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Pope Names 30 New Cardinals; Archbishop Rigali Only One From U.S.

by John Thavis
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II named 30 new cardinals, including Philadelphia Archbishop Justin F. Rigali, enlarging and further internationalizing the group that will one day elect his successor.

The pope will induct the cardinals in a consistory at the Vatican Oct. 21, adding a major event to an already heavy program of celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the pope's election.

"The candidates ... come from various parts of the world and carry out diverse duties in the service of the people of God," the pope said in announcing the names from his

window above St. Peter's Square Sept. 28. He spoke in a weak voice and sounded short of breath.

"As a group, they well respect the universality of the church and the multiplicity of its ministries," he said.

The new cardinals represent 18 countries from all six continents. Seven are Vatican officials, 19 are heads of archdioceses around the world and four are priests over 80 years old being honored for their service to the church.

The pope also said he was preserving the name of one new cardinal "in pectore," or in his heart. In the past, such cardinals have served in places where public knowledge of their appointment might pro-

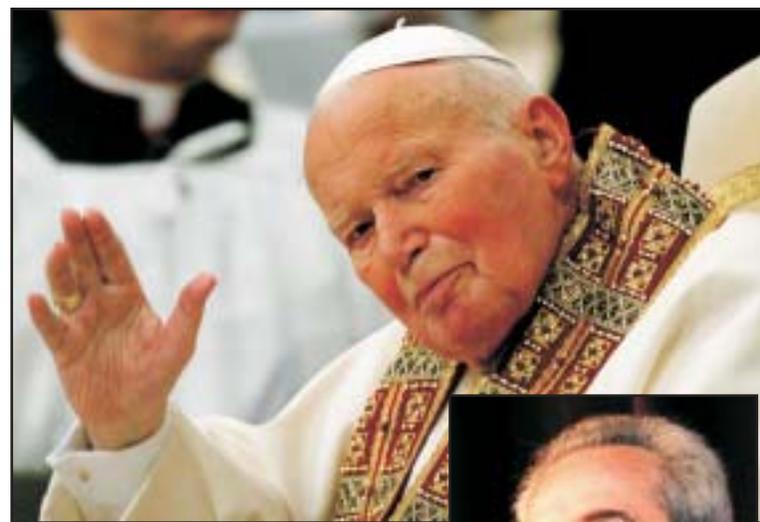
voke hostility against the church.

Those named included Austrian Archbishop George Pell of Sydney, Canadian Archbishop Marc Ouellet of Quebec and Scottish Archbishop Keith O'Brien of Edinburgh. For the first time, cardinals were appointed from the African countries of Ghana and Sudan.

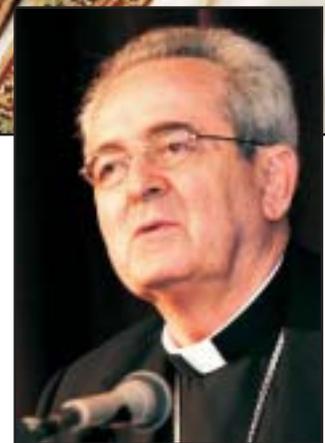
The pope made his announcement during a nine-hour electrical blackout in Italy, and the Vatican had to fire up emergency generators so pilgrims could hear the pontiff. In the darkened Vatican press hall, journalists worked by flashlight and candlelight to get out the news.

The appointments will bring the total number in the College of Cardinals to 194, a record high number of cardinals from 69 countries. After the last consistory of 2001, there were 184 cardinals.

As he has done previously, the pope waived the maximum of 120 cardinal-electors, those under age 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave. When they accept their "red hats" at the consistory, the total number of cardinal-electors will be 135



(Above) Pope John Paul II arrives for a memorial Mass to commemorate his two Italian predecessors — Paul VI and John Paul I — in St. Peter's Basilica Sept. 27. The following day the pontiff named 30 new cardinals and said he was preserving the name of another cardinal "in pectore." (CNS photo from Reuters)



(Insert) Archbishop Justin F. Rigali of Philadelphia is among 30 new cardinals named by Pope John Paul II Sept. 28. The pope will induct the cardinals during a consistory at the Vatican Oct. 21. Cardinal-designate Rigali is pictured in this July 16 photo during a press conference in St. Louis. (CNS photo by Mark Kempf)

— matching the record high number of 2001. All but five of the 135 have been named by Pope John Paul.

The new voting-age cardinals include 14 Europeans; three each from Africa, Asia and North America; two from South America and one from Australia.

Cardinal-designate Rigali, 68, worked for 30 years at the Vatican, where he was president of the Holy See's diplomatic academy, 1985-89, and secretary of the Congregation for Bishops, 1989-94. Ap-

pointed as archbishop of St. Louis in 1994, he was recently named to head the Philadelphia Archdiocese and will be installed there Oct. 7.

Absent from the list of new cardinals was Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, who took over the archdiocese last summer in the wake of clerical sex abuse scandals. Many inside and outside the Vatican had expected him to be given the red hat.

In Canada, Cardinal-designate Ouellet is a 59-year-old Sulpician

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Bishop Pfeifer blessed all manner of live and stuffed pets at the St. Francis Mass at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart on Friday morning, October 3rd. (Photos by Mary K. Proff.)



Respect Life Sunday

By Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

Respect life Sunday, October 5, 2003, marks the thirty-first anniversary of the Respect Life Program. Developing the theme "Life is a Miracle", the materials are designed not only to educate Catholics about current and emerging threats to all human life and dignity, but also to awaken in them a desire to celebrate and bear witness to God's creative and redeeming love for every human being.

This year's articles cover a broad range of topics such as Human Cloning, Practical Help for Women experiencing a "crisis pregnancy", Families of Victims Opposed to the Death Penalty and many other life issues. Each parish will be receiving a packet of information about these important life issues, and I ask our pastors and pastoral coordinators to share this information with all the people of our diocese.

"Life is a Miracle" is the theme for this year's Respect Life Program. I share with you some reflections from this year's program about the beautiful miracle of life.

We expect to pay more for something that will last a long time. We value rare or unique items, and works of great beauty can be extremely expensive.

Yet our society seems to place little value on the one thing that is truly priceless – human life itself. If we compare human beings to things that we prize, by every measure human beings come out on top.

Durability. Human beings last *forever*. Everything on earth will pass away, the earth itself will pass away. But God offers each of us eternal life.

Uniqueness. Every human being is unique, unrepeatable and irreplaceable. Even identical twins have different fingerprints, facial expressions, personalities. Never in the history of humankind has there been another you, nor will there ever be.

Beauty. Is there anything more beautiful, anything you'd rather look at a dozen times a day, than the face of a loved one?



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Domingo Respetemos La Vida

Por el Obispo Miguel D. Pfeifer, OMI

Domingo respetemos la Vida, 5 de Octubre de 2003, marca el aniversario de treinta y uno años del Programa Respetemos la Vida. Desarrollando el tema "La Vida es un Milagro", los materiales son diseñados no solamente para educar a Católicos sobre amenazas emergentes y actuales a toda vida y dignidad humana, pero también para despertar en ellos un deseo para celebrar y dar testimonio al amor creativo de Dios para cada ser humano.

Los artículos de este año cubren una gran variedad de temas como La Clonación Humana, Ayuda Practica para Mujeres pasando un "embarazo de crisis", Familias de Víctimas Opuestas a la Pena de Muerte y muchos otros temas. Cada parroquia recibirá un paquete de información sobre estas importantes temas de vida, y yo les pido a nuestros sacerdotes y coordinadores pastorales que compartan esta información con la gente de nuestra diócesis.

"La Vida es un Milagro" es el tema para el Programa Respetemos la Vida de este año. Comparto con ustedes algunas reflexiones del programa de este año sobre el gran don del milagro de la vida.

Esperamos pagar más por algo que durará largo tiempo. Valoramos artículos raros o únicos, y obras de gran belleza son muy caras.

Pero nuestra sociedad parece dar muy poco valor a lo que realmente no tiene precio – la vida humana. Si comparamos los seres humanos a las cosas que valoramos, no importa cómo la evaluemos, la vida siempre gana.

Durabilidad. Los seres humanos son para siempre. Todo lo que hay en la tierra pasará, hasta la misma Tierra dejará de existir. Pero Dios nos ofrece a cada uno vida eterna.

Singularidad. Cada ser humano es único, irrepitible e irremplazable. Hasta los gemelos idénticos tienen huellas digitales y expresiones faciales, y personalidades diferentes. En la historia de la humanidad nunca habrá ni hubo nadie como tú.

Belleza. ¿Hay algo más bello, algo que te gustaría ver una dozena de veces al día, más que

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The Bishop's Schedule



October 2003

October 2: Odessa, St. Mary - 10th Anniversary Mass for Perpetual Adoration Group at 6:30 p.m.

October 3: San Angelo, Angelo Catholic School - St. Francis Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Blessing of Animals.

October 5: Abilene, Sacred Heart - Rosary Rally at 5:00 p.m.

October 6-7: Dallas - Deacon Meeting at the Catholic Conference

Center.

October 7: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - Rosary Rally at 7:00 p.m.

October 9: Austin - Texas Conference of Churches Meeting.

October 10: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Mass for Staff at 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting at 11:00 a.m.

October 11: Odessa, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Confirmation at 5:00 p.m.

October 12-13: San Antonio - MACC Board Meeting.

October 15: Odessa, St. Mary - Presentation to RCIA Groups of

Midland and Odessa at 6:30 p.m.

October 16: San Angelo - Meeting of the San Angelo Area Foundation at 4:00 p.m.

October 18: Odessa, St. Mary - Confirmation at 6:00 p.m.

October 19: Miles, St. Thomas - Mass at 8:00 a.m.

October 20-22: Nashville, Tenn - Oblate Congress.

October 25: San Angelo, San Angelo Convention Center - Diocesan Youth Event.

October 26: Big Lake, St. Margaret - Mass at 11:30 a.m.

October 27: San Angelo, St. Joseph - Meet with Pastor, Pastoral Council and Finance Council at 7:00 p.m.

October 28: San Angelo, Holy Angels - Presentation to San Angelo parishes RCIA at 6:30 p.m.

October 29: San Angelo, Newman Center - Mass at 12:00 noon.

October 30: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Joint meeting of Presbyteral Council Meeting and Diocesan Finance Council at 10:30 a.m. Presbyteral Council meeting at 1:00 p.m.

November 2003

November 1: San Angelo, Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart - All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

November 2: San Angelo, Calvary Cemetery - All Souls Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.

November 3: Rowena, St. Joseph - 7:00 P.M. meet with Pastor and Pastoral Councils of Rowena, Miles and Olfen.

November 4: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Liturgy Commission Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Eden, St. Charles - Mass at 7:00 p.m.

November 5-6: Dallas, Texas Conference of Churches - Faith and Order Meeting.

November 9-13: Washington, DC - Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

November 14-16: Houston - National Youth Conference.

November 17: San Angelo, Diocesan Pastoral Center - Staff Mass at 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

November 18: San Angelo, Christ the King Retreat Center - Staff Retreat. St. Joseph - Mass for

Cursillistas at 7:00 p.m.

November 19-20: Dallas, Texas Conference of Churches - Dialogue with Baptist Convention of Texas.

November 21: Stanton, St. Joseph - 7:00 p.m. meet with Pastor, Parish Pastoral And Finance Councils.

November 22: Odessa, St. Mary's School - Catholic Schools Commission 3:00 p.m. St. Mary Church, Odessa - Mass for Diocesan Charismatic Movement.

November 23: Carlsbad, St. Theresa - Mass at 9:30 a.m. Meet with Pastoral and Finance Councils after Mass.

November 24: San Angelo, St. Joseph - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m.

November 25: Abilene, Holy Family - Presentation to RCIA Groups of Abilene at 7:00 p.m.

November 26: San Angelo, St. Joseph - Mass for Workers at 12:00 noon.

November 27: San Angelo, Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

November 28-30: Rest and Prayer.

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Vocation Circle

Come-And-See Visits To A Seminary Or A Convent

by Fr. Tom Barley

Come-and-See type weekends are a wonderful way for people who are interested in priesthood or religious life to get personal information through experiencing the life and prayer of priests and sisters. Here are such events for the coming year.

Seminaries:

Conception College Seminary

in northwest Missouri will have two weekends for prospective college seminary students to visit. They are opportunities for an introduction to college seminary life from the college seminarians themselves. The two weekends are on November 8-10, 2003 and March 27-29, 2004. Attendees spend a Monday morning in class before they leave. We currently have two college seminarians at Conception and two of our theologians graduated from

Conception Seminary a few years ago.

Holy Trinity College Seminary in Irving, Texas will have a Live-In-Weekend for prospective college seminary students on February 12-15. Attendees spend a day in class at the University of Dallas.

Assumption Theological Seminary in San Antonio will have a Come-and-See Weekend for prospective theology seminary students who are 18 years or older. Assumption is in collaboration with Oblate School of Theology and the Mexican-American Cultural Center. We have three theologians at Assumption this year.

If you are interested in going to any of these weekends, contact Fr. Tom Barley at the Office of Vocations and Seminarians at (325) 651-7500.

Religious Life:

Sisters of Divine Providence at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio have several opportunities for visitations to explore a vocation as a woman religious for women between 18-45.

Walk with Providence – Come and See Retreats on November 14-16 and next March 5-7.

Providence Spirituality Retreats – guided retreat focusing on God's Providence in one's life – on May 21-23, 2004.

Life with Providence Week – a week of mission and community on January 3-10, 2004.

For more information call (210) 434-1866 – ext. 1132 or 1130.

Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament in Victoria, Texas have a Come-and-See experience for women between 18-50. For more information call (361) 575-7111.

partnership among the three dioceses (San Pedro Sula, Tyler, and San Angelo) and how it has brought us together in Christ. This opportunity was a truly wonderful experience.

In late March, students from the Newman Center where invited by the Diocesan Office of Education and Formation, to participate in a retreat for Young Adults at Christ the King Retreat Center. Several took part in the weekend event. On Friday night participants enjoyed the usual ice-breakers to get acquainted with each other. Then the focus of the discussion was on the *Sons and Daughters of Light*; a document that the U.S. Bishops wrote for young adult Catholics. During the retreat there was some much needed time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. The retreat came at the perfect time. We students needed a break from studies and struggles. The retreat ended with Bishop Pfeifer as the Presider at the Eucharist.

Fr. Oscar Valderamma, O.P., from San Pedro Sula, Honduras, brought the academic year to a prayerful conclusion by giving a retreat. Father gave us the opportunity to reflect

Obituary Rev. Peter Vergauwen

Fr. Peter Vergauwen, priest of the Diocese of San Angelo, died on September 15, 2003, at the Padua Place, a retirement home for priests, in San Antonio, TX. Fr. Vergauwen would have been 86 years old on October 6.

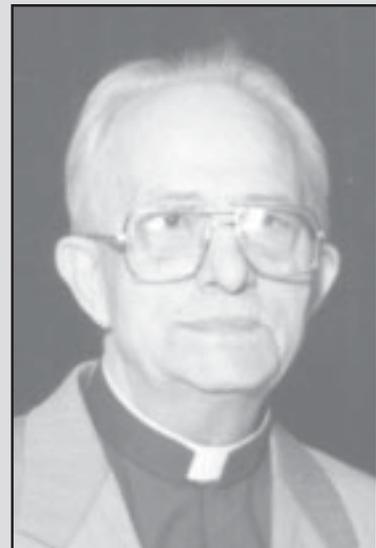
Fr. Vergauwen was born on October 6, 1917 in Oppuurs, Belgium, the son of John and Josephine Vergauwen. Two brothers preceded him in death.

In 1939 Fr. Vergauwen, while a student in the seminary, was drafted for military service in the Belgian Medical Army Corps and served in the Corps during the three weeks of the Belgian Army's battles against Hitler's armies. On May 21, 1940, he was taken prisoner by German troops, and while he was being taken on foot to a forced labor camp in Silezia, Poland, he escaped and returned to the seminary, and was ordained a priest on July 19, 1942.

He was ordained at Waregem, Belgium into the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. After his ordination, Fr. was appointed teacher of chemistry and physics at the Congregation's Apostolic School. In 1951 he was sent to Texas. Fr. Peter was incardinated into the Diocese of San Angelo on April 20, 1964.

He served in the following churches in the Diocese: at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Snyder, from October 23, 1962 to August 12, 1965; at St. Isidore and Our Lady of Lourdes Missions in Cohanosa and Imperial, from August 13, 1965 to September 1966; at Holy Family in Sweetwater, from September 1966 to October 10, 1968; at St. Mary in San Angelo, from October 11, 1968 to June 2, 1971; at Sacred Heart in Menard, from June 3, 1971 to May 29, 1972; at Our Lady of Lourdes in Andrews, from November 24, 1972 to October 4, 1977; at Sacred Heart in Abilene, from October 5, 1977 to June 30, 1979; at St. Joseph in San Angelo, from July 7, 1979 to December 31, 1979; at Holy Angels in San Angelo, from August 25, 1980 to September 1, 1982; at Holy Family in Abilene, from September 1, 1982 to October 13, 1986; and at St. Boniface in Olfen, from October 14, 1986 to April 1, 1990. Fr. Vergauwen then retired to Padua Place where he enjoyed reading and writing, especially corresponding with old friends throughout the diocese.

The Mass of the Resurrection was con-celebrated by Bishop Pfeifer and fifteen priests from the Diocese at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 18, at St. Boniface, Olfen; and he was laid to rest in the St. Boniface cemetery.



Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

by Missy Garza and Diana Mandujano

Experiences offered at the Newman Center have really made me and others change the way that we look at the world today. The Center provided bible study during the spring semester. We prayed and studied the readings for the coming Sunday. At a typical session S. Malachy would begin with some facts about the readings. Next, we would read the passages silently, then aloud, and describe how the Scriptures spoke to us. Bible study was scheduled for one hour but we usually continued to talk for much longer than the allotted time. On one occasion we were blessed with visitors from different parishes in San Angelo and even one from San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Regular participants and the visitors all had shared experiences and their understanding of the readings. This was certainly a regular opportunity

for individuals to learn and grow.

As the semester unfolded, lunch was provided Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Mass on Wednesdays gave everyone who attended a chance to receive Christ and interact with people from the community. We are very grateful to all of our Presiders who lead us in prayer. On Mondays and Fridays discussions were held on a variety of topics from Catholic Social Teaching to current world events. The members of the Center got the chance to "live out some worldly events" when members of the Diocesan Honduran Solidarity Committee came to the Newman Center to share a delicious home cooked meal. Members of the committee who attended were Padre José Canales, Lety de Velasquez, Monsignor Larry Droll, Father Tom Barley, Sister Hilda Marotta, O.S.F., Dr. Jim Bob Brame and S. Malachy. Some of our guests spoke about the

back on the entire, just completed, semester by focusing on how we lived our lives everyday. "How many people," he asked, "did you pass each day without making a difference in their lives?" Additionally, he asked how we made decisions. Fr. Oscar's questions attempted to rekindle the faith of the retreat participants. "Are you *really* Christian? If

so, what in your life *today* shows your commitment to Christ?" These questions shook our faith only to help us develop a stronger faith. Padre Oscar eased the atmosphere so that the participants could share their reflections. During the discussion he explained that being Christian is not

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Institutional Racism

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI
President, Texas Conference of Churches

When the Texas Conference of Churches came together for its 30th annual assembly in Austin in February, 2003, we reflected together on the critical issue of racial justice. At the same assembly, we passed a resolution on dismantling racism. In view of the fact that this is a current topic for the Texas Conference of Churches, I offer some reflections on institutional racism.

Our American society, which is predominately Christian, continues to be influenced by racial and ethnic intolerance, and even hostility. The history of our country, has been deeply marked by the sin of racism, which is a betrayal of our Christian faith as well as our democratic ideals. Unscrutinized values and attitudes about race are all too often found at the core of major American institutions' policies that impact negatively, with devastating effects on persons of color. Sadly, the Church has sometimes been influenced by these negative attitudes about race.

Institutional racism is about innate systems prevalent in society that give advantage to certain groups over others because of perceived racial difference. For example, in the United States, white privilege is a result of institutionalized racism – being identified as white affords certain advantages throughout many systems of day-to-day life.

These systems can be difficult to identify, especially for the advantaged group, because it is inherent within the structure, system, or process. Institutional racism is

systemic, not personal; therefore, one does not have to be “racist” to benefit from being white. Racism is prejudice plus power manifested by the “privileged race” through social and institutional structures that reinforce and maintain the privilege and oppression.

Racist individuals can grow more tolerant with time and circumstance, but institutionalized racism lingers within organizations and is far more difficult to drive out. In fact, it can almost appear invisible, except for its outcomes and manifestations. Members of affected organizations often redefine racism's manifestations as other issues.

God created humanity to be one family. The sin of racism has divided God's family. Our commitment to an anti-racist identity is a call to heal God's family in the conviction that personal and systemic racism continues to perpetrate deep spiritual and social brokenness and even endangers creation. While legal racial exclusion has ended in our institutions, full access to the resources and power of our institutions has yet to be accomplished.

Because racism can be both personal and institutional, efforts to combat it must address personal attitudes as well as organizational structures. Focusing on diversity – particularly racial diversity – is a positive approach that does both. It is a process of creating and maintaining a positive environment where the differences of all employees are recognized, understood and valued. Through this process, all may fully participate in achieving their full potential and maximizing their contributions to the organization. Honesty and social analy-

sis – a cultural assessment survey – help us to identify inequalities within the systems that would otherwise go undetected. Some of these systems are practices of hiring or selection, promotions, terminations, compensation, employee development, performance appraisals and work styles. The goal of antiracism is personal and institutional transformation, not simply adding people of color to an organization. It is not enough to be multi-cultural. There are organizations that are multi-cultural and still racist in their institutional structure. The Church should be the leader and inspiration to bring about this institutional transformation.

There is no quick fix to the problems related to racism. We must start by embracing our past. Embracing the truth of the past can be disconcerting, confusing, and challenging. However, it will allow us to face our own failures and omissions that foster institutional racism. Racial equality calls for racial reconciliation. This means more than integration. Integration can simply result in lives that intersect, paths that cross but don't really connect. Reconciliation is a fundamental transformation of society by constructing a society where race is no longer the basis for social, political, or economic hierarchy.

World Mission Sunday

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI

World Mission Sunday is celebrated this year on October 19, 2003. Mission Sunday reminds us that our Catholic Church is basically missionary, and that all of us have the privilege of being “missionaries” in our Church.

When we think of mission, we perhaps think of some far-away land where women and men are bringing the Gospel to people who perhaps have never heard the Good News, or people who are being re-evangelized. Thank God, we do have missionaries, women and men, who offer to give their lives to go to other countries to bring the presence of Christ and His Gospel to so many people who still do not know Christ or know the Good News of the Gospel.

However, all of us are called to be missionaries in one way or another. To be a missionary means that we realize that we are sent by Christ by our baptism to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to others, right where we live, but most importantly, to give witness to the Good News by the way we live. In this sense, everyone is a “missionary.”

On World Mission Sunday, I ask all the people of the Diocese of San Angelo to pray for all of our missionaries, and to be extremely generous to the special collection that will be taken up for the missions of the Catholic Church. I thank you for your past generosity, and ask you to pray for all missionaries. Thank you.

Rosary Held at Angelo Catholic School Every Friday

The students and faculty of Angelo Catholic School would like to invite everyone to join us for a weekly rosary at The Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart. The rosary will begin at 12:10 and end at 12:35 p.m. The rosary will occur on the Friday of every school day. The rosary will be prayed for the intention of Angelo Catholic School and any other intentions requested by those present. Come spend your lunch period on Friday with the Lord and children of Angelo Catholic. For more information, call (325) 655-3325.

The Rosary Is Contemplating The Face Of Christ With Mary At Our Side

by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

Pope John Paul II, in his beautiful apostolic letter on the Rosary of the Virgin Mary, tells us that the rosary is contemplating the face of Christ with Mary at our side. The rosary is a beautiful, prayerful devotion, and it is contemplative because it helps us not only to know about Christ, but to know Christ, and to develop a personal, living relationship with Him.

In the beautiful letter that our Holy Father wrote about the rosary, he tells us that the rosary is:

- 1- Remembering Christ with Mary. Meditating on the mysteries makes Christ present.
- 2- Learning Christ from Mary. No one on this earth knows Christ better than His Mother, who said, “Do whatever He tells you.”
- 3- Being conformed to Christ with Mary. As Paul puts it: have the mind of Christ; put on Christ, as a friend becomes more and more like his friend from frequent association.
- 4- Praying to Christ with Mary. We do not know how to pray as we ought. Jesus, the one Mediator, is our Way of Prayer. Mary, His purest reflection, shows us the Way. In this sense, she is “all-powerful by grace.”
- 5- Proclaiming Christ with Mary. Pastors and lay ministers should use the rosary as a significant catechetical opportunity and an evangelical tool. I strongly encourage all of our people to pray the rosary each day, and especially encourage parents to pray the rosary with their children in their homes. Many new blessings will come to those families that take time to pray the rosary together.

St. Boniface Catholic Church
Fall Festival, Olfen, TX
Sunday, Oct 12
Turkey & Sausage Lunch 11 AM - 2 PM
Adults/Plates to Go \$6.00, Child \$3.00
Games • Entertainment
Auction 1 PM • Candy Drop 3 PM
To Reserve Sausage call 325-732-4445



Results Of Compliance Audit

by Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI

During the week of September 22nd our Diocese was audited by two auditors contracted by the Office of Youth and Child Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. The purpose of the audit, which is being conducted in all the dioceses/eparchies of the United States, was to review our compliance with the *Charter and Essential Norms* that were approved by the United States bishops last year.

The auditors, both retired FBI agents with many years of investigative experience, thoroughly reviewed the diocese's *Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry*, reviewed our *Safe Environment* program, the procedure for the background checks and workshops, met personally with the Bishop, the Chancellor, many members of the Pastoral Staff, the diocesan attorney, and interviewed by phone or in person members of the Review Board, some pastors and a representative of the District Attorney's Office in San Angelo.

When the auditors out-briefed

members of our staff and me, on Thursday afternoon September 25th, they were very complimentary with the efforts made for our compliance with the *Charter and Norms*, pointing out that a more complete report would be forthcoming. They noted that the diocese had formalized and implemented its initial *Policy on Sexual Misconduct* in 1994. The Diocesan Task Force that was established in June 2002 revised and updated this initial *Policy* and incorporated the mandates of the *Charter* in the 51 page new document that is dated June 1, 2003. Both auditors agreed that the new *Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry* "was the most thorough and comprehensive policy of that type that they had seen in their combined previous nine audits." A couple of recommendations were made as regards steps for gathering and sharing information.

They ended their report with the following: "The Diocese of San Angelo deserves to be commended for the foresight, resourcefulness and expertise it demonstrated in creating and implementing its current

written policy regarding the abuse of minors."

I am grateful to all, especially the Chancellor, Victims Assistance Coordinator, the Sisters of our Diocesan Education and Formation Office, the Director of Communications, our attorney and others who serve with them to help me prepare for this compliance audit. I want to thank all the members of the Diocesan Staff, the many people in the parishes and missions, pastors, pastoral coordinators, secretaries, DRE/CRE's, other employees and volunteers who have regular contact with minors, for their many efforts to fulfill the requirements to create a safe and secure environment for God's most precious gifts - our young children.

We have made a wonderful beginning; we must continue to sustain our hard work in this most important program. We still need to complete important workshops for education and training to implement our Policies and Safe Environment Program. I beg our parents to cooperate fully with our pastoral leaders to bring our program into our homes, into our family life.

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just about being baptized. *Being a Christian is about sharing faith, solidarity, and a commitment to justice for ALL.*

As you can see from what has already been said, great expectations were set for the Newman Center last spring semester. Accomplishing them all has only left us with bigger shoes to fill. Newman Center programming has begun again with the start of the new fall term.

There are many new faces and many people with so much to share. This has given us hope that the current fall semester will be just as successful as the last. There is so much we plan to do. After serious reflection we decided that our mission statement and goals will remain the same but there have been some significant changes made to our objectives.

"Life, when it is lived to its fullest shows others and ourselves that it is a gift from God." These are the words from Lety de Velasquez, a

friend from Honduras. This is a challenge that the Newman Center plans to take on. Our hope for this semester is to do exactly this; live life to its fullest and share with others the many gifts that we possess. By forming RENEW groups and researching faith-sharing opportunities, by encouraging personal prayer and private devotion, and by participating in guided meditation, we hope to be able to nurture personal growth.

We plan to continue being a place for many to come, not only to find answers but to question as well. We want to discover the endless opportunities available to us and the "miracles" that we can accomplish when we work together as brothers and sisters. We are a "home away from home," a place where the burden is slightly lightened, and where one can always find a warm smile and a tasty meal.

Most importantly, we hope to be an example to all that "where two or three are gathered, God is amongst them." For the students, as well as for the entire community that joins us, we hope that we may be able to gather, feel the power within us to be

Ethics and Integrity for Church Personnel



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more than expected, and continue to be a welcoming community. We hope and pray we choose to live life to its fullest and be an example that not only is life a gift, but we are a gift to others as well.



Annual Collection For Partner Diocese

by Msgr. Larry Droll

The Diocese of San Pedro Sula in Honduras is a special partner to the Diocese of San Angelo in the one "Church in America." Each year on the first weekend of November, parishes and missions in the Diocese of San Angelo take up a special collection to assist the Catholic Church in the Diocese of San Pedro Sula.

The partnership between these two dioceses, along with the Diocese of Tyler, was initiated after Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras in 1998. A Covenant of Partnership was signed on September 11, 2001.

The latest development in the partnership was a visit to Honduras by four parishioners from St. Vincent's Parish in Abilene. Their parish desired to enter a partnership with a parish in the Diocese of San Pedro Sula. The diocesan bishop there chose Nuestra Senora del Carmen Parish in Cofradia. Wanda and Tony Gutierrez, Santos Sosa, and Francisco Munoz traveled to San Pedro Sula in early August to meet people in the proposed parish. They were assisted in the pro-

cess by Msgr. Larry Droll.

The parish of Nuestra Senora del Carmen consists of 42 small villages, about half of which are far up in the mountains. The pastor, Fr. Francisco Sanchez, is the only priest in the parish. Many lay people serve as parish leaders (Delegates of the Word), catechists, and in other forms of ministry. There are many Small Family Communities that meet regularly to study, pray and work on behalf of the parish. Augustinian Sisters staff a day care center, a clinic, a dining facility for the elderly and a development center; they are assisted by many lay people, as well.

The main challenge to the parish and its people is the exaggerated poverty of the area. Dependent mostly on agriculture, parishioners have seen the price they get for their coffee plummet. Many are leaving the parish, in order to work in factories of big multinational corporations or to find their way to the United States; it's a matter of feeding their families.

Despite the poverty, the faith of the parishioners is strong and vibrant. The Abilene parishioners met

with a large group of representatives of various mountain communities in Tomala on Saturday. They met with the people of the valley in Cofradia on Sunday. The relationship established in these encounters will be the foundation of the partnership between the two parishes.

There are many such parishes in the Diocese of San Pedro Sula. The collection will assist the diocese and parishes there to meet some of their needs.

For additional information on the collection, please contact Msgr. Larry Droll at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (325) 651-7500.



Meeting new friends in Tomala, Honduras, are Abilene parishioners Wanda and Tony Gutierrez, Francisco Munoz and Santos Sosa, along with Msgr. Larry Droll (left, standing).



Bringing greetings from Abilene to (l to r) Padre Francisco Sanchez, pastor of Nuestra Senora del Carmen parish in Cofradia, Honduras, are Tony and Wanda Gutierrez, Francisco Munoz and Santos Sosa. (Photos courtesy Msgr. Larry Droll.)

Saint Boniface Hall Renovation

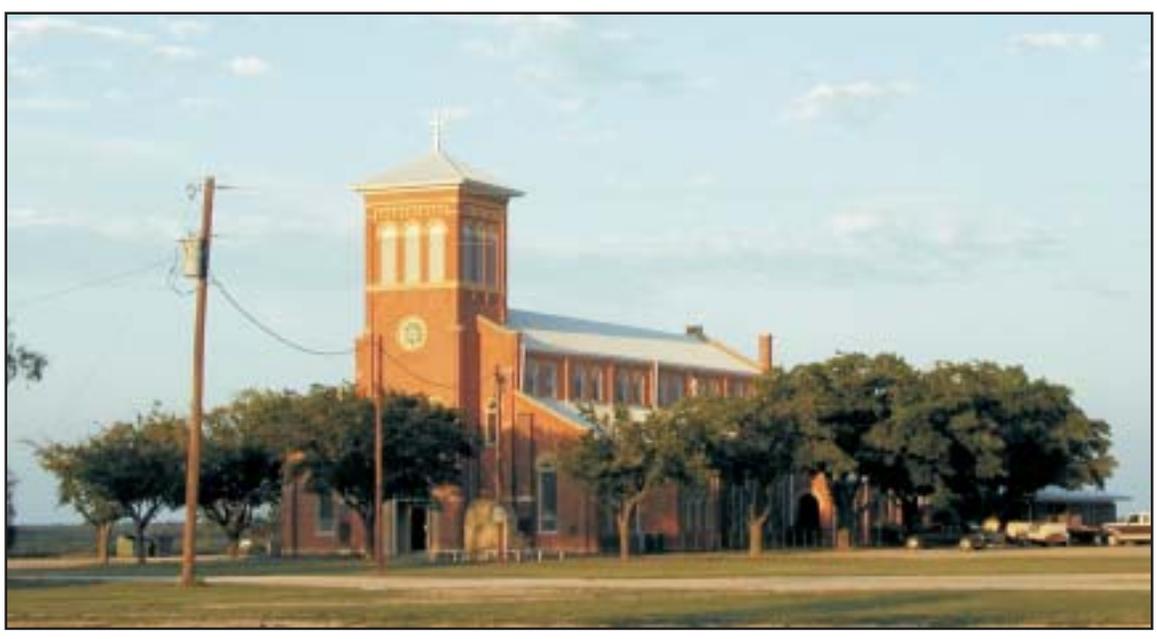
by Joyce Weishuhn

Olfen Texas is located approximately 9 miles south of Ballinger on U.S. Hwy 83, then 2 miles west on county road 234 in a quiet and peaceful countryside. There are no merchants or businesses here – what you will find is a beautiful Catholic church built in 1922, newly renovated parish hall, and a thriving public school with a new gymnasium. Not bad, for a very small group of people. For all intent and purposes Olfen should have died out many years ago when children of the original parishioners moved to cities to find jobs. No – not at Olfen. Things slowed for a time, but then folks decided a small public school system is a good thing. The growth started and now the school building, gym, football field and playground rival any

elementary school in the country.

The latest success story is the renovation of the Saint Boniface

parish hall built in 1938. The Saint Boniface fall festival held each year on the second Sunday in October



is the annual fund raising event for the parish. Two years ago when challenged with new laws governing cooking food, the parishioners responded with "we can do it". It

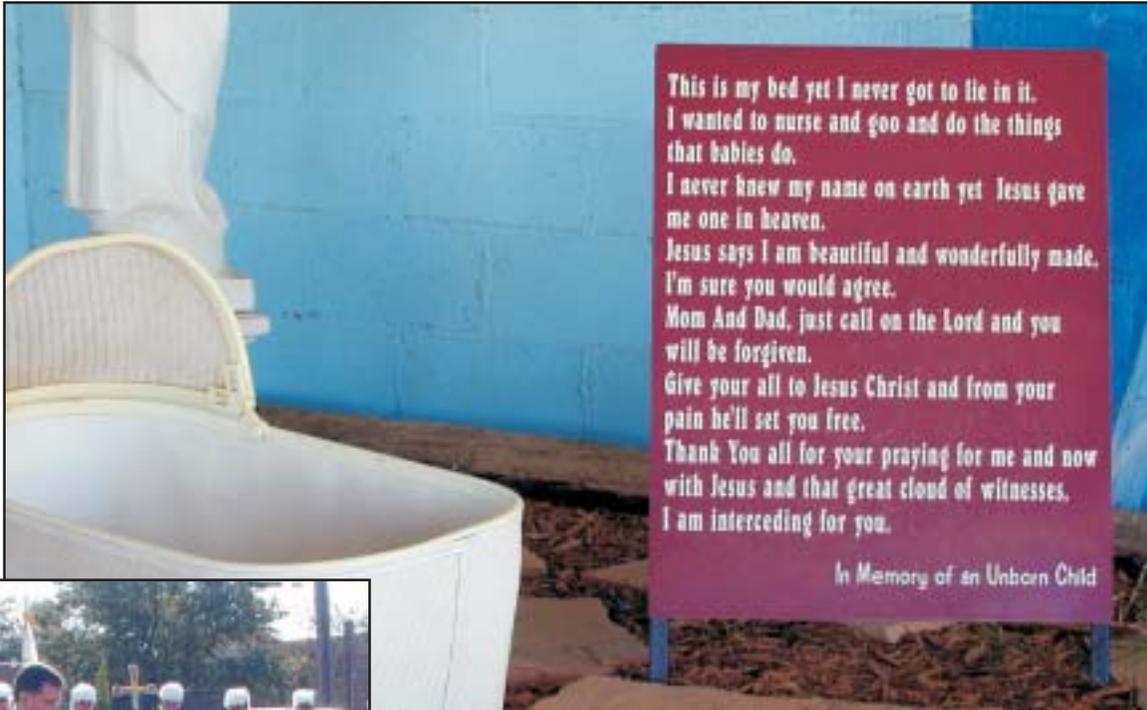
took some reorganization and determination, and 100 members, old and young, working together to meet the challenge. The next festival, scheduled for October 12, 2003, will be held in the newly renovated parish hall. It will not matter if it is windy, rainy, cold, or hot, the festival will be held. The new structure includes a covered plates to go area, covered auction and games area. Featured inside the building are new restrooms, added cooking space, and a large area especially designed for cooking and selling the well-known German sausage.

The best way to see the meaning of what a small group of determined parishioners can accomplish is to come and see the facility and enjoy the Saint Boniface Festival on October 12, 2003.

Photo courtesy Joyce Weishuhn.



Bishop Celebrates Right-to-Life Mass in Midland on Saturday, September 27.



This is my bed yet I never got to lie in it.
 I wanted to nurse and goo and do the things that babies do.
 I never knew my name on earth yet Jesus gave me one in heaven.
 Jesus says I am beautiful and wonderfully made. I'm sure you would agree.
 Mom And Dad, just call on the Lord and you will be forgiven.
 Give your all to Jesus Christ and from your pain he'll set you free.
 Thank You all for your praying for me and now with Jesus and that great cloud of witnesses, I am interceding for you.

In Memory of an Unborn Child

The tablet above and the crib are in an enclosure within the Shrine to the Unborn.



(Above) A member of the Knights of Columbus reads a passage from the New Testament.



Bishop Pfeifer addressed approximately 250 people who attended Mass on the lawn of the Shrine to the Unborn opposite the Midland abortion clinic.



The Midland Planned Parenthood abortion clinic is the blue building on the right, behind the chain link fence. (Photos by Peter Micale.)



St. Ambrose Parish / Holy Family Mission Fall Festival in Wall, TX features "The Wild Wall West Show" on stage in the auction area at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, October 19. (Photo by Kim Sparks.)



Catholic Cemetery Sunday

by John J. O'Brien, CCCE, President

"For we are well aware that when the tent that houses us on earth is folded up, there is a house for us from God, not made by human hands but everlasting, in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1

These words of promise form part of the beautiful prayer of blessing that is said when visiting a cemetery. When we recite St. Paul's affirmation, - there is a house for us from God - the imagery it evokes very clearly, tangibly and definitively conveys not only our hope of Resurrection, but that our only hope lies in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the message of Easter, the cornerstone of our faith as a Catholic, Christian people, spoken confidently, and most assuredly.

St. Paul also speaks to us about our own human frailties when he compares the human body to a tent, which, if not properly secured, can fold up, collapse or be blown away. But when we look to what God shall provide, it is a house, a solid place of warmth, comfort and security reserved for the faithful.

This is why we have and need Cemetery Sunday. Our personal journeys of faith, our respective struggles throughout our lifetimes are directed in the hope of embracing everlasting life. That is the very essence of the Catholic Cemetery, that physical place of peace and remembrance, that stands literally and figuratively at the brink, the beginning of the new dawn promised to us. For those who have passed through its gates have come home. They are our friends and fam-

ily, they may be strangers, they might only be known to God. One day it will be our turn, it will be you and me.

This Cemetery Sunday, November 2, 2003, let us visit the cemetery and pray for all those who have no one to pray for them, or those whose tents were perhaps not secure enough to withstand being buffeted by a lifetime of turbulence.

We might also say a prayer for ourselves, too, that when we have been called home our eternal house is ready, and we will be greeted with the warm welcome; *"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."* (Matthew 25: 33,34)

Following a tradition begun in 1978, the President of the National Catholic Cemetery Conference issues a statement each year on the significance of this annual day of visitation to the sacred grounds of Catholic cemeteries across the U.S. and Canada. Realizing the difficulties families faced in participating

Ethics and Integrity Workshop Dates

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Abilene	Holy Family, Sweetwater	Oct 17, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm
	Holy Family, Abilene	Oct 18, 2003	10:00am-1:00pm
	Holy Family, Sweetwater	Nov 13, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm
	Holy Family, Abilene	Nov 15, 2003	10:00am-1:00pm
Midland Odessa	St. Mary, Odessa	Oct 13, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm
	St. Stephens, Midland	Oct 25, 2003	10:00am-1:00pm
	St. Agnes, Fort Stockton	Nov 1, 2003	10:00am-1:00pm
	Sacred Heart, Big Spring	Nov 15, 2003	10:00am-1:00pm
San Angelo	Sacred Heart, Menard	Oct 16, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm
	St. Mary, San Angelo	Oct 20, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm
	St. Margaret, Big Lake	Nov 8, 2003	9:00am-12:00pm
	St. Mary, San Angelo	Nov 24, 2003	7:00pm-10:00pm

in the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd, the NCCC proposed that the observance of Catholic Cemetery Sunday be held on the first Sunday in November, which this year happens to coincide with the actual Feast Day. Among religious traditions, this is a day set aside to pray for the deceased, and to visit

the graves of loved ones and friends, in a show of respect to those who have gone on before, and who now dwell with God in Heaven.

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Dear Brother Ariel R. Lagunilla: Last year you were awarded a Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship, and I am happy to inform you that we are able to renew it for the 2003 - 2004 academic year.

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Under the program, the scholarship is renewable for up to four years of theology, based on evidence of

your continued enrollment, and also of ongoing need for financial help. There is no need for you to re-apply each year. Please note that the scholarship is in abeyance during any year of pastoral internship.

We hope that this evidence of support and affirmation for you, through your affiliation with San Angelo Council No. 2136, as you pursue your path to the priesthood will encourage from time to time a remembrance of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, its members and families, in your prayers.

With warm regards, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight.

POPE

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who took over as head of the country's third-largest archdiocese, Quebec, less than a year ago.

The consistory will be held immediately after a six-day program of liturgies, meetings and festivities to mark the 25th anniversary of the pope's election Oct. 16, 1978. It will come just two days after the beatification of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

All the cardinals had been in-

ited to the anniversary events, and Vatican sources said that was one factor in deciding to call a consistory for October, instead of waiting until early next year.

The consistory events typically span two days, with formal induction into the College of Cardinals on the first day and Mass with the pope on the second. If the pope celebrates Mass with the new cardinals Oct. 22, the liturgy would fall on the 25th anniversary of his first Mass as pope.

EDICTAL SUMMONS

The Tribunal of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo to Patrizia Maria Pozzoli, whereabouts unknown.

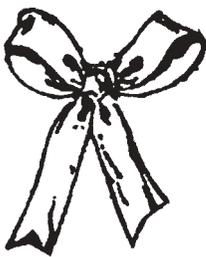
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Given at the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Angelo on the 1st day of October 2003.

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

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Attention Class: *Late Night Catechism*, The Raucous, Rollicking International Hit Comedy Is Coming To Midland, Texas

Catechism classes are never as much fun-or as hilarious-as when they are led by Sister in the international hit comedy *Late Night Catechism* by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan. *Late Night Catechism* will be presented at the Yucca Theater, 208 N Colorado, Midland, Texas. Performance is November 8th at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20-\$40 and are available beginning October 8th at St. Ann's School 432-684-4563.

Late Night Catechism is an uproarious piece of theater that takes audience members back – sometimes nostalgically, sometimes fearfully – to the children they once were. The irrepressible Sister teaches an adult catechism class to a roomful of “students” (the audience). Over the course of the play,

Sister goes from benevolent instructor, rewarding the “students” for correct answers with glow-in-the-dark rosaries and laminated saint cards, to authoritative drill sergeant. These abrupt mood swings are bound to strike a resonant chord with everyone who survived the ups and downs of going to school, with an omniscient authoritarian at the helm.

The Catholic Register (Toronto) said, “The show appeals to Catholics and non-Catholics alike since “Sister” clearly explains religious references in lighthearted ways while maintaining a serious tone that isn’t too preachy and far from being saccharine.” The New York Times declared, “*Late Night Catechism* speaks to an audience much broader than the membership of any

one church.”

Late Night Catechism, which was nominated for an Outer Critics Circle Award in New York and recently won the L.A. Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Lead Performance for Maripat Donovan, is currently playing in New York, Seattle, San Francisco, St. Louis, Vancouver, Scottsdale, New Orleans, Los Angeles and Chicago, where it has been playing to full “classes” since it opened in 1993. Productions in Boston, Sydney and Melbourne recently ended after playing two years in each city.

All proceeds will benefit St. Ann's School. If you would like to advertise in the playbill or if you need additional information call Teresa Miller 432-699-1455 or Julie Figel 432-694-6030. You don't want to miss this event!



Maripat Donovan, who stars as Sister, in scenes from the acclaimed interactive comedy *Late Nite Catechism*, by Vicki Quade and Ms. Donovan. (Photos by Carol Rosegg.)

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Solidarity with Women

by Janet A. Morana
Associate Director, Priests for Life

"Solidarity with women" is the effort of Priests for Life to respond to the call that the Holy Father makes when he writes in Crossing the Threshold of Hope, "Therefore, in firmly rejecting 'pro choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women – the only honest stance – is that of radical solidarity with the woman" (p.206-207). Likewise, in Evangelium Vitae 99, the Holy Father calls for a "new feminism" whose purpose is "to acknowledge and affirm the true genius of women in every aspect of the life of society, and overcome all discrimination, violence and exploitation."

This is a task for everyone, women and men alike. The basis of our solidarity with women, as well as with unborn children, is our common humanity, not our gender.

Through its "Solidarity with Women" effort, Priests for Life has faithfully reflected this call of the Holy Father, and this inherent demand of being pro-life. In thousands of parishes around the nation

over the past decade, the priests of our organization have preached, and have trained countless other priests to preach the following theme: To be pro-life is to be pro-woman. We do not say, "Love the baby and forget about the mother." Rather, we say, "Why can't we love them both?" We can and we must. To harm one is to harm the other; to love and serve one is to love and serve the other. The destinies of mother and child are inextricably bound to one another.

Through its "Solidarity with Women" effort, Priests for Life has revealed, through TV and radio shows and in full-page ads in papers such as USA Today, how women are deceived, exploited, and killed by the abortion industry. Our Defending Life program continues to be the platform for countless women to speak to hundreds of millions of people worldwide about the pain that comes after abortion, and about the healing the Church offers.

Through its "Solidarity with Women" effort, Priests for Life has spent millions of dollars promoting awareness of pregnancy assis-

tance centers and post-abortion healing programs, and has directly assisted these centers to become better known in their communities. For years, we have called upon pastors to place as a permanent item on their parish bulletin cover the phone numbers for local alternatives to abortion.

Through its "Solidarity with Women" effort, Priests for Life has brought to the attention of countless people in the general public that abortion harms women. Through our suggestion, the "Life Chain" began using the sign, "Abortion Hurts Women," and we have likewise trained activists who pray at abortion mills to read aloud the names of women killed by abortion, and call upon the abortion industry to express some regret for the loss of those lives. We have also assisted many women to sue the abortion industry for physical and emotional damages, and have helped attorneys find specialized training in abortion malpractice litigation.

Through appearances on college campuses, pro-life conventions, and television programs like

Hannity and Colmes and The O'Reilly Factor, Priests for Life has spread the pro-woman message and argued that if feminism rightly rejects the exploitation of women by men, it should likewise reject the exploitation of children by women. Priests for Life has educated clergy and laity alike that those who founded the "women's rights movement" in this nation were pro-life.

Through our website, we maintain the largest collection of post-abortion testimonies on the internet (www.priestsforlife.org/postabortion), and assist numerous post-abortion ministries to develop healing programs.

One of our latest efforts is to co-sponsor the "Silent No More Awareness Campaign" (www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org). Throughout the country, women who have found healing after their abortion are speaking out, revealing abortion for the harmful, empty promise that it is. In June of this year, we brought such women before a special gathering of members of the US House of Representatives in Washington. We will continue to give them opportunities to speak out from coast to coast. In the month of September, we are organizing events at which women gather pub-

licly with their signs that say "I Regret My Abortion." We also invite pastors to hold healing services in October. More information is on our website.

Our efforts in "Solidarity with Women" have only just begun. "Pro-woman" is not simply a project, strategy, or package for the pro-life message. Rather, it is that message. Whenever someone speaks up for the equal dignity of the unborn child, that person is advancing the status of women. Whenever someone reveals the horror of abortion, that person is counteracting the exploitation of women, so many of whom are deceived into thinking that abortion is no horror at all. Whenever the pro-life message is advanced, women are ennobled. For that we will continue to work, and in that we rejoice!

Prayer Intentions. You are encouraged to remember the following intentions as you pray the Liturgy of the Hours:

September intention: For blessings upon all pro-life organizations.

October intention: That parish pro-life organizations may grow in numbers and effectiveness.

Eucharistic Citizenship

by Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life

Our Holy Father's recent encyclical on the Eucharist reminds us that this central mystery of our Faith has a foot in both worlds, and calls us to be, at the same time, citizens of heaven and citizens of earth. "Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of "new heavens" and "a new earth" (Rev

21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n.20).

This is one of the most practical and important lessons in Catholic

spirituality, and is often summed up succinctly in the phrase, "in the world but not of the world." But why is it that the one who awaits the world to come should not just sit and wait? Why is our effort to improve this world not what a Jehovah's Witness once told me, "like washing windows on the Titanic?"

The reason is beautifully explained in Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes), n. 39. While we are not to confuse earthly progress with the growth of God's Kingdom, we are also not to see them as disconnected. Through our cooperation with God's grace, we are able to bring about some good in this world. We can work for a more just society, for racial reconciliation, for better working conditions, and for the defense of unborn children. We can elect public officials who respect life and work for

peace with justice.

The full flowering of God's Kingdom is not in an endless increase of these fruits of our labor; it is, rather, in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. At every Mass we say, "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior." Yet when He does come, the good we have worked for on earth will not disappear. Rather, it will be taken up and purified by Christ, and made into a lasting element of the world to come.

The prayers of each Mass help us avoid the two extremes of thinking we build heaven on earth, or just sit back and wait for heaven to replace earth. At the offertory we pray, "Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the Bread of life." In other words, we don't make the Body of Christ, but we do make the bread. We don't sit back and wait for the Body of Christ to be dropped on the altar from the

sky. Rather, we present to God the work of human hands, and then his Spirit transforms it.

Similarly, we work to renew the earth, and his Spirit transforms the fruits of our work at the end of time. In short, we are called to exercise Eucharistic citizenship! (As a way of exercising this citizenship, we ask you to participate in the National Christian Voter Registration Sundays, that have been announced for November 9, 2003 and January 18, 2004. Help your congregation to register to vote. See www.priestsforlife.org/vote for more details.)

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Pope Urges Catholic Families To Pray Rosary For Peace In World, Home

by Catholic News Service

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) – As the Year of the Rosary moved into its final phase, Pope John Paul II encouraged Catholic families to pray the rosary for peace in the home and in the world.

Addressing several hundred visitors at his summer residence outside Rome Sept. 7, the pope prayed to Mary to help Christians “rediscover the rosary as a simple but very profound prayer.”

“When it is recited well, the rosary leads one into the living expe-

rience of the divine mystery and brings to hearts, families and the whole community that peace which we need so much,” he said.

On Oct. 16, 2002, the pope proclaimed the special year when he signed his apostolic letter, “Rosarium Virginis Mariae” (“The Rosary of the Virgin Mary”).

The pope said he was looking forward to one of the final events planned to highlight the rosary: a visit to a Marian sanctuary at Pompeii in southern Italy Oct. 7.

In the meantime, he invited

Christians to meditate on the joyful mysteries of the rosary as the church celebrated the day of Mary’s birth, Sept. 8. The five joyful mysteries include the announcement of Jesus’ birth to Mary and early moments in the life of Christ and his mother.

“In these mysteries, Mary helps us learn the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is above all ‘good news’ that has its center, in fact its very content, in the person of Christ,” he said.

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From the moment of conception, the awesome complexity of a new human life unfolds. Parents provide the 46 chromosomes, but God supplies the human soul to create the person he knew and loved from all eternity. Even before birth, human life is miraculous: the differentiation of cells, the development of organs with highly specialized functions, the maturing of the brain, the memory and the five senses. Every human being shares the same origin, nature and destiny, but our features and physiques, skills, interests, tastes and habits are astonishingly diverse.

God created every human life in his image: you, me, one-celled human embryos in lab dishes, unborn children and their impoverished parents living in the slums of less-developed nations; people who struggle with disabilities, comatose or dying patients and convicted killers on death row. Each possesses inherent God-given dignity equal to that of every other human.

Life is a gift, ours to take care of – but not to throw away, and never to take from another. God calls each of us to safeguard our own lives, and also the lives of those in need of assistance, attention, prayers.

By our Christian example and advocacy for public policies respectful of the human person, we can create a culture which affirms the miracle and glory of every human life.

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el rostro de un ser querido?

Desde el momento de la concepción empieza el desarrollo de la asombrosa complejidad de una vida humana. Los padre proporcionan 46 cromosomas, pero Dios proporciona el alma humana para crear a la persona que Él conocía y amaba desde toda la eternidad. Hasta antes del nacimiento, la vida humana es milagrosa: la diferenciación de las células, el desarrollo de los órganos con funciones altamente especializadas, la maduración del cerebro, la memoria y los cinco sentidos. Cada ser humano comparte el mismo origen, naturaleza y destino, pero nuestras facciones, características, habilidades e intereses, gustos y hábitos son extraordinariamente diversos.

Dios creó a cada ser humano a su imagen. Tú, yo, embriones de una célula en platos de laboratorio, niños no nacidos y sus pobres padres que viven en las villas miserias de naciones menos desarrolladas. Gente que lucha con discapacidades, pacientes moribundos o en estado de coma. Asesinos culpables en el pabellón de la muerte. Cada uno posee la misma dignidad intrínseca dada por Dios a cada ser humano.

La vida es un don a nuestro cuidado – pero no para descartarlo, y nunca para quitárselo a nadie. Dios nos llama a cada uno para proteger nuestra propia vida, y también la vida de los que necesitan ayuda, atención, oraciones.

Con nuestro ejemplo cristiano y

promoción de las políticas que respeten la persona, podemos crear una cultura que afirma el milagro y la gloria de cada vida humana.

EDICTAL SUMMONS

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Given at the Tribunal of the Diocese of San Angelo on the 1st day of October 2003.

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Intentions Of The Holy Father For October

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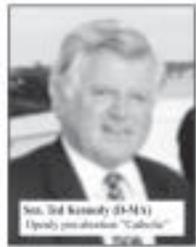
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