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*Rev. Robert J. Vitillo
Executive Director
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Bread Not Stones

We Mayan-Catholic religious educators here in rural Guatemala write to publicly thank Bishop John Snyder for his support in signing the PAX Christi USA action-document, *Bread Not Stones*, released March 24 — the 20th anniversary of the death of our beloved fellow Central American, Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador.

We and our children experience daily malnutrition and it has surprised us to hear that the wealthy and Christian United States of America spends more money on its military apparatus ahead of its children when it comes to approving its federal budget. This is why we propose that your readers get hold of a copy of *Bread Not Stones* and put its recommendations into practice to rectify this scandalous problem. Better yet, let it be published in the pages of your magazine and may the merciful Lord bless the just, such as Bishop Snyder.

*Gregorio Yaxcal, Carlos Choc, and
Vicente Cac
Guatemala*

Setting A Bad Example

Not long ago I attended a confirmation where Bishop John Snyder addressed the evils of drugs, alcohol and smoking. Since that time, I have noticed many churches allow smoking right outside the church doors. After Mass, the parishioners have to walk through cigarette smoke to leave the church. Also I have a child who attends a Catholic school where smoking and drinking alcohol on the school grounds is permitted. The reason, I was told by my priest, was because they are not illegal. What kind of example is this showing our children and teenagers? Smoking or alcohol should not be allowed on school grounds. There should be a designated smoking areas on the church grounds.

*Kimberly Keplinger
Orange Park, FL*

Correction:

In the April/May issue we reported that Queen of Peace Parish in Gainesville broke ground for the construction of a new church and school with the school opening this August for grades Pre-K and Kindergarten. It should have read Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade.

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THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

For Our Children, For Our Faith, For Our Future

An Interview with Bishop John J. Snyder

Last month, Bishop John J. Snyder introduced a capital-raising campaign, "The Opportunity of a Lifetime," that he hopes will raise \$30 million, at least, with which the diocese will:

- Build a new Catholic high school in Westside Jacksonville;
- Build a new Catholic high school in Gainesville;
- Expand and renovate St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine;
- Expand Morning Star School for special education;
- Create an endowment to continue funding Catholic education for inner city school children through the Guardian of Dreams Foundation;
- Develop more parish-centered religious education programs for children and adults;
- Increase the recruitment and development of an increased number of vocations and continuing education for clergy.

Bishop Snyder, what is the purpose of the "Opportunity of a Lifetime" campaign?

It's all about serving children. I have a great concern about the future of our children; and it takes place on many different levels. While we will be dealing with the reality of buildings to provide services for our young people, this campaign is more than just bricks and mortar. I like to think of it in terms of the lives that will be impacted, the lives that will be shaped and formed through almost every aspect of the campaign.

Why do we need the campaign now?

We have been dedicating one elementary school after another. I have dedicated four new schools since June and another one is scheduled in Gainesville this October. We know these children will graduate from Catholic elementary schools and will want to continue their education at a Catholic high school. At present, we don't have the facilities to accommodate all of them. This led us to look at the larger picture. We want to provide for the needs of the inner city children through the Guardian of Dreams Foundation, for our special education children who attend Morning Star school, and for our children who attend public schools and whose catechetical programs



Diocesan chairs for the Capital Campaign, pictured (l-r): Mary Hughes, Ph.D., John McLaughlin, Bishop Snyder, Bob Shircliff.

constantly need upgrading and whose catechists need continuing education.

I am also very concerned about vocations and that our young people will have priests to serve them in the future.

How do you know the diocese needs the Opportunity campaign now?

The Diocesan Advisory Board of Education commissioned a task force to look at secondary schools in the diocese.

The task force conducted a telephone survey of parents of school-aged children. They asked the parents: Were they interested in a new high school? Would they support it financially? Where should the new high school be located? The parents' response was very favorable towards building a new high school.

The survey led us to look not only at high schools, but at the larger educational picture in the diocese.

We then sought the expertise of Guidance and Giving Inc., a firm specializing in development. They conducted a feasibility study to see if we could support such an endeavor. Their study included personal interviews with all our pastors and about 100 lay leaders. Surveys were also mailed to a good number of parishioners. The response was positive and Guidance and Giving felt now was the time to move forward.

Guidance and Giving told us that a goal of \$30 million is reasonable and achievable. Of course, we hope our appeal will far exceed that figure so that we will be able to carry out these projects as fully as possible.

Bishop Snyder, won't the campaign impact parish fundraising efforts?

There is no question it will put a demand on all of our parishes because so many of them have had building campaigns in the last five years. Some are building new churches, schools and other projects now. The new Catholic elementary schools are the reason we're looking to the future and to building new Catholic high schools.

The parish supports and enables their projects to go ahead. However, what we are envisioning has to be done as a diocese — as a team.

I am asking everyone to make a substantial sacrifice. Certainly, I am going to ask the same sacrifice of myself and of our priests. Of course, everyone's capacity will differ. It could be the "widows mite" for some or a sizable contribution for others. I would also like to engage our children, not in great monetary ways, but in ways that will give them a sense of participation.

Prayer is another component that needs to be in place, not for the appeal as such, but for our children. They are our greatest treasure for the future.

We know what's out there that can impact their lives negatively. We know the enticements before them. We need to give them a strong spiritual base through religious education. I hope this goal will lead us to a real team effort. It can only be done if our people enter into the spirit of it and support it to the best of their ability.

When you speak of "team effort" you are not just talking to those people who have school-aged children, are you?

That's right. I am also speaking to our seniors, myself included! We have been beneficiaries of other peoples giving. We have been in parishes where the schools have been in existence for a long time and where those who have gone before us have made it possible.

In so many ways, our seniors have been the real base of support in our parishes. I think our seniors know the

importance of providing for our children. It's all about our faith commitment and passing it on to our children. All of us, of every age, want our young people to know God's love, know God is present in their lives, and to learn the values that Jesus taught in the commandments and in the beatitudes.

If we are deeply committed to the Lord and to being better citizens, then what we are doing is going to have a positive effect on the community at large.

How does the Opportunity campaign relate to Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving?

There is a very strong relationship between this campaign and Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving. Remember, Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving emphasize time, talent and treasure. So there might be people who cannot give too much in terms of treasure, but they could in terms of time and talent.

The whole sense of stewardship and what we have been suggesting as a guide to giving is five percent for the parish, one percent for the diocese and four percent for charities. I am hoping that during this period of three to five years, people will commit the greater portion of that four percent to "An Opportunity of a Lifetime." It's an Opportunity for our young people, an Opportunity for the faith, an Opportunity for the future.

It's a Jubilee Year — a wonderful time to kick off this campaign — a wonderful time to reflect on how blessed we are with our faith, to reaffirm who we are and to reaffirm where we are going.

At my confirmation talks, I have been using this quote:

"Christianity teaches us to love people and use things.

"Our consumer society tells us to use people and love things."

I think this is a challenge to us. Which means more to us? Things or people? I think it's people, and particularly our young people. They are our treasure, they are our gift and, hopefully we won't let them down.

When can we look forward to the schools being built?

According to projections, renovations and expansion of Morning Star School in Jacksonville and the first phase of St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine will be completed in August 2001; the first phase of the Westside Jacksonville high school will be completed August 2002; and the first phase of the Gainesville high school will be completed August 2004.

However, completion dates are dependent on the success of the campaign.

When will parishioners receive information on how they can contribute and how long will the Opportunity campaign last?

Campaign materials will be sent to parishioners this fall. We can expect the campaign to be completed in June 2001. ✚

" I like to think of it in terms of the lives that will be impacted, the lives that will be shaped and formed through almost every aspect of the campaign."

AT MARY'S TABLE

By Kathleen McHugh

Suppose Mother Teresa put her "surprisingly strong hand" on your upper chest and proclaimed "The Blessed Mother wants me to write a prayer for your next book." What would you do? Jan Connell related this experience at a presentation in April at Assumption Parish in Jacksonville. And, as you might expect, she wrote the book, *Prayer Power*.

The promised prayer from Mother Teresa is:

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
Help me to be only
All for Jesus, holy.
God bless You.
Amen.

When Mother Teresa met Janice T. Connell five years ago, Jan, a former resident of Jacksonville, had already written *Queen of the Cosmos* and would publish numerous books with Marian themes.

So how does a lawyer and mother of three children come to be a leading authority on Marian Spirituality? Jan's quest began in 1987 when some of her peers claimed Mary was appearing to them. She began investigating and interviewing similar claims around the world. Her findings confirm some visions and reject others, but she notes a current rise in numbers and urgency of the messages from Mary which people of all faiths are experiencing. Some of the visionaries in Medjugorje suggest to Jan these are Mary's final visits and that prayer is especially needed.

Jan herself experienced miracles on her travels, especially in Medjugorje where her back pain stopped. Also, she saw a cement cross on a hill which glowed like a neon light and an old worn, wooden rosary turned gold in her hand. In her home city of Pittsburgh, this rosary is now carried by the Bishop of Pittsburgh when he visits and prays with the sick.

Jan also established and developed the Pittsburgh Center for Peace, a Marian organization, and the *Queen of Peace Newsletter*.

In her most recent book on our Blessed Mother, called *Queen of Angels: Mary's Answers to Universal Questions*, Jan wrote: "Mary's sole mission is to bring us to the presence of God ... The cultural, social, political, economic, spiritual changes of the last one hundred fifty years mandate feminine illumination for the third millennium ... Mary, our priceless feminine spiritual legacy, is a worldwide cultural icon of holiness and wholeness. She is a living sign of God's presence among us ... Mary shows us how to be happy, how to discover what God wants us to do with our lives."

During her inspirational talk at Assumption, Jan held a rosary with blue beads and said: "Remember that Jesus learned to be Christlike at Mary's table." ✠

Kathleen McHugh is a member of St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville. She wrote about the Women of Vision program in the last issue.

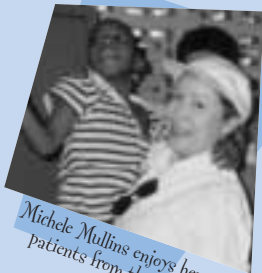




Father Tony Palazzolo with a patient at The Lord's Feast.



Sister Emmanuel Gilsenan, RSM visits with a patient at Golden Age Home



Michele Mullins enjoys her visit with patients from the Mustard Seed

SAN JOSE'S

Gift To

Jamaica

By Kay Gowan



Ivy Hill, pictured on the opposite page, used to call the house on the left her home. But thanks to the building efforts of San Jose Parishioners, she now has a new home, pictured on the right.



Father Tony and his friends from Trenchtown — In the background is the first home the San Jose Pilgrims built

A vacation in the Caribbean: sunbathing on white sand beaches, snorkeling in crystal clear waters and casual dining on exotic island cuisine. In January, 20 people, most of whom were from San Jose Parish in Jacksonville, vacationed in the Caribbean on the island of Jamaica at the invitation of Father Tony Palazzolo, associate pastor of San Jose Parish. But during their stay, they saw a side of the island that you're not likely to find in any travel brochure.

Father Tony, who was ordained in 1993 at the tender age of 61, spent the first years of his priesthood in Jamaica working for Paul Boyle, Bishop of Mandeville. During this time, Father Tony became involved with Food for the Poor, an ecumenical ministry that focuses on supplying food and educational and medical supplies to the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean and Central America.

Father Tony's involvement in Food for the Poor has become his passion and ministry. While based at San Jose, he spends 20 weekends each year traveling throughout the country raising consciousness about the poor and funds for Food for the Poor.

It is hard to have a conversation with Father Tony that doesn't ultimately turn to Food for the Poor. It was during a casual dinner one evening with Don and Maureen Kincaid and Jorge and Margie Morales, that the idea came about to organize a parish fundraising effort and a mission trip.

The premise was to try to raise enough money to build a couple of houses at \$1,500 each, and then take a group of about five or six people to Jamaica to help build them.

Instead of the \$3,000 that Father Tony had hoped for the parishioners at San Jose contributed almost \$13,000; and 28 people signed up, including several from other parishes.

In addition to building one house and financing two others, the group spent several days visiting approximately 15 facilities which are supported by Food for the Poor. The "pilgrims" had the opportunity to witness the love of

Christ in action in the care and nurturing of orphans, elderly, physically and mentally disabled, and AIDS patients. They touched -- and were touched by -- the neglected and forgotten members of society.

Thanks to the generosity of the San Jose Parish community, the balance of the \$13,000 remaining after the cost of the construction of three houses was distributed to several of the facilities visited. Some will be used to purchase foundations for 13 additional homes; some will help fund construction of an

AIDS unit for infants and children; and some will be used to improve housing for chickens being raised at an orphanage to generate income for that facility.

To say the least, the trip was an adventure, but it could be better characterized as a life-altering spiritual event! It is hoped that this will be the first of many such trips in an ongoing ministry within parishes throughout the Diocese of St. Augustine. The goal of such an effort is to develop an intimate connection

between our parishes and the Third World in a meaningful, hands-on way.

If you are interesting in joining any future groups traveling to Jamaica, please call Father Tony Palazzolo at (904) 733-1630 or (904) 448-0416. ✨

Kay Gowan is a member of Assumption Parish in Jacksonville. She is also a volunteer for Catholics for Habijax, the Habitat for Humanity program in Jacksonville.



Ivy Hill, 106 years old, is thankful for her new home

JAMAICA'S Gift To SAN JOSE

By Mark Varljen

children. They were not begging or walking around with sad looks on their faces. They were not complaining and whining, but rather were busying themselves with doing the best they could with what they had. They took time out and extended warmth and welcome to all of us. They appreciated our work but really were more interested in who we were and in becoming our friends. The warmth they showed uplifted the spirit.

After witnessing abject poverty, I know how fortunate I am here in America with a home, a car, a TV and spending money. But I also know that none of that really makes us happy. It is my own attitude, convictions and faith in God that makes me happy. When I seek happiness outside of these things I am only disappointed or feel incomplete.

Now when I get down or things do not go my way, I simply remember the lesson the people in Jamaica taught me.

Thinking of them and how they handle their situations changes my whole perspective and provides me with peace.

What is inner peace worth?

It is priceless.

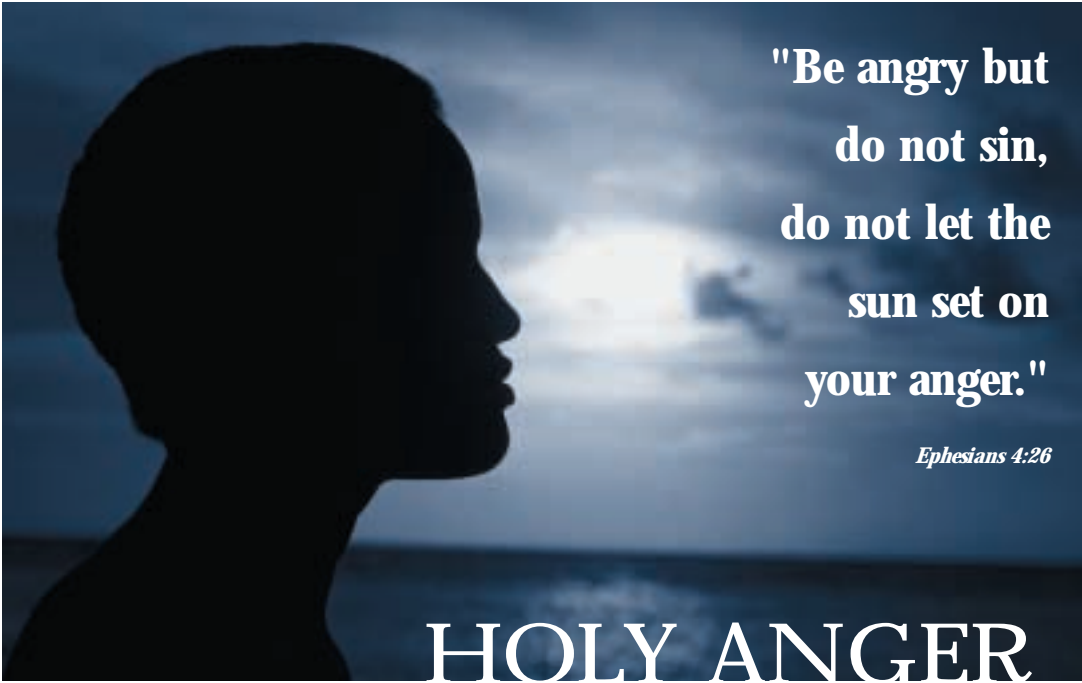
This is the priceless gift I was given in Jamaica. A priceless gift from people who have "nothing."

Mark Varljen is a member of San Jose Parish in Jacksonville.

When I went to Jamaica I thought I was going to do something for some people who were less fortunate than me. That I would go and do them a favor, if you will.

We did do some things for them such as participate in building a house, donating moneys to various organizations, etc. But what ended up happening was that the Jamaicans ended up doing me a favor. I was given a gift by the people we encountered. The gift was far and away more valuable than all the moneys and work we did down there.

The gift was that I was taught a lesson. I learned that happiness does truly come from within and not from anything outside us. I saw people who have practically nothing in their lives. Very little food, money, shelter, etc. Yet, so many of them were warm, and happy. Especially the



**"Be angry but
do not sin,
do not let the
sun set on
your anger."**

Ephesians 4:26

HOLY ANGER

By Natalie R. Cornell

Is anger a sin or a normal human emotion? We've all had those moments of fury. We've reacted to a cutting word, or we leave a meeting feeling used and maneuvered. Sometimes the feelings overwhelm us. Sometimes, we don't even know how angry we are; we just feel depressed. As Christians, how do we deal with this powerful emotion?

IS ANGER A SIN?

One thing experts agree on is that anger is not necessarily a sin. Anger is not sinful "in and of itself," says Father John Phillips, associate pastor at St. Augustine Catholic Church and Student Center in Gainesville. But he cautions "what you do with it could be sinful." Anger, at least, at first, is "an alert signal." It's a symptom that is saying "there is something wrong or unjust in the situation," Fr. Phillips says. "But if it leads to tearing down of right relationships, an unforgiving attitude, or makes us captive to the situation, or ties us up inside, it is sinful."

David O' Byrne, a licensed marriage and family therapist with Catholic Charities in Jacksonville, agrees. "The moral issue comes into how it is expressed," he says. In

the past, many people may have fused the emotion and expression of anger into one and then misunderstood anger itself as a sin. In today's church and society, however, we are more aware of separating the emotion from our actions, he says.

Mary Flanagan, a spiritual director at St. Augustine's in Gainesville, says, "sin involves making a conscious choice." Moreover, "People have a responsibility to know what drives them."

When a person's life and psyche are filled with addictions, anger and violence, whether they are acted out or not, these are symptoms of a "bound life," she says. "And we have a responsibility to the loving God who created us to deal with that."

Recognizing and understanding our anger is essential, but then what? Fr. Phillips says, "That is the crucial point. We can choose an action that rights the situation or we can choose to stay angry." The choice to hold onto anger, he says, "will result in self-harm."

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT ANGER?

Situations need to be dealt with “case by case,” Fr. Phillips says. In any given situation, ask yourself, “What is possible?” “What will help the people involved, including myself?” is the attitude to have, Fr. Phillips says. Sometimes the choice is to “reconcile” and other times to just “let go.” But he cautions that forgiving and letting go “shouldn’t be an avoidance tactic.” Sometimes we need to “take practical steps to make the situation right.”

O’Byrne recommends “positive expressions.” These could involve communication, such as writing down the situation, or doing something as simple as exercise to lessen aggressive feelings. This kind of activity helps get anger under control. O’Byrne also recommends therapy for someone who has pervasive anger. People often learn inappropriate ways of expressing anger from the bad examples of adults in their youth. In these cases, it is “difficult to change on their own,” he says. But a therapist often helps a person “relearn” their expressions of an emotion.

For deep-seated anger that is causing depression Flanagan, too, recommends therapy. Because this kind of anger takes time to understand, a therapist can help “poke a hole” in it, she says. The release can be intense. Flanagan likens it to a volcanic eruption that can “startle” people. But therapy can then help a person understand what happened to them and resolve some conflicts, she says.

There are situations where anger turns to blaming and bitterness settles in a person’s soul. Fr. Phillips says he would ask a person in this state, “Have you tried forgiveness?”

He adds, “This matter of forgiveness is more than a psychological matter; it has a spiritual dimension which means sharing in the life of God. We believe in a God whose very nature is to forgive, but also to right the situation.” In some cases the time for action is past. For example, a parent we had issues with may have died. In such a case, Fr. Phillips counsels forgiving and letting go.

People of faith sometimes have a hard time getting to the place of complete release in forgiveness, Mary Flanagan says. They realize they are being called by God to forgive and they are willing to do so, but “they can’t come to the every-cell-in-your-body state.” When this happens, treat yourself with kindness, she counsels. The more important question is “do you wish you could forgive?” As Fr. Phillips points out, “Jesus’ hope for us is to get to a place where we can forgive. Sometimes that takes a long time, a lot of prayer, and sometimes therapy.”

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Prayer is encouraged. Flanagan recommends telling God honestly and passionately about your feelings and with the full knowledge that there is no one more loving and understanding than God. After all, God knows the entire problem. Pray with freedom, even a certain amount of abandon, Flanagan says. It’s okay to yell and “stomp around” if that’s how you’re feeling — even if your anger is with God. This is not a time to pretend, Flanagan says. “After all, who are we fooling? This is God we’re dealing with,” Flanagan says. “Prayer is whatever life is.”

If you find you are still angry after all this, go to God, and say, “I am still angry.”

DO WE USE ANGER TO CONTROL OTHERS?

Sometimes not wanting to deal with an underlying problem causes us to use anger as form of control. “People will use it as a means of avoiding issues and as a control mechanism,” O’Byrne says.

When you sense someone is doing this, that is not the moment to fight back since that puts more gasoline on the fire. He recommends waiting until the situation is calmer and then trying to talk. He says the person who is the recipient of this kind of anger has a choice — to go or stay. No one, he says, is “obligated to stay in an abusive situation.”

ANGER AND CONFUSION

Misunderstandings about forgiveness can also cause pain.

Fr. Phillips says, “Forgiveness doesn’t necessarily say, ‘what you did is all right, but rather we’re going to relate in a different way.’ In Christ, we can, begin loving and justice making.” So forgiveness can open up a new basis for a relationship.

Sometimes a person can confuse loyalty, anger and forgiveness. Perhaps they were hurt by what authority figures taught them as children — something that they no longer agree with since they’ve become adults — and they think that to forgive means they must give up their own ideas. In this case, it can be difficult to distinguish between anger, forgiveness and what one thinks as an adult. Thus a person may be caught between wanting to forgive and not wanting to change their ideas as adults. And this misplaced loyalty can cause anger, Flanagan says.

RIGHTEOUS ANGER

Often anger is holy. For example, when we see a hungry child or someone being hurt the injustice of their situation calls us and our anger propels us to act on their behalf. We can act as an individual, but Fr. Phillips notes that being part of a community is essential in this case. Christ’s answer to this is for us “to be part of a community who seeks to do justice, loves with mercy, and walks humbly with God.” (Micah 6:8) ✠

Natalie R. Cornell is a member of St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center in Gainesville.

Vacation Bible School

And Beyond

By Kate Romano-Norton

Last summer, kids at St. Paul Vacation Bible School in Jacksonville Beach went on a Great Bible Land Dig, unearthing the amazing treasures of God's love. This year, St. Paul's Vacation Bible School scholars will join the cast and crew at HolyWord Studios to star in a blockbuster Bible adventure. And you thought Vacation Bible School was going to be boring.

Vacation Bible School programs are jam-packed with songs, games, crafts and activities. All this fun has an important goal — to make the Bible come alive in meaningful and memorable ways for kids.

Giving kids a chance to express their faith with enthusiasm, to have a church experience that is dynamic and interactive, is very important, says Jan Balota, director of Religious Education at St. Michael Parish in Fernandina Beach. "There's a time to be quiet and reverent, such as during Mass — but there also is a time for kids to shout, to sing and to explore their spirituality in creative, fun ways — that way is Vacation Bible School."

"Vatican II sparked a renewed interest in scripture study for adults," says Sister Lucille Clynes, D.W., director of the Office of Christian Formation for the Diocese of St. Augustine. "Parents want to share their interest in learning about the Bible with their children. Vacation Bible Schools are a great way to do that."

About half of the 59 parishes and missions in the Diocese of St. Augustine are offering some kind of Vacation Bible School this summer. For example:

- Children at St. Catherine Parish in Orange Park will journey to *2000 Ark Avenue for God's Great Get-together*.
- Youngsters in Fernandina at St. Michael's will tour the Royal Treasury to hear Jesus' parable about the pearl of great price.
- Vacation Bible adventurers at Queen of Peace Parish in Gainesville will embark on *Outback Expedition 2000* to explore God's Word and to experience awesome Aussie wonders.

Most vacation Bible programs run from 9 a.m. to noon and last for a week, but months of planning go into making that week a success. There are many resources for educators to choose from, such as Harcourt Religion Publications, distributors of HolyWord Studios, a program which is Catholic-based and carries the *imprimatur*. Harcourt sends out a kit filled with ideas, cassettes, leader manuals, even publicity samples. It's kind of a summer camp in a can. Coordinators can pick and choose the activities they would like to do, custom designing their program to meet their needs.

St. Michael's uses ecumenical materials from David Cook Publishing. Since Fernandina is a small island community,



Photos in this story are from last year's Vacation Bible School program at St. Michael Parish in Fernandina.

the parishioners of St. Michael's join with St. Peter's Episcopal Church to run a joint vacation Bible school called, *Jesus Is Our King: Meeting Jesus in the Parables*. By combining resources and trading church locations, their Vacation Bible School becomes an opportunity for kids to learn to appreciate and respect different faiths.

Gainesville's Queen of Peace Parish celebrates their Vacation Bible School with Festive Friday, a finale that brings instructors and volunteers, children and parents together after the weeklong program. Kids perform the songs they have learned — tunes that parents can probably look forward to hearing again and again for the rest of the summer — and play carnival games that are tied to the Bible stories they have studied. They also get a chance to show off their artwork and crafts projects that are destined to become treasured religious household artifacts.

While these summer Bible schools may have different themes and activities, they are all designed to help kids appreciate the Bible and to build community and fellowship. They are also lots of fun.

And what's the secret to managing up to 150 kids, kindergarten through fifth grade, all pumped up with summer energy?

"Keep 'em busy. Keep 'em going. Don't stop," advises Mimi Coleman, director of Religious Education at St. Paul Parish, Jacksonville Beach.

St. Paul's, like most Vacation Bible Schools, has 40 to 50 parents and student volunteers who help children to become motivated and on the move. Middle- and high-school students perform skits, teach songs, help with arts and crafts, and work in the kitchen under the supervision of adults. Along the way, these volunteers make a big impact on the their young "disciples."

"Our high-school volunteers performed a powerful mime piece during our Vacation Bible School a few years ago, says Balota of St. Michael's. "The kindergartners who saw it are fourth graders now, but they still remember the piece and ask when they can see it again."

Volunteering can be an amazing experience for grownups as well. Sister Clynes has noticed that many adults who don't think of themselves as teachers or as being "good with kids"

find that the short duration and structured activities of Vacation Bible Schools make it easy and fun for them to get involved with the children. Sharing their faith with kids can help adults feel more connected to their parish.



While fun, games and stories from scripture are the order of the day at Vacation Bible Schools, most programs incorporate service projects in their lesson plans. Operation Kid-to-Kid helps children put together simple care kits with basic hygiene items, such as a toothbrush, a bar of soap and washcloth, that can be sent across the globe or around the corner.

"I think the challenge of Vacation Bible School is to remind children and ourselves too, that we don't take the summer off from God or from church, that beyond religious education and Catholic school, living our faith is a full-time, joy-filled calling," says Sister Clynes.

And how do you know if your program has risen to that challenge?

"I know our Vacation Bible School has been a success," says Coleman, "when the kids, especially the ones who might have been reluctant to come at first, say at the end, 'I wish Vacation Bible School could last all summer.'" ✚

Vacation Bible Schools at your parish are a great way for teenagers to share their talents, and have fun, through volunteering. Adults, too, may want to share their talents. Call your school or parish office to learn about their upcoming programs. Also, if you would like more information on Vacation Bible Schools and how to start one in your parish, contact Sister Lucille Clynes, DW, in the Office of Christian Formation (904) 262-5200, ext. 117, or (800) 775-4659, ext. 117.

Kate-Romano Norton and her husband, Stan, are members of St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville Beach. Their twin boys, Michael and Christopher, 5, and daughter, Elizabeth, 3, will be attending Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's this summer. Kate will be a volunteer.

GRATITUDE

By Glenn M. Spencer, Jr.



Three summers ago I spent several weeks at Topsail Island on the North Carolina coast. I was walking along the sandy beaches of Serenity Point, a somewhat deserted area of the island known for its wildlife and shells. At the Point, I fished a little and enjoyed some good times with my family. Then back to the computer, to work on a book I was writing.

The houses and familiar landmarks along that stretch of beach are mostly gone now. Topsail was ground-zero for Hurricanes Fran and Bertha when they hit the beaches of the mid-Atlantic later that summer. The next year when I returned to the island, there were many empty lots. The grocery and the sporting goods store where I shopped were gone. Only vacant, sandy lots were left.

Our family has a friend, a businesswoman, who had decided to ride out Fran in her second-row cottage. The black ocean pounced on her home and tossed it about like a piece of cork, with her on the inside. The house finally lodged against a telephone pole. That was all that kept her from washing out to sea. When the storm was over, our friend had lost nearly everything: her home, her business, and some friends who would never return.

She survived a power more amazing and awful than she could have imagined. But she survived, black-and-blue and thankful. Gratitude filled her thoughts. She was grateful to be alive. Grateful that she would see another sunrise. Grateful that she could spend time with her family and friends and eat a simple breakfast of toast and coffee in the morning. She was grateful for the simple pleasures and routines that she had never given a second thought before.

Sometimes it takes a hurricane blowing through our lives to bring us back to our senses, back to the basics of the Christian life. One of those basics is the characteristic of gratitude. Grief and loss have a way of taking us along a straight and narrow path even against our will. The attitude of gratitude is the Christlike characteristic that brings balance to our walk and keeps us from falling onto the rocks of denial or straying away from God down the dark paths of self-centeredness.

Gratitude is the way that leads to the happy Christian life. Imagine what it was like for the early Christians. I think of St. Ignatius of Antioch or St. Paul. Shackled to Roman guards, facing certain death, St. Paul was Nero's prisoner. He was ready, he said, to be poured out like a drink offering unto the Lord. He had suffered for the Faith like all the other Apostles. He counted it a blessing to suffer for being a Christian. He didn't whine

about it. He didn't have a pity-party. St. Paul did not say, "Woe, despair, and misery on me."

What Paul said was "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." St. Paul had long since let go of self-will and the notion that because he was a Christian his path would be cleared of obstacles. He had been shipwrecked and stranded in the open sea three times. He had been beaten with rods three times. He was hated by false-Christians. He had been lied to and lied about. But in all of that, he did not give in to self pity. The Christian course in life, he had discovered (since that blessed day he was knocked from his horse by a vision of the Resurrected Christ) was a journey with hardships. And he knew that all the new Christians coming into the church would experience just what he and Jesus had experienced. Paul knew that stormy seas were in front of them. He knew that the old dragon would be standing in their path.

And in light of all of that, he tells us that we should fill our minds and our hearts with the good things he called the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. And over and over again, St. Paul teaches us that the Church of God — that we individual Christians — ought to fill our lives with gratitude:

"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Galatians 5) ✠

Glenn M. Spencer, Jr., a hospital chaplain, is the author of Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, Comforting Catholics In Their Time Of Grief. Publisher: Our Sunday Visitor. He wrote this piece especially for The Saint Augustine Catholic.



Dr. Miguel Arias, D.M.D., frequently spends his Saturdays at his office in Orange Park attending to the dental needs of migrant workers. They are often brought to him by Chiqui Maldonado, director of the Diocese of St. Augustine Farmworkers Ministry.

when he completed dental school at the University of Puerto Rico in 1982.

His family, Dr. Arias said, experienced many privations but somehow always found the support they needed at each turn of the road.



HE'S A ONE-MAN DENTAL PLAN

By Carmen Barrows



“Dr. Arias is a one-man dental plan,” says Maldonado. “The migrant workers and their families often need dental help badly. His help makes a big difference.” The migrants, Dr. Arias’ “Saturday” patients, receive the dentist’s services “gratis” one Saturday a month. If the patient is able, he or she may leave a donation — but the doctor never charges a fee for his Saturday services. And if they leave a donation, Dr. Arias gives that to the Farmworkers Ministry.

His family’s example, especially his parents, William and Martha, is what motivates him, says Dr. Arias.

“I am grateful,” said Dr. Arias, “to my parents because they were the pioneers of the realization of my Christianity.”

The Arias family left Cuba when he was a child and, after a stay in Costa Rica, came to live in Puerto Rico. His childhood was spent, he said, in a household where his father and mother set an example of prayer and good works.

The family was poor — they had not been able to bring anything with them from Cuba — but they were met everywhere, he said, with the Providential hand of God. There were friends, but most of their help — in Costa Rica and Puerto Rico — came from the Salesian community. The Salesians were founded in 1859 in honor of St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) at Turin by St. John Bosco (1815-1888). The order is devoted to the Christian and technical education of the children of the poor.

Dr. Arias holds the Salesian community in Costa Rica and Puerto Rico in great esteem. The Salesians not only supplied the Arias’ family with an education, which was practically free to those who could not afford to pay, but helped in many other ways. Dr. Arias also found his vocation and career in dentistry

He’s also grateful for the loving spiritual support he receives from two brothers ordained as priests, Jesuit Fr. Guillermo Arias, a spiritual director at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, and Father Jesus Arias, a diocesan priest at Epiphany Parish in the Archdiocese of Miami.

When Dr. Arias was 12 his mother got sick and the family sent Dr. Arias to live at the Salesian seminary in Puerto Rico. It would lessen the workload and the family hoped he would become a priest.

At home, the 12-year-old had been responsible for doing the family’s dishes (his parents and nine other siblings) and he was charged with the same chore at the seminary, but with a population of 40.

Arias soon decided that the seminary was not for him and one night ran home. In the morning, when his father asked why he had left the seminary, the 12-year-old responded that he did not want to be a “priestly father” of many; but would rather be a “family father” of a few.

The migrant workers he treats are very grateful. Most are in this country so they can earn sufficient money to go back to their native land and live a better life. Some, however, look forward to staying here and learning more about this country — although they admit everything seems very strange.

Like his parents, Dr. Arias firmly believes in God’s good providence and has made sharing the goodness of the Lord with the poor his life’s purpose. ✚

Carmen Barrows is an Administration Secretary in the Diocesan Fiscal Office and a member of San Jose Parish in Jacksonville. Her native country is Puerto Rico.



PILGRIMS TRAVELS

Being a pilgrim in this Holy Year isn't easy. Consider Pat and John Wordsman of St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville. They decided to make a pilgrimage designated by the Confraternity of St. James, a group that assists the modern day pilgrim. They would walk 500 miles from a monastery at Roncesvalles on the Spanish side of the Pyrenees to the Shrine of St. James in the city of Santiago de Compostela.

The shrine is the tomb of James the Apostle, called "the Greater," who brought the word of God to Spain, then returned to Jerusalem, where he was the first apostle to be martyred. His followers brought his body back to Spain to be buried. The shrine became one of the great destinations of medieval pilgrimage and has seen a revival in the past 20 years.

The Wordsmans prepared physically and spiritually for the pilgrimage by walking to attend daily Mass at St. Paul's, a journey of three miles, wearing fully-packed backpacks.

Getting to Spain was easy. They took a plane. They arrived at the monastery Roncesvalles and began their journey the next day. But on April 15, after only walking several hours, Pat slipped and sprained her ankle. "I was heartbroken," she said. Pat had to return home.

John is continuing, but not without difficulty. He keeps in touch through e-mail sent from "internet parlors" along the route.



Pat and John Wordsman in front of St. Paul's Church in Jacksonville.

In his "Pilgrim Updates," he writes: "The walk was tough ... My hip is giving me trouble. ... The cross is the highest point on the Camino but there are still steep mountains to go. Getting down is exhausting and dangerous. Loose rocks and sharp slate outcroppings, a fall here and it's over."

No, being a *pelgrano* (pilgrim) isn't easy. A padre told Wordsman that only eight percent of the *pelgranos* are successful in reaching Santiago and the Shrine of St. James. But John is determined to make it. And as of May 17, he had gone more than half way.

Pat says she will be making her Jubilee Year pilgrimage in the diocese by visiting Mission Nombre de Dios or one of the other designated pilgrimage churches. ✚

Pilgrim Priests In Rome

Father Conrad Cowart, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Jacksonville, and Father Joseph Meehan, pastor of St. John the Baptist in Atlantic Beach, joined hundreds of other priests in Rome for the Vatican's Jubilee For Priests.

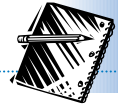
As part of the celebration, Father Meehan said he expected to be celebrating Mass at the four great churches of Rome, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Peter's. On May 18, Pope John Paul II's 80th birthday, Father Meehan said they would concelebrate the papal Mass with hundreds of other priests.



Meehan



Cowart



CYBERSPACE

Links Youth Groups & Members



*Linda "Mom" Knight and
Matt DeSalvo*

Computers. The Internet. Email. Seems like everyone is getting on the cyber train and building their own web sites, too.

One of the first web sites for a youth group in the Diocese of St. Augustine was created by the San Jose Parish Senior High Youth Group in Jacksonville.

Youth member Matt DeSalvo, a sophomore at

Andy Peters, assist with ideas and suggestions to keep the site interesting and current.

San Jose Pastor Father Jim Moss, also likes the idea. "They are making great use of technology and were a catalyst for challenging us to develop a parish web site."

So far, the site has received more than 1,300 hits and those who sign the guest book say they like the site. Of course, youth members check it out routinely to keep in touch with other members and informed about events. The site "gives them a forum to share their many activities with people beyond the parish", says Father Moss.

DeSalvo works at keeping the site graphically attractive with moving text, different colors and backgrounds, pictures, chat rooms and even games. That also keeps people coming back to the site regularly.

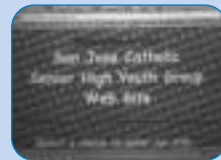
Other youth groups in our diocese have expressed interest in developing their own web sites. In fact, Peter Blay, director of diocesan of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, called on DeSalvo's expertise to help create a site for the diocesan ministry. The result is a site called, "Ministry Center." ↗

Bishop Kenny High School, asked the group's director, Linda Knight, if she would like to have a site for the group. Knight, who group members affectionately call "Mom" Knight, welcomed the idea. "I have seen web sites from other dioceses and knew what a good communication tool they were."

There are many ways to build a site. If you know or learn certain programming languages, you can build a site or you can buy software programs that do most of that for you. But talk it over with someone who has experience to learn the pros and cons. Internet service providers, such as America Online, offer relatively easy fill-in-the-blank programs to build your own site and a limited amount of space, at no cost, to host a site.

At first, it can be difficult, but DeSalvo says, patience gets you through the tough spots.

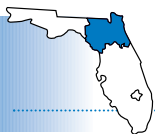
DeSalvo developed the site and it was an instant success, Knight says. He and other computer-savvy youth members, like



San Jose Senior Youth Group:
<http://sanjoseyouth.homestead.com>

Ministry Center:
<http://ministrybeach.homestead.com>

GAYLE: Gainesville Youth Events
<http://www.rc.net/staugustine/gayle/evnt.htm>



CUSICK ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD



Photo by Stuart Parneshill

Before family, friends, and fellow clergy, Timothy John Cusick was ordained to the priesthood Saturday, May 20 at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine.

Ordained a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine, Father Cusick will teach at his alma mater, Bishop Kenny High School, and live in-residence at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ponte Vedra Beach. Father Cusick will join the Sulpician Order which is a congregation of diocesan priests whose chief ministry is the formation and training of future priests. He joins the diocese's first bishop, Augustin Verot, and the late Father Raymond Brown, a scripture scholar, who were also Sulpicians.

Pictured is Father Cusick as he kneels before Bishop John J. Snyder who lays hands upon his head in the venerable sign of the Conferral of Orders.

APPOINTMENTS

Bishop John J. Snyder has made the following appointments:

- **Father Mark Waters**, administrator, was named pastor of St. Michael Parish, Fernandina Beach, effective June 15.
- **Father Dan Shashy**, parochial vicar, of Resurrection Parish in Jacksonville, retired May 15.

Reappointed to a second six-year term as pastor, effective June 15, are:

- **Father Donal Sullivan**, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Green Cove Springs;
- **Father Luke McLoughlin**, pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Jacksonville; and
- **Father James R. Boddie Jr.**, pastor of St. Pius V, Jacksonville.

Epiphany Student, Charms Public Radio, Principals

Leilani "Lani" Clark, a 12-year-old singing sensation, recently won a competition featured on the program *Prairie Home Companion* on National Public Radio. Lani was the only solo performer among the six acts who competed in the Home Companion Talent Competition and the Towns Under 2000 category. Lani is from the town of Wellborn: Pop. ca 500.



Lani, who has been performing since she was three, recently shared her talents at a diocesan meeting of school principals. And she volunteered to be the headliner for the May 16 fundraising performance for her elementary school, Epiphany Catholic School in Lake City.

The sixth grader has been performing for groups since age three and she learned at age six to play the piano.

May They Rest In Peace

Sister Mary Leonard Spengler, SSJ, died March 28 at Lourdes Hall in St. Augustine where she lived for the past five years. Before retiring she had served the elderly and infirm at Lourdes Hall for 23 years. Born in 1909 in North Dakota, she entered the congregation in 1928. She ministered as a teacher throughout the state at Catholic Schools including St. Joseph and St. Michael schools in Fernandina and St. Benedict School in St. Augustine. She also worked as a dietician and in the business office of Mercy Hospital in Miami and ministered to dependent children and mothers in Miami and Tampa.

Sister Marie de Lourdes Ortagus, SSI, died May 9 at Lourdes Hall in St. Augustine. Sister Ortagus was born in Mayport in 1905 and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1922.

Sister Ortagus taught at many of the state's Catholic schools, including Cathedral Parish School and St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine, St. Paul and Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville, and schools in Tampa, Miami and Orlando. She served as assistant Superior General for the congregation from

1950-52. In 1980, she came to the motherhouse as a volunteer office and community assistant.

Survivors include: a sister, Lorraine Thornhill; a niece, Doris "Bunni" Moore; a nephew, Robert Ortagus; and great nieces and nephews, Peggy Stevens, Robert Ortagus, Jr., and cousins.

Sister Mary Magdalen Eisele, SSJ, died May 19. Sister Eisele was a resident of Lourdes Hall for the past six years. Born in Tampa on Sept. 21, 1903, she joined the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1928. She served in schools in Jacksonville, Coral Gables, and West Palm Beach. For 15 years, she was the dietician at All Saints Home in Jacksonville and later served as a staff assistant at Lourdes Hall for six years. Survivors include: a sister, Odelia Goodall of St. Petersburg; a brother, Joseph Norbert of Tampa; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass To Honor Blessed Kateri

Father Daniel Cody, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Jacksonville will preside at a noon Mass in honor of the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha on July 16. Blessed Kateri, known as the Lily of the Mohawks, was devoted to the care of children, the sick and the elderly in 17th century. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on June 22, 1980 and today Native Americans throughout the world pray daily for her canonization.

This fall, St. Joseph Parish will complete and dedicate a double shrine for the Blessed Kateri and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The shrine, with two large hand-crafted raised white stone plaques, will serve as a place of remembrance and reconciliation for people of all nations and faiths.

32nd CYO Golf Tourney A Success

On Easter Monday, golfers took to the greens at San Jose Country Club in Jacksonville to benefit the Youth & Young Adult Ministries.

"It was one of the best ever," said Peter Blay, director of the ministries.

Here are the winning teams:

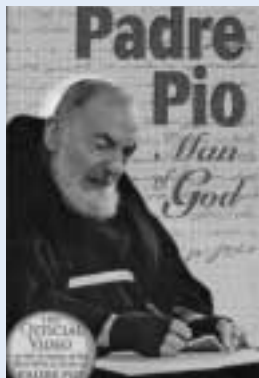
First place team, with a net score of 46.9, was Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Inc.: Bob Albrecht, Blair Fonna, Tom Gerst and Robert Landry.

DCCW CELEBRATES 70TH



The St. Augustine Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) held its 70th annual convention April 1-3 in Jacksonville. The keynote speaker was Jim Towey, founder of the Five Wishes, who spoke on "Aging With Dignity" and his work with Mother Teresa. Other speakers and presentations included: Dr. Kathy Robinson from the University of North Florida Nursing staff on the mature woman; Dr. Tom Peters on organ donation; the diocesan DCCW leadership team and Fr. Thomas Willis, pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish, on saints; Donna Mahoney, a former board member for the National Council of Catholic Women and current board member of the Florida Council of Catholic Women, presented the ages and stages of life.

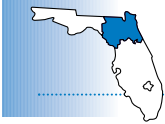
Jean Bazley, outgoing president, turned the gavel over to the new president, Fran Gullman. Other newly elected officers are: president-elect, Joanna Luciani; secretary, Patti Ventura; and treasurer, Lucille Trotter. The nominating committee will be: chairman, Susan Capley; and members Monica Casey, Pam Dewey, Barbara Mrvica, and Jean Williams.



The story of the humble Capuchin

monk who bore the stigmata for 50 years and was beatified on May 2, 1999 by Pope John Paul II is told in a new video. In this film, Padre Pio's own words describe how he first received the stigmata and how he lived with it throughout this life.

Padre Pio: Man of God includes interviews with those who knew him, including Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, Enzo Biagi and his fellow monks Fathers Gerardo Di Flumeri and Paolo Cuvino and others. *Padre Pio: Man of God* is a 55-minute video that can be ordered from Janson Video (800) 952-6766.



RELIGIOUS JUBILARIANS



Sr. Hemler, DC



Sr. Norton, OP



Sr. Nugent, OP

In April, three sisters celebrated the profession of their vows to their respective religious orders.

Marking a special anniversary, 60 years as a religious, is Sister Clare Norton, OP, who has served as Respite Care Coordinator for Catholic Charities in Gainesville. Sister Clare retired in late May and her many friends and co-workers celebrated with a retirement party and thanked her for her many kindnesses and dedication to caregivers.

Two women religious at St. Vincent's Medical Center celebrated 25 years as religious. They are Sister Mary Clement Hemler, DC, coordinator of the Vincentian Fund, and Sister Shirley Ann Nugent, OP, chaplain.

Jubilarians Celebrate During Jubilee Year



Fr. Maniyangat



Fr. Moore



Fr. Parke

Three diocesan priests are celebrating the anniversary of their 25th year in the priesthood this year. They are Father Fred Parke, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Palm Coast, Father Jose Maniyangat, pastor of St. Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish in Macclenny, and Father Thomas Moore who is on assignment outside the diocese in Pensacola. Each was recognized by Bishop John J. Snyder at the Chrism Mass.

Second place team, with a net score of 48.9, was WW Gay Mechanical Contractors Inc.: Dave Boree, Rob Stevens, Dave Parkinsen and Craig Duer.

Third place team, with a net score of 50.1, was Miller Electric and Hardage-Giddens: Alan Librandi and Kevin Flanagan for Miller and Gordon and Victor Hardage for Hardage-Giddens.

Baptist, St. Vincent's CEOs Named

John J. Maher and A. Hugh Greene will become the chief executives at the two health systems that will be formed as a result of the restructuring of Baptist St. Vincent's in Jacksonville. The two will assume their new posts following the restructuring of Baptist St. Vincent's into Baptist Health System and St. Vincent's Health System. The termination of the affiliate agreement is expected to be complete by September.

During the transitional period they will continue in their roles as CEO and COO, respectively, of Baptist St. Vincent's.

Greene will become President and Chief Executive Officer of the Baptist Health System. Maher will assume the role of President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent's Health System. He has been Chief Executive Officer at Baptist St. Vincent's since 1998.

Maher will oversee the operations of 522-bed St. Vincent's Medical Center and St. Catherine Laboure Manor, a 240-bed nursing home, and the outpatient services affiliated with St. Vincent's. He also will have administrative functions related to the services that will continue to be shared between Baptist and St. Vincent's.

New Edition of Catechism Available

Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., has been selected by the U.S. Catholic Conference to be the primary distributor of the trade-sized version of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition*. The second edition includes final modifications made in the official Latin text of the *Catechism*, and includes a more extensive analytical index and a new glossary of terms. It also includes Pope John Paul's 1997 decree promulgating the official Latin text.

List price for the softcover version is \$14.95, hardcover, \$24.95. Order by calling Our Sunday Visitor at (800) 348-2440, by faxing (219) 356-8472, by emailing osvbooks@osv.com, or by visiting the website www.OSV.com

Young Adults "Connections"

That's the idea behind the newly formed Connections Committee. The monthly meetings, held at the Catholic Center in Mandarin (usually on the third Tuesday of the month) provide a meeting place where you can have fun while pursuing spiritual growth. You should be a young adult over 18. You can be single, married, separated, divorced or single-again.

To get connected, get in touch with the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. (904) 355-1100 or (904) 355-1138. The Office will put you on their *Connections* mailing list.

The Catholic Center is at 11625 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville.

You can also contact any of the six parishes that have ongoing Connections programs. The parishes are: Christ the King, Holy Family and St. Joseph in Jacksonville; St. Paul in Jacksonville Beach and St. Catherine in Orange Park.

Weekly Television Mass Schedule

The Office of Communications for the diocese produces a weekly television Mass to spread the Good Word and to reach out to those who are unable to attend Mass at their parish churches.

The Mass airs in these cities/stations:

Fernandina Beach: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. on MediaOne Cable Channel 7.

Gainesville: Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. on Cox Cablevision Channel 8. Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on WCJB-TV Channel 20.

Jacksonville: Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on MediaOne Cable Channel 7.

Palm Coast: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on Palm Coast Cablevision Channel 8.

St. Augustine: Sundays at 8:00 p.m. on Time/Warner Cablevision Channel 3.

A missalette is also available so that viewers can follow the Mass. For a free leaflet missal call (800) 775-4659, ext. 108.

MISSION NEWS

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JUNE

- 3 Ordination to the Diaconate**
Join Bishop John Snyder for the ordination of Alberto Esposito and Michael Morgan
Saturday, 11 a.m.
Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine
- 4 NAIN Bereavement Group**
Sunday, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
St. Catherine, Orange Park
Call Bill McGrath: (904) 264-0577
- 4-5 Jubilee 2000 Faith & Sharing Retreat**
Leaders: Fr. Ron Camarda and Sister Patricia O'Hea, RSM
Sunday-Monday
Camp St. John, Jacksonville
To register call (904) 356-0810
- 4-9 Guided Scripture Retreat**
Experiencing God As An Adventure
Leader: Fr. Paul Mast, SJ
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-Friday, 11 a.m.
Marywood Retreat Center,
To register call (904) 287-2525.
- 10 Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**
Theme: In Memory of Me
Saturday, 9 a.m. Gathering and Catechetical Sessions
4 p.m. Pentecost Vigil Eucharist
University of North Florida, Jacksonville.
For more information call (904) 262-3200, ext. 331
Register online at: www.dcfll.org
- 16-Engaged Encounter**
18 Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register (904) 308-7474
Register online at: www.dcfll.org
- 16-Retreat For Catholic Young Adults**
In It Not Of It
Camp Cherry Lake, Madison, Fla.
Call Russ Polhemus at (904) 733-5986
- 17 Sing It Loud**
A karaoke night for diocesan youth
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose Parish, Jacksonville
Call (904) 733-1630 or www.singitloud.homestead.com
- 23- Retrouvaille/Rediscovery Weekend**
A program for Troubled Marriages

For location and to register call (904) 221-8383 or (904) 992-0408. Calls kept confidential.

- 23- Women's Retreat**
25 *Balancing Martha and Mary*
Leader: Sister Maureen Kelley, OP
Fri., 7:30 p.m. - Sun., 11 a.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525
- 25 Christian Meditation**
Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit
Leader: Gene Bebeau, M.D.
Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525
- 25 CALIX**
Spirituality for recovering alcoholics and loved ones
Thursday, 7 p.m.
Catholic Center, Jacksonville.
Call Jim at (904) 262-9494
- 30- Retreat for Fathers**
7/1 Loving as Christ Loves
Leader: Fr. Edward Booth
Fri., 7:30 p.m.-Sat., 3:30 p.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525

JULY

- 2 NAIN Bereavement Group**
Sunday, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
St. Catherine Parish, Orange Park
Call Bill McGrath: (904) 264-0577
- 3-8 Contemplation and the Prayer of the Heart**
Leader: Fr. Signey Griffith, ST
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-Friday, 11 a.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525
- 11- SPLUNGE 2000**
16 Retreat for youth (15-21) providing a chance to live the inner-city lifestyle for a week.
Call Linda Knight at (904) 733-1630, ext. 18
www.members.tripod.com/~splunge99
- 14- Reflections in Stained Glass**
16 Leader: Sister Diane Couture, SSJ
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11 a.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525
- 15 Pre-Cana**
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
St. Vincent's Medical Center

To register (904) 308-7474
Register online at: www.dcfll.org

- 23- Survival School**
28 A Vision of Ministry in the Church Today
Leaders: Terry Temple and Team
Sunday, 3 p.m.-Friday, 3:30 p.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register call (904) 287-2525
- 25 CALIX**
Spirituality for recovering alcoholics and loved ones
Thursday, 7 p.m.
Catholic Center, Jacksonville.
Call Jim at (904) 262-9494
- 31- YouthLeader Camp**
8/4 For high school students: leadership skills, consensus building etc.
Monday-Friday
Camp St. John, Jacksonville
Call Office of Youth & Young Adult (904) 355-1136/

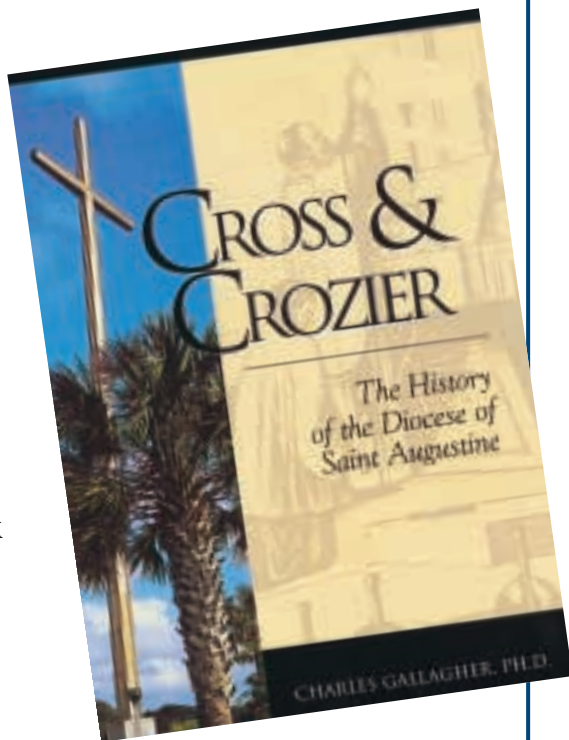
AUGUST

- 2 NAIN Bereavement Group**
Sunday, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
St. Catherine Parish, Orange Park
Call Bill McGrath at (904) 264-0577
- 4- Engaged Encounter**
6 Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
To register (904) 308-7474
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- 11- Marriage Encounter**
13 Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.
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Register online at: www.dcfll.org
- 25 CALIX**
Spirituality for recovering alcoholics and loved ones
Thursday, 7 p.m.
Catholic Center, Jacksonville
Call Jim at (904) 262-9494
- 25- 12 Step Retreat for Men and Women: Keep It Simple**
27 Leaders: Lisa and Duane Friedlander
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 11 a.m.
Marywood Retreat Center
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