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## Here's Your Chance To Let Your Voice Be Heard!



Kathleen Bagg-Morgan

The U.S. Bishops' Committee on Laity is now conducting a nationwide survey to find out what lay Catholics want from their church.

The first of its kind, the Internet survey of lay Catholics is being conducted online now through May 13. The goal of the survey is to solicit thoughts and ideas from lay people around the country about how the church, and parishes in particular, can better help them connect their faith with their everyday lives.

"This survey will be invaluable to our Committee as we further focus on the call of the laity in the world," said Bishop John J. McRaith, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Laity. He said the survey will not be used to evaluate individual dioceses or parishes; rather, he says, "it will help us gain an understanding of how our Committee can best respond to the needs of lay Catholics."

The survey questions are grouped by categories representing the six dimensions of adult faith formation content from *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, a document published by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1999. It was drafted primarily for leaders in the church who are responsible for adult faith formation in dioceses, parishes and other pastoral settings.

The survey took me about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. The questions are phrased to solicit specific feedback as to how the church can improve various aspects of our faith lives, such as: our knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, communal life, and the missionary spirit.

Overall, the survey is pretty straightforward. To take the survey, type in [www.dosaonline.com](http://www.dosaonline.com), the diocesan web address, and click on

"Lay Survey."

From there all you have to do is type in your comments, and click "Send."

Not only will this survey provide valuable insight for future project areas, it will also allow the American bishops to test the use of the Internet for their conference and enable other committees to utilize this capability in the future.

Realizing that not everyone has a computer to take the online survey, the Committee on Laity suggests that individuals utilize free access to the Internet through their public library.

Spouses, parish groups, parish councils and other committees can also complete the survey together and have just one person fill in the group response at a computer.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish. So here is your chance to voice your comments and offer helpful feedback to key leaders in the church.

A summary of the survey results will be posted on the internet at [www.ncbusscc.org/laity/laysurvey/summary.htm](http://www.ncbusscc.org/laity/laysurvey/summary.htm) at a later date.

Now turning to a new subject! A special art show and exhibit from the Southwest is coming to St. Augustine April 28-29. The exhibit is from the Sante Fe Market in New Mexico which, because I grew up in the area, is close to my heart.

See "Spanish Treasures From the Southwest" in *Around the Diocese*, page 26.

— Kathleen Bagg-Morgan  
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# MISSION NEWS

**M**onsignor Juan Celzo, rector of the Holy Rosary Major Seminary in Naga City, the Philippines, notes:

"Most, if not all, of our seminarians come from families who cannot afford to support their sons at the seminary."

**F**ather Ferdinando Navera, a newly ordained priest, was once a student at Holy Rosary. He says: "I would like to express my profound gratitude to all of you for helping us realize our dream of becoming priests. We have the opportunity to enjoy serving the Lord through our brothers and sisters today



because of the spiritual and material assistance extended to us while we were studying. You have become a part of our lives."

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### Parish Nurses Bring Spiritual Dimension to Healing

I wish to express my appreciation for publishing the article "Give Your Parents A Caring Christmas" in the December 2000/January 2001 issue.

Many inquiries were received by Volunteer Parish Nurses regarding concerns with aging parents. As the article indicated, Volunteer Parish Nurses educate, network and provide resources within both the parish and community, to meet the needs of parishioners.

The mission of Parish Nursing is the intentional integration of the practice of faith with the practice of nursing so as to achieve wholeness in, with, and through the faith community.

In this process Volunteer Parish Nursing is reclaiming both the spiritual dimension of nursing care, along with reclaiming the church as the healing place.

*Elizabeth Crowell, R.N.  
Parish Nurse Coordinator  
St. Vincent's Medical Center  
Jacksonville, Fla.*

### Tips To Help You Help Aging Parents

Thank you for the timely article about elderly parents. Last fall, during a phone call, my mother's words were a little slurred. A few days later, Mom was in the hospital.

Here are some tips we've learned caring for our parents that may help others:

- See a lawyer, see an accountant. Get financial affairs in order for long-term care. That might mean establishing living trusts, reverse mortgages, and a legal will. Ask about advance directives, health care surrogates and durable powers of attorney.
- Search the Internet. There are many resources ie. *Older Floridians Handbook* at [www.state.fl.us/does/handbook/handbook.html](http://www.state.fl.us/does/handbook/handbook.html), or the Administration on Aging links at [www.aoa.gov/aging/sites/default.htm](http://www.aoa.gov/aging/sites/default.htm)
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elders. For intervention from an authority, call (800) 96-ABUSE or fax a written report to (800) 914-0004 or leave an anonymous voice mail message at (800) 770-0953.

These are just a few things we can do to help our parents.

*Michael Johns  
St. Joseph Parish,  
Jacksonville, Fla.*

### An Angel Named Sister Dorothea

I want to share a story about an angel named Sister Dorothea Murphy, director of the Justice and Reconciliation Ministry for the Diocese of Saint Augustine. She is a messenger from God who loves and cares for inmates in correctional institutions in North Florida. Sister Dorothea visits us and provides pastoral care and advocates for all of us behind bars.

I want to thank Bishop Snyder and my brothers and sisters of the Diocese of Saint Augustine for letting this angel of love and caring to share God's love and concerns for us who are in prisons.

May God bless you all in the diocese for this year 2001.

*Daniel Lo Conte  
North Florida Reception Center  
Lake Butler, Fla.*

### Thankful For Gift Of Faith

Today I will be a lector and the reading I will proclaim comes from 1 Corinthians 12. As I practice, I look at these gifts given by the Holy Spirit, I am most thankful for the gift of faith.

Just over 20 years ago, Bishop John J. Snyder confirmed me. Although I "left" the Catholic Church, I have since returned, and I never lost the gift of faith. Thank you Bishop Snyder for your faithful service to the Diocese of Saint Augustine. I live in Atlanta now, but will always consider myself a member of your flock.

*Bernadette Flowers  
Atlanta, Ga.*

**Correction:** The contractor for the new Santa Maria del Mar Church in Flagler Beach was incorrect in the last issue. The Fannin Co. is the general contractor. The church seats 1,100 and was dedicated Oct. 22, 2000.

### Mother's Day Will Be Here Soon...

*By Jennie Myers*

Except that my mother is no longer on earth. This will be her first Mother's Day in heaven and she will get to spend it with her mother and my Dad's mom.

Her last Mother's Day is very clear in my mind. My mom was in the hospital fighting cancer. I gave her a dozen yellow roses. My sister also gave her a dozen roses, but purple-pink ones. Twenty-four roses for the 24 years she was a mom. My youngest sister gave her a big smiley-face balloon. To celebrate, we skipped the hospital food and treated mom to an Outback dinner and dessert. She had some visitors during the day – the Monroes, the Giulianis and, of course, several nurses – and each woman walked away with one of mom's roses.

A few days before she passed on, I broke down and cried in front of her. She looked up at me and said, "Shh, don't cry." Those are the last words I remember her telling me. Even in the midst of her pain, she was comforting me – watching over her child.

I am comforted knowing mom has become another one of my angels who watch over me and give me guidance just as she used to while she was living.

We knew her diagnosis was bad, but we kept hoping for our miracle. You have to keep hope, especially in rough times.

I have felt anger – anger directed at the evil of this world that causes illness and death. However, I am also comforted by the knowledge that Mom is now in God's hands and in a place where hurts and illness can no longer cause her pain.



# Nurturing A Call To Vocations

An Interview with Bishop John J. Snyder and Father John Tetlow

**M**ay is the month that is traditionally set aside by the Catholic Church to pray for and to celebrate vocations. And this year we have much to be thankful for.

On May 12, three of our seminarians will be ordained to the diaconate, and on May 19 Alberto Esposito and Michael Morgan will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John J. Snyder. The ceremonies for each begin at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine.

In the following interview, Bishop Snyder and diocesan Vocations Director Father John Tetlow discuss the climate of vocations today.

**What trends have you seen in priestly vocations in the last 20 years?**

When I was named Bishop of Saint Augustine in 1979, there were a number of seminarians studying for our diocese. In the mid-80s, candidates increased even more. For the next 10 years we saw a drop in the number of men applying.

In the late-90s, we started seeing an increase in those voicing interest in the priesthood and in actual candidates.

We owe this, in large part, to the work that has been done in vocations by Father Tetlow. Because of his love for the priesthood and his unique approach to identifying men who may



be interested in priestly life, our diocese now has 22 seminarians.

**What are some of the reasons vocations dropped off in the late-80s and early-90s?**

It is not extraordinary for vocations to follow a cyclical pattern, but we also feel that vocations are impacted by the climate and culture of our society.

Lifetime commitments are often seen today as undesirable and impossible. People not only make life-style changes, they may have three or more careers in a lifetime. There are so many career options for young people today that ordained ministry has taken a back seat.

Vatican II, in affirming the common call shared in Baptism, deepened our awareness of the dignity of each call – whether it be to the married or single life, priesthood or religious life. The development of lay ministry, though a very positive factor in today's church, has a significant impact on those who are considering church ministry options.

Another factor that played a role in fewer men applying was the public image of priests and religious. Negative media coverage, particularly due to sexual abuse lawsuits filed against dioceses and communities, has left many people with a sense of mistrust for church ministers and the inability to see this life-style choice as a credible, "respectable" option. Stereotypical images of priests and religious in TV and in the movies often fail to show a realistic, contemporary and adult understanding of these lifestyles. They are often presented as silly, childish and irrelevant. Priests

and religious doing admirable work often go unnoticed.

**What is the church doing differently to encourage vocations?**

There are four key groups that must be involved in order for priestly and religious vocations to flourish: the family, parish priests, the parish, and the Vocations Director.

It is not just the responsibility of the Vocations Director to find men to serve in ordained ministry. It is the responsibility of all of us.

The funds we are raising through *The Opportunity Of A Lifetime* capital campaign will also make a difference. The testimony given in the campaign video by Fathers Mike Williams, John Tetlow and Jim Boddie demonstrate how important Bishop Kenny High School was to their vocation. It stresses the importance of these new Catholic high schools and how they will be the seed ground for vocations in the future.

**Father Tetlow, how has the recruitment of priestly and religious vocations changed since you became Vocations Director seven years ago?**

Twenty-years ago there wasn't a need to go out and talk about vocations because they came walking through the door. Today, we have to take more of a proactive approach to recruiting men and women for religious life. We now look for men and women who look like they might have this call and we ask them point blank: "Have you ever thought about becoming a priest or nun?" What we

are seeing now are several men responding and saying they have considered becoming a priest and they ask what does it mean?

***In January the diocese hosted a gathering for men to come and ask questions about the priesthood. Bishop, what did you learn from the men who came?***

What surfaced several times during our evening together was that they see the priesthood as more than just a job. It's a commitment for life – it's a ministry. I think, too, that maybe what is changing is that we are anchoring vocations in our baptismal call – that is our prime vocation.

Baptism calls us to be a disciple of Jesus. How we live out that discipleship and how we live out that service to the Lord can take many directions: marriage, singleness, religious life and priesthood.

All of us have to realize that we are called to a life of service as a disciple of Jesus. If it takes root, then you will see better candidates. You will see people who are coming in, not for what they can get out of it, but what they can give to it.

They must feel a responsibility that the Lord has given them a unique gift – He is sharing His life with them. The more we can communicate that and build upon it, I think, we will get sounder candidates and we will have more people thinking about a commitment to ordained ministry.

***Father Tetlow, how long does it take to become a priest?***

It could take five to seven years after college before you are ready to be ordained and this includes four years of theology school with a pastoral year in between. If they haven't gone to college, it could take nine to ten years.



*Vocations Director Father John Tetlow at his ordination to the diaconate. He was ordained by Archbishop Edward O'Meara of Indianapolis.*

***Bishop Snyder, when men apply to the priesthood is there a discernment phase they go through or are they making a lifelong commitment on the spot?***

When you enter the seminary, neither you or your family should presume that you will be ordained. You might decide differently after you have spent some time in the seminary and the seminary might discern that you are really called to another ministry.

I think it is important to realize that the whole process – for however long it takes – is a time for discernment.

***With many of our priests approaching retirement age, Bishop, will we have enough priests to staff our parishes in the future?***

When you compare the number of seminarians we have to those in dioceses that are much larger than we are – we are in good shape. There are dioceses in the Northeast that have Catholic populations 10 to 15 times

larger than the Diocese of Saint Augustine and they don't have any more men studying in their seminaries than we do.


We know that not everybody who enters the seminary will be ordained. However, if we have a reasonable percentage of those who are now candidates go all the way through, I think we will be able to meet the needs of our parishes.

It is my hope that we will do far better than that. With the interest we see stirring out there in our parishes, it will enable us to have enough priests to staff even more parishes in the future and have more priests involved in our Catholic schools. I would say there is good reason to be optimistic.

***Bishop Snyder, what has living the life of a priest meant to you?***

I look back on my 50 years of priesthood with great gratitude. I am grateful for the opportunity to proclaim the Lord's love and to serve his people. It has certainly been different than I ever anticipated! When I was ordained, my only desire was to serve as a parish priest. Instead I served only six years in the parish – so the Lord has surprises for you.

If you are going to be a priest you have got to be ready and desirous of being involved with people. No matter what you are doing, whether it is administration or other services, if you are open to people, you are going to find it a very rewarding call.

It is rewarding in the sense of discovering the goodness in people, helping people to discover their gifts and talents and always putting them in the service of the Lord. 

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*Even if you've known Alberto for only a short time, you'll soon discover that music and his violin are his heavenly connection. "Music has allowed me to open my mind and heart to the church," he said.*



*In addition, music has connected him to others and, in turn, connected them to the "Mystery."*

*"Music seems to cut through, to make a direct line to peoples' hearts," he said.*



# Vocations

*Alberto Esposito and Michael Morgan will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John J. Snyder at 11 a.m. on May 19 at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine.*

*Just as the apostles left their work to follow Jesus, becoming a priest is a second career for Michael Morgan, 55. His first was in the military, in the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General Corps.*

*His ordination will also be a homecoming in several ways. Becoming a priest is committing to subtle, but persistent calls he had heard before.*

"I had thought of the priesthood off and on, and then I warmed up to the idea of actually doing something about it," Morgan said.

He then entered the seminary of Blessed John XXIII near Boston in 1997. Michael said he was pleased to learn that there were several seminaries specifically for second-career vocations. "I was also pleasantly surprised that the classes were almost full. The average student is about my age. So my situation is not unique; and that has been comforting and supportive.

"In my four years in the seminary, what I have particularly enjoyed most is the other seminarians," he said. "They range from doctors to several other lawyers and just about every career. So that has made for a good experience."

And coming to our diocese is also another homecoming. Morgan's roots are in our diocese, in Jacksonville. He is the son of the late Irvin and India Morgan. He was a student at St. Paul's School in Riverside and graduated from Bishop Kenny High School in 1964.



Coincidentally, his sisters, Denice and Carolyn, have also moved back to the Jacksonville area within the past six months.

After high school, Michael received his bachelor's degree from Loyola-New Orleans and then his master's from Florida State University in political science. After

Alberto shares his music with residents at L'Arche, a group home for the developmentally disabled, and has played for those in hospice, accompanying them through the last stages of their illnesses. And during his pastoral year at St. Pius V in Jacksonville, it didn't take long for the kids at the parish school to discover their new best friend, the violinist.

While he mostly plays in the classical style, he does play his violin with the Gospel Choir at St. Pius and in the traditional liturgical style for Hispanic celebrations.

The son of Louis Henry and Anna P. Esposito, Alberto grew up in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn, N.Y. He then graduated from Yale and the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of


Music. Afterwards he played in orchestras throughout the New Haven, Conn., area and conducted a youth orchestra.

When his parents moved from Brooklyn to the St. Augustine area, Alberto joined them. And, for a time, he served in music ministries at Holy Family and Prince of Peace parishes in Jacksonville before going to St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach in 1995.

As the time for ordination draws near, Alberto said he has been preparing for Holy Orders by developing an attitude of openness to discover the presence of God in sometimes surprising and unexpected places and by developing more of an attitude that pays attention to those who are poor.

"It's very important in my priesthood to maintain concrete ties to those who are poor and broken," he said. "They are sacraments — signs of the the in-breaking kingdom."

He's also been striving to integrate his priestly life with his prayer life. "Prayer becomes the place where all aspects of ministerial life are reviewed and discussed with God," Alberto said. "Sometimes it brings peace and sometimes, it's a struggle."

When he begins to live out his life as a priest, he wants to sure to set aside a certain part of his day for prayer. "It's easy to get lost in work and that's my greatest fear," he said. "We can't be swallowed by up sheer busyness. We all need to carve out some space to find that silent time with God." 

### Three diocesan seminarians will be ordained to the diaconate at 11:00 a.m. on May 12.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Dung Bui** Is a student of Theology at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla. He is a native of Viet Nam, joining his family here in 1990, and entering the seminary in Epworth, Iowa in 1991. He is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Jacksonville.

**Jason Trull**, who is also studying Theology at St. Vincent de Paul, is a native of Jacksonville. He's a graduate of Bishop Kenny High School, Class of '92. In 1994, he entered St. Meinrad's and in 1997, he entered St. Vincent de Paul. His home parish is Assumption in Jacksonville.

**Rouville "Roe" Fisher**, who is completing his third year of Theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisc. He's been a seminarian for seven years: two years with the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and almost five years with the Diocese of St. Augustine.



going on active duty in the U.S. Army's military police, he then graduated from the University of Florida College of Law in

1975. So now, with one foot in Gator country and another in Seminole territory, it will be interesting to see which team merits his most fervent prayers.

As a lawyer in the Judge Advocate General Corps, he has served, at different times, as prosecutor, defense counsel, and judge.

His last two assignments were in Japan and at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., before retiring in 1996, with 25 years of service. Michael then returned to Jacksonville where he lived for nearly a year. During that time he became a member of Christ the King Parish.

As part of his seminary program, he served his pastoral year at the Catholic Charities regional office in St. Augustine. The last two summers he has studied canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. After two more summers, he will earn his licentiate

degree, similar to a master's degree, but in canon law.

Michael says he has a natural interest in canon law because of his background.

With a canon law background, he could perhaps one day serve in the diocese's Tribunal. However, that decision will be made later, and he says, "I'm looking forward to serving wherever I am assigned."

During the past 12 months, Morgan's weekend assignment has been at St. Michael's Parish in North Andover, Mass.

While there, he has baptized 37 babies and preached at least two Masses every Sunday.

Will he be pleased to return to the Diocese of St. Augustine? You bet.

"With a chill factor of minus 10 degrees last Sunday," he said, "I'm definitely looking forward to warm weather."

And to Father Michael Morgan, we say, "Welcome home." 

At 10 p.m., Polish-born Remigiusz Blazkowski has wrapped up his day at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Fla.

He taps a security code into a keypad and enters the seminary chapel after hours for some private evening prayer before turning in or watching TV with other seminarians.

"Without my own time for prayer, it doesn't make any sense being here," said Blazkowski, who is studying here for the Diocese of Saint Augustine. He is known around the seminary simply as "Remi."

With two years of living in the United



Cary McElhine

# St Vincent de Paul Seminary

*Providing Seminarians with a Culturally Rich Experience*

BY TOM TRACY

States under his belt, including a year in Orchard Lake, Mich., with other Polish seminarians, Remi, 23, said he is feeling more comfortable with his English. Writing term papers is still a challenge, but the faculty is patient, willing to do what they can to facilitate each student's learning needs, he said.

As the only fully bilingual (English and Spanish) Catholic seminary in the United States, St. Vincent de Paul is home to 81 students from Florida, as well as from the Caribbean basin, Central and South America, Ireland, Poland and Vietnam.

The seminarians leave with a rich cultural experience of church beyond what they might expect elsewhere.

"What I have found so far is that pretty much we are the same," Remi said. "We have different traditions, backgrounds, things we like to do, but we have the same goal — though different ways to reach the goal — in our basic desire of vocations formation. "We

have the same humanity."

The seminary's student body includes approximately 19 Catholic lay, non-resident students who are pursuing a Master of Arts and Theology or updating their education.

In addition, Episcopalian, Lutheran and other seminarians have studied at St. Vincent de Paul with permission from their congregations.

While the numbers of seminarians continue to increase at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami — the main feeder school for the major seminary — it means even more students will be coming here in years to come.

Jacksonville native Jason Trull, a fourth-year theology student, said if variety is the spice of life, then St. Vincent de Paul has been a rich educational experience that will serve the students well when they leave here.

"Being a regional seminary, we have guys from all over the state of Florida, so when we

are done we will know priests all over the state of Florida, which is helpful," Trull said. "And being near the beach doesn't hurt either."

With one more year of study required here, Trull expects to be ordained a transitional deacon May 12. He will have a summer parish assignment in the Saint Augustine Diocese before returning to the seminary for more classes and a weekend parish assignment in South Florida.

St. Vincent de Paul has been a "challenging place academically," said Trull, who had originally thought about going into physical therapy, "but I think

we have a very good balance of what is important in ministry: human formation, pastoral, academics; there is enough focus on each to give us a well rounded formation."

Msgr. Stephen Bosso, the new rector/president at St. Vincent de Paul, with his characteristic southern accent, likes to describe this moment in history at Florida's major seminary by pointing out "there is a very good spirit in the house."

Last year, the Florida bishops appointed the Pensacola native Msgr. Bosso, a longtime faculty member here, to succeed Msgr. Pablo Navarro after seven years of leadership at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

With its reaccreditation recently approved, the major seminary entered the new millennium with a renovated physical plant, increased enrollment and unified, dedicated staff, according to Msgr. Bosso. He credits Msgr. Navarro, a priest of the Miami



Tom Tracy

There are eight seminarians from the diocese studying at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary (l-r): Ronnie Custoria, Remi Blaszkowski, Jason Trull, Michael Gagnon, Alberto Esposito, Adrian Wojcik, and Dung Bui. Not pictured is Christopher Liguori.

Archdiocese, with leaving him a good situation.

A number of the new seminarians, he said, are “second career men” who come from all walks of life, including business people, lawyers, doctors and even a commercial airline pilot.

“Overall, people are seeking more, and once they start going down that road you open yourself up to the power of the spirit and you never know where it will take you.”

“As a bilingual seminary, one of our concerns is as people are leaving here they be equipped to function bilingually,” Msgr. Bosso said.

Each student recommended for Holy Orders must be able to celebrate the Mass and three other sacraments in their non-native languages.

If there is one single measure of success at the seminary, Msgr. Bosso said, it is to help the students discern what God wants for them.

“The most disastrous thing, in my own conscience, that I could do is push someone into priesthood who is really not called by God to be a priest,” he said.

By the same token, a seminarian may question—possibly for fear of having to first make real changes in his life—whether or not to continue formation.

Msgr. Bosso advises a seminarian who doubts his vocation to make any decisions to leave or stay based on the right reasons. “That is the most important process of what we do here,” he said.

Seminarian Remi said he looks forward to

life as a priest in North Florida, and that he has seen a good relationship among priests in the diocese.

For now, he is focused on his studies. He also keeps in touch with friends, enjoys reading and on the weekends—he is free to go to a movie or out to dinner.

The seminary also has a gym, a pool, tennis and

basketball courts, and a community sports program. He is learning to appreciate American culture every day—with some exceptions.

“I don’t understand Superbowl Sunday at all,” he said. “I am missing soccer for sure.”

*Tom Tracy is State Editor of the Florida Catholic newspaper. Based in Palm Beach, he wrote this article specially for the St. Augustine Catholic.*



Tom Tracy

Bishop John J. Snyder, left, with Msgr. Stephen Bosso, the new rector/president of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

## RECTOR “RAISES THE BAR” AT MAJOR SEMINARY

BY TOM TRACY

Msgr. Stephen Bosso, appointed rector/president of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary last June, has been implementing measures to help “raise the bar.” They include:

- A recommendation that the seminary’s endowment be increased for future needs.
  - Formation advisors and spiritual directors have been asked to take summer continuing education programs.
  - Faculty will focus on improving teaching methodology with the help of a program sponsored by the Wabash Theological Center in Indiana.
  - Two recent faculty workshops have already focused on formation and teaching skills.
  - Lynn University in Boca Raton is helping design a Spanish-language immersion program that will give seminarians a deeper appreciation for pastoral Spanish—as the language relates to the sacraments and parish life.
- A graduate of Catholic schools in Pensacola, Msgr. Bosso studied at Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio as well as the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, where he studied scripture and languages. He was

# 光の見える本 Catholics

By Father Thomas Sullivan

Korean Catholics in Jacksonville are a very proud, independent and responsible group of people.

The building of a Korean Catholic Chapel in Jacksonville is one example of their faith and dedication.

The Korean Catholic community met and agreed to assess each family for the building funds — buying a fine piece of land on Rampart Road in the Argyle Forest area of Jacksonville.

Next they developed building plans, bargaining for each brick before building a church named for Saint Francis Choe, a Korean martyr.

It wasn't until they accomplished their goal of building a chapel that they wrote to the bishops in Seoul requesting a full-time priest. Last February, Father Jeong Benedict was assigned to serve Korean Catholics in the Diocese of Saint Augustine.

The Catholic Church in Korea got started in the 1770s which was about the time it was becoming established in the United States.

The first

Korean Catholics were Confucian scholars. For centuries in Korea, as in China, all advancement came through success in yearly examinations held at the capital.

Each candidate gave written answers to questions on Confucian thought. In order to succeed he needed three top grades: one for knowledge, one for literary style, and one for calligraphy. Those who passed were accounted gentlemen, and they could go on to professional and government positions. However, they usually stayed in life-long scholarly groups.

For their knowledge of the outside world, scholar groups depended on books brought back by an annual delegation to Peking. After 1750, the most keenly read books were two volumes by Italian Jesuit Matteo Ricci, a universal genius who had been a tutor in China's palace in the early 1600s.

With a nucleus of just one real Catholic who had been baptized while on the Peking delegation of 1780, the scholars built up a Catholic community, working out their own way of saying the Mass and administering the Sacraments — following detailed descriptions in Matteo Ricci's Chinese volumes.

They meant no harm, and when they learned they had gone too far on their own, they petitioned the bishop of Peking for a priest.

One Father Chu came and within six years he brought the number of Catholics up to 8,000. But as the numbers increased the government viewed them as an illegal foreign intrusion. Father Chu got across the Yalu River for safety, but then, after praying about it, he returned, giving his life to end the first persecution.

Up until 1882 when Korea was opened to foreigners and to other foreign religions, Korea gave the Catholic Church 103 canonized martyrs and an estimated 10,000 Catholics who died for their faith — mostly by beheading.



## Korean Events Celebrated Locally

Sept. 9  
Anniversary Celebration of St. Francis Choe Chapel. Dedication Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception.

Sept. 30  
Korean Thanksgiving. It will be celebrated locally at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Choe Chapel.

*October 1 is the official date of the Korean Thanksgiving.*

St. Francis Choe Korean Chapel is located at 8051 Rampart Road, Jacksonville. (904) 573-1833. Resident priest: Father Jeong Benedict.



In addition to Korea's actual martyrs there were many sold as slaves or banished from their homeland.

For 12 years, I served as a missionary Columban Father in a remote Korean town where the Catholics were descended from Seoul people banished in 1860.

In the beginning, many of those exiled from the city couldn't make it in the rural area, but others survived by learning the art of pottery. I often celebrated Mass in thatched pottery sheds with a board resting on unbaked clay urns serving as an altar.

Back then, at the end of the Korean War, there were 200,000 Korean Catholics. Now there are two million, and the country has a worthy Catholic president. The Catholic Church is known as the "old" church, and people are drawn by its scholars and martyrs.

It is estimated that there are more than 100 Korean Catholics in the Diocese of Saint Augustine. There are 50 Korean Catholics who celebrate regularly at St. Francis Choe Chapel.

Another 50 or more Korean Catholic students gather for Bible study at St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center in Gainesville.



*Father Jeong Benedict was assigned to St. Francis Choe Chapel, Jacksonville in February 2000. He also serves Korean Catholics in Gainesville and Tallahassee.*

Celebrating Mass at St. Francis Choe

always brings back memories of my years in Korea. Their liturgies are full of Korean song and a meal is always served after Mass.

To repeat a quote I heard Father Michael Himes of Boston College once say, "Your culture are the things that make you feel at home in the world."

At St. Francis Choe Chapel, Korean Catholics in our diocese have found a place where they can feel at home and journey in their faith. 🙏

*Father Thomas Sullivan is pastor of St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville.*



## The Story of Saint (Francis) Choe Kyong-Hwan

Francis Choe Kyong-Hwan was born at the end of the 18th century to a prosperous family with many children in Taraekkol, Hongjugun, Chungchong Province in Korea.

St. Francis Choe Chapel, built by the Korean Catholic community in Jacksonville, is named in his honor.

As a young man, he had a strong religious devotion to Christianity and he urged his brothers to leave their village because it was pagan. They eventually moved to Seoul, the capital city.

Francis was involved in lawsuits for unknown reasons and lost most of his property. Without seeking retaliation, Francis and his family moved to Surisan Mountain of Kwachon. There he faithfully practiced his religion, read many Catholic books, educated his children and gave alms to others even though he was poor himself. Francis was well respected by the community and they would often come to him for advice and religious instruction.



One son who became a priest, Father Choe Thomas remarked about his father, that, while he didn't receive a formal education, he was a very learned man about Catholic truths.

In 1839, during the time of religious persecutions in Korea, Francis was made a catechist. He worked hard taking up collections for those imprisoned because of their religious beliefs. He attended their trials and would urge them to rely on God's providence to help them cope with their torturous conditions.

In July 1839, Francis along with 40 others were arrested and taken to a prison in Seoul. They were all tortured, especially Francis. While many of them gave in to their torturers, Francis never did. He refused to eat until the day he died from a brutal beating to denounce his faith. He told his persecutors, "You can make me stop eating, but you can never make me deny God."

On Sept. 12, 1839, Francis Choe Kyong-Hwan died at the age of 35. His spirit continues to shine as a heroic sign of true faith among all believers.




— Father Jeong Benedict, Korean Catholic Community Diocese of Saint Augustine



# LIVING THE Hail Mary

BY PAT COOK

“I do not know if I live the Hail Mary  
or the Hail Mary lives in me,”



says Roberta Hazelbaker, a close friend of mine who I met years ago at St. Catherine Parish in Orange Park. “When praying the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary, I receive a humble, peaceful spirit. This is especially true when things are falling apart – I turn to Mary and ask for a peaceful spirit.”

Last year, Roberta recalled how worried she was when she was about to undergo an MRI procedure to determine the source of pain in her neck. “Panicked, I kept reciting the Hail Mary as fast as my heart pounded! Then I became calmer and focused on my words, and calmed down,” she said. Roberta needs this calm especially with all that she does – teaching adult education classes, confirmation preparation, MOMS ministry, full time job and family!

“The modern woman will note with glad

surprise that Mary of Nazareth, while completely devoted to the will of God, far from being a timidly submissive woman did not hesitate to proclaim that God vindicates the humble and oppressed and removes the powerful people of this world from their privileged positions,” says Pope Paul VI in *On Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*. Referring to his rosary, the pope said, “This is the Bible for those who can neither read nor write.” We might add that the rosary is the Bible for those of us seeking to live out the Gospel more deeply in our daily lives.

The Hail Mary is an incarnational prayer. The God of Christians is not an abstraction (“Abstractions do not require mothers,” as Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once said!), but a personal God who “was born of the Virgin Mary” and who walked with us as a fellow

human in this world.

In understanding that, “In no way does she understand everything completely from the first moments onward, but has to work away tirelessly in order to understand all these overpowering ideas as well as she may,” writes Hans Urs von Balthasar in *Mary for Today*. It helps us to see that the serene Mary pictured in art was not always serene. Several times in Luke’s Gospel, he says that Mary “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19) In other words, like us, she had to keep turning over the events of her life, trying to make sense of them in light of what the angel Gabriel had announced to her.

In Luke 2:49, she was far from serene as Jesus says, “Why were you looking for me?” (“Is there a problem?” as our kids would answer us today.) “But they did not

understand what He said to them.”

It is amazing how some things never change! It makes our role as parents less lonely to know that Mary and Jesus struggled too, and love had to find a common middle ground in their tension, as it does in ours.

When Mary said her “Yes” to God, she became a model of how to pray the prayer of acceptance. If she were not a constant woman of prayer, how would she know what to accept and what to reject? Mary has to say yes repeatedly during her life—constantly renewing her original yes said when she was just 15 years old.

Where do you think Jesus learned to say his yes to his Abba in the Garden of Gethsemane? When he prays: “Father, if you will, take this cup of suffering away from me. Not my will, however, but your will be done.” He trusted his father in his darkest hour, an example he had learned from his mother.

**“Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee,”** is the greeting Gabriel used for Mary in Luke 1:28. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, says “Mary is full of grace because the Lord is with her. Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells.” She is, in the truest sense, a tabernacle. From now on, her life is totally given over to God. It is amazing to realize how little control over her life Mary had once she said her original “Yes.” And yet her life could not have been in better hands, for they were not the hands of someone hostile to her, but the hands of Abba.

**“Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,”** is the greeting her cousin Elizabeth gives Mary in Luke 1:42. “Mary is blessed because she believed in the

fulfillment of the Lord’s word...Mary, because of her faith, becomes the mother of believers.” **(Catechism #2676)**

Notice that we honor her because of her faith, not her knowledge or her understanding of the events going on. Her intelligence could not have fathomed the why of becoming a refugee in Egypt shortly after Jesus’ birth, but her faith told her to trust Joseph’s vision and flee.

**“Jesus.”** “At some point in history, the name Jesus was added to the first part of the prayer, indicating that all that precedes it can be understood only in the person of Christ. Jesus, the fruit of Mary’s womb is truly the center and summit of this prayer.” *(Catholic Update on The Rosary)*

**“Holy Mary, Mother of God.”**

“Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is Mother of God and our mother;...she prays for us as she prayed for herself: ‘Let it be done to me according to your word.’” **(Catechism #2677)**

**“Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.”**

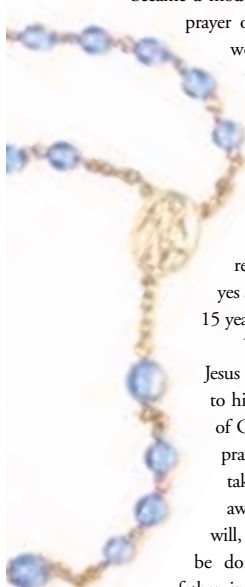
Here we ask Mary to be at our side at each moment, but especially with us at our death, as she was at her son’s death on the cross. “May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing.” **(Catechism #2677)**

**“Amen.”** Yes, so be it.

“Living the Hail Mary means striving to imitate Mary in living with an openness to the Holy Spirit—an openness to discovering God’s grace within you—an openness to

acknowledging our own blessedness with true humility – an openness that puts you in the right place at the right time when God calls,” says Eunice Cheshire, a long-time friend of mine from San Jose Parish, Jacksonville who now serves as a retreat and adult formation leader in her parish in Texas.

May we honor Mary, not by keeping her on a pedestal, but by searching each event in our lives for the face of God, as Mary searched her baby’s face, looking for the likeness of God. 🙏



*Madonna In Prayer, Sassoferrato, 1609-1685*

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**F**or the key to Christian suffering, we should look to the passion of Christ.

First, throughout the passion, Jesus focused not on himself but on others.

Also throughout the passion, Jesus loved everyone, even the people who betrayed, tortured and crucified him. St. Paul probably was thinking of Jesus' passion when he wrote a stirring passage on love: "If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:3)

# The Factors of Christian

By Father Eugene LaVerdiere, SSS

Third, in sorrow and joy, Jesus prayed at this time to God with the title "Abba." With the address, "Abba," Jesus was showing to his disciples his intimate relationship with the Father. In Christ, we share in Jesus' relationship with God. As children of God, with Jesus we ourselves can call God Abba!

Fourth, Jesus did not seek suffering. In his agony in the garden he prayed: "Abba, Father, all things are pos-



sible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” (Mk 14:36) In this prayer, Jesus was teaching us the Christian attitude concerning suffering. According to Jesus’ prayer, we have to seek not suffering, but God’s will.

Last, Jesus was not passive but active in his passion. The suffering had a purpose for him. Jesus’ life was not taken away. He offered and shared his life so that all people could live, including us. As we read of the Last Supper, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, and said: “This is my body.” (Mk 14:22) Giving his life, Jesus did not think of his own suffering.

Physical pain immediately comes to mind when we think of suffering. But there are many kinds of human suffering, including spiritual suffering.

When a relative or friend dies, we suffer grief. We mourn our loss. When our loved ones suffer pain or sorrow,

mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.” (John 16:20)

Jesus added a comparison that is easy to understand. “When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world.” (John 16:21)

Jesus did not apply the comparison to his own suffering but to the disciples’ suffering: “so you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.” (John 16:22)

Reflecting on Jesus’ passion, many Christians focus on his physical pain. A lot of religious art, depicting Jesus on the cross with his gaping wounds, reinforces this tendency.

Instead, I believe we should focus on Jesus’ spiritual pain. Reading the

disciple abandoned Jesus when he was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Simon Peter denied even knowing Jesus and denied his own identity when the high priest’s maid interrogated him.

Seeing the disciples betraying him, abandoning him and denying him, Jesus must have suffered greatly.

The redemptive value of suffering comes to mind when we reflect on it. Jesus redeemed the whole world by his passion.

As Christians and disciples, we are following Jesus Christ. As followers, we have to be with him in solidarity, to pattern our lives on his life and take up his mission. As such, our suffering also should be redemptive.

Jesus offered and gave his life not for himself but for others. In solidarity with him, we offer our lives not for ourselves but for others.

As with the passion of Christ, our sufferings are redemptive, not for ourselves, but for others. With God’s grace we offer our physical and spiritual sufferings for the salvation of others.

Offering our sufferings for others, we ourselves receive the grace of salvation.

After Jesus announced his passion for the first time, Jesus applied his passion to Christian life: “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” (Mk 8:35)

Finally, for Christ’s followers, the Eucharist is the sacrament of Christian suffering and Christian love. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we do not think of our own suffering. With Jesus, we share our lives—with love—with others. ☞

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we suffer with them.

Sometimes suffering is extremely productive.

At the Last Supper in John’s Gospel, Jesus spoke to the disciples of his departure and his return: “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and

Gospels slowly and carefully, and reflecting on our lives through the Gospels, should reinforce our images of Jesus’ spiritual pain.

Jesus loved his disciples, including Judas. At the Last Supper, Judas, eating with Jesus, dipping in the same dish, was planning his betrayal. And every



# Mother Cares Father Cares

*But who  
else cares  
for the mis-carried baby?*

By Kathleen McHugh

**M**iscarriage is a common death we rarely talk about.

If a baby dies after 20 weeks gestation or is born stillborn, a funeral home is called. A memorial service is celebrated, ashes or a marker commemorate this once growing life.

Much more common, however, are the pregnancies which are lost the first 20 weeks and known medically as spontaneous abortion. In popular language, it's called "early fetal death miscarriage." Up to one-third of all pregnancies end in miscarriage.

I know just how common miscarriage is because I experienced two between my three full-term children. I know the deep loneliness and emptiness which can follow.

Another mother, Janet McArdle, who has had two miscarriages, says, "If you lose a baby immediately after conception or after birth, the hurt is the same."

Many mothers are still mourning babies lost years ago. These mothers have told me that it is often hard to find closure and peace over the disappointment and sadness which was hurried through in the hustle and bustle of the childbearing years.

Today, however, "a lot of things are changing, even in the hospitals" said Janet. "It used to be that they would send you on your way. Now, they provide you with a bereavement



Photos by  
Terry Wilmot

packet and phone numbers. My own experience was positive. The nursing staff at Baptist Medical Center had a kind and supportive bedside manner.”

Most amazing is a team at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. This is where I watched Mary Cohick, a social service specialist, and Duncan Sawyer, a medical photographer, prepare a 36-week-old stillborn boy and take pictures for the family. Mary carefully washed and arranged the infant while Duncan searched through drawers of doll-sized gowns and hats.

Each situation, like each pregnancy, is different. Duncan takes many photos, including close-ups of the tiny toes and fingers — each perfectly formed.

This tiny boy looks like a sleeping child holding a small teddy bear on his chest. Duncan and Mary will give the pictures, clothes and little bear to the parents.

If the parents don't want the pictures, they are stored indefinitely at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Often, parents may wish to have a remembrance and return for the photographs.

Mary and Duncan understand the importance of grieving for losses and for the parents' need to remember. Mary advises, “Don't swallow your grief; go with the moment. Don't suppress your feelings or it will eat you up.”

Duncan explains that photographs “help the grieving process over the long haul. This helps give closure over the death of a loved one.”

When asked how they keep from getting depressed when dealing with young death so often, Mary and Duncan explain that they believe what they are doing is so important.

However, many miscarriages occur away from medical facilities, possibly at home, and without caring help.

Much worse and more unpredictable than menstrual cramps, the process of miscarriage can be a traumatic event. It can last for hours, days or weeks. Medical people may or may not be available to assist. Some women are caring for other children when it happens.



*Duncan Sawyer prepares the infant's clothes for photographs.*

After the trauma of a miscarriage, there are days, months, or even years of the grieving process. Popularized in the book by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross *Death and Dying* the stages of grief are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

When my own prayers weren't answered I was angry with God. And some of my friends couldn't deal with my grief and lingering depression. Several acquaintances offered congratulations to me about my pregnancy not knowing I had recently lost the baby.

Having a close friend who can share both good and difficult times makes a tremendous difference in the healing process. A friend also eases the feelings of isolation that often occur after a miscarriage.

Informal sharing can also occur among small groups, and many women also find solace in such groups as the Elizabeth Ministry and M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Moms Sharing).

*Holidays may be sad times, especially Mother's Day and Father's Day.*

The Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach to women in their childbearing years. It pairs women with similar experiences. A woman may have a pregnancy buddy. Or, someone to talk to who has gone through a miscarriage.

The motto of the Elizabeth Ministry is “Following the example of Mary and

Elizabeth, we visit and share the sacredness of life.”

Mothers, however, are not the only ones who suffer. Fathers and siblings also feel and mourn the loss. Each has to adjust to what has happened to their family and its happy expectations.

Now, however, there are memorials, public walks, bereavement workshops and counseling services in our diocese for children and adults.

Last fall, a miscarriage workshop was presented at St. Joseph Parish, by Lisa Pohlgers and Ed Todd, a parish bereavement team, and Debbie Weise, parish director of adult education. Lisa recalled that there was spontaneous sharing among the group and that, perhaps for first time, many fathers shared their grief with others who were not part of their immediate family.

Pastor of St. Joseph, Father Dan Cody, celebrated a memorial service in October for twins lost by Janet and Peter McArdle. The tiny babies are now buried in the St. Joseph's Cemetery. Many parishes also have special bereavement Masses, sometimes around All Soul's Day or when there has been a call for one.

Father Cody said he has noticed more interest in the last decade for recognition of the death of very young babies.

For those who are not inclined to public acknowledgement, private rituals and memorials of all sorts are available. In my own case, I didn't begin to heal until months later when I lit a candle for each baby. One candle in Assisi, Italy, the other at St. Paul's in Jacksonville.

Common mistakes we all make are saying things like: “It's for the best” or “You'll get pregnant again.” Neither may be true for the family mourning. Cards of condolence and active listening to their pain would be more helpful.

To help families, there are many books available on miscarriage ranging from the medical implications to personal reflections.

How can we most help the parents and children who have lost a family member?

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Counselors recommend admitting a death has occurred and for the family not to minimize their feelings.

Families will also find solace in prayer and trust in God.

*"For those who trust in God, in the pain of sorrow there is consolation, in the face of despair there is hope, in the midst of death there is life. As we mourn the death of your child we place ourselves in the hands of God and ask for strength, for healing, and for love."* ✨

— from the Book of Blessings

Kathleen McHugh is a catechist and member of St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville.

#### Resources, Bereavement Support Groups

- **The Littlest Shoes** Video tells the story of the parents of John, a premature baby, and how they cared for him and coped with his loss. Call Respect Life Office Library (free loan) (904) 262-3200, ext. 126, or (800) 755-4659, ext. 126.

- **"Blessing of Parents after a Miscarriage"** from the *Book of Blessings*. Ask your parish priest about arranging a service.

- **SHARE Pregnancy & Loss Support** Began more than 25 years ago by Sister Jane Marie, OSF, in Illinois. Call for local chapters (800) 821-6819 or visit [www.nationalshareoffice.com](http://www.nationalshareoffice.com)

- **Resolve Through Sharing** Support group meets monthly at Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville (904) 202-2828.

- **Compassionate Friends** Support group for parents whose children have died. Call toll free (877) 969-0010 for local chapter.

- **Elizabeth Ministry** Call the Diocesan Center for Family Life for parish groups (904) 803-7474.

- **M.O.M.S.** Ministry of Mothers Sharing. For local chapters, call (904) 745-4881.

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# Fellowship Invites Serving & Helping

## BUILDING A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

What began as a need to learn more about her Catholic faith and to find time for personal self-growth has developed into a ministry that provides women with a prayerful support network. She calls the ministry F.I.S.H. — Fellowship Invites Serving and Helping, or Mother's Morning Out.

Twenty-two years ago, Marcia Quinlan Rogero moved to Jacksonville with her husband Mike who had just taken a job with The Prudential Insurance Co. She left a teaching career in Boston and moved to the South where she met mostly women of other faiths while teaching at a preschool.

For the first time, Marcia said she

her personal faith needs and to encourage other women who were raising a family and working outside the home.

What Marcia came up with is a ministry that provides women with a prayerful support network, strengthened by scheduled meetings that are designed for spiritual growth, fellowship, sharing and discussion of daily life struggles. It was also important that children be in a loving and supervised environment that promoted faith formation, and nursery be provided if needed, said Marcia.

"We began meeting in my home and as the group got larger, we asked Father Michael Larkin, pastor at Prince



Members of San Juan del Rio (l-r) Monica Fugit, Marcia Quinlan-Rogero, Dru Faulk and Susan Macyko gather for F.I.S.H. Scripture study.

realized that she really didn't know her Catholic faith in depth, the Bible or how to evangelize. So at the age of 24 and with two small children in tow, she began searching for ways to meet

of Peace Parish, to let us use a converted garage for our meetings and a nursery," said Marcia.

With Father Larkin's support, women of all backgrounds and in



Amy DaVanzo and her children, Roman and Allison.

different stages of their lives joined the ministry.

From the beginning, Marcia put her teaching background to good use. She developed a guidebook so anyone could run the meetings. They begin with morning Mass, Rosary, Bible study, and a spiritual growth series. Twice a year, they have a Marian morning at Marywood.

Marcia also developed the children's materials, including a no-bake cookbook and aids to help with their ABCs and faith formation.

"We also get together for Harvest Dessert Night, Kris Kringle Night, and other seasonal gatherings," she said.

What is truly remarkable is that F.I.S.H. has taken root in other Jacksonville parishes, including Christ the King, San Juan del Rio and St. Joseph's. Marcia's family has grown, too. They now have ten children aged 12 to 28, including two sets of twins.

"My faith has been enhanced dramatically because of my interaction with other Catholic women. We share common values and a strong desire to know our Catholic faith," said Marcia. "This ministry has made it possible for me to evangelize within my family and to help them grow in their faith."

For information on how you can start a F.I.S.H. Ministry in your parish or to get a copy of upcoming events, call Marcia Quinlan-Rogero at (904) 287-4089.

— Kathleen Bagg-Morgan

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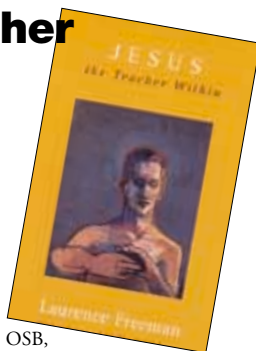
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Books *to read*

**The Universal Teacher  
On Meditation**

BY GENE BEBEAU

**L**aurence Freeman, a Benedictine monk and priest, is the spiritual director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. He travels extensively throughout the world sharing the teaching on Christian meditation as recovered and developed by his predecessor and mentor, John Main, OSB, (1926-1982).



He meets regularly with leaders of other religions and sees meditation as a way of forming community within the Christian family and among world religions.

Happily, we will be welcoming Father Laurence here in April to our diocese, in Gainesville and in Jacksonville, as he shares his gifts with us. (See box below.)

I first met Father Laurence during a Christian meditation retreat in 1993. After the first meditation period, I realized that what I found was what I had been searching for. I learned that in meditation, by repeating a prayer word to yourself, you turn your attention away from yourself — your anxieties, thoughts, regrets, fears, all the things that distract us — and you come to experience the silence and stillness of the spirit. It is this silence and stillness of the spirit, that we come to know ourselves, loved by God. Through this experience we become more loving people and a sense of community develops among those who practice meditation.

In his most recent book, *Jesus, the Teacher Within*, Father Laurence explores the question Jesus posed to his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” (Luke 9:20)

Listening to the question Jesus asks is as important for modern people as it was for his disciples. Father Laurence writes, “as one of the few individuals in human history who can be called by all peoples a universal teacher. Jesus is at the very least worth listening to ... And listening to this question will have a profound effect on a person’s self-understanding as well as a sense of who Jesus is.”

*Gene Bebeau is a member of San Jose Parish in Jacksonville and frequently facilitates meditation groups at Marywood Retreat Center in Jacksonville.*

**Jesus the Teacher Within - Wednesday, April 25**



**Gainesville**  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Chapel of the Incarnation  
University of Florida  
Campus  
1522 W. University Ave.  
Gainesville, Fla.  
Call (352) 372-8506

**Jacksonville**  
7:30-9:15 p.m.  
San Jose Catholic Church  
3619 Toledo Road  
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Call (904) 733-1630

*Presentations by Laurence Freeman, OSB, on Christian meditation will include a discussion, a 30-minute meditation and a question and answer session.*



*Sarah Bolling, 19, a freshman at Princeton University and a member of San Jose Parish in Jacksonville, wrote this essay about her SPLUNGE experience in urban Jacksonville.*

# Down and Out In the City

**SPLUNGE**  
The next urban Splunge experience for teens will be July 15 - July 20 at Most Holy Redeemer, Jacksonville. Call Linda at (904) 733-1630

from the fact that obtaining a basic subsistence required so much time.

Maslow's hierarchy of needs points out that food and shelter are the first priorities of people, and those who live in poverty must struggle for survival above personal fulfillment and affirming their children.

A visit to the Legal Aid office left me with the impression that the capable and dedicated people working there could achieve so much more good if they were given adequate funding. Only a minute percentage of funding comes from the federal government, and for the rest of its \$2.7 million (barely enough to pay the 20 lawyers and 25 other employees), Legal Aid has to court private and corporate investors.

Several important questions arise from these observations, chief among them:

Why does such extreme poverty exist in what is arguably one of the most affluent

countries in the world, and who should be responsible for paying to alleviate the problem?

Should the federal government spend more on social reform programs and are the programs in place working effectively to lessen the existing need?

A week in the heart of the city (and at the heart of the problem) did not provide me with answers or even give me a clear idea of where to start, but it assured me that changes need to happen and that I need to be a part of them.

At the present time it isn't clear how to temper this newfound vigor for change so that it can work for pragmatic purposes ... For the first time in my life I see poverty and discrimination as urgent problems, directly relating to myself, which cannot afford to be put off and are not being adequately dealt with under the present system.

In this envelope is enough change for two phone calls and one fare for the bus. You are a homeless person who has just arrived in a city where you know no one. Secure food and shelter for the night."

Two rather foreign emotions surge through me – shame at being so out-of-place and misunderstood by the people in the houses that line 8th Street and sympathy for the people who face the harsh reality of finding a place to sleep every night.

No simulation can realistically portray homelessness or extreme poverty, and I do not pretend to have experienced those things fully, but a week of eating cheese sandwiches and sleeping in a gym made me think about poverty in a way I never had before.

"Living in solidarity with the poor" was part of this service retreat designed to increase awareness and compassion for the underprivileged and ostracized.

Every opportunity to meet a person in need allowed me to see the situation as a human problem rather than a problem of sheer numbers. Gradually, I came to see each person as an individual, not as a stereotype.

A man named Doug Orange was one of the first to break down a preconceived notion of mine when he told us the story of his five years living on the street. To my surprise, Doug had not become homeless through laziness or apathy, but through a misfortune beyond his control.

We brought care packages to some underprivileged families and spent time playing with the kids, and it became clear that any neglect they suffered stemmed not from a lack of love on the part of the parents, but

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# IT'S ALL ABOUT FAITH **hearing God in the music**

Music often reminds us of God's presence and blessings. Teens from St. Luke Parish in Middleburg say these lyrics and songs make them think about and talk with God.

## "ANGEL'S SON" by Sevendust

It makes me wonder if there's life after death and will my family be there in the afterlife.

— Daniel Mooradian, 16,  
Ridge View High School

## "AND WE PRAY EVERY DAY" from "Crossroads," by Bones, Thugs 'n Harmony

When they talk about when you die and go to heaven and when they say let us pray.

— Lucas Colon, 15, Clay High School

## "Sent down to us from somewhere up above, from 'ANGELS AMONG US' by Alabama

God is often there to help us even if we can't see God. A young boy is rescued and when he's found his mom couldn't see the man.

— Tyler Tracz, 15, Clay High School

"If I could tell the world one thing it would be, we're all okay ... We are in God's hands... eyes," from "HANDS" by Jewel

It makes me think that it is God saying these words, telling us and the world not to worry that everything will be all right.

— Beth Spalding, 17, Clay High School

"I know I'll take some falls, but with the good Lord as my captain, I can make it through them all," from

## "THE RIVER" by Garth Brooks.

No matter what struggles you have in life or how much you sin, God will always be there to help you out and to love you.

— John Bowman, 17, Middleburg High School

If I had just one wish ... I hope he understands ... that he can take this life and greet the world with arms wide open from

## "WITH ARMS WIDE OPEN" by Creed

He's talking about life and it makes me think and wonder about God

— Jessica Lowstetter, 14, Middleburg High School

## U<sup>2</sup> = Positive Unity BY PETE BLAY

"Ultimate Unity" was the theme that united teens at diocesan youth rallies in February. The Senior High Rally was at St. Patrick's Parish in Gainesville on Feb. 4 and the Junior High Rally was at St. Matthew Parish in Jacksonville on Feb 17.

All in all, the rallies were "Spirit-filled"!

The T-shirts with U2 were pretty awesome, too. What's U2 all about? "U" squared is a positive. And anything that's squared is positive.

Keynote speakers, Ed Hayes of Jacksonville and Brad and Gene of Apex Ministries based in Washington, D.C.,

were in top-form as they told their stories of God's incredible love for them and for us.

An in your-face kind of guy, Hayes challenged senior high rally-goers to do less talkin' and more walkin' in God's footsteps.

At St. Matthew's, Brad and Gene got the junior high crowd involved in an impromptu stage play about the "forest darkly" that even starred a

few chickens. Goofy? It seemed that way at first. But Brad's and Gene's play, stories and fast juggling routines soon showed us that God's love is active, sometimes pretty radical and exciting, too.

The afternoons

at each rally included workshops with concrete ideas on how we can walk our Christian in unity with our sisters and brothers.

A beautiful liturgy was celebrated at St. Patrick's and concelebrated by Fr. Jeff McGowan and Fr. Roland Julien. There was a music and prayer service at St. Matthew's with the St. Pius V Parish Youth Choir and their Liturgical Dancers and the Diocesan Hand Bell Choir (based at Crucifixion Parish) shared their beautiful sounds at the service.

It was truly "Spirit-filled" and, don't U2 forget how positive it was.



Junior High Youth Rally 2001 at St. Matthews Parish, Jacksonville



Senior High Youth Rally holding the winning poster from Lifeteen at St. Patrick Parish, Gainesville

# ASKING GOD For A Sign

God's signs — those gentle promptings and nudges — may come from anyone or all of God's creation. Some teens from Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Callahan have been looking for God's signs. Here is what they've discovered:

**Rebecca Anne DeRagon, 18,** has been seeking a sign to help her in relationships. "It depends on the prayer. God will answer it in God's time, not yours."

**Katelyn Batick, 16,**

would like to know the perfect career. But, "I've decided the 'sign' will not be as obvious as I thought. I think it will be more

subtle, in the form of me understanding my abilities, as well as my limits, more thoroughly."

**Alan Hopper, 16,** has been asking for help on decisions and choices about his religious life.

Although God hasn't responded directly, Alan says, "He is showing the path ... he is going through me every day."

After an accident two years ago, **Taverlee J. Lum, 17,** says she looked for a sign to show "that I could dance again ... to help my knee to heal. As a dancer, the injury to my knee left me

helpless. God gave me a great physical therapist and a strong, determined spirit. With a lot of encouragement and hard work, I began to dance again. I made the decision to never take anything for granted, because it won't always be there. I took my dancing for granted and wasn't thankful for my talent. Now I look at dancing as a gift that I definitely won't waste."

**Sean Easterling, 15,** says he's not asked for any signs. "I simply ask God to help me through life's problems."



# DID YOU KNOW?

Two teens from St. Paul Parish, Jacksonville Beach, who attend Fletcher High School in Jacksonville recently got the all district pick. They are Amanda Caron, for soccer and volley ball, and Tony Altieri for soccer.

Congratulations also go to seniors at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Augustine who have earned full athletic scholarships: Amanda Painter, Volleyball - St. John's River Community College  
Brandon McCloud - Football Lafayette University, Pa.  
Josh Alexander, Football - Florida International University  
Jeremy Young, Baseball - Flagler College

Other kudos go to Kathleen Mahoney, 14, at Clay High School for making the Lady Blue Devils fast pitch softball team. Kathleen's a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Green Cove Springs.

Kudos also go to Jennifer Edwards, a junior at Middleburg High School, who was a delegate to the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy in Washington, D.C. Jennifer is member of St. Luke's Parish, Middleburg.

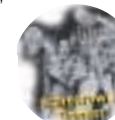


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## Push yourself to the limit at Camp Risk

A coed camp for youth in 7th-9th grades Camp St. John at Marywood Openings this summer for boys only!

Three sessions available:  
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**July 25-28** On The Edge Summer Adventure Retreat exploring "Friendship and Trust," while staying in log cabins at Ocoee, Tenn. Time for new and exciting experiences: canoe trekking, horseback riding and more. Call Trish Kee at (904) 641-5838.



Special/1998

**Bishop Welcomes Catechumens, Candidates to the Rite of Election At Three Celebrations**

More than 700 catechumens and candidates, including 128 children, were presented to Bishop John J. Snyder at the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine during three celebrations in March.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) participants are seeking full communion with the church through a profession of faith and the sacraments.

The Rite of Election is one of four phases in the liturgical and formational process of joining the Catholic Church that is known as RCIA.

**The Arts in St. Augustine**



Special

Locals Debut Talent in TV Movie Starring in the movie are William Hurt, Elizabeth McGovern and our own Fr. Terrence Morgan. Several scenes were shot at the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Augustine. If you missed the television airing of Hallmark's Hall of Fame Presentation *The Flamingo Rising* in February, don't worry, it should be available on video soon.

**"Spanish Treasures of Southwest" Art Show Coming To St. Augustine**

A taste of Santa Fe's popular Spanish Market concept, the show features art that reflects the oldest city's heritage. It will be April 28-29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Old St. Augustine Village Museum, 250 St. George Street.

Fr. Terrence Morgan, pastor of the Cathedral-Basilica, will celebrate a special Mass at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, to welcome the exhibit which, it is hoped, will return to St. Augustine in future years.



Ron Behrman

*Nuestra Señora del Puebito de Querétaro*

**Rites of Passage: Father Denis O'Regan Retires**

With Blessed Trinity parishioners family and friends looking on, Pastor Father Denis Fachtma O'Regan said his goodbyes and retired from full-time ministry on Feb. 24.

There was standing room only at the church for his retirement Mass. Joining Father O'Regan for the celebration was Bishop John J. Snyder and Bishop Robert

Baker of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C.

According to Bishop Baker, Father O'Regan is a close mentor of his and the first person he called when he was asked by Pope John Paul II to become the bishop of Charleston.

Father O'Regan studied for the priesthood at Lateran University in Rome, where he said he contracted tuberculosis.

"It took me more than a year to get well before returning to Rome to resume my studies," said Father O'Regan.

He came to the Diocese of St. Augustine in 1962, a year and a half after his ordination. Fr. O'Regan immediately assumed the pastoral responsibilities of assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jacksonville where he served for 10 years.

In 1972 he was assigned as pastor to Blessed Trinity Parish. Father O'Regan remembers that "the parish wasn't in the best of shape those days." The grade school had just closed, the rectory was

in poor condition and the parish was in debt. That would soon change. In 1988 he built a new rectory and two years later he built a parish hall. In 1992, he built the beautiful church we see today on Beach Boulevard.

Seven years later, Father O'Regan opened a new school that includes a pre-school and grades kindergarten through fourth.

Born in 1931 in Skibbereen, County Cork, Ireland, Father O'Regan says he will continue to reside in Jacksonville.

Retiring for health reasons, Father O'Regan, said he is finding it difficult getting used to the quiet of his new apartment. But he says, "my energy is now focused on getting well."

On March 18, Bishop John J. Snyder announced the appointment of Father Keith Brennan as interim administrator of Blessed Trinity Parish.



Photos by Minerva Angdon

Deacon Ron Vance assisted Fr. O'Regan at retirement Mass.



Father Denis O'Regan

**Latest On The Opportunity of a Lifetime**

Ground will be broken for the new Bishop John J. Snyder High School April 29. The school, expected to open in the fall of 2002, will be located on the corner of Chaffee Road and 103rd Street on Jacksonville's Westside. All are welcome to attend the groundbreaking that will take place on the site of the school beginning at 3:30 p.m.

In other capital campaign news - as of March 19, a total of \$20,790,649 has been pledged towards the \$30 million goal and \$4.62 million has been paid. Capital campaign weekly updates can be obtained online at [www.dosaonline.com](http://www.dosaonline.com).

"As we continue our journey together with the Opportunity of a Lifetime capital campaign, I wish to thank those

parishioners who have already made a sacrificial gift for the future of our diocese," said Bishop John J. Snyder in the February campaign newsletter. "As each parish runs their individual campaigns and begins the process of educating parishioners about the great things our diocese is undertaking with the campaign, I want to stress the importance of everyone participating in this endeavor. I am convinced that it is the way to success," he said.

Bishop Snyder says he wants to encourage everyone to make a sacrificial gift to the campaign and keep in mind that "we are supporting Catholic education for our children and providing support for future priests."



**Two Parishes in the Diocese Named Among the 300 Best in the Nation**

A two-year study made by researchers from the Pastoral Summit Project, a Parish-Congregation study, based at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, named St. Catherine Parish in Orange Park and Christ the King Parish in Jacksonville as the best of the best among 300 Catholic parishes throughout the nation.

Both will appear in a book to be published in April by Paulist Press: *Excellent Catholic Parishes: The Guide*



Kathleen Baigg-Morgan

**Celebrating 335 Years Of Service**

At a special Jubilee Mass in January Bishop John J. Snyder expressed his gratitude to five women religious and Holy Ghost Father Brian Carey for their loving service to the church. Celebrating were Sisters of St. Joseph: Miriam Joseph Larivee, 75 years, Marie Therese Evrard, 60 years and Sister Marie Rene Azar, 50 years; Jubilarians celebrating 50 years were Father Carey, Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Mary Ryan, and Sister for Christian Community Mary L. Sferre.

At the Jubilee of Religious celebration at the Cathedral-Basilica were (l-r) Sr. Marie Rene Azar, Bishop Snyder, Sr. Marie Ryan, Sr. Marie Therese Evrard, Sr. Mary L. Sferre and Dominican Sister Maureen Kelley, Vicar of Religious for the diocese.

**Wisdom Center Dedication** A new meeting facility that will be used primarily by the diocesan Ministry Formation Program was blessed and dedicated March 3 by Bishop John J. Snyder. Named the Wisdom Center, the new building is located on the grounds of Marywood Spirituality Center. It can accommodate up to 200 people. The center's one large conference room can be separated into three individual classrooms.

"There are so many opportunities in the diocese as well as challenges and hopefully this new center will be a sign to people of growth and development, not of buildings, but of people — it is the people who make up our church," said Bishop Snyder.

In addition to the Ministry Formation Program, the Wisdom Center will be available for use by diocesan ministries and parish programs.

The Wisdom Center was designed by Junck & Walker, built by Dicky Smith & Co.



Photos by Georgia Sumral

Present at the dedication of Wisdom Center (below) were (l-r): David Nowak, director of Marywood; Bishop Snyder; Sister Lucille Clynes, DW, director of the Ministry Formation Program; and Father Keith Brennan, chancellor of the diocese.

Celebrations



**Governor Jeb Bush Pays Tribute To Bishop Snyder**

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush joined members of his Cabinet, the Legislature, Justices, Judges, Attorneys, Faculty and law school students for the annual Red Mass at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral in Tallahassee March 7.

Gov. Bush caught Bishop John J. Snyder off guard when he presented him with an Executive Proclamation for his years of service in Florida. "I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the



State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and well wishes to all those recognizing the forthcoming retirement and generous gift of service to our State by Most Reverend John J. Snyder, D.D., Bishop of Saint Augustine."

The Red Mass, for those involved with the government or the law, was celebrated by Archbishop John C. Favalora and all the Catholic Bishops of Florida.

Photos by Botter Sam Gurny/TEC



**Mar Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East** celebrated Mass Feb. 28 at Immaculate Conception Church in Jacksonville. Hosted by the Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Mission in Jacksonville, Cardinal Sfeir was welcomed by more than 800, many of them Lebanese. At the Mass Cardinal Sfeir asked them, as Maronite Catholics, to remember the land of their heritage and be mindful of the needs of the Lebanese people. He asked all to pray for the restoration of peace and justice in Lebanon.



"We are to be the Lord's remembrancers," said George Murry, SJ, Bishop of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and guest homilist at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass on Jan. 14 at the Cathedral-Basilica. "It is our duty as believers to remember ... We must take up Martin Luther King's mission, the mission he was given by God to bring light into darkness, so that we might see each other as created, chosen and loved by God." Above, (l-r) Father Cletus Watson, TOR, pastor of Crucifixion Parish in Jacksonville, Bishop John J. Snyder and Bishop Murry.

Chelle Delaney

Jennie Myers



**At the Vietnamese New Year Mass celebrated at Christ the King Parish** the priests who concelebrated the Mass on Jan. 21 in Jacksonville wore traditional Vietnamese silk vestments. Bishop John J. Snyder presided at the Mass.

Concelebrants were: Father Robert McDermott, pastor of Christ the King; Father Thanh Nguyen, also of Christ the King; and Father Dai Viet Mai of St. Paul Parish in Jacksonville Beach. Diocesan seminarian Dung Bui also assisted.

Chelle Delaney

**Fr. Tony New National Divorce Chaplain**

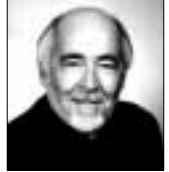
The North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics (NACSDC) recently announced the appointment of Father Anthony P. Palazzolo, of the Diocese of Saint Augustine as their new chaplain.

Father Tony was ordained to the priesthood in 1993 following many successful years as a corporate executive.

What perhaps makes him a most likely successor to the chaplaincy is that he, too, was once married, divorced and a single, custodial parent of three children.

Father Tony met NACSDC's founder, Paulist Father Jim Young, at a conference in Boston and he says his life completely changed. "Father Jim was one of the most 'Jesus-like' priests that I have ever met. He turned me around spiritually and emotionally, at a time I consider the darkest in my life," said Father Tony. "It never ceases to amaze me how God can use the various crises that occur in our lives to His good if we simply open our hearts to His guidance."

Father Tony is a consultant to the Diocesan Center for Family Life for the Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Parenting ministries.

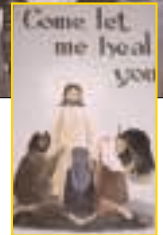


Charismatic



**Moved by the Spirit**

"Come Let Me Heal You" was the theme of the Feb. 16-18 Catholic Revival Conference held at San Jose Parish in Jacksonville. Featured speaker Father Bob Poole from Canada discussed the need for healing and forgiveness among families. Participants joined in praising God in music and prayer, and speaking in tongues.



Greg Hemmsoth

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Service



Lou Walsh, a founder of Guardian of Dreams, (left) provides tuition assistance to low-income families. Approving smiles are from his wife, received the Jacksonville Quarterback Community Quarterback Award from the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation at the Guardian of Dreams Annual Donor Reception, Feb. 8. The program (above, l-r) Michael Cascone, chair of the Foundation. Also enjoying the reception were (above, l-r) Mr. and Mrs. James Breaker.



New St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop, Community Center and Food Pantry at St. John Parish in Interlachen will be put to good use for the needy. The grand opening will be next month. Dan Evans designed the center. The Mathe Corp. built it.

At the dedication were (l-r) Fr. Richard Powers, SJ., Ed Ralosky, Pastor Fr. Jim O'Neal, Bishop John J. Snyder, Fr. Tim Lindenfelser, Judy Surratt, Ruth and Herb Peiffer, Theresa Herr, Rae Ralosky and Bud Surratt.

### Good Samaritans



With Bishop John J. Snyder are this year's Good Samaritan recipients: (back) William Muller, George Ceccanese, Bryan Barker, Dr. Leopold Lebligue, and Wayne Johns; and (front) Stella Muller, Jane Murray, and Leah Barker. Not pictured: Mike Nocella.

Hosted by Catholic Charities in St. Augustine, the Good Samaritan Dinner recognized nine citizens for exemplifying the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

Bryan and Leah Barker of the Jaguars Football Team are the founders of "Let Us Play!" sports camp for inner-city girls. George Ceccanese volunteers his time as Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in St. Augustine and St. Johns County. Wayne Johns, Flagler Hospital's public relations director, has helped start the area's health fairs, secured a Blood Mobile and created a diabetes workshop called Diabetes Fest. Dr. Leopold Lebligue of Lake City gathered support from parishes,

doctors and equipment suppliers to help a migrant worker learn to walk again after a farm accident left him a paraplegic. William and Stella Muller work at Catholic Charities in St. Augustine helping clients and organizing the food pantry and many other projects especially during Christmas. Jane Murray has been teaching at Learn to Read over 15 years. Mike Nocella of St. Anastasia Church works at the St. Johns County Food Pantry and has a gift for helping others while fighting his own battle with cancer.

Bishop John J. Snyder presented the honorees with plaques in appreciation for their good works.



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- 4 Writing Our Sacred Family Stories: A Writing Workshop**  
*Leader: Mary Sue Koepfel*  
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To register call (904) 287-2525
- 5 Healing and Growth Workshop**  
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- 7 Healing Mass**  
Sunday, 5 p.m.  
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- 8 Palm Sunday**
- 9 Seder Meal Celebration**  
*Leader: Sr. Edith Paschall, SSJ*  
Monday, 6-8 p.m.  
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Jacksonville  
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- 11 Chrism Mass**  
*Bishop J. Snyder and the priests of the diocese*  
Wednesday, 11 a.m.  
Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine  
Open to all
- 11 Helping Young People Grow In Their Faith**  
*Leader: Ms. Mary Ann Dufresne*  
Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

## 15 Easter Sunday



**The Face: Jesus In Art**, a ground-breaking television special chronicling 2000 years of artistic renderings of Jesus Christ. Narrated by Edward Herrman, Mel Gibson, Patricia Neal, Stacy Keach and other acclaimed actors. This program was made possible by donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign. Tune to WJCT-TV (Channel 7) in Jacksonville and WUFT-TV (Channel 5) in Gainesville on Easter Sunday from 3-5 p.m.

## 16 CYO Golf Tournament

*Proceeds go to Youth Ministry*  
Monday, 7:30-9 p.m.  
San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville  
Call Peter Blay (904) 355-1100

## 18 Images of Beauty and Truth: Poetry of St. John the Cross

*Leader: Ms. Doris Edwards*  
Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

## 19 Jacksonville Citizens for a Moratorium

Thursday, 7-9 p.m.  
Catholic Center, Jacksonville  
Call (904) 358-7409

## 20- Engaged Encounter

**22** *A marriage preparation program*  
Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
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online at [www.dcf.org](http://www.dcf.org)

## 23- TV Turn Off Week

**30** For more details call (904) 358-7409

## 24 Secretaries' Retreat: Work is Holy

*Leader: Ms. Cheryl O'Connor*  
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

## 25 Jesus: The Teacher Within

*Presenter: Fr. Lawrence Freeman, OSB*  
Author and spiritual director of the World Community of Christian Meditation  
Morning presentation, Gainesville  
Evening presentation, Jacksonville  
See Page 22  
Call Gene Bebeau (904) 346-3816

## 26 Calix Meeting

*For Recovering Alcoholics*  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Catholic Center, Jacksonville  
Call Jim (904) 262-9494

## 27 F.I.S.H. Couples Basket Dinner

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Mike and Marcia Roger's House,  
Jacksonville  
Call (904) 287-4089

## 27- Marriage Encounter

**29** *A marriage enrichment program*  
Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
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## 27- Redemptive Suffering and 29 Embracing Life's Losses

*Leaders: Sr. Eileen Flanagan, SSJ, and Ms. Marge Townsend*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

## 30- Clergy Emmaus

**2** Monday, 5 p.m.-Wednesday, noon  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville

## MAY

- 6 Christian Meditation: Contemplative Life of Mary**  
Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
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**14 "Woman of Year Award"**  
Catholic Women's Club Luncheon  
Friday, 11 a.m.  
Crawdaddy's, 1643 Prudential Dr.,  
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Call (904) 764-3351

**12 Ordinations to the Diaconate**  
Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine  
Call (904) 262-3200

**17 Jacksonville Citizens for a  
Moratorium**  
Thursday, 7-9 p.m.  
Catholic Center, Jacksonville  
Call (904) 358-7409

**19 Ordinations to the Priesthood**  
Saturday, 11 a.m.  
Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine  
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**20- Engaged Encounter**  
**22** *A marriage preparation program*  
Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
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**18- Marriage Encounter**  
**20** *A marriage enrichment program*  
Friday, 6 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
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**19 Celtic Spirituality: Celebration  
of Presence**  
*Leader: Sr. Mary Murphy, RSM*  
Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
Jacksonville  
To register call (904) 287-2525

**21- Mid-Week Retreat for  
24 Seniors: "Here I Am Lord"**  
*Leaders: David Nowak and  
Sr. Kathleen Power, SSJ*  
Monday, 5:30 p.m.-Thursday, 10 a.m.  
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**25- Cathedral Festival**  
**28** *Memorial Weekend Fest: Music & More*  
Friday, 5 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, Noon to 10:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Noon to 10:30 p.m.  
Monday, 2 p.m. Three Dog Night  
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**26 Pre-Gana**  
*A marriage preparation program*  
Saturday, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.  
St. Vincent's Medical Center,  
Jacksonville  
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## JUNE

**8- Retrouvaille/Rediscover**  
**10** *A program for troubled marriages*  
Friday, 7 p.m.-Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Call (904) 308-7474

**8- Experience the Passion**  
**10** *A Young Adult Retreat, Ages 20-39*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 3 p.m.  
Camp Cherry Lake, Rt. 3, Box 1025,  
Madison, Fla. (From Jacksonville  
or St. Augustine? Meet bus at 5 p.m.  
Friday at Bishop Kenny H.S.)  
Call Bryan(904) 996-1660

**10 Ministry Formation Program  
Graduation**  
Sunday, 3-5 p.m.  
Cathedral-Basilica, St. Augustine

**11 Catholic Campaign for Human  
Development**  
*Grant/Art Contest/Luncheon*  
Monday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
San Jose Manor Community Center  
3622 Galacia Road, Jacksonville  
Call (904) 358-7409

**15- Silent Retreat: My**  
**17 Soul Rests in the Lord"**  
*Leader: The Loving Lord*  
Friday, 7:30 p.m.-Sunday, 10 a.m.  
Marywood Retreat Center,  
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**17- Deep Calls to Deep: A**  
**22 Retreat on Contemplative  
Living**  
*Leader: Sr. Evelyn Jegen, SC*  
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-Friday, 11 a.m.  
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# Grateful Eyes

Robert J. Wicks, Ph.D.

**W**ith hope that is based solely on a faith in the resurrection of Christ, the way we see the world becomes radically altered. In David Steindl-Rast's words, "The eyes of hope are grateful eyes. Before our eyes learned to look gratefully at the world, we expected to find beauty in good-looking things. But grateful eyes expect the surprise of finding beauty in all things."

Our imagery is never the same once we have hope. The way we view the world and ourselves becomes an opportunity to see "all things new."

The way we view ourselves is transformed in that even in failure – maybe especially in failure – we seek to learn about the Christ within us. This does not take away the pain of loss and defeat, but it removes us from being tied to our accomplishments, the reactions of others, and the images we project. Once again, Steindl-Rast clearly makes this differentiation for us. "A person of hope will have a whole array of lively hopes. But those hopes do not tell us much. The showdown comes when all of the hopes get shattered. Then, a person of hopes will get shattered with them. A person of hope, however, will be growing a new crop of hopes as soon as the storm is over."

The image we have of others also becomes something quite surprising when we have Christian hope. No longer do we have unrealistic expectations. Instead, we have low expectations and high hopes. By that I mean that our outlook toward, and actions with, others are no longer dependent upon their response. As a matter of fact, we act sometimes almost in spite of what people say and do. And we see possibilities where there seemingly are none. The following story by Mother Theresa of Calcutta illustrates this

clearly. It is worth praying over and remembering when we are reaching out to others in need and not feeling the initial positive response we desire:

"We have a place in Australia. (As you know many of the aborigines live there in very bad conditions!)

"When we went around in that place, we found an old man in a most terrible condition. I went in there and tried to talk to him and then I said to him, 'Kindly allow me to clean your place and clean your bed and so on.' He answered, 'I'm all right!'

"I said to him, 'You will be more all right if I clean your place.'

"In the end he allowed me to do it and when I was in his room (I call it a room, but it was not really a room!) I noticed that he had a lamp, a very beautiful lamp but covered with dirt and dust.

"I said to him, 'Do you not light the lamp?' And he said, 'For whom? Nobody ever comes here. I never see anybody. Nobody comes to me. I don't need to light the lamp.'

"Then I asked him, 'If the sisters come to you will you light the lamp for them?' He answered, 'Yes, I'll do it!'

"So the sisters started going to him in the evening and he used to light the lamp.

"Afterwards (he lived for more than two years), he sent word to me through the sisters and said, 'Tell my friend Mother Teresa, the light she lit in my life is still burning!'"

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