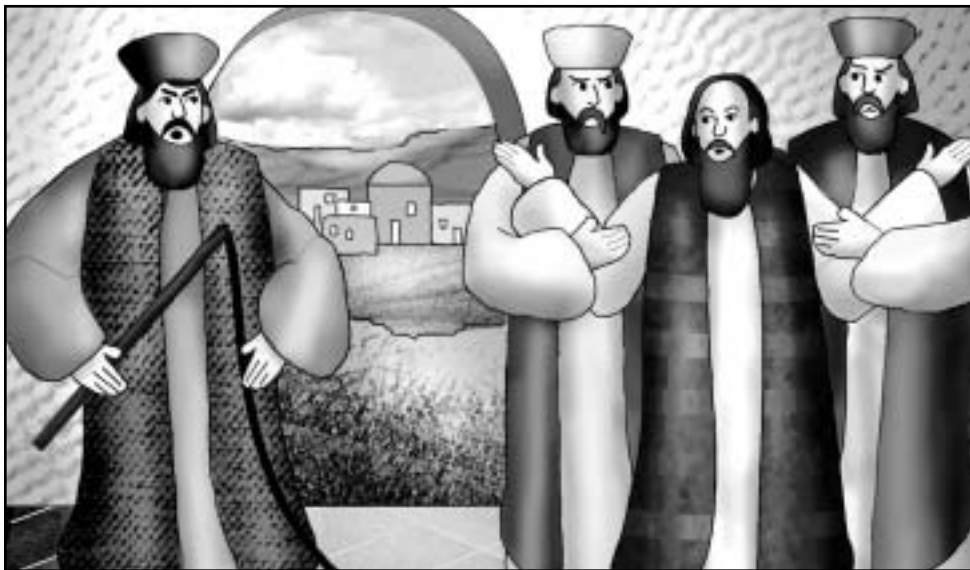
Priesthood Sunday is meant to encourage our people to appreciate the beautiful gift of priesthood that Christ left our Church, and which is intimately connected with the Eucharist. The emphasis on this special day focuses on the celebration of priesthood through liturgy, discussion, and recognition. There is an intimate connection between Eucharist and priesthood, and during this year of the Eucharist, we need to meditate

on this connection, and to ask our Eucharistic Lord to bless and protect all of our priests.

I ask you to please bring this special day to the attention of all of our people, and encourage them to pray for our priests and all pastoral leaders, and to pray and work for more vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please invite the Pastoral Councils of our parishes, and other leaders, to take part in planning liturgies, celebrations and dialogue on the subject of priesthood on Priesthood Sunday, or on the days preceding or following this beautiful day. Let us pray for one another, and especially for our brother priests who are ill and elderly, or who are working through some difficulty in their lives. Thank you and may God bless you.

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

# JUST 4 KIDS



## Jeremiah mocked for speaking

Jeremiah stood in the court of the house of God and said, "I will surely bring upon this city all the evil with which I threatened it, because they ... have not obeyed my words."

Pashhur, the chief officer, was angered by the prophecy. He ordered his men to whip Jeremiah and put him in the stocks at the upper Gate of Benjamin. Jeremiah stayed there overnight until Pashhur released him.

Jeremiah looked directly at the officer and said, "Instead of Pashhur, the Lord will name you 'Terror on every side.' For thus says the Lord: Indeed, I will deliver you to terror, you and all your friends."

Then Jeremiah left to find a quiet place where he could pray. He began crying and said, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped. ... All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me."

Jeremiah paced back and forth on the hard ground. He remembered the first time God spoke to him: "Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."

Jeremiah told the Lord he was too young to be

a prophet. But God said, "To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak."

Jeremiah's back still hurt from the whipping, and his body ached from being in the stocks. He knew his message to the people of Israel would sometimes be harsh. "Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the Lord has brought me derision and reproach all the day."

At times Jeremiah considered not prophesying or mentioning God's name any more. "But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in." Then Jeremiah realized how much God loved him and the people of Israel.

"But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph."

He raised his arms toward heaven, and said, "Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

### READ MORE ABOUT IT:

#### Jeremiah 1, 19, 20 Q&A

1. What did Jeremiah say to Pashhur?
2. When did God dedicate Jeremiah as a prophet?

### BIBLE ACCENT

Jeremiah lived near Jerusalem. His father, Hilkiyah, may have discovered the manuscript of the book of Moses that we call Deuteronomy.

The writings of Moses had a very strong influence on Jeremiah. The Book of Jeremiah began as a series of small booklets containing the words of the prophet. Some were made when he was alive, and others were made after he died.

Two very important ideas in his writings and sermons are showing compassion to others and praying to God. The book that is part of our Bible includes Jeremiah's own words plus sermons he gave and writings about him.

Some of the information about Jeremiah, which makes up parts of chapters 26 through 45, is believed to have been written by Baruch, who served as the prophet's secretary.

### SPOTLIGHT ON SAINTS

#### St. Medericus

St. Medericus was born in France in the seventh century and was often called by his nickname, "Merry." He

joined a monastery as a young man. His devotion to God earned him an appointment as abbot, although he did not want the job.

Since he would not ask the other monks to do anything he would not do himself, he won their loyalty and admiration. His position interfered with the quiet life of service to God that he wanted to live, so he resigned and lived as a hermit.

When his health became bad, he returned to the monastery. He stayed with the monks until he made a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Germanus in Paris, remaining in Paris until he died around the year 700 after a long illness. We remember him on Aug. 29.

### BIBLE TRIVIA:

Who was king when Jeremiah received his first prophecy? (Jer 1)

Answer:

Josiah.

### PUZZLE

Circle the words that make the following statements true. Hints have been provided:

1. In the beginning God (created, destroyed) the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1
2. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in a (barn, basket). Exodus 2
3. Joshua's army marched around (Babylon, Jericho). Joshua 6
4. David defeated (Goliath, Hercules), the giant. 1 Samuel 17
5. (Joseph, John) was the earthly father of Jesus. Matthew 1
6. Jesus chose (12, 20) apostles. Mark 3
7. The Holy Spirit came to Earth on (Pentecost, Easter). Acts 2

## CRISTO: El Domingo Catequético de 2005 el 18 de Septiembre

(Para 4)

-- ¿Cuánto tiempo dedicamos a la oración personal cada día? (Concentrémonnos en nuestra necesidad de crecer en el conocimiento de la fe.

Hasta los mejores maestros o catequistas solo pueden dar lo que ellos tienen.

• Vivamos lo que creemos. Jesús nos dice que cuando atendemos a las necesidades de los demás, hacemos lo mismo por él.

• Mantengámonos conscientes de la creación de Dios. La vida fluye en abundancia alrededor de nosotros, pero para notar los

fenómenos naturales necesitamos suspender lo que estamos haciendo y prestar atención.

• Apreciemos las bendiciones diarias. La cultura del "yo primero" en que vivimos, con frecuencia confunde derechos con autorizaciones.

• Seamos activos en la búsqueda de la justicia. La vida cristiana nunca es acerca de "Jesús y yo". Ella nos llama a salir de nosotros y a enfocarnos en los demás.

• Aceptar dificultades. La vida del discípulo cristiano no es necesariamente una que se vivirá "feliz para siempre". Todo lo contrario, nuestra fe nos reta a veces de modos inquietantes a pensar en las tragedias que

abundan en el mundo, y a actuar en nombre de Cristo como respuesta a ellas.

El Domingo Catequético de 2005 el 18 de Septiembre, viene al final del año dedicado a la Eucaristía. Los catequistas no solo enseñan a los demás acerca de la Eucaristía sino que ellos mismos adquieren el poder para su ministerio mediante su amor por la Eucaristía. Todas las actividades conectadas con el Domingo Catequético pueden verse como partes integrales de los esfuerzos de la Iglesia para animar nuestro entendimiento y aprecio por la Eucaristía.

Reconocer, formar y agradecer a los

catequistas es un trabajo y responsabilidad importante de cada comunidad.

Catequistas, muchísimas gracias por el buen servicio que ustedes brindan a miles de feligreses de nuestra Diócesis. Que Dios mande sobre todos los catequistas nuevo conocimiento, valor y amor.

Y, todos nosotros les debemos mucho agradecimiento a la Hermana Hilda Marotta y Hermana Adelina Garcia y sus colaboradoras por la maravillosa preparación y asistencia que ellas dan a cientos de catequistas de nuestra diócesis por medio de la Oficina de Educación y Formación.

## RECONCILIATION: Parishes in diocese to observe year devoted to sacrament

Scriptural reading and study, to acquire a new understanding and appreciation of Christ's call to reconciliation and conversion especially as given to us in the inspired Word of God and Catechism of the Catholic Church. The most meaningful manner to celebrate this Year of Reconciliation is by being faithful to Mass attendance and going to confession more frequently.

To better understand the various events and celebrations that I am asking to take place during this YEAR OF RECONCILIATION, I am sharing here a letter that I have sent to all the priests and pastoral coordinator of our Diocese. I have asked that this letter be shared with Pastoral and Finance Councils, as well as with all pastoral leaders of our communities.

### My dear brother Pastors and Pastoral Coordinator:

#### YEAR OF RECONCILIATION

By way of this letter, I am sharing with you the good news that I am proclaiming a YEAR OF RECONCILIATION for the Diocese of San Angelo that will begin with the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2005 and will end with the Feast of Christ the King, on November 26, 2006. The primary purpose of this year is to first bring all of us into a new appreciation and understanding of the Sacrament of God's mercy, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Then, this is a year to assimilate in our hearts the entire message of reconciliation and healing that Christ has given to our Church, and to help us better understand the need for constant reconciliation in our individual lives, in our families, and in all of our communities and how all are called to share in the ministry of reconciliation. Simply put, it is a time with the help of the Holy Spirit to be reconciled with our God, ourselves and our neighbors. It is a time to experience God's mercy and forgiveness, and to share this with others. We pray in the Our Father: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." How often are we to forgive? Jesus says seventy times seven—without limit.

With the month of October, we are ending the beautiful Year of the Eucharist which focused on the greatest gift that Christ has left our Church—the Eucharist—the Mass, the real, true presence of Jesus Christ. Linked in an essential way to the Eucharist is the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, and the whole and wider dimension of reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, and penance. In the Eucharist, which is the "source and summit" of our lives, we celebrate and remember the supreme act of reconciliation of Christ as we share in his suffering, death and resurrection.

When Jesus began His public ministry after His baptism, he proclaimed: "This is

the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." [Mk 1:15] The merciful Christ continues to touch our hearts making us realize the need for forgiveness and repentance which leads to the grace of reconciliation, which brings about a change, a conversion in the life of a person. One cannot claim to be a true follower of Christ without living constantly a spirit of repentance and reconciliation. Reconciliation brings us face to face with sin and our sinful tendencies. Sadly, many Catholics have lost a sense of sin and the need of God's merciful forgiveness. During this Year, meditate often on the parable of the Prodigal Son [Lk 15:11-32]. At times, we are all the "prodigal" son or daughter; we are the "older" son or daughter; and we are all called to be the "forgiving" father or mother. "We must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother (sister) was dead and has come to life again; he (she) was lost and has been found."

As we enter into this Year of Reconciliation, and open our lives with humility to the healing and forgiving grace of God, and ponder how we can be ministers of reconciliation for others, we keep in mind the words of Paul: "And all of this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation; namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake, he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him." [2 Cor. 5:18-21]

Reconciliation and healing are at the heart of our priestly ministry. The healer also needs to be healed; the reconciler needs to be reconciled. A wonderful way for all the ordained of our Diocese to enter into this Year of Reconciliation is by taking part in the day of healing and reconciliation that will be led by Father Ralph DiOrio on October 6. While in the Diocese, Fr. DiOrio will have a day of healing for all the people of our Diocese on October 8, at Midland Center in Midland.

During this Year dedicated to reconciliation and healing, I ask that all of our priests and deacons preach often on the ministry of reconciliation, especially on the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, for our spiritual lives. And during this year, hopefully all of us, including the bishop and priests, will come to a new appreciation and the necessity of the frequent celebration of this Sacrament of God's mercy in our own lives, as we encourage our people to have a new appreciation of the need for

the more frequent celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which not only forgives our sins, but gives us actual graces to overcome the effects of sin in our lives.

Specifically to celebrate this YEAR OF RECONCILIATION, I am asking the following of all of our pastors and parochial vicars and pastoral coordinator:

1. Beginning in September, discuss the content of this letter with the Pastoral and Finance Councils and pastoral leaders of our parishes, especially those involved in religious education, and how we can bring about a new spirit of reconciliation and healing into our communities and a new appreciation for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Make plans now as regards how we can encourage all people of our community to participate in the Year of Reconciliation, especially involving our families.

2. To preach often on the theme of reconciliation and healing, especially on the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. We call this a sacrament, because it is Christ himself who is acting, forgiving our sins and reconciling us to God. Our preaching should bring out the need in our spiritual life for individual confession throughout the Year and not just confessing when communal penance services are scheduled at special times of the year.

3. That each parish review the scheduled times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to see if these times are convenient for our people, and that our people be made aware that our priests are always available to celebrate this Sacrament whenever it is requested.

4. That each parish have a 40-Hour Devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, featuring the theme of reconciliation and healing, and providing during the 40-Hour Devotion times for confession. Invite priests from neighboring parishes to be available for confession. Please let me know in advance the date of this devotion.

5. That during the seasons of Advent and Lent, more occasions be provided for communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in all parts of the Diocese. This means that our priests are willing to reach out and assist those communities where there are fewer priests available to help with these communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Confession.

6. That each parish focus during this Year on how to reconcile those who have drifted away from their Catholic religion for whatever reason. Perhaps ministry teams of reconciliation could be formed and trained to reach out with a personal visit to the fallen away.

7. During this special Year of God's mercy, make a new effort to help couples

who need an annulment, and to encourage the divorced, separated, or those who have lost a spouse in death, to make the New Beginning Experience sponsored by the Diocese.

8. That our priests during this Year, as the Liturgical Calendar permits, offer now and then special Masses for the forgiveness of sins and healing, for example praying the Mass as found in the Sacramentary, #40, page 924, using the Eucharistic Prayer of Reconciliation, and the Readings for Reconciliation as found in the Lectionary. This Year would also be a splendid time to have several Masses of Healing for the Sick with sacramental anointing, which is linked to reconciliation.

9. That on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2006, at the end of each Mass, a special sending blessing be added to the last blessing, reminding all that we have been redeemed in the blood of Christ and renewed in God's merciful love through Christ's resurrection. Then a brief prayer ritual is to be distributed to all present, perhaps with the bulletin, who can then take this to their homes and use it as a prayer service to bring God's mercy and forgiveness into our families. The Liturgy Commission of the Diocese will be preparing a brief prayer service in English and Spanish that will be distributed on that Sunday.

10. That at each Deanery meeting during the next year some time be spent in prayer and discussion focused on reconciliation and healing, especially how priests and pastoral leaders can inspire our people to come to a new appreciation of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. I will give the Deans ten topics on reconciliation to be discussed in a prayerful setting at each Deanery meeting during the Year of Reconciliation and ask the Dean to put this into a prayer framework.

I also strongly recommend that all of our parishes schedule during this Year of Reconciliation a parish mission that would focus on the whole dimension of reconciliation and healing, and the importance of the Sacrament of Penance, of Confession. Also, it would be very helpful to have during this Year a one-day or half-day retreat for the personnel of our parishes that would focus on reconciliation, on God's mercy. Perhaps parishes that are close to each other would want to join with other parishes in having this special retreat time. Individual parishes, or joining with other parishes, might also prepare a special service of healing and reconciliation for youth.

This Year of Reconciliation would also be a splendid time to prepare at a local level an ecumenical healing-reconciliation service with ministers of other Christian

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# ANO: Jesus proclamo, 'Ha llegado el tiempo y el reino de Dios esta cerca

## (PARA 3)

setenta veces siete—sin límite.

Con el mes de Octubre, celebramos la clausura del año maravilloso de la Eucaristía que se enfocó en el don más grande que Cristo ha dejado a nuestra Iglesia — la Eucaristía — la Misa, la real, verdadera presencia de Jesucristo. Unido en una manera esencial a la Eucaristía es el Sacramento de la Penitencia y Reconciliación, y toda la dimensión de la reconciliación y perdón, penitencia y sanación. En la Eucaristía, que es la “fuente y cumbre” de nuestras vidas, celebramos y nos recordamos el acto supremo de reconciliación de Cristo por compartir en su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección.

Cuando Jesús empezó su ministerio publico después de su Bautismo, el proclamó: “Ha llegado el tiempo, y el reino de Dios está cerca. Vuélvase a Dios y acepten con fe sus buenas noticias.” (Mk 1:15) Cristo misericordioso continúa tocando nuestros corazones para que realicemos la necesidad de perdón y arrepentimiento que nos lleva a la gracia de reconciliación, que trae un cambio, una conversión en la vida de una persona. Uno no puede llamarse un seguidor verdadero de Cristo sin vivir constantemente un espíritu de arrepentimiento y reconciliación. La reconciliación nos trae cara a cara con el pecado y nuestras tendencias pecadoras. Tristemente, muchos Católicos han perdido el sentido del pecado y la necesidad del perdón misericordioso de Dios. Durante este Año, mediten frecuentemente sobre la parábola del hijo pródigo [Lk 15:11-32]. A cualquier momento somos el hijo o hija “pródigo(a)”, somos el hijo o hija “mayor”; y todos somos llamados a ser el padre o madre que “perdona”. “Pero había que hacer fiesta y alegrarse, puesto que tu hermano estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y ha sido encontrado.”

Ahora que entramos en este Año de Reconciliación, y abrimos nuestras vidas con humildad a la gracia sanadora y misericordiosa de Dios, y reflexionar como podemos ser ministros

de reconciliación para otros, mantenemos en mente las palabras de Pablo: “Todo esto es la obra de Dios, quien por medio de Cristo nos puso en paz consigo mismo y nos dio el encargo de poner a todos en paz con el. Es decir que, en Cristo, Dios estaba poniendo al mundo en paz consigo mismo, sin tomar en cuenta los pecados de los hombres; y a nosotros nos encargó que diéramos a conocer este mensaje. Así que somos embajadores de Cristo, lo cual es como si Dios mismo les rogara a ustedes por medio de nosotros. Así pues, en el nombre de Cristo les rogamos que se pongan en paz con Dios. Cristo no cometió pecado alguno; pero por causa nuestra, Dios lo trató como al pecado mismo, para así, por medio de Cristo, libramos de culpa.” [2Co.5:18-21]

Reconciliación y sanación están en el corazón de nuestro ministerio sacerdotal. El curandero también necesita ser curado; el que reconcilia necesita ser reconciliado. Una manera maravillosa para los ordenados de nuestra Diócesis entrar en este Año de Reconciliación es compartiendo en el día de sanación y reconciliación que será conducido por el Padre Ralph DiOrio el 6 de Octubre de 2005. Mientras que esté en la Diócesis el Padre DiOrio tendrá un día de sanación para toda la gente de nuestra Diócesis el 8 de Octubre.

Durante este Año dedicado a reconciliación y sanación, yo pido que todos nuestros sacerdotes y diáconos, prediquen frecuentemente sobre el ministerio de reconciliación, especialmente la importancia del Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación, para nuestras vidas espirituales. Y durante este año, esperanzadamente todos nosotros, incluyendo el obispo y sacerdotes, llegarán a una nueva apreciación y la necesidad de la celebración frecuente de este Sacramento de la misericordia de Dios en nuestras propias vidas, mientras animemos a nuestra gente tener una nueva apreciación de la necesidad de la celebración mas frecuente del Sacramento de la misericordia de Dios, que no solamente perdona nuestros pecados, pero nos da la gracias para superar los efectos de nuestros pecados en nuestras vidas.

Específicamente para celebrar este AÑO DE

RECONCILIACION, estoy pidiendo lo siguiente de todos nuestros párrocos y vicarios parroquiales y coordinador pastoral:

1. Comenzando en Septiembre, discutir el contenido de esta carta con los Concilios Pastorales y financieros y líderes pastorales de nuestras parroquias, especialmente con los que están dedicados a la educación religiosa, y como podemos traer un espíritu nuevo de reconciliación y sanación en nuestras comunidades y una nueva apreciación por el Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. Hagan planes ahora en cuanto como podemos animar a todo el pueblo de nuestras comunidades para participar en el Año de Reconciliación, especialmente la participación de nuestras familias.

2. Predicar con frecuencia sobre el tema de reconciliación y sanación, especialmente la importancia del Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. Llamamos esto un sacramento porque es Cristo el que actúa, perdonando nuestros pecados y reconciliándonos a Dios. Nuestro predicar debe revelar la necesidad de la confesión individual en nuestras vidas espirituales durante el Año y no solamente confesando durante los servicios comunales de confesión que se ofrecen en tiempos especiales durante el año.

3. Que cada parroquia revise el horario para la celebración del Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación para ver si estos tiempos son convenientes para nuestra gente, y que nuestra gente esté conciente que nuestros sacerdotes siempre están dispuestos para celebrar este Sacramento cuando se lo pida.

4. Que cada parroquia tenga una Devoción de 40 Horas con la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, que enfoca sobre el tema de reconciliación y sanación y proveer tiempo durante la Devoción de 40 Horas para confesiones. Inviten a sacerdotes de las parroquias cercanas que estén presentes para oír las confesiones. Por favor notifiquenme con tiempo la fecha de esta devoción.

5. Que durante la temporada del Adviento y Cuaresma, mas ocasiones sean ofrecidas para la celebración comunal del Sacramento de

Penitencia y Reconciliación en todas partes de la Diócesis. Esto quiere decir que nuestros sacerdotes están dispuestos a extender la mano y asistir a las comunidades donde hay pocos sacerdotes para ayudar con estas celebraciones comunales del Sacramento de Confesión.

6. Que cada parroquia durante este Año se enfoque en como reconciliar a los que se han alejado de su religión Católica por cualquier razón. Quizás equipos de ministerio de reconciliación puedan ser formados y entrenados para hacer una visita personal a los que están inactivos.

7. Durante este Año especial de la misericordia de Dios, hagan un nuevo esfuerzo para ayudar a las parejas que necesitan una anulación e animar a los divorciados, separados, o los que han perdido un cónyuge, para participar en la Experiencia de un Comienzo Nuevo patrocinado por la Diócesis.

8. Que nuestros Sacerdotes durante este año, cuando el Calendario Litúrgico permita, ofrezcan de vez en cuando Misas especiales para el perdón de los pecados y sanción, por ejemplo usando la misa que se encuentra en el Sacramentario, #40, pagina 924 y usando la Oración de la Eucaristía de Reconciliación y las Lecturas de Reconciliación del Leccionario. Este Año también sería un tiempo espléndido para tener varias Misas de Sanación para los Enfermos con el sacramento de los enfermos, que está conectada a la reconciliación.

9. Que en el Domingo de La Misericordia Divina, el Segundo Domingo de Pascua, 23 de Abril de 2006, al fin de cada Misa, una bendición especial de despedida sea agregada a la última bendición recordando a todos que hemos sido redimidos en la sangre de Cristo y renovados en el amor misericordioso de Dios por medio de la resurrección de Cristo. Después un ritual de oración breve debe de ser distribuido a todos los que están presentes, quizás por medio del boletín, para que se lo lleven a sus hogares y que se lo usen como un servicio de oración

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## PFEIFER: Angelus to feature monthly stories on reconciliation

### (From 14)

churches, and promote prayerful discussion with Jews and Muslims.

During this Year of Reconciliation, each edition of the Angelus will feature an article on the theme of reconciliation and especially the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. These articles will draw information from the Catholic Catechism and other sources.

I am also asking Christ the King Retreat Center to prepare a weekend retreat that will stress the need for God's mercy, forgiveness and healing, highlighting the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Also, early in Advent, 2005, a healing retreat, called Project Rachel, will be held at our Retreat Center for those who experienced an abortion, helping them in all areas of reconciliation and to make a new beginning with God's

love.

As we live out this Year of Reconciliation, let us all pray daily for God's reconciliation and healing for the people of our Diocese and the whole Church. Pray especially for those who feel they are alienated from or abandoned by the Church. Pope Paul VI pointed out that the Church constantly needs to be evangelized. Flowing from this, we can say that the Church constantly needs forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. Because of the recent clergy sex scandal, the Church in the United States still very much needs God's merciful forgiveness and healing. Each day, each one of us can be an instrument of God's reconciliation and pardon for one another.

There are many other ways to help our people understand more fully the importance of healing and reconciliation in our lives, and especially the Sacrament of

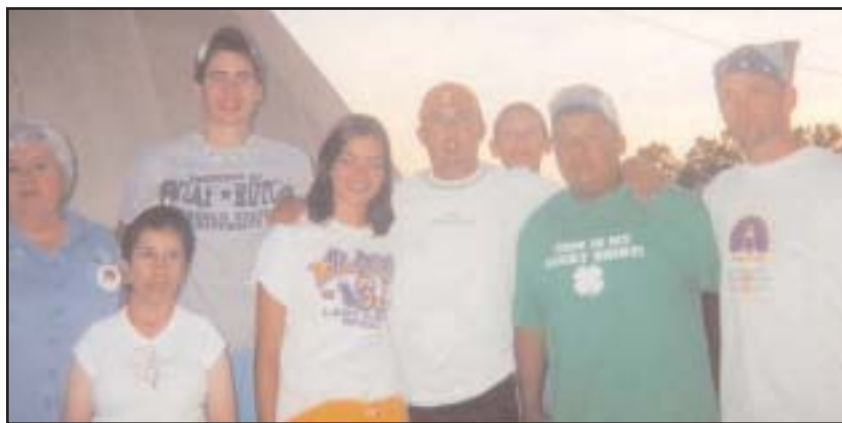
Reconciliation. I ask that you share with me any ideas that you have about how we, as a Diocese, can promote reconciliation and healing in the lives of the ordained, women religious, pastoral leaders, and the lives of all of our people.

Jesus calls us to repentance, reconciliation, conversion and to acts of penance. Like the prophets before Him, Christ does not aim first at outward works, but at the conversion of the heart—interior conversion. Interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures, and works of charity and of penance.

I ask that you please bring this message of the Year of Reconciliation to the attention of all the people of all the communities of our Diocese. Let us pray that God's Holy Spirit guide us with truth, humility, love and repentance, as we prepare and live out this Year of Reconciliation for our Diocese. As we

enter into this special year of God's mercy, on the First Sunday of Advent, preparing for Christ's birthday, keep in mind the inspired Word of God for that Sunday: “O Lord, you are the Father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands” and, “Be watchful! Be alert!” Throughout this Year of forgiveness and reconciliation, may we often focus our attention on the crucified Christ on the cross who pleaded for God's mercy for all of us — “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” And may we all stand at the foot of the cross with Mary to comprehend the mystery of Christ's death and its meaning in our lives. Thank you for your cooperation and God's peace.

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



Young Neighbors in Action participants include Minerva Garza and Justin Pribyla (St. Isidore, Lenorah), Delia Samaniego (St. Ann-Sonora), Gabriel Rodriguez, Anthony Villa and Jeremy Rodriguez (Good Shepherd-Crane), and Sonya Sanchez (Sacred Heart-McCamey).

## Youths in diocese attend Young Neighbors in Action in Gallup, NM

Five youths and two adult sponsors from the diocese spent time in Gallup, NM this summer as part of the Center for Ministry Development's Young Neighbors in Action program. The goal of the program is to provide young people with the opportunity to serve those in need, to learn what Scripture and Church Tradition say about justice and to hear ways that God is calling them to bring about the Kingdom. The students made the trip June 26-July 2.

Throughout the week, teams painted and repaired homes for the elderly

and needy people of the area. Fr. John Unni, a campus minister from Boston, led a class on Catholic Social Teaching, the importance of the Gospel and then had the participants journal daily challenges and experiences. Opportunities for morning and evening prayer were available daily. Mass was also celebrated by the lakeshore.

The group also experienced the local cultural opportunities by attending Native American dances and visiting with a medicine man who blessed them in his tradition.

## SUNDAY: Issues, problems in criminal justice affects offenders of all religions

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ulation is just under 195,000 with another 544,000 involved in community supervision (probation and parolee). The recidivism rate (number of inmates returning to prison) is greater than 50% within the Texas prison system and even greater in the county jails. Besides these statistics, there are another 362,000 people in Texas who are bonded to reappear in court. There is a major trauma situation in our law enforcement and criminal justice systems, which has reached epidemic proportions. It is no longer an issue to be brushed under the carpet, as we treat those we put behind bars.

In November 2000, the Catholic Bishops of the United States published the document "Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice." This document addresses the issue of crime and the criminal justice system in America in light of Catholic social teaching. It is time for all Catholics to get involved to help bring the light of Jesus Christ into a world filled with darkness. It is our hope that concerned people will take this opportunity to join in the important efforts to create awareness, education and action about criminal justice reform.

After the weekend Masses, there will be a table at the back of church in each parish where active ministry volunteers and/or helpers are available, to provide material to solicit interest. The volunteers in these parishes will be speaking about their jail and prison

experiences, either from the pulpit and/or at the tables to encourage your involvement. Please stop by to learn about the various areas of Criminal Justice Ministry that you might want to join. Just fill out the application portion of the ministry form and leave at the table.

While the Criminal Justice efforts in the diocese take on a Catholic perspective, the issues and problems of criminal justice affect us all, across all lines of faith and in all communities. To this end, there are many ecumenical ways to get involved. In the prison setting, there is the Kairos prison ministry where interdenominational teams hold three-day retreats to build a foundation for establishing the Christian community in prison. For those male and female inmates who attend Kairos and remain faithful to their community, the recidivism rate is about 25%, as compared to 50% for others. For juvenile offenders, there is a similar program called Epiphany.

There are many different areas where one can support the Criminal Justice efforts. For all this to bear fruit, it must be built on a strong foundation of prayer, as this is essential if we are to bring about real change in the law enforcement and criminal justice systems. A diocesan prayer for Criminal Justice will be presented to all parishes during this weekend. Please pray that participation in our ministry will grow through this awareness effort and that all incarcerated brothers and sisters will seek reconciliation with our God and return to the flock.

## RECONCILIACION: del Angelus tendrá un artículo sobre el tema de reconciliación

(PARA 15)

para traer la misericordia y perdón de Dios a nuestras familias. La Comisión de Liturgia de la Diócesis está preparando un servicio breve de oración en Inglés y Español que será distribuido en ese Domingo.

10. Que en cada junta de los Deaneries durante el próximo año usen un tiempo para rezar y discutir la reconciliación y sanción, especialmente como los sacerdotes y líderes pastorales puedan inspirar a nosotros y nuestra gente a hacer un aprecio nuevo del Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. Compartiré con los Deans diez temas de reconciliación para ser discutidos en un ambiente de oración en cada junta de los Deaneries durante el Año de Reconciliación y les pediré a los Deans que pongan esto en una estructura de oración.

También recomiendo fuertemente que todas nuestras parroquias hagan lo posible en este Año de Reconciliación para tener una misión parroquial que se enfoca en toda la dimensión de reconciliación y sanación, y la importancia del Sacramento de Penitencia, de Confesión. También, sería muy útil tener durante este Año un día o medio-día de retiro para el personal de nuestras parroquias sobre la reconciliación y la misericordia de Dios. Quizás las parro-

quias que están cercanas puedan juntarse con otras parroquias para este retiro especial. Cada parroquia o juntándose con varias parroquias, quizás también puedan preparar un servicio especial de sanación y reconciliación para los jóvenes.

Este Año de Reconciliación también sería un tiempo espléndido para preparar al nivel local un servicio ecuménico de sanación y reconciliación con ministros de otras iglesias Cristianas, y promover discusión con oración con Judíos y Musulmanes.

Durante este Año de Reconciliación, cada edición del Angelus tendrá un artículo sobre el tema de reconciliación y especialmente el Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. Estos artículos tendrán información del Catecismo Católico y de otras fuentes.

También estoy pidiendo al Centro de Retiros, Cristo Rey, que prepare un retiro de un fin de semana que pondrá énfasis en la necesidad de la misericordia de Dios, el perdón y la sanación, especialmente el Sacramento de Penitencia y Reconciliación. También, en Adviento, 2005, un retiro de sanación, llamado Project Rachel, tomará lugar en nuestro Centro de Retiro para los que hayan experimentado un aborto, ayudándolos en todas áreas de reconciliación y empezar de nuevo con el amor de Dios.

Mientras vivimos en este Año de Reconciliación, recemos diariamente por la

reconciliación y sanación de Dios para la gente de nuestra Diócesis y toda la Iglesia. Recen especialmente por los que se sienten solos y abandonados por la Iglesia. El Papa Pablo VI indicó que la Iglesia constantemente necesita ser evangelizada. Emanando de esto, podemos decir que la Iglesia constantemente necesita perdón, reconciliación, y sanación. A causa del escándalo de abuso sexual por el clero la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos todavía necesita mucho el perdón misericordioso y la sanación de Dios. Cada día, todos nosotros necesitamos ser instrumentos del perdón y reconciliación de Dios para perdonar unos a otros.

Hay muchas otras maneras para ayudar a nuestra gente entender mejor la importancia de la sanación y reconciliación en nuestras vidas, y especialmente el Sacramento de Reconciliación. Pido que compartan conmigo cualquier idea que tendrían de cómo nosotros, como una Diócesis, podamos promover reconciliación y sanación en las vidas de los ordenados, mujeres religiosas, líderes pastorales, y en las vidas de todos los feligreses.

Jesús nos llamó al arrepentimiento, reconciliación, conversión y a actos de penitencia. Como los profetas antes de El, Cristo no se va primero al trabajo externo, pero a la conversión del corazón-conversión interior. La conversión interior quiere expresarse

en signos visibles, gestos, y trabajos de caridad y de penitencia.

Se les suplica el favor de traer este mensaje del Año de Reconciliación a la atención de todos los feligreses de todas las comunidades de nuestra Diócesis. Recemos al Espíritu Santo de Dios que nos guíe con la verdad, humildad, amor y arrepentimiento, mientras nos preparemos a vivir este Año de Reconciliación para nuestra Diócesis. Mientras entremos a este año especial de la misericordia de Dios, el Primer Domingo de Adviento, preparando para el cumpleaños de Cristo, mantengan en mente la Palabra de Dios de ese Domingo: "Y sin embargo, Señor tú eres nuestro Padre, nosotros somos el barro y tú eres el alfarero, todos nosotros fuimos hechos por tus manos" y "¡Estén preparados y vigilando!" Durante este Año de perdón y reconciliación enfoquemos frecuentemente nuestra atención en Cristo crucificado en la cruz que rogó por la misericordia de Dios por todos nosotros-"Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen." Y que todos nosotros nos pongamos al pie de la cruz con María para comprender el misterio de la muerte de Cristo y lo que significa en nuestras vidas. Gracias por su cooperación y que Dios les conceda mucha paz.

*Su servidor en Cristo y María,  
Muy Reverendo Miguel Pfeifer, OMI  
Obispo de San Angelo*